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the school population. It was also suggested that the \$50,000 voted for the purpose of building a gymnasium at the King Edward High school before be used to purchase the site for the proposed school, the money paid back when some of the unused school property was sold.

A communication was received from Messrs. J. Hanbury & Company protesting very strenuously against Trustee Seymour's statement that they were tendering for the board's coal contract on coal from a German-owned mine.

The firm insists that as its tender was 25 per cent lower than the next lowest, the board should reconsider the matter. It was also suggested that if the board felt liberal in the matter of paying \$100 extra for coal it should take the extra money and give it to the war fund. The matter was very quickly shelved without discussion by referring it to the building committee.

Municipal Inspector Gordon reported that the teachers, trustees and other school officials were contributing over \$1000 per month toward the school relief fund, and none of the little ones would be prevented from attending school for want of food. The school enrolment for the previous month was 13,140 pupils, an increase of 740. The night school opened on October 5 with a very satisfactory attendance. Some of the classes had to be duplicated owing to the large number attending for some subjects.

School Health Departments.

Miss Breeze, of the school board medical health department, gave a very able report on her trip through the United States and Canada, where she inspected the health departments of the various city school boards, and found that the system followed out by the local school board in having direct control of its health department was hard to improve on.

In the cities where this method is carried out, Miss Breeze stated that there was better co-operation with more satisfactory results than where the school children were inspected by the city board of health's department. In the latter case there was a tendency to use this inspection more as a prevention against contagious diseases than to build up the child physically and make him healthy. The school grounds in the big cities are very small and in some schools only one room at a time is given recess owing to the lack of space. This, Miss Breeze stated, accounted for the playground movement in the States.

GOVERNMENT SAYS IT WILL MEET UNEMPLOYMENT

SOUTH VANCOUVER, Oct. 20.—As the result of the appeal of Reeve Kerr and Councillor Stevens to the provincial government for financial assistance in the building of the lateral sewers in the municipality, the following letter has been received from the provincial government:

"Referring to your interview with the executive council and your request for an advance of certain moneys by the government, to carry out the laying of the sewerage system in South Vancouver, I am instructed to inform you that this matter has been very carefully discussed and that the government do not see their way clear to comply with the request.

"The conditions existing at present are so uncertain and the uncertainty as to what the future may bring forth constrains us to, for the present at least, conserve our resources in every possible way. We recognize the force of your argument as regards the unemployed, and I am instructed to say that the government are dealing actively with this question for the province as a whole, and we believe that the methods adopted will prove successful and that the unemployed will all be provided for.

"In addition to the foregoing the government also recognizes the fact that their responsibility would not cease with South Vancouver, should your request be complied with, but that such a course would establish a precedent which would render it necessary for the government to meet similar requests from all parts of the province."

YALE COMPOSER WINS BIG PRIZE FOR OPERA

(Associated Press, World's Leased Wire)

JUDGE AND JURY AGREE RAM SINGH DID NO MURDER

"There is not one scrap of evidence to warrant the charge or to show any motive for the crime," remarked Mr. Justice Morrison, in the assize court this morning, at the trial of Ram Singh for the murder of Argan Singh.

Mr. A. D. Taylor, K. C., crown prosecutor, asked permission to withdraw the case and his lordship directed the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty," which they accordingly did.

The evidence of Sucha Singh, Hari Ram and Bahal Singh, who were present at 1747 Third avenue west on the night of Sept. 3, when Argan Singh was shot, was to the effect that Argan Singh asked Ram Singh to look at the revolver which he held in his hand, but that the latter did not wish to touch it as he did not understand guns.

Ram Singh asked if the weapon was loaded, and Argan Singh assured him it was not, whereupon Ram Singh took it from his hand and it went off, the bullet striking Argan Singh in the neck. Ram Singh dropped the revolver and picked Argan Singh up, and the wounded man stated he did not know it was loaded and that it was "Fate."

Bahal Singh said he took the revolver and a packet of cartridges which were lying on the bed wrapped in a rag, and dropped them into the garbage can, where Detective Jewitt found them. W. C. Hopkinson, interpreter for the immigration department, read the statement made by Ram Singh to him, after being warned, which was similar to the evidence of the other witnesses.

Upon this, his lordship remarked: "Mr. Taylor, I am surprised that this man has been brought here for trial. There is absolutely no evidence in support of the charge. The two men were evidently fooling with the pistol, and apparently did not know it was loaded."

Prior to withdrawing the case, Mr. Taylor submitted medical evidence as to the position of the men at the time the shot was fired. Following the doctor's evidence his lordship directed the jury as to their course, Mr. Taylor agreeing that the crown could not hope to convict. Mr. G. Roy Long appeared for the accused.

ALASKA BOUNDARY SURVEY COMPLETE

Mr. Noel J. Ogilvie, of Ottawa, in charge of the Alaska boundary survey, returned today from the north and the completion of the survey there. For 1000 miles through forest, over stream and across mountain ranges the little aluminum bronze monuments now delineate the boundary between Canada and the northernmost American territory.

Mr. Ogilvie is staying at the Hotel Vancouver. He met Mrs. Ogilvie at Prince Rupert and with her will spend a few days here before proceeding to Ottawa for the compilation of plans, reports and maps. Mr. Ogilvie began his work on the survey six years ago. It was started in 1892 and delayed for some years. In 1903, after the Alaskan award, work was resumed by both the United States and Canadian governments. This summer he worked on the "panhandle."

The monuments are three and four feet high. They are bedded in concrete. At certain sections vistas twenty feet wide have been cut through the green timber. Mr. Ogilvie was assisted by Mr. W. M. Denis, of Ottawa. The party came down on the Princess Sophia.

IMMIGRATION OF HINDOOS HERE IS NO LONGER ISSUE

For the time being at all events, the Hindoo immigration problem has ceased to exist. In fact, the problem which is troubling a majority of the Hindoos now in Vancouver and this part of the province is how to raise money with which to return to their own country.

These statements were made to The World today by Dr. Raghunath Singh, who, with his wife and child, came to Vancouver on furlough as a passenger aboard the Komagata Maru, as readers of The World will remember. Dr. Raghunath has been ordered to return to his regiment, the Eighth Rajputs, now in central India, and expects to sail at an early date, possibly on the Mexico Maru.

"The situation of the Hindoos now here," said the doctor, "is not pleasant. A considerable number are leaving for home. Some went yesterday and others are preparing to follow. Of those remaining comparatively few are employed and the others are in danger of going short of the necessities of life. The problem is to find the money required to take them home again.

"Canada is not suited to the East Indian people. The climate is not warm enough generally, and only Vancouver, Victoria and the country around these centres attracts them. Now that employment is so much curtailed for them in this section, there is not the remotest likelihood of any more expeditions such as that of the Komagata Maru. The conditions here will become well known in India and not only will no more of these people come here, but I expect that the number of those left here will be steadily decreased. Had the Komagata people been allowed to land they would have starved."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Alcazar—W. S. Fenstermacher, Seattle, Wash.; J. B. Corlett, Vancouver; S. P. King, Victoria; R. Bunch, Vancouver; F. A. Smith and family, Agassiz; Stanley Johnston and wife, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Kelowna; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Nanaimo; A. E. Simpson, Prince Rupert; John B. Sutherland, Wenatchee; M. Elliott and wife, Vancouver; R. J. Johnson, Vancouver; J. E. Lansom, Ardley; S. G. Lipsett, Edmonton.

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