

THOSE READY FOR THE COMING RACE

LIST OF CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED TO DATE

About Sixteen Have Declined to Come Out—Some Have Not Altogether Made Up Their Minds.

The list of candidates for the approaching municipal elections is mounting higher daily and the prospect of a good fight is quite apparent.

It is generally regarded that business arrangements have been reached at the expiration of his term in office. He won the chief magistracy's seat after a hard-fought and most gallant battle in municipal history, and during the comparatively brief period of his incumbency now drawing to a close he has achieved a very creditable record.

This leaves six of the present board of aldermen, who will couch their lances in the next conflict. They are Ald. Kinsman, the veteran solon, at whose grudge the scalps of many an opponent.

Now for the newcomers. In this classification W. F. Fullerton may be included as he has not been a member of any of the previous councils.

For South Ward quite a number of new candidates have announced themselves. They are Thos. I. Worthington, formerly an alderman in Centre Ward, James A. Douglas, B. S. Oddy, and Thornton Fell.

But the end of the list of candidates for this section of the city is not yet. Pressure is being brought to bear upon Dr. G. L. Milne by a large number of electors to offer himself as a candidate.

The Times a few weeks ago published an account of the announced candidates to date. In reference to the school board it was stated that there were two candidates who had definitely expressed their intention of entering the race.

North Ward—Ald. Kinsman, Gramham and Dinsdale and W. F. Fullerton, Centre Ward—Ald. Stewart and Goodacre.

Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Trustee Boggs, Wm. McKay and W. G. Eden. Undecided, P. J. Riddell.

WATCHES FREE TO AGENTS—Wanted, gentlemen and ladies to engage in the sale of our watches.

CHRISTMAS TREATS.

Victoria West Sunday School Entertainment Monday Evening—Two Announced For To-Night.

The children of Victoria West Sunday school, of which Dr. Lewis Hall is superintendent, celebrated Monday night in a very interesting and profitable manner.

The Sunday school held their annual entertainment this evening. The primary department will meet with the senior members in the auditorium of the church at 7:30. The admission is free.

An error was made yesterday when the annual entertainment in connection with the First Presbyterian church was announced for Tuesday, the 29th. It will take place this evening at the club.

All preparations for the annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Central Methodist church which will be held to-morrow evening, have been completed, and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held on Wednesday, December 30th.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says: "It is expected that the United States Senate committee on territories, which has been investigating the Alaska seal industry, will recommend the passage of the Furrow bill, which passed the House last Congress, but failed in the Senate on account of the Statehood bill."

This measure empowered the President of the United States to conclude negotiations with the government of the protection of fur-bearing animals in the Behring Sea country to determine what further regulations shall be imposed, if any can be devised, to restore the industry, and pending the investigation and review, authorized the President to prohibit the killing of any or all fur-bearing seals in the land or in the sea by the subjects of the respective governments should be entirely prohibited, except the few hundred males used by the natives of the islands for food.

In the event that effectual regulations for preserving the Alaska seal industry were agreed upon, the secretary of the United States treasury was authorized to sell every year, in the Pribiloff Islands, except 10,000 females and 10,000 males.

MEET ON MONDAY. Annual Meeting of Victoria Sealing Association—Jesse Preparing For Next Season.

The third annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Association will be held on Monday, December 28th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Victoria Hotel.

The next communication read by the city clerk was of an equally interesting nature, relating to the proposed construction of the new C. P. R. hotel. This came from F. M. Rattenbury, and was also customary for the schooner going down the coast to make an early start, and how the fleet will be distributed in a matter which will probably be considered at the meeting on Monday.

While many of the skins of the past season's catch remain yet to be sold, it is believed that the whole 1903 has been a better one than the year previous. Priests so far obtained are not so large, but the catch secured was larger. In the case of the Umbrina, one of the independent schooners operated this year, the average price realized was something like \$17 per skin, which, while not so good a figure as was obtained last year, is considered very satisfactory.

INCREASING OUTPUT. Inspector Dick Tells of Progress at the Crow's Nest Pass Mines.

Archibald Dick, inspector of coal and metallurgical mines for East Kootenay, was in Nelson the other day en route to the coast, to spend a couple of weeks at his home in Nanaimo.

William Whyte and Land Commissioner Dennis Combs, with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

William Whyte, assistant to Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., and J. S. Dennis, land commissioner, are in Montreal making an official report to the president of the progress of the large irrigation project of the company, which is being carried out in Alberta.

There are, probably, in all, 5,000,000 acres which has been placed by the company at the disposal of the farmers in the province, which some work was done last summer and fall-work which will be taken up in the spring.

Rapid growth of the nager nails is regarded as a sign of good health.

TO DISPENSE WITH ROCK BAY BRIDGE

PERMANENT ROADWAY PROPOSED INSTEAD

Matter is Receiving Attention of City Council—Letter From C.P.R. Hotel Architect.

To build a permanent roadway across Rock Bay and gradually dispense with the public utility of the present long and winding bridge is one of the commendable subjects receiving the consideration just now of the city council.

This is a large sum of money, in view of the present state of the finances of the city, and the practical men of the council have energetically advanced the plan of a permanent roadway across the harbor that would connect with Government street. In other words Bay street will be extended across the harbor to connect with Work street.

The order of business opened with three letters being read bearing on the subject of the proposed roadway. The first was fully agreed with the plan. The place proposed to fill in was nothing but a mud flat, and he had written for the department of public works with a recommendation that the work be carried out.

LIKE LAKE SCHOOL. Entertainment and Christmas Tree on Saturday—An Enjoyable Programme.

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Stewart and Kinsman expressing the opinion that the request, if possible, should receive favorable consideration.

Gentlemen—Your finance committee having considered the undermentioned subject has to report and recommend as follows: That the treasurer be instructed to write of the uncollected balance of the accounts in connection with the "Septic Tank By-law, 1902, amounting to \$1,000.00."

Received and adopted. The finance committee also recommended payment of accounts totaling \$9,564.84, read and adopted.

CALL TO A MINISTER. Phoenix Presbyterians Want Rev. E. W. Macrae to Visit, as Pastor.

At a congregational meeting of the members and adherents of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Phoenix, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. E. W. Macrae, of Vancouver, B.C., to become the pastor of the church in Phoenix.

SHIPPING NOTES. Olivebank is Causing Anxiety—Accident to the Clallan on Saturday.

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CONVENTION TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH—Dates of Early Shows. The following events are fixed to take place under the auspices of the Dominion department of agriculture:

Eastern Ontario fair stock and poultry show, Ottawa, March 14th, 15th and 16th, 1904.

National Live Stock Association will convene on Monday, March 14th, at 1:30 p.m.; all day Tuesday, March 15th, and on the evenings of the 16th and 17th of the month.

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FAIR WAGE OFFERED. D. J. O'Donoghue, of Department of Labor, Visiting the Coast.

Fair wage officer, D. J. O'Donoghue, of the department of labor, arrived in the city Tuesday on official business. His duties are to fix what is a fair wage, and the schedule decided upon is incorporated in contracts awarded for government works.

The pursuance of his duties in this connection Mr. O'Donoghue will visit Nanaimo, where additions are to be made to the post office; Sidney, where the pier is to be extended; Quatsino, where the wharf is to be extended, and various other public works.

He has just returned from the Kootenays, whither he went to fix the wage schedule for the Rossland armories. He is also while on the present trip collecting statistics of the prevailing wages in each district for reference by the department of labor in the future.

Mr. O'Donoghue had an experience on the plains a few weeks ago which makes him appreciate the balmy weather which he encountered at Victoria. He was on a forty-mile drive from Moosomin, Northwest, to Pleasant Hills, where a railway is being built. A blizzard overtook them, the thermometer dropping to 40 degrees below and the trail became obliterated.

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NOTICE. Take notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land situated at Port Fleming, Coast district, more particularly described as follows:

PERFORMES For Presentation. 25c, 50c, Up.

FRUIT TREES FOR MARKET & PRIVATE GROWERS. ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS, ETC. C. K. KNIGHT, 1710 MILNE NURSERY, VICTORIA, B.C.

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GYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST, 98 Government Street, Near Yates Street.

NOTICE. At a wedding party McKay's nine miles dancing caused a piano and exploded room, which was including the piano and damage was about \$1,000.

WANTED—A good plain cook for Institution. Presbyterian preferred; good salary. Apply to Jas. R. Johnston, Alberni, B. C.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The twenty Chalmers who were ordered to be deported as not fulfilling the requirements of the law in the United States, to which country they were brought from China by the C. P. R., started this morning for the homeward journey, via Vancouver.

FATALITIES. ENGINEER AND SCALD. Mayor Urquhart Retires for Toronto Railway Board.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Dominion City meeting held yesterday in connection with the proposed ten per cent. in the proposed. It was found that the Montreal mills on short time during summer months of 1903, and their earnings were as large as usual.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—Lapointe committed suicide by shooting himself in the chest.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Howland, 70, died of heart failure.

Another C. P. R. Conservative have been elected to the House of Commons.

Perished in Dec. 22.—A man named Ferguson was buried alone in the house, and his wife, who was found in the room, was slightly burned about the face.

Winnipeg's Police. Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—K. C. formerly D. C. interior, has been appointed as magistrate for Wm. W. Baker, who has been appointed as a Justice of the Peace.

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Winnipeg clearing the work ending Dec. 22.—\$3,907.21; 1902, \$3,907.21; 1901, \$3,425.474.

City of Mexico, Dec. 22.—The city council has decided to act on the proposed law to be submitted in the case of Charles Kraus, a St. Louis city council member, who was arrested on a street car franchise.