

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, November 16.

THE WALLOWING WORLD.

With its customary hardihood the Vancouver World objects to our correction of its misquotation of the bluebook in regard to the Victoria and Vancouver customs returns. Those who looked at the figures quoted in the Times on Thursday will appreciate the richness of the following from Saturday's World:

The Times, in order to bolster up its case, makes the charge that we have "deliberately transposed the figures for Victoria and Vancouver for 1891 and 1892—those for 1893 being correct." This is a serious thing to do, and we resent it. We challenge that journal to controvert the accuracy of the figures as published by us last Tuesday. We repeat that any doubting the returns can satisfy themselves by a reference to the page above named. The Times has garbled and distorted them and is guilty of a grave offence. If it has any spark of honor, or even ordinary decency, left it will acknowledge the blunder it has made, otherwise it will have the contempt of all who now know the facts of the case.

This is said in face of the fact that we did "controvert the accuracy" of the figures as published by the World. Here is the way in which the latter quoted the returns for 1890-91:

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That is to say the World deliberately transposed the figures for Victoria and Vancouver—in order, we suppose, to find a foundation for its subsequent statement that "if they are correct as published Vancouver's supremacy as the commercial capital has been achieved much sooner than her citizens expected." We do not suppose for a moment that the World has honor or decency enough to admit that it has been detected in the disreputable and stupid trick of falsifying government returns for a purpose of its own—a trick made all the more shameful by its professed anxiety to keep the board of trade straight. It may not be amiss, however, to remind the World that its readers should test the accuracy of its statements by looking into the bluebook for themselves; if they do so they will surely detect its falsehood. It is perhaps making too much of a trifle, but we feel obliged to give another example of the World's dishonesty. On Thursday the Times made the statement "that as a matter of fact Victoria did rank third in customs collections in the year 1891-92." With reference to this the World on Saturday said:

It would be impolite to use the only word which would be applicable to the verdant writer of this sentence. Again we give him the page from which we quoted, namely, 524, trade and navigation report, 1893, where we find Montreal's contribution, 1891, to be \$9,068,883; Toronto, \$4,076,927; Halifax, \$1,407,603; and Victoria, \$928,678, which in 1893 had fallen to \$788,678.

The Times mentioned the year 1891-92, and the World seeks to controvert the statement by giving the figures for 1890-91. We need say no more.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some "busy Tory" in this city has taken the trouble to invent and send east the following remarkable story: "It is freely hinted here that the troubles of the post office employees were precipitated by their so-called friends of the Liberal party, who foresaw what action a strike would produce, and saw a possibility of scoring a point in the game of politics, even if at the expense of their fellow citizens, who by the loss of their means of livelihood have been reduced to absolute penury." The man who penned that falsehood might surely put his imagination to better uses. The post office employees will probably give due attention to the fact that at least one local Tory is ready to misrepresent their actions for a partizan purpose.

We should like to be able to take the reinstatement of the post office clerks and carriers as a sign of grace on the part of the government, but, like Col. Prior, we are forced to feel sceptical by observation of the government's course. The surrender—if surrender it really is—came from a sense of expediency, and not from a desire to do justice. Having gone so far, the government will hardly dare now to withdraw its hand, and we may assume that the reinstatement of the men will be followed by the payment of the wages held back. That measure of justice we hope to see promptly conceded, while we quite recognize that a different course on the part of the government would be a fine thing for the Liberals from a party point of view.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

The First Session of the New Legislature Opened This Afternoon.

Hon. D. W. Higgins is Re-Elected Speaker—Speech From the Throne.

There were several familiar faces missing at the opening of the first session of the seventh parliament of British Columbia, which was opened this afternoon by the lieutenant-governor. It is the first time since confederation that Hon. Robert Beaven was not present as a member of the legislature. Among others who will be missed during the session are: John Grant, who was a member for twelve years; G. W. Anderson, a member for eight years; Henry Croft, who represented Cowichan for eight years; Hon. F. G. Vernon, who was a member for eighteen years, and others, who although members for but one term, had taken a prominent part in the debates. The oldest members of the present house are C. A. Semlin, leader of the opposition, Joseph Hunter and J. P. Booth, all of whom were elected at confederation, but who have had breaks in the terms of their service. Mr. Semlin was not present at the opening, the train upon which he was coming down being delayed east of Vancouver. Mr. Sword was delayed on the same train.

There was a very large attendance at the opening. A guard of honor from the R. M. A., accompanied by the B. C. B. G. A. band, was drawn up in front of the building, and upon the arrival of the lieutenant-governor and staff there was a royal salute.

The members having been sworn in by Mr. Thornton Fell, clerk of the legislature, they took their seats, and shortly afterwards the lieutenant-governor took the throne and asked leave to elect a speaker. When the lieutenant-governor had withdrawn Mr. Eberts moved that Mr. D. W. Higgins be speaker of the house, paying a high tribute to Mr. Higgins' course as speaker of the last parliament.

Hon. Mr. Higgins was unanimously elected, and in thanking the members said he would try to act fairly in the future, and every member can be sure of his assistance and protection.

On again taking the throne his honor read the speech from the throne as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:
It is with pleasure I welcome you to the first session of a new house, and I hope that in the performance of your duties you will make the seventh parliament memorable for the wisdom and progressive character of its legislation. The year which is now drawing to a close has been one of great financial depression throughout the world, and consequently, the revenue has not come up to expectations in former years.

The floods of the present year, although happily unattended with loss of life, were productive of much damage to property, and expenditures became necessary in excess of the sums voted by the legislature for the purpose of restoring means of communication and extending temporary relief to those in need.

The moneys required were raised, with the advice of my ministers, by special warrant, and you are called together at an earlier date than is usual in order that you may ratify these and other expenditures demanded in the public service, and also to consider an act for raising a loan to meet and be devoted to works of public utility.

In extending relief to sufferers from the floods, I caused seed to be supplied to farmers who had lost their crop, with the highly gratifying result that the produce has not been seriously diminished, and in some cases is equal to and greater than in former years.

Absurdly exaggerated reports of loss of life and property incident to the floods were published broadcast at a time when the extent of damage was unknown. My ministers, however, took prompt measures to remove any impression created thereby, which if permitted to remain must have seriously affected the welfare of the province.

Since the last meeting of the assembly the province has had to deplore the death of one of our ablest and most distinguished chief justices, the late Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, by whose demise has been removed a central figure in British Columbia's history, a man of distinguished ability, to whose memory society owes a debt of gratitude for establishing our effective code of justice on firm and lasting foundations.

Coal mining, which during the early part of the year for lack of profitable foreign demand was restricted in its operation, exhibits signs of renewed activity, and the output promises large increase.

The commencement is evident of a healthy reaction in the timber industry, and the exports of lumber have been larger than in preceding years. Quartz mining in Kootenay, and the inauguration on a large scale in Cariboo and elsewhere in the province of placer mining by improved hydraulic methods, have been most encouraging, and betoken an area of great mining development in British Columbia.

The season's operations in salmon canning have been large, the sealing industry has experienced a successful year, the fleet returning with an unprecedented catch; and it is gratifying to observe that attention has been directed to deep sea fishing, and that a regular trade has now been established with eastern markets.

I am happy to state that the Nakusp & Slokan railway is completed, and already large bodies of ore are being shipped over it. The bonds authorized

by the act of last session have been negotiated in London, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, and have been sold at a premium of 6 per cent.

My attorney-general recently proceeded to Ottawa and discussed with the members of the Dominion cabinet terms of settlement of the long pending dispute with reference to the lands in the railway belt. As a result I expect to be able to lay particulars of a settlement before you during the present session. During his visit to Ottawa an arrangement was also concluded for the issuance of a joint departmental commission, having for its object a report by expert engineers on the feasibility of a comprehensive scheme for the protection of the Fraser river valley. Papers on this subject will be laid before you.

The department of immigration has effected the location of a Norwegian colony of well to do settlers in Bella Coola valley. The success of this effort will doubtless secure the establishment of future colonies of a similar character.

The province has been favored with a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada and his amiable consort the Countess of Aberdeen, and it is highly satisfactory to know that on every hand Their Excellencies have met with enthusiastic expressions of welcome, and that they will take their departure with a warm and generous appreciation of the loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects in this portion of her dominions.

Amongst measures to be submitted for your consideration will be an act to amend the assessment act, a consolidated lien act, a small debts recovery act, an act giving to cities the option of government by commissioners, and an act authorizing the revision of the statutes.

The subject of further railway extension for the development of the resources of the province will receive consideration, and should any practical proposal be forthcoming it will be laid before you in due course.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year to be shortly laid before you will be found to be framed with strict regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I now leave you to your deliberations in the confidence that your labors will be impregnated with earnestness and zeal, and that they will redound to your honor and the advantage of this favored province. May the Supreme Ruler direct your efforts.

After prayers by Bishop Perrin the usual formal motions were passed.

Hon. Mr. Davis introduced a bill respecting workmen's wages.

Hon. Mr. Davis moved that the speech of his honor the lieutenant-governor be taken into consideration on Thursday.

The motion was adopted.

Hon. Mr. Davis moved that the house adjourn until Thursday.

Mr. Cotton asked for some information. The members were called together at an inconvenient time, and when called together the house should proceed to business immediately.

Hon. Mr. Davis said it was for the convenience of all the members that it was proposed to adjourn until Thursday, some of them not being in their places.

On motion it was decided to adjourn until Thursday.

Hon. Mr. Turner presented the public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1894.

The house adjourned at 3:35.

NANAIMO.

Mr. James McGregor, M. P. P. for Nanaimo, is in the city. Being asked whether or not business was improving in the Black Diamond city, the good-looking successor of Mr. Keith replied that he thought there was a slight change for the better.

Concerning civic matters, he observed that the water supply was also engaging the attention of the people up there. "It has come to this," said he, "that either the company will have to give a better supply or the corporation will have to take the matter out of their hands and supply the town properly. As it is now it is all right while two or three lines of hose are drawing from the mains, but beyond that the pressure gives out and we cannot cope with a big fire."

In reference to lighting, he had frequently heard it remarked that Nanaimo obtained more light from her 2000 candle power lamps than Victoria did. He did not know why, but they appeared to be stronger and more brilliant. He had noticed by the papers that Mr. Stickels had some little difficulty down here, but for his part during the years Mr. Stickels was in Nanaimo he had never heard the quality of his work nor his management in any way questioned, and to him (Mr. McGregor) as a private consumer he had given every satisfaction.

Nanaimo, Nov. 12.—A fire broke out at the residence of Mr. H. Proctor at 7:30 yesterday morning. The flames were first observed by Mrs. Lee who awakened the family. Mr. Proctor turned in an alarm and with the neighbors tried to subdue the flames. The neighbors flocked into the house and carried out everything they could lay their hands on. The fire department were prompt on the spot and succeeded in confining the flames to the front room, so that in a short time after their arrival all further danger was averted. It is presumed that the fire was caused by a piece of lighted coal or spark from a fire in the grate igniting the carpet. The tents of the front room may be considered totally destroyed. The furniture and the piano were insured in the Phoenix for \$1200 and the building, which is owned by Dr. Hall, is also insured. A pocket book containing about \$100 was lost in the fire. Many trinkets were also lost.

Quite a number of miners returned to Nanaimo from the Union mines on Friday last, and some of them claim that a strike is now prevailing there. The wages previously paid have been cut down and the statement is made that the men refused to accept the cut so preferred to strike. The cut is said to be ten per cent., which means that runners and

Appearances are Deceitful.

When you want Eddy's Matches don't take the appearance only of the box as a guarantee. Inferior matches are now put up in close imitation of theirs, but for the name. Pause—Beware—and insist on having

E. B. EDDY'S MATCHES.



drivers would be required to work for \$2.25 a day, a wage that is considered too low among men employed in the mines.

The election of officers of the Reform Club took place at their annual meeting on Saturday night amid much enthusiasm. T. R. E. McInnis was elected president by acclamation and the following as follows: President, T. R. E. McInnis; Treasurer, D. S. McDonald; corresponding secretary, W. W. B. McInnis; recording secretary, Tully Boyce. Executive committee—Arthur Dutton, Captain Honeyman, David Hogan, Thomas Keith, J. E. McKenzie, H. Proctor, S. M. Peterkin, James Patterson, Ralph Smith and Arthur Wilson.

Mr. W. Horne returned yesterday from up the coast where he had been with the representative of a German syndicate who has been sent here to examine a nickel claim owned by Mr. Horne. The ore is very rich and there is every reason to believe the syndicate will purchase the claim.

The Hornets, seniors and juniors, played a friendly match on the Caledonian grounds yesterday in the presence of a large concourse of citizens. It was evident from the start that the juniors were out-matched but still they played a stubborn game. The seniors won by a one goal and two tries to nil.

Next Saturday night the Silver Cornet band will give a concert in the opera house for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a complete set of instruments. The cost is said to be about \$300 and it is to be hoped that they will meet with the success they deserve. There is not a band in the province that does not enjoy better advantages than the Nanaimo band and yet when the latter ask a reasonable price for their services it is considered high although generally they are compelled to lose a day from their regular employment to fulfill an engagement.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

News by Wire from All Parts of the World.

It is stated that the Turkish government has paid fifty thousand pounds in to the Russian embassy at Constantinople as a tenth instalment of the indemnity due Russia on account of the Russo-Turkish war in 1887.

J. F. Emerson, who attempted to kill H. H. Lowenthal, a well-known attorney of San Francisco, has been held to answer in bonds of \$2,000.

The U. S. ship Yokohama left Mare Island this morning at ten o'clock for Honolulu, thence to Yokohama.

The weather at New York continues unfavorable for the successful exhibition of the transit mercury.

A meeting will be held in Chicago about November 18th for the purpose of reorganizing the trans-continental association. Receiver Walker of the Santa Fe has gone to New York to endeavor to settle the existing difficulties between his company and Southern Pacific which alone prevent the reorganization of the association.

Theodore R. Davis, the celebrated war artist died to-day of Bright's disease, aged 64. His sketches during the war made him famous. He was intimate with Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and others.

The whole upper part of King's Hotel, Ponce de Leon, Cal., has been burned. Loss, \$9,000. Small insurance.

MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT for Man and Beast!

Langley & Co. Wholesale Agents for B. C.

TRAMP KILLED.

A Train Runs Into a Rock Slide Near Golden, B. C.

Golden, Nov. 9.—About daybreak this morning a westbound freight train ran into a rock slide between the first and second tunnels about two miles east of here. Engine No. 404 left the track, when a tramp who was riding between the box cars was killed. From a letter found upon the body it is supposed his name was Arthur Walsh and that he had relatives in Calgary.

THE ITALIAN CAPITAL.

Conference of Patriarchs—Frauds in Railway Administration.

Rome, Nov. 12.—The Vatican is satisfied with the results of the conference of patriarchs, and the pope has authorized them to maintain a resident bishop in Rome to assist in the plans to develop the Catholic clergy in the Orient and prepare for a union of the churches.

Frauds have been detected in the Italian railway administration to the extent of several million lire. A number of arrests have been made.

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING.

The First of the Fleet for the International Navigation Company.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—The ocean greyhound St. Louis, the first of the steam ships built in this country for the International Navigation Company, was launched at 12:20 to-day. Mrs. Cleveland stood sponsor, and as the giant slid down the ways at Cramp's ship yard, broke a bottle of champagne across her bow, saying at the same time, "I christen thee St. Louis." This was the signal for tumultuous applause by thousands of assembled spectators. The movement of the vessel was at first barely perceptible, but once fairly started the St. Louis swept down the ways with an irresistible rush. The stern struck the water cleanly and an instant later was floating in the river. President and Mrs. Cleveland and several of his cabinet with their wives arrived on a special train from Washington shortly after 12 o'clock. The party was received by President Cramp and others.

Cable News.

Cardinal Vaughan accompanied by Rt. Rev. Thomas W. Wilkinson, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, was at Southwark yesterday at the consecration of the St. George's Cathedral which took place with unusual pomp and ceremony. Nearly all the Catholic bishops of the kingdom were present, including the Bishop of Leeds, Northampton, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Salford. Cardinal Vaughan preached the sermon and Rt. Rev. John Butt, Bishop of Southwark, conducted the services. Unusual interest was taken in the event by the Catholic church owing to the singular circumstances attending the consecration which took place after the cathedral had been used as a place of worship for fifty years. According to the inflexible law of the Catholic church, the cathedral could not be consecrated until free from debt which has just been accomplished. The church also has an interesting history, having been built on the spot where Lord George Gordon assembled his followers in 1790 to march to parliament to protest against any concessions to Catholics. On July 4, 1848, it was dedicated to St. George of England, high mass being celebrated on the occasion by Dr. Wiseman, who was attached to the cathedral for two years before being appointed the first archbishop of Westminster and the first English cardinal since the reformation.

It quickly cures

Cuts, Burns, Corns, Bruises, Chilblains, Bunions, Cracks between the Toes, Scalds, Piles, Swellings, Ulcers, Stiff Joints, Old Sores, Inflammation of all kinds, Lameness, Pimples, Rheumatism, Pustules, Caked Breasts, Eruptions, Diseased Tendons, Contracted Muscles, And all Lameness and Soreness.

THE WOMAN.

Council Decides That All Churches

Resolution is Placed on the

The city council has decided to instruct the city engineer to construct a sewerage system for the city which is a necessity. Even the immediate Roman Catholic population, have to be chief of police are and which vicinity of the missions we any responsible the fact that council had no council, however, and directed to above. The of aldermen was the first but was in control of the watershed lakes. There sion over the solved itself c advocated res play and Al was in favor sum of money ter beds and of a similar used for the shed, buying point starting commissioner as dealt with Wilson was t tersed. It was of Ald. Dwyer phrey, that it instructed to i ginning at a following the around by the the southern and then rep then selected city to act in case of the

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