

CAPT. WM. NOEL DROWNED NEAR DIGBY ISLAND

S. S. PRINCE RUPERT SAILS ON HER OVERHAUL TRIP TODAY

FAVORITE STEAMSHIP WILL RETURN MAY 15TH FITTED WITH
OIL BURNERS—GEORGE TAKES UP HER RUN—CAPT.
BARNEY JOHNSON HOLIDAYS IN SEATTLE.

The Prince Rupert sailed for the south this morning on her last voyage for the season. On arrival in port at Victoria she will transfer her passengers, freight and baggage to the Prince George, her sister ship, which for four months has been in dry dock for overhauling and burning equipment. The George will go on to Seattle to complete the Rupert's run and remain on the Seattle-Prince Rupert route with Sunday sailings from Seattle until May 15th, when the Rupert will again go in commission, and the twice-a-week sailings for the summer season to Prince Rupert will be inaugurated.

Won't Cut Stacks.

It had been planned, while these vessels were in dry dock, to cut eight feet off each of the funnels to give the boats a more compact appearance, but company officials were not thoroughly satisfied that the oil companies would have for the present sufficient storage supply on hand

and that it might be necessary to change back with minor alterations consuming three or four hours' time to coal fuel. The improvement will be made later.

Skipper's Holiday.

Captain Barney Johnson and all the officers of the Prince Rupert will stand by during the overhauling, but the engineers and stokers will be paid off on arrival at Victoria Sunday. Both vessels will come off the dry dock improved in many ways, it is announced, and well equipped to handle the heavy excursion travel expected into the north with the resumption of travel next summer.

Captain Johnson, wife and son will go to Seattle in about two weeks on a visit to old friends, the skipper to take his first vacation since engaging with the Grand Trunk Pacific lines two years ago.

S. S. Camosun for Vancouver Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

SKIPS WITH FUNDS

Town Clerk of Melita Hurries Over the Boundary.

(Special to Daily News.)
Winnipeg, March 1.—James Robertson, the town clerk of Melita, Manitoba, has disappeared and has been traced to Minneapolis. An audit of the town books shows them in a terrible muddle and a shortage of \$10,000 is suspected.

Joe Goes Soot Free.

In the police court this morning the charge against Joe Vaecher for keeping a blind pig-gery was dismissed.

We bought a traveler's samples of Carpet. They make good mats and are very cheap. On sale at Wallace's.

LOYAL TROOPS ORDERED OUT

Disorder Over Great Area of Royal City of Pekin—Many Killed and Wounded—Mutineers Looting and Firing Buildings.

(Special to Daily News.)

Pekin, March 1.—The loyal troops were ordered out last night to quell an uprising. Firing took place in the streets and a great area of the city was burned, the fire at times being within a block of the legations. The mutineers confined themselves to looting. When the firing took place many dead and dying were left lying in the streets.

CRUELTY TO BOYS

Government Investigating Mimico Industrial School.

(Special to Daily News.)

Toronto, March 1.—An investigation into the charges against some of the attendants at the Mimico Industrial School by the government brings out sworn statements by some of the boy inmates that they were handcuffed and kept in bed for a month because they attempted to run away. Others said they had been shackled and fed on bread and water.

Indoor Baseball.

Teddy Bears vs. Quill Drivers, at Auditorium, March 1st. Game called at 8:15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skating after the game. 2t

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLDS LEAP YEAR SOCIAL

HALL ELABORATELY DECORATED WITH POSTAL CARDS AND VALENTINES HUNG IN GAY FESTOONS OF COLOR FROM WALL TO WALL.

A right rare Leap Year feeling that gave courage to the most timid maiden heart prevailed last night at the Presbyterian social. The bachelor countenance, usually full of the shadow of the great lack, was flooded for a few brief hours with all the fullness of the sunshine of illusion again. The hard rock of the barren wilderness was smitten and a clear fountain broke forth. Postcards were distributed for inducing the art of poetry, and the power of sentiment compressed within the too short, three line limit was almost incredible. Graphic touches of description were given which called forth a chorus of eager guesses, a preference being shown for the fair young man with brown suit and winsome countenance.

The hall was elaborately decorated with postcards, hung in festoons across the room, on the walls and around the lights. Miss Barker made a handsome post girl, while Mrs. McCauley showed

the post mistress's delight in reading the dainty missives of the mail.

Miss Froud, Mr. Davey, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Green contributed to the program, the latter giving an excellent impersonation of a charlatan. Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Neher superintended the refreshments, while Mrs. Carmichael and Mrs. Stewart welcomed the guests at the door.

The spirit of merriment ascended the dias in the early evening and reigned supreme until satisfied that all the affinities had been found and the will of the Fates fulfilled.

S. S. Camosun for Vancouver Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

Just received, finest assortment of woollens, latest patterns in tweeds and fancy worsteds. It will pay you to look at them. Sweeder Bros., merchant tailors, Hergerson block, entrance in the lane. 3t

RUPERT'S BUSINESS MEN CHAMPIONS IN BOWLING

THOUGH TEAM MET ITS WATERLOO IN GAME WITH PREMIERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, IT RETAINS THE CUP DURING NEXT SERIES OF GAMES.

On Wednesday night the Business Men's bowling team met its Waterloo in the last game of the series for the Prince Rupert cup, losing three straight games to the Premiers. This is the only drubbing they have been given in this series, but it came too late to effect their winning of the cup. This is the end of the second series, the Business Men holding the cup until the end of the next series. The cup was donated by R. W. Cameron and has to be won three periods. The Premiers won the first series.

The following are the standings of the teams at the end of this series and also the high averages for the players on each team. This shows Prince Rupert can produce first class bowlers and should be in line to capture all of Vancouver's good money at the next bowling congress, to be held in 1913.

second game, 224 1-2 per man.				
Business Men.				
J. Scott	224	192	204	
C. Youngman	171	242	182	
P. Rorvik	180	149	204	
J. G. McNab	180	192	173	
Totals	755	775	757	
Team average	191.			

INCREASE IN REVENUE

Thirteen Millions More for the Past Eleven Months.

(Special to Daily News.)

Ottawa, March 1.—The revenue receipts for the eleven months of the past fiscal year total \$77,716,160, as against \$64,898,391 for the same period of last year.

Carpet ends—traveler's samples—Axminsters, Brussels, Wiltons. They make nice mats and sell at half the ordinary price. Wallace's. 2t

KILLMARNACS VS. CIRCLE B.S.

Big Game of Basket Ball Promised for Saturday Night at Skating Ring—Teams in Excellent Trim.

After many weeks of hard training the Killmarnacs basket ball team will lock horns with the Circle Bs. Both teams are composed of well known young men about town, and considerable interest is manifested in the affair. The game will be called at 8 o'clock sharp on Saturday night in the skating rink.

PREMIER ASQUITH MADE A STATEMENT TO FEDERATION OF MINERS THAT GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THEIR DEMAND

OPERATORS REFUSE THE MINIMUM WAGE

Government Wiring Rush Orders for Coal to United States for Use of British Navy—No Industries Yet Shut Down for Want of Fuel But Many are Expected Should the Strike Continue

(Special to Daily News.)

London, March 1.—Owing to the failure of the government to settle the dispute between the coal miners and operators the men went out this morning, as per prearranged schedule, in nearly all the collieries of England, Wales and Scotland. It is estimated that the number on strike is nearly a million.

Premier Asquith made a statement last night to the Federation of Miners to the effect that the government recognized the justice of a minimum wage, but unless this was accepted by the operators by agreement the government could take no steps to enforce it. Less than 40 per cent. of the operators were opposed to it.

According to one of the leaders, the men have already won, as the recognition by the government of the minimum wage principle, for which they have so long been striving, must bring them ultimate victory.

Meanwhile the government is faced with the serious difficulty of fuel for its war vessels. New orders were wired last night to the collieries in Virginian and West Virginia, and the government is offering to pay the large rate of \$5 per ton freight to the coalers.

At noon today the number of strikers was computed at over a million, but no reports have come in as to the shutting down of other industries, although they are expected to do so because of the shortage of fuel on hand.

FATAL DROWNING DISASTER TODAY AT DIGBY ISLAND

Captain Noel of Government Snag Scow Drowned Before His Wife's Eyes in Dodge Bay 200 Yards From Shore---Was Well Known Old-Timer in Prince Rupert and Port Essington

Right before his wife's eyes at about noon today Captain Noel of the government snag scow fell overboard from the new launch he has just had built and was drowned in twenty-five feet of water before help could reach him. The provincial police left this afternoon with grappling hooks to recover the body. Mrs. George Frizzell accompanied their launch so as to be with Mrs. Noel, who is suffering from the shock of the sudden grief.

The accident happened just after Captain Noel had completed the trial of his new launch, the Gretna II. He had taken a spin in her around Dodge Bay, where the snag scow is at present on the ways, and was leaning over the bow to pick up his moorings when somehow he overbalanced himself. He fell head first into

twenty-five feet of water, and may have struck the mooring buoy in his fall, as he sank struggling and was unable to catch a grip on boat or buoy.

From the scow on the shore only two hundred yards away Mrs. Noel happened to glance out of the window at the very moment the captain fell into the water. She rushed out to give the alarm and get help, but help was too far away and the poor woman, frantic with trouble, could do nothing single handed. She ran to the wireless station and the boys there hastened to do what they could, but too late.

Meanwhile Gus Harrison, the engineer of the captain's launch, from on shore some distance away, had heard the cry for help from the scow. He managed to rush a boat into the water and rowed hard for the scene of the disaster, but there was no sign of the captain, who had sunk

quickly. Harrison made efforts to recover the body in time to try to save life but failed.

News of the accident was telephoned to Prince Rupert from the wireless station and Chief Owen of the provincial police at once sent officers over to recover the body. Mrs. Frizzell of Prince Rupert accompanied the launch, to do what she could for Mrs. Noel, who is prostrate with grief and the effect of the shock she underwent at sight of her husband's drowning.

Captain Noel was a very well known old timer here. He had his home in Port Essington, but was known all along the coast and up river. Only a couple of weeks or so ago he had his new power boat launched at Port Essington and engaged in Prince Rupert, little guessing that the Gretna II, in which he took such pride, was to be the means of his death.

"Quosque Tandem, Catalina." The case of D. Zarelli was again up in the police court this morning and was again remanded, this time to next Monday.

For row boats and launches telephone 320 green. Davis boat house.

SERVICE FOR MEN ONLY.

An important "all men" meeting is to be held in the Empress Theatre on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Presbyterian regular evening service has been dispensed with in courtesy to the Methodist service in the evening,

to be addressed by Rev. Dr. Chown. All ladies and all boys under 18 are requested to be absent from this "all men" meeting. Rev. F. W. Kerr will speak on our immediate duty relative to the social evil in Prince Rupert.

Best room in town at the Savoy.

CAME IN FOR DEDICATION

Dr. Chown and Dr. White Arrive on Camosun to Take Part in Dedication Exercises of New Methodist Church Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Chown and Rev. Dr. White arrived last night on the Camosun to attend the opening services of the new Methodist Church. These services take place on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Dr. Chown will be assisted in the dedicatory ceremonies by Rev. Dr. Raley, chairman of the Port Simpson district. Dr. Chown will have the honor of preaching the first sermon in the new edifice and will honor Prince Rupert at the same time.

In the afternoon there is to be a rally meeting at 3, when the Rev. Mr. Kerr of the Presbyterian Church, and others, will speak, in addition to the new pipe organ, the first in the city, Gray's orchestra will be in attendance. At the evening service at 7:30 Dr. Chown will again preach, and the largely augmented choir will, as at the other services, render the most modern classical selections, Mrs. Sing presiding at the pipe organ.

RUPERT WELL REPRESENTED

Out of the Large Number of Delegates to the Liberal Convention at Vancouver Eight Are Given Seats.

(Special to Daily News.)

Vancouver, March 1.—A very large crowd was in attendance at the Liberal convention, which opened yesterday afternoon, from Prince Rupert especially. The secretary stated his regrets that accommodations would not permit of seating more than eight from this city and the Rupert men decided themselves upon these eight. Duncan Ross was present as a delegate from Hazelton. The most important business, said John Oliver, who presided, was to prepare a sound working platform for the coming campaign. A committee was selected with instructions to bring in a report this afternoon.

NEW STORE OPENS

Brother of Famous Publisher Sets Up in Business.

In the Westenhaver block, next to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, on Second avenue, a 25 and 50 cent store will be open for business on Monday or Tuesday.

After a trip all over the continent, Mr. John A. Funk, the proprietor, decided on Rupert as the most favorable location, and has a very fine stock of fancy goods and novelties of all kinds. Mr. Funk is a brother of the head of the publishing house of Funk, Wagnalls & Co. of New York and London.

NEW ARRIVAL

Will Be Welcome Addition to Rupert's Social Circles.

A young lady arrived in Prince Rupert just before the Camosun came in. The announcement came by phone to Mr. Stanley F. Long, manager of the Bank of British North America, who immediately rushed to the hospital and exchanged congratulations with Mrs. Long.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Those Progressives report that they could not find a lemon big enough.

The Alder bandstand sidewalk has been fenced in to look like a stock yard.

"What is safe to tell the people" was the burning question Manson had for his executive committee this morning. "There are a fearful lot of Missourians here," observes one of the old line Conservatives.

How beautiful to see brethren dwelling together in unity. The Trombone is trying to blow out the Mayor now Manson is back.