

case-matters. And that if a nose was to be brought into play it should have been effectively followed by scolding ladders and a quick charge. It is fortunate perhaps the rifles were not used, although as they were taken they might at least have been presented and a volley fired over the heads of the Hindus. But to do this the tug would have had to get out of range of the hand missiles from the ship and reports seem to indicate that the Hindus thoroughly demoralized their opponents. Under the circumstances it was not surprising, but the moral effect will be very bad, especially as nothing has been done since.

The fact seems to be that the authorities never really seriously contemplated resistance. They thought their bluff would not be called and were very surprised when their show of force was promptly met with a demonstration of what the Komagata Maru contains of a loose nature. The authorities do not want to kill anyone of the excursionists for an entirely mistaken idea, nor do they desire to get killed themselves. But while it is admitted they have an awkward problem to deal with it is self-evident that if the law is to be vindicated and Canada not to be made ridiculous some better methods will have to be devised for dealing with problems of this nature.

It is however, as we have said, easy to be wise after the event. We have learnt a lesson and received a very practical illustration of the sort of incident which might arise at any time and under more awkward circumstances. It is to be hoped the experience will not be forgotten as soon as ever the Komagata Maru disappears from these shores. Laws with which other people do not agree can only be enforced by force. No argument, no eloquence, no assurances of respect, no sentimental avowals of love for peace, can alter facts of this nature. We must be thoroughly prepared to back our laws by force or else to admit our helplessness. We assert the right to make our own laws, therefore we must also admit the responsibility of enforcing them.

The Hindus on board the Komagata Maru have taken possession of that vessel and refuse to allow the authorities responsible for law and order to come on board. The authorities must therefore vindicate the law and re-establish order. The right thing to do surely is to make proper and adequate plans and duly warn the Hindus what to expect. It should be possible to lay a vessel alongside the Komagata Maru and board her. It is a most unpleasant business no doubt but if there is any bloodshed it should be made quite plain to Mr. Gurdit Singh that he will be held responsible. The Saturday night affair was serious and when next the Hindus on board the Komagata Maru are called upon to surrender there must be no question of a repulse. If they insist on forcibly resisting, the attack must be driven home properly. Canada can not afford to fall again. Meanwhile it is perhaps comforting to reflect that the Komagata Maru has not a decent gun on board. Apparently she might have bombarded Vancouver with perfect safety and made her own terms from the muzzle of an ordinary field gun. It seems absurd, but truth is often stranger than fiction.

DOMINIONS ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Dominions Royal Commission has sailed for Canada, and will spend three months visiting all the leading Canadian cities, and studying the problems of emigration, freight rates and Empire telegraphy. It is believed that it hopes to frame a scheme of

indicates that this company is practically ready to link up the whole empire by means of wireless. Mr. Isaacs said that he had just been presiding at a meeting of the heads of the departments of the company with a view to the organizing of a press service from the United Kingdom to Canada; and from Canada to the United Kingdom at a halfpenny per word. He thought that there was very little doubt that as stations are developed and constructed in other parts of the Empire the service would be still further developed.

EMIGRATION.

At a meeting of the Central Emigration Board held in London last month, details were given of a scheme, proposed under the joint auspices of the British Immigration League of Australia and the Central Emigration Board for assisting emigration to Australia by private enterprise. The chief feature of the scheme was the formation of a company to purchase land in Australia and prepare holdings for settlers on lines suggested by Sir Newton J. Moore, agent-general for Western Australia.

The publication of these proposals evoked a protest from Mr. James Collings, who pointed out "the grave national danger that is involved in excessive emigration." Its results, he declared, were to be seen in the fact that "English countryside are already so denuded of their population that most of them have become almost a desert"; and he emphasized the importance of "colonizing rural Britain."

"Sir Newton Moore," continued Mr. Collings, "states that 'Australia is crying aloud for population.' But the cry is not more loud from Australia than it is from our own countryside. He further states that the mother country recoups the capital carried away by emigrants by increased trade with the colonies; but if this capital were employed in cultivating the vast areas of grass and waste lands in this country, the return would be fourfold more in the form of increased home trade, to say nothing of more employment and the retention and increase of our rural population. I agree with Sir Newton Moore that 'while conditions in England are not attractive this emigration will continue.' My whole contention is that these 'conditions' could be, and ought to be, altered so as to become 'attractive' to would-be emigrants."

Where were the pikes and cutlasses of Nelson's days?

The inventor of the toeless shoe might call it the "compuopla."

The first naval engagement on Burrard Inlet was bloody but deathless.

Judging by the broadsides of coal fired from the Komagata Maru she is a slacker built ship.

Owing to the uncertain condition of the harder Gurdit Singh could hardly be expected to take in boarders.

There was no suffering from thirst when the hose of the Sea Lion played on the hot-headed Komagatas.

There is little difference between tugs of war and political contests. In each case the men with the strongest pull win.

With Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier both arranging for an early visit to the West it would add interest and variety to the event if the two leaders would hold joint meet-

themselves not to engage in any household exercise that properly belongs to the opposite sex such as washing dishes, sweeping the floor, hanging out the wash or mowing the lawn. It is a daring innovation and its progress will be keenly watched by interested thousands. In militant circles it is asserted that the club will forfeit its charter within thirty days.

Sprinkling the lawn is one evening exercise that is considered a pleasant pastime by all the members of the family. They go about it in different ways and with different motives, but none of them direct the nozzle with a more conscientious sense of duty than the head of the house. A close observer who has made a study of his movements notes: He religiously dampens every square foot of lawn, a cool aroma arising. He alludes off the cement walk, the porch, and flicks a few gallons upon the roof. Father is solemn about it. The thing must be done and he accepts it as he accepts his other duties. But watch him closely and you will see frivolous patterns executed in the air by the gleaming spray. He pretends not to see the strolling lovers and lets splash a few drops against the young man's striped trousers. Go ask him for a turn at the job and he will give a ready reason why it should be left to him.

RATE WAR ON PACIFIC

Blue Funnel Line's Withdrawal from Conference May Mean Rate War.

Ottawa, July 26.—That the recent withdrawal of the Blue Funnel line, which is in existence for the purpose of fixing standard rates on freight from the Pacific coast of Japan to ports in Canada and the United States has developed an interesting situation which may have far-reaching results, possibly lead to a rate war on east-bound traffic, is the opinion of Gordon B. Johnson, Canadian trade commissioner at Yokohama. There were nine companies in the conference including the Blue Funnel. The withdrawal of the Blue Funnel is said to be due to alleged secret rebates by the Japanese to certain other lines. The Blue Funnel since its withdrawal has cut the rates on silk and tea. To meet this cut, the conference lines have decided to pay a deferred rebate of twenty per cent. to all shippers of silk and tea, the payment to be made on November 30 next.

Instead of causing a complete break-up of the conference, the withdrawal of the Blue Funnel line has had the effect of consolidating the remaining lines, and a freight rate war between the two seems not unlikely which, while reducing freight rates, will keep exporters in a continual state of uncertainty.

CAMPING ON ISLAND

Boys' Brigade Company Having "High Time" at Summer Resort.

An enjoyable camp is being held at Bowen Island by the boys of the Fifth Vancouver St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Company of the Boys' Brigade who are to be under canvas for two weeks. One week has passed, having been spent in a most pleasant manner and the boys are looking forward to another week's sport before returning to the city.

Most of the time is spent in games. Baseball, football and lacrosse all find a place in the day's programme, while a great deal of the day is spent in the water. The fine weather that has favored the boys has made the water ideal for swimming and every boy has taken advantage of the fine bathing facilities that Bowen Island affords. Every evening a bonfire, a blazing camp fire a hearty sing-song is held, and the boys are fortunate in having with them this year Mr. T. Lewis, who not only excels as a cook, but is gifted with a very fine voice, and with assistance a merry time is spent in song before turning in. The cooking facilities this year have been greatly improved and as one boy said: "The only fault of the whole camp is that we get too much to eat."

The camp is under the very capable control of Messrs. Thomas Galloway and Geo. Jackson, assisted by a number of others.

An Iowa man has patented a liquid to be poured into automobile inner tubes to dissolve the sulphur and make the rubber softer and more elastic and thus less liable to puncture.

Stephenson, Chief of and Constables Attri and brought to the ing will be charged a snail, it being alleged who knocked down kicked him in the 2 injuries he received.

A NOTED

A. W. Bowman of New Mexico

Nanaimo, July 26.—Received in this city death at Albuquerque Saturday morning of a former well-known name who, during residence here, was pulling engineer for Company. The deceased of California, aged 35, engineer of exceptional monument to his engineering the Howe Truss Nanaimo river on the Company's railway mine which an engineer Pacific Railway point two years ago final piece of work had seen on the coast.

Spectacular G

Walla Walla, Wash. biggest and most at fire in the history of district destroyed 100 ing wheat in the En yesterday, defying dreds of volunteer. The loss will be betw \$50,000 partly insure the blaze is unknow

Experiences Tango Tea Told by I

July 13.—Are you lucky users of Tango I have called and let to of my visit a 3: If you are not, be you may be the nex The pleasures of the Tea grows upon the meet those who in have no other tea a charm is the chance gold coin which I visit who can show one pound package, pound packages. T winner was found in Mrs. E. Hampson, avenue east, South 1 bought her tea from son, Mrs. Hampson not be without Tan hot weather as it is which really bucks day's work. Mrs. E. Welwyn street, King to qualify for a gold purchased her tea fr B. J. Nicklin, was i lastic about the qua Tea. At one home at today, I was infor had been using Tan cause I had alread neighborhood had the packages not ex return. Save your p visit every section c its environs many t you can produce y packages immediate ing I can not give y

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