

ALL REFORMERS

Difficulty Occurred in Supreme Court To-day in Making Selection of Official Unknown to Case.

The action for alleged libel, brought by the Chinese Reform Association against the Wah Ying Yat Po—"what-ever dat may mean," as Kid Burns says—produced a laughable situation in Supreme Court to-day, where the trial is proceeding before Mr. Justice Morrison. The defendant is a Chinese newspaper published in Vancouver.

When the proceedings opened David C. Lew was called as interpreter. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., for the defence, objected to him on the ground that he was secretary of the Chinese Reform Association, the plaintiff in the action. W. A. Cumyow was then called upon to act and again Sir Charles objected—this time on the ground that Cumyow was a former secretary of the Reform Association. It was then proposed that Charley Poos of New Westminster, who happened to be in court, should be the interpreter. Sir Charles was informed that Charley was a member of the association.

Court and counsel were just wondering whether there was any interpreter to be found who was not a member of the association when it was suggested that a Chinese in the body of the court would be able to act. This looked like a solution of the difficulty, and every one connected with the case breathed a sigh of relief which was chopped off short when Mr. Law stated that the man picked out was or had been a member of the staff of the defendant newspaper.

As the least of many evils Mr. Cumyow was then agreed upon as the official go-between from the Orient to the Occident in the matter of speech. Messrs. E. P. Davis, K. C., and Stuart Livingston appeared for the plaintiff.

JAP STOWED AWAY IN HOLD OF EMPRESS.

A Japanese stowaway, Hamoda, was taken off the steamer Empress of Japan this morning and locked up in the city jail. He will be handed over to the Immigration Department and sent back to Japan.

Hamoda got aboard the boat at Yokohama and succeeded in secreting himself in the hold. His whereabouts were not discovered until the ship had been out several days. Then exhausted from the lack of food and water the stowaway crawled on to the deck and was taken in charge.

Tudhope Is Renominated.
Orillia, Ont., March 2.—J. B. Tudhope, M.L.A., has been renominated by East Simcoe Liberals for the Legislature.

and residence as taken by the said applicant are not binding upon him.
That the said applicant is making this application for the purpose of entitling him to certain privileges granted only to British subjects, and has no intention of becoming a bona fide subject or of serving His Majesty the King."

TEST CASE OF HINDUS NOW AT VICTORIA.

Provincial Government Has Consented to Action Suggested by Dominion Government.

Victoria, March 2.—(Special).—The Dominion Government officials intend to release three Hindus now in detention here for the purpose of testing the Natal Act in a friendly way, and they have requested the provincial Government to arrest the men as soon as they are liberated. The Dominion has advised the provincial Government that in order to bring the Natal Act to a showdown in the case of the Hindus the federal authorities will provide counsel for the Hindus in the fight. The provincial Government has consented to do as suggested in order to determine the moot point of the effectiveness of the Natal Act, as against the Hindus.

WILL DISCUSS C. P. R. COAST STEAMER SERVICE

The general management headquarters of the C. P. R. insofar as it relates to the steamers operated on the British Columbia coast, it is reported, is to be transferred from Montreal to Winnipeg, where affairs will be under the direction of Mr. William Whyte, second vice-president of the company, and general manager of western lines.

Yesterday Mr. R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C. P. R., and vice-president of the E. & N. Railway, left for Winnipeg accompanied by Captain J. W. Troup, superintendent of the coasting service of the C. P. R. It is understood that Mr. Marpole's trip east is to discuss with Mr. Whyte matters affecting the management of E. & N. Railway affairs, and that Captain Troup is to meet the second vice-president in connection with the transfer of headquarters for the coast steamer service.

EXTENSION OF TIME ASKED BY CITY.

City Solicitor Cowan left for Victoria this afternoon to endeavor to secure the passage of an act at the present session of the House, extending the period within which the city may expropriate the property about the False Creek waterfront, east of Westminster avenue, in accordance with its plan recently filed. The last amendment of the False Creek Foreshore Act, under which the city is working, stipulates that the expropriation proceedings must be carried out during this year. In view of the amount of work involved in the matter it will be asked that an extension of another year be granted.

FUN STOLYPIN

Russian Anarchist Was Prepared to Hurl Death Shell at Premier Last November—Found No Opportunity.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—General Hazenkampf, chief of the general staff, overruling the plea of counsel for the defence, has confirmed the death sentence passed in a court-martial on the seven terrorists, including the mysterious Italian, Calvino, who were convicted of complicity in the plot against the lives of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch and M. Chichagovitch, Minister of Justice.

A new trial had been asked for the condemned men on the ground that the verdict of the military court is invalid since the state of extraordinary security ceased to exist in St. Petersburg on January 15. In addition, delay in the execution of the sentence as it effected the Italian Calvino was sought by the Italian Ambassador, but on Saturday the Ambassador dropped all his efforts on behalf of the man, having received confirmation of the previous reports that the Italian is not the person he represented himself to be. Had not three

When he was arrested the police found on the man a passport apparently issued to Signor Calvino, the St. Petersburg correspondent of two Italian newspapers. The real Calvino is living in Italy, and the documents the terrorist had in his possession have been found to be forgeries.

General Masekoff has commuted the sentence passed upon Mlle. Kozlovskaya, a seventeen-year-old school girl, from fifteen years' imprisonment to ten years.

It is learned that Premier Stolypin had a narrow escape when he delivered the ministerial statements to the Duma on November 24. The Italian who has been posing as Calvino was present at this session with a bomb in his pocket. He lay in wait for the Premier in the restaurant, but fortunately for himself the Premier left the building early and did not run across the man.

GUNNING GOES BACK IN FEW DAYS' TIME.

Samuel Gunning, under arrest here for alleged fraud in Ireland, will be taken back in a few days. Chief of Police Chamberlin to-day received a wire from Col. Sherwood at Ottawa, stating that a man was now on his way across the continent to take Gunning back. A member of the Royal Irish Constabulary has been detailed on the trip.

Winnipeg Mail Robberies.
Winnipeg, March 2.—A series of mysterious mail robberies covering a period of two and a half months is being investigated by the officials of the Winnipeg postoffice and the postal department. It has leaked out that a great deal of the registered mail leaving Winnipeg for London, England, since the middle of December has been tampered with and money extracted, given

after spending fourteen months in that country on a missionary, passed through Vancouver on the Seattle, whence he plans to go to the land of the cherry on the next boat.
Mr. Van Dyke, who has just from a several months' tour of the eastern part of the United States, here he raised nearly \$10,000 in the erection of missions in Tokyo and that vicinity, more than one exciting experience in Japan, and has been in death while following his life, but instead of feeling grateful to the Japanese as he insists on regarding his sales as mere individual outbursts he says the general public countenance, although he claims that any of the brown of the authorities came to his in his hour of greatest

WARDS BIG FEE TO LAWYER

March 2.—Clifford W. attorney in record in the trial, has been awarded a jury in the Supreme Court against Charles Mayer, a prominent merchant and promoter, who claimed that \$65,000 for services in connection with litigation over certain ship dock, and the famous Delhi and that Mayer had paid \$26,000. He sued for the

TORTIMER FREE OF CHARGE.

timmer, a well-known colorist before the police magistrate, charged with violating the evidence of six police a seventh man was killed him, but the court dismissed him, served one term for police suspected him of it, though they could not evidence. The evidence the court went to show was harboring a number of boys. He stated that he had them in boxing.

All Known Here.
A Wardill of Nanaimo has returned from London, England, of Capt. G. J. Goodwin, retired. The late Captain ago represented large trusts in Yukon and Atlin and for several years spent season in Nanaimo and

Scarlet Fever.
March 2.—Hypodermic inoculation similar to that used out of diphtheria are being employed in scarlet fever city. The last record of health shows 737 cases twice as many as on the great majority of the section, which includes foreign settlements.

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