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A CHARACTERISTIC DISPLAY.

The Nelson papers announce the return of Captain Fitzstubbs to the office of gold commissioner and government agent in that district. They also give a report of the investigation into the charges made against the captain before the Hon. Mr. Justice Crease, which we reproduce to-day. As to the evidence at the investigation we make no comment, since the matter is practically sub judice, further than to say that every person who notes Mr. Fitzstubbs' own admissions will be able to form an opinion as to that gentleman's fitness for the office he holds. But there is something remarkable in the action of the government in keeping an official in office while serious charges against him are the subject of an investigation. It is well known that the Davie government has practically no sense of decency, but it has never given stronger evidence of the fact than its treatment of the Fitzstubbs case.

A POOR POLICY.

The marked cordiality with which Mr. Laurier has been received and the display of enthusiastic Liberalism which his visit has called forth have evidently given our Conservative friends cause for serious perturbation. No one who has noted the character of the demonstrations can honestly conclude otherwise than that the prospect of the Liberal party, already bright, has been further improved by the visit of the leader and his friends. It is of course a consciousness of this fact that has led the Colonist and various members of its party into an attempt to shield themselves and their cause behind their favorite device of misrepresentation. They affect to regard Mr. Laurier's exposition of the Liberal policy as "indefinite" and unworthy of attention. It is in prosecution of the same plan that the Colonist presents to its readers this peculiar description of the visit to Nanaimo and the demonstration in the Liberal leader's honor there:

Nanaimo, Sept. 12—Hon. Wilfred Laurier and party arrived here on the noon train from Victoria, and were met at the station by about a dozen members of the Reform club, the reception being absolutely of a funeral nature. There was not the slightest sign of enthusiasm. The lunch which followed a little later on at the Wilson hotel, was equally chilly. Not a single representative man had been invited, and it was plainly evident that Mr. Laurier felt keenly the lack of cordiality in his reception. In the afternoon the party drove down to Wellington, but no meeting was held there.

There are a great many people who know that this report is entirely false and misleading. It would be futile to reason with our neighbor on the want of honesty and morality involved in the distortion of facts for partizan purposes, but we may point out that the expediency is at least doubtful when the truth is so well known. It is within the knowledge of a multitude that the statements we have quoted are ridiculously false, and therefore that the falsification is worse than useless even from a party point of view.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Sept. 12.—The case of Mrs. Dempsey vs. Mr. Halton for aggravated assault occupied Magistrate Planta's attention yesterday. Witnesses were called to substantiate the charge and the medical evidence seemed to strengthen the case against the prisoner. There was no defense put in so the prosecution asked that the usual course be pursued. The magistrate hinted that an amicable settlement might be arrived at between the two parties, but Mr. Young, for the prosecution, stated that his client was so satisfied of the prisoner's wrongdoing that all overtures for a settlement had failed. The decision was reserved until Monday next.

A vicious fight in the Provincial hotel on Monday night will probably be aired in the police court in a few days. Base ball bats, bottles and chairs were brought into service and as a result the proprietor now lingers in bed and a doctor visits him occasionally.

Nanaimo, Sept. 13.—The movement to inaugurate a Liberal-Conservative Association here on last Tuesday night proved a miserable failure. It is stated that only one person turned up. This goes to show that Nanaimo is a Liberal stronghold and the schemes of the Conservative party to adopt half the name will not work.

It has been decided to hold the first agricultural show at Nanaimo on Saturday, the 29th inst. The exhibition will embrace dairy produce, vegetables, fruit, flowers, ladies' work, fine arts, etc. Live stock will not be placed on exhibition this year.

A reply has been received by Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.A.G., with regard to the reorganization of an infantry corps for Nanaimo, that Wellington has put in a prior claim, and that they offer a drill shed and armory while the city authorities of Nanaimo have refused to assist the matter in any way.

A mass meeting of the M. & M. L. P. A. of No. 1 lodge will be held to-morrow afternoon in the Co-operative Hall for the purpose of dealing with matters pertaining to this lodge.

Familiar Phrases Applied.

"Ho, there," as the farmer said to his field hand.

"By, by," as the clerk said to the customer.

"Take a chair," as the dentist said to his patient.

"Pardon me," as the criminal said to the governor.

"You're a corker," as the brewer said to the bottler.

"Drop in some time," as the slot machine said to the nickel.

"After you," as the policeman said to the sneak thief.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Arrangements Complete for the Board's Excursion to and From Tacoma.

Destruction of Fish by the Point Roberts Canneries—Other Matters

An important meeting of the council of the board of trade was held this morning, there being a full attendance. President Flumerfelt being unable to remain at the meeting, Mr. Renouf took the chair. Mr. Flumerfelt reported on his visit to Tacoma and requested the council to take up the question of the reduction in the wages of the letter carriers and postoffice clerks.

Mr. Renouf reported that the special committee appointed to wait on the government and ask them to send the collection of minerals to the Interstate Fair had been unsuccessful. The government was unwilling to send it.

Joshua Davies, chairman of the excursion committee, reported on the conference with Mayor Teague and the transportation committee of the Victoria Agricultural Association. It was the unanimous opinion of the conference that an excursion to Tacoma should be arranged for Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Assurances had been received from the mayor of Tacoma, president of the chamber of commerce, and Director-General Bucey of the Interstate Fair that a return excursion would be arranged during exhibition week here, which would be attended by about one thousand persons. It was resolved to charter the steamer Islander for the excursion to Tacoma, and to make the fare for the round trip, including one admission to the grounds, $2. The board of trade having undertaken this responsibility, every member is requested to help them out.

H. C. Beeton, agent-general for British Columbia, forwarded a lot of correspondence to the board relating to the importation into Great Britain of Point Roberts canned salmon, with labels making it appear that it was Fraser river salmon. The British customs officers in London were of opinion that they could not make the canners change the labels.

The fisheries committee of the board considered that the question of salmon fishing at Point Roberts demanded the attention of the government. The government of the United States might be disposed in favor of regulations to prevent the destruction of salmon as now carried on at Point Roberts, which might result in preserving to a certain extent fishing on the Fraser river.

The secretary was instructed to obtain samples of the labels and request the fisheries committee to prepare a case to lay before Sir C. H. Tupper when he visits the city.

The following report from the reading room committee was adopted:

Gentlemen:—Your special Board of Trade reading-room committee beg to report:

That we find the reading room is not often used by members of the board, for the reason that it contains little of interest to them. We are of opinion, however, that at a small expense the room can be made attractive to members, and of benefit to the city and province, to this end we therefore recommend:

That the secretary write to mining property owners asking for specimens of ore and for copies of assays. The specimens of ore, assays thereof, and other mining information, to be kept up to date.

That our fisheries be represented by such exhibits as are available.

That specimens of the different woods of the province in the rough and finished states be exhibited.

That more newspapers, some illustrated papers and magazines, be furnished, a preliminary list of which, is appended hereto.

That on the bulletin boards all available shipping and weather reports be posted.

That a large sign be placed on the door of the reading room and a smaller one outside the building, stating that the room is open daily (except Sundays) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. free to members of the board and to visitors to the city.

That similar notices be placed on passenger steamers calling at this port, and in the transportation offices and hotels in the city, inviting strangers to call at the reading room.

It is desirable, that, as far as possible, all information regarding legitimate enterprises requiring capital for development be kept on file in the reading room.

That members of the board be invited to take greater interest in the room, and bring their visitors to the city, and interest them in the resources of the province.

Your committee is confident that, if this course is faithfully carried out, the membership of the board will largely increase, and that permanent benefits to the city and province will result.

Respectfully submitted,

HEWETT BOSTOCK,
For the Chairman.

Messrs. G. Leiser, H. Bostock and J. H. Brownlee.

It was decided to present an address to Lord and Lady Aberdeen upon their arrival here, any other celebration to be left to the city. A committee was appointed to draft the address.

Mayor Teague who was present by request, reported on the meeting of the Fraser river relief committee, at which it was decided to ask for aid. Since his return he had seen Premier Davie and had given it as his opinion that the relief was a government matter, inasmuch as the government had minimized the distress and sent abroad the report that no aid was needed. He thought the government should take the matter in hand. Mr. Davie had promised to place the matter before the executive but so far no answer had been received.

It was the general opinion that from eight to ten thousand dollars would meet the requirements and that that amount should be raised in the province. Mayor Teague promised to recommend that the council vote $1000 for the purpose. The discussion was brought to a close by the passage of a resolution instructing the secretary to write to the government to ascertain what they proposed to do.

The following letter from Captain Irving will be forwarded to the city's representatives in the Dominion house:

September 2nd, 1894.

F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary British Columbia Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:—I wish to call the attention of the Board of Trade to the very great difficulty vessels experience in making the outer wharf or inner harbor during foggy weather, and it has occurred to me that, until such time as the Dominion government erect a regular fog horn, it is quite possible that they could make arrangements with the Brackman & Ker Milling Co. to utilize the steam from the mill for fog horn purposes, for a reasonable payment.

In the event of the government deciding to erect a fog horn I trust the Board of Trade will recommend its being placed on Brotchie ledge, which is the turning point of all vessels bound for Victoria harbor from Puget Sound, Nanaimo, Comox, the Mainland and other places. I hope the board will see their way clear to take this matter up, and recommend the above suggestions. Yours truly,

JNO. IRVING,

The following was received and filed:

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 20th, 1894.

F. Elworthy, Secretary B. C. Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.

Dear sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 15th inst, with reference to the wreck of the S. S. San Pedro, now lying on Brotchie ledge, near the entrance to this harbor.

I beg to say that from the time the vessel became a wreck, this ship and cargo has been continuously under the charge of the master or agent of the owners, and therefore did not come under the powers delegated to me as receiver under the Wrecks and Salvage Act, (49 Vic. Chap 81, Sec. 18).

I have on more than one occasion pointed out to the agent of the owners that something must be done without delay, to remove the wreck from Brotchie ledge, in view of the Dominion government requiring the same for beacon or light.

Since receiving your letter, am assured by the representative of the owners, that the wreck will be sold and removed.

I beg further to add, that your letter will be placed before the minister of marine for his information and direction.

I have the honor to be, dear sir, your obedient servant,

A. R. MILNE,
Collector, etc.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

The Events of the Day Among Amateurs and Professionals.

ANOTHER FLYER.

Boston, Sept. 12.—A cable dispatch to the Herald says William Fife, jr., is now working on a yacht to meet the James Gordon Bennett boat being built by Herreshoff

THE RIFLE.

STATE COMPETITION.

New York, Sept. 13.—The annual rifle competitions for the state trophy commenced this morning at Creedmore range. There is an immense attendance of spectators. The match is shot at distances from 200 to 500 yards, the contestants representing the various regiment, cavalry troops and artillery batteries of the state. The trophy which is presented by the state is of the value of $300. New York is the only state in the union thus encourages its National Guard to excel in rifle practice.

THE RING.

WELTER WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 13.—Considerable interest is manifested in sporting circles east and west in the meeting to-night before the St. Joseph Athletic Club, of Tommy Ryan of Chicago, and Billy Layton, who will come together for twenty rounds. The match will be for a purse of $2,500 and a side bet of $1,500 and will decide the welter weight championship of the world. Both men have been training hard and are in first class condition. A large number of sports from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and other points are here. The latest encounter of Ryan was at Minneapolis where he bested Billy Smith, while Layton's last appearance in the ring was at Des Moines where he licked George La Blanche, the "Marine." Ryan's fistic record is a notable one, while Layton has won fifty-seven battles and has met and bested a score or more of good men in addition. The men will meet at catch weights, and it is rightly provided by the articles that a decision must be rendered at the conclusion of the twentieth round on the showing made if both men are on their feet. Small gloves will be worn. Tommy Tracy of St. Louis will challenge the winner. A good deal of betting has been done with Ryan a heavy favorite. Dan Creedon has put $1,500 on Ryan.

THE TURF.

THE FALL MEETING.

It is some time now since Victoria has had a good race meeting, such as the one to be held at the driving park on Friday and Saturday promises to be. Several months' hard work has been put in on the track by Managed Field and his assistants, and it is now the equal of any in the northwest, which ensures some fast time in both the harness and saddle races. Besides the local horses, of which there is a good string, a large number have arrived from the Mainland, Washington and Oregon. The Kingston last night brought over a string of eight flyers, including the runners All Smoke and Lymelong, and the trotters Lenmar, Snohomish Boy, Major Thom, Innocencia, Davis Boy and Hyas Jim. It is probable that All Smoke and Doncaster will come together, and as they ran a close race in Vancouver much interest is centered in the event. Other equally good races will be those between other local and outside horses.

THE ST. LEGER.

London, Sept. 12.—The race for the St. Leger stake was won by Throstle, Ladds second, Matchbox third.

WHAT CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT.

Inaccuracies in the Geographies Used in Canadian Schools.

Among the letters read at the meeting of the council of the board of trade was one from F. J. Claxton. The council decided to act upon the suggestion contained in the letter, which follows:

Victoria, August 8th, 1894.

F. Elworthy, Secretary B. C. Board of Trade.

Dear Sir,—Yesterday I purchased a school book for my children called the "Modern School Geography and Atlas," published by the Canada Publishing Co., Toronto, under the authority of the minister of education. Turning to the chapter on British Columbia I found the following:

Population of Province, whites, 15,000; Indians and Chinese, 35,000 50,000
Population of Victoria 5,925
Exports of Province $2,000,000

Now, if this is what is being instilled into the minds of the youth of Canada, is it any wonder at the lack of information about this Province, and if the information is as accurate about the rest of the world, where will it lead us?

I think this is well worthy the board's attention and both the publisher and the minister of education for Ontario should be officially informed of the inaccuracies, and copies of our annual report for 1894 mailed them. I remain, yours truly,

FRED J. CLAXTON.

	1891. Census.	Geography.
Population of Province..	92,767	50,000
Population of Victoria...	23,153	5,925
Exports of Province..	$5,642,797	$2,000,000

Wants a Divorce.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Canada Gazette of Saturday next will contain a notice of application for Sergeant Monarshier of the Northwest Mounted Police, for divorce from his wife, Mary, a Blood Indian woman, now living on an Indian reserve in the Northwest Territories. It is based on the usual ground, that of desertion.

CHINA READY FOR JAPAN.

The Chinese Squadron Are Waiting for the Japanese to Come Out.

Two Days' Fighting Reported at Kai Chen Without a Decision.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Within two weeks the distribution of warships now attached to the home station for service abroad begins by the departure of the cruiser Machias from New York for China, to assist our fleet now there in looking after American interests in Corea. The Machias has been ordered to prepare for sea at once and is expected to get off the latter part of the month. The Machias will convey to the Vatican relics, which have been in the custody of the state department since the close of the Chicago fair, direct to Rome and under escort. They will be turned over to the Pope's representatives. From Rome the Machias proceeds through the Suez canal to Yokohama, where she will report to Admiral Carpenter, commanding the station.

London, Sept. 13.—A Shanghai dispatch says three Chinese warships ordered to strengthen the Pi Yang fleet, have arrived at Wei-Hai-Wei. The fleet has also been reinforced by torpedo boats. The whole northern squadron is now ready to meet the Japanese fleet should it appear in the Gulf of Pechili. Another Shanghai dispatch states that it is reported that there has been two days' fighting near Kai Chen in which neither side gained an advantage. The Kinin division of the Chinese army has crossed the Keilin river and occupied Shu King where it will await the advance of the main army before attacking the Japanese right.

London, Sept. 13.—A Shanghai dispatch says 24,000 troops from the provinces of Chi-Li and Lian Kiang have been ordered to the defence of Tientsin to guard against the possible invasion by the Japanese.

TARRED AND FEATHERED.

A Reverend Offender Rather Severely Dealt With.

Hillsadel, Mich., Sept. 13.—Word was received here yesterday afternoon that at Frontier, this county, Tuesday night Rev. Charles Clancey was tarred and feathered. Mr. Clancey was, until a year ago, pastor of the Methodist church there but had trouble and started a church of his own with a score of members. Tuesday night forty masked men, among them husbands of the women of his flock, called him from his house and literally covered him with a coat of tar, dusted him with feathers and then rolled him down a steep hill. Then they warned him that he would receive another dose as soon as he had shed his feathers if he did not get out of town.

STARVED TO DEATH.

A Proud Mother Allows Herself and Children to Starve.

Camden, N. J., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Kate Massey, her three-year-old child and her infant were found starving yesterday in their humble house in Westminster avenue, Stockton, near Camden. A month ago Mrs. Massey's husband died while undergoing an operation in a Philadelphia hospital and two weeks later Mrs. Massey gave birth to a child. She was left destitute but she would not ask for aid and her neighbors did not know her condition until yesterday, when an overseer of the poor, John Renner, visited her house and found her and her children apparently dying. Mr. Renner immediately summoned Dr. O. L. Greembrecht, but the doctor said the woman and the children were too exhausted to recover, but he took them in hand immediately. The infant died soon afterwards. Its death was intirely due to lack of nourishment. Mrs. Massey can live but a few days at the furthest and the other child is very low. The mother had starved herself and given the trifling food she had to her older child.

RESENT INTERFERENCE.

Alabama Press Association Resent English Interference re Lynching.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 13.—The following resolutions were introduced by Editor Robert L. Lee, of Selma, at the session of the Alabama Press Association here yesterday and was unanimous-referred to the committee on resolutions. "Whereas, actuated by motives known only to themselves, and intent upon a mission at vaiance with custom, a committee of Englishmen is said to have arrived in this country for the alleged purpose of investigating and denouncing the so-called southern lynchings; therefore, be it resolved by the Alabama Press Association that we look upon their coming as hypocritical and meddlesome; that knowing as we do the wilful ignorance and prejudice as to American organic law and customs of the people and press the visitors claim to represent; and knowing the responsible sources from which their alleged information is derived, we denounce their object and interference in our affairs as unjustifiable either by cicumstances or precedent; be it futher resolved that in view of the recent Whitechapel horrors, Jack-the-Ripper slashings and famous Maybrick trial, we recall to the gentlemen from England the scriptural injunction, 'remove thou first the beam from out thine own eye and then thou canst see clearly to take the mote from out thy brother's eye." Be it also resolved that while the association deplores the taking of the law into their own hands by justly incensed communities and pledges its earnest efforts in behalf of a speedy trial, that even-handed justice may be meted out to the rapist fiend, yet we resent the attempt of a 'holier than thou' committee from a foreign land to teach us morality and justice." The resolution will be favorably reported by the committee and will be adopted by the convention to-morrow.

FIGHTING AGAIN.

Phillips-McCoy Factions Have Another Skirmish.

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 12.—Reports reached here to-day of fresh trouble in Logan county between the Phillips-McCoy factions. On Saturday evening the parties met near Williamson and several shots were fired on both sides. Three men were seriously injured. On Sunday evening the McCoys followed the Phillips faction to church at Thacker and another riot took place. John Phillips was shot and cannot recover, and two of the McCoy crowd were also injured. No arrests have yet been made. It now looks as though one side or the other will be annihilated before the trouble is at an end.

RACED FROM LIVERPOOL.

Remarkably Fast Trip of the Ship Shenandoah.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—A long race from Liverpool to San Francisco has been ended by the arrival of the American ship Shenandoah. She left the English port 118 days ago and five days later than the British ship California with which she was racing. The two ships were in company on June 22, but the Shenandoah gradually drew away from her companion. Captain Murphy reports that he had many vexatious calms and light winds or he would have made his remarkably short trip shorter. The Shenandoah beat the Crown of Scotland, out 160 days, and the Maria Accame, 173 days from the same port.

The United States steamer Adams arrived from New Whatcom late last night and the Richard Rush came in from Astoria this morning.

TRYING TO BURN MERCED.

Series of Fires Started in Different Parts of the Town.

Merced, Cal., Sept. 13.—Another bunch of phosporous was found in sheds back of Charles S. Tearing's stable. The fire was checked in time. Phosphorus has been found in nearly every stable in the town, placed in the hay. Fresh fires are breaking out every few minutes, all from the same cause. Lynching is talked of should the culprits be found. There is great excitement. An alarm from the seventh fire since daylight this morning was sounded at 11:25 a.m. The single fire engine the city boasts of, dragged by exhausted men, scarcely reaches one fire until another alarm is given from some distant part of the town. The schools are dismissed for the safety of the children, and the townspeople are awe-stricken and frantic over the mysterious fires. Sheriff Warfield has issued the following notice: "All persons without business in the town of Merced are notified to leave immediately. All good citizens are requested to co-operate and see that this order is carried out before sunset."

PROCESSION OF SEALERS.

Five Schooners Have Arrived in Port Since Saturday Evening.

There has been a procession of returning sealers filing into the harbor since Saturday night, five in all getting in by this afternoon. The Aurora, Vera and Casco came in on Saturday night, all in tow of the tug Lorne. The Aurora came from Behring sea, where she got 241 skins, making the catch for the season 930. The Vera came from the other side with 1276 skins, and the Casco returned from the Copper islands with 1926 skins. She had some very heavy weather, and lost her flying jib. The schooners brought no news of a special nature. The schooner Maud S., Captain McKiel, arrived this morning, and for the first time since February, 1893, the waters of the harbor washed her sides. She was seized on the Russian side in 1893 and deported to Yokohama, where she was after trial released. She then remained there, outfitted and sailed at the opening of this season. She returns with 1429 skins, all except 87 taken in Japanese waters. She got the 87 from July 18 to August 15 off Copper islands. On the way home she called at Unalaska for coal. The schooner Umbrina, Captain Campbell, high line schooner of the combined fleets, with a total of 2801 skins, arrived here late this afternoon. From the Japan sea, where she took about 2500, she ran to the Copper islands and got 253. Then she went to Behring sea and got 260 more. She reports rough weather in the North Pacific.

It is said that there are several other schooners in the straits.

FOR A STEEL PLANT.

Ald. Ledingham Proposes a Guarantee of Interest for the Proposition.

As a result of the recent conference between J. P. Witherow of Pittsburg and the city council, Ald. Ledingham has posted the following notice of motion:

"Whereas the raw materials for the manufacture of iron and steel have been shown to exist in abundance and under favorable conditions for profitable manufacture in Vancouver Island;

"And whereas it would greatly increase the commercial improtance of the city of Victoria and would otherwise benefit the inhabitants thereof if a first class plant for the manufacture of iron and steel billets were to be established in or near the city;

"And whereas the government of Canada is authorized by an act passed on the 23rd day of July, 1894, to pay a bounty of $2 per ton on all pig iron made in Canada from Canadian ore, a bounty of $2 per ton on all iron puddled bars made from such pig iron, and a bounty of $2 per ton on all steel billets made in Canada from such pig iron;

"And whereas J. P. Witherow has undertaken to organize a company in London with a capital stock of $3,000,000 for the purpose of establishing and operating such a plant at some convenient point in British Columbia;

"Be it therefore resolved that if a company is organized with a capital of $3,000,000, and at least half of such capital is subscribed for, and if the company shall have expended to the satisfaction of the mayor and two persons to be nominated by the City Council the sum of ...000 in acquiring a site and commencing to build a plant in or near Victoria for the manufacture of iron and steel billets, with a capacity of not less than 50,000 tons per annum, that the council will cause a by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers to authorize the city to guarantee the interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the company's bonds to the extent of $... ...000, for a period of twenty years, such guaranteed bonds to be issued from time to time as the work progresses, and to be secured by a charge on the assets of the company and the bounties available from the Canadian government, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the council."

Mamma (engaged in correcting Johnny): You know I hate to do it, Johnny. I sympathize with you, but—

Johnny—Haven't there been enough sympathetic strikes without you beginning?—Boston Transcript.