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BIRTH AND DEATH.

Vice-President of the Theosophical Society Visits the Victoria Branch.

His Lectures in Philharmonic Hall—Various Views of Man's Future.

The leading Theosophist of America, Mr. W. Q. Judge, arrived in Victoria yesterday from Seattle, accompanied by Mr. E. O. Schwagerl, of that city, to deliver a lecture here on Theosophy and visit the branch in this city. Mr. Judge is vice-president of the Theosophical Society and general secretary of the American section. He, with Mrs. Judge and Mr. E. T. Hargrove, of London, has been on a tour of inspection of the various branches of the society, but at Seattle Mr. Hargrove was recalled hurriedly to England. Mrs. Judge, being indisposed, is awaiting her husband's return to Seattle, where he goes after speaking at Port Townsend on Sunday evening. He leaves Victoria to-night.

The great reason for his visit to the Coast was to attend the eighth convention of the society, the largest assemblage of the kind held since organization in 1875. One of the important resolutions passed there was, Mr. Judge explained, to define the position of the society in regard to the Mahatmas, or adepts; namely, that the existence of such was not a belief of the society, which is without declarations except that of universal brotherhood, and is absolutely unsectarian.

"The growth of theosophy over this continent," said Mr. Judge last evening, "is seen more in the firmer foundation of respect that it is receiving than in mere numbers. Once people laughed at us, now theosophy is becoming a force, more especially in literature, and people are inquiring into and studying the subject."

On his arrival last evening, Mr. Judge was met by President Gray and other members of the local branch and is a guest during his stay at the residence of Mr. Berridge, on View street.

At eight o'clock there was a very good audience in Philharmonic hall to hear the lecture by Mr. Judge on "Birth and Death," and the speaker for the hour he lectured kept his audience attentive and interested from first to last.

"Birth and Death are," he remarked, "two great mysteries. Birth brings us into the world from where we know not, and death takes us to some place we know not of. Eastern and Western peoples regard death in different lights, but it is a fact that Western people dread it more than do those in the East."

The reason for this, he held to be that Eastern peoples look upon death as inevitable, while Western, though professing to look forward to heaven as a desirable place, are still materialists even in their religion—their very teachers looking with regret on those who pass away, instead of rejoicing. He illustrated this by the story of the bishop who on a sinking vessel asked the captain if there was no hope. Upon receiving the reply, "You will be in heaven in five minutes," he dolefully replied, "What a pity!" Heaven itself was described in a way that was based on the satisfaction of desire. Science also destroyed the ideal universe and made it material when it gave us two alternatives—namely, that the civilization of the world would end in a ball of ice, or else by another theory, that the world would be drawn into the sun and perish by fire. He was not a scientist, but did not think the sun's heat was from combustion of fuel, but that it was a centre of electricity.

Death he described as simply the inner man throwing off his body like an old suit of clothes when worn out. It was not death—the atoms of the body itself resolved into other forms of life. Man was compared to a sponge floating in a sea of life. Man was threefold—composed of body, soul and spirit, or, again, sevenfold: the body; life; the ethereal double, or capability of reproducing its kind; passions and desires; mind; essential soul; and, highest of all, spirit.

The real man, the thinker inside, could not be destroyed. He must come back to this earthly stage again. He held that character was not hereditary from parents, but was within the man himself, and at the time of dissolution one's thoughts, good or bad, whichever were strongest, came with a final rush over the brain and sounded the tone for the next period of reincarnation. Thus one received either rewards or expiated vices in this world. There was evolution in spiritual as well as material things.

At the close of the lecture a collection to defray the expenses of the hall was taken up and the lecturer answered a number of questions. The members of the society met Mr. Judge afterwards on subjects connected with their objects.

Mr. Judge goes to London in June to attend the Theosophical convention to be held there.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The steamship Bawnmore, which first came to this coast with a general cargo from England for Victoria, and which, after being engaged in the coal trade between Nanaimo and California, was fitted out in San Francisco with tank compartments for carrying oil from Tarala Bay to the Bay City, arrived at the latter place with her first cargo on Monday last. When the Bawnmore reached her destination on the downward trip it was found that the water was not deep enough to permit the steamer to tie up alongside of the wharf, and consequently it was found necessary to extend the connection with the pipe line, which runs six miles to the wells. There are forty-nine wells and their output is about 30,000 barrels a day, the greater proportion of which is shipped down to Callao, where it is burned on nearly all railroads. The Bawnmore's load amounts to a little less than 20,000 barrels, and its effect on the upward trip was carefully noted. The steamer was very steady in heavy seas, but her odd cargo kept her back a little. The steamer, after making another round trip, will be fitted out with burners to consume petroleum. There are altogether fourteen tanks for carrying oil. One traverse bulkhead runs fore and aft, while the other bulkheads are built athwartship. Eight tanks are forward of the engines, and at the after end of the ship there are six, three on each side. The oil is all carried below the water level, and there is every possible precaution against accident. All danger of heating from contact with engines and boilers is obviated by two bulkheads, placed about two feet apart. Being built at each end of the engine compartment, the bulkheads form a coffer dam, which is always kept full of water when the vessel is loaded. According to the charter it cost $4 20 a ton to bring the oil to San Francisco, or as it has been calculated, the freight bill is $11,200 for carrying 800,000 gallons of oil.

THE CITY.

The divorce suit of Curto v. Curto and Clovis, a Nanaimo case, is set for hearing here on the 15th inst.

The British Columbia St. George's Society met yesterday evening and re-elected last year's official board, adjourning until April 23, 1895.

William A. Travis, a native of this city but until very recently a resident of Seattle, died yesterday at the home of his mother on Princess avenue, at the age of 33. Consumption was the cause of death, and the funeral will take place on Sunday—to-morrow.

The appeal of Hoggan v. the E. & N. Railway Company, which was recently before the Privy Council of England, has been dismissed with costs by that august tribunal. Hon. C. E. Pooley conducted the case in person for the company, and sailed for home on Wednesday last.

It is currently reported that a strong company has been formed of local capitalists to provide first class cold storage facilities upon an extensive scale. The Janion property on Store street will be utilized, and the equipment will be thoroughly modern and most complete.

"Griffeth the globe circler" evidently altered his plans as to route after leaving this city Tuesday, for a special to the Colonist last evening from Winnipeg says that he had just passed through that city, still one day ahead of his schedule. He had intended to take the "Soo" line.

While the steamer Premier was rounding Ten-Mile Point on her way to Victoria yesterday evening, a wild (?) duck of the ordinary black diver variety fluttered on board and allowed itself to be captured by the pilot. A short time after a second duck followed its companion's example, and both were brought to Victoria. They will be presented to the park collection.

At the recent meeting of the British Columbia Medical Council the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Dr. J. M. Lefevre, president and treasurer; Dr. J. A. Duncan, vice-president; Dr. G. L. Milne, registrar and secretary; A. E. McPhillips, solicitor. The next meeting of the council will be held in the city of Vancouver on the first Tuesday of September.

Yesterday Dr. George H. Duncan, medical health officer, was served with a writ in a suit instituted by Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken on behalf of Wong Hoy Woon for damages for false imprisonment and for excess of jurisdiction in carrying out the city health by-law on May 1. This is the test case growing out of the disinfecting of Chinamen and their belongings at the suspect station. Messrs. Eberts & Taylor will accept service for Dr. Duncan, as they are the city lawyers, the corporation being practically the defendant in the case.

The man who persists in asking "What's in a name?" has evidently never been a careful reader of the local news of his daily paper; certain it is that he has never worked on a daily paper. The following memoranda, all bona fide requests for explanations, were received in one day at the Colonist office; no names had been misstated, nor had any errors been made in any way in connection with the cases referred to—but there are unfortunately too many names the same in Victoria:

"Will the night editor please insert the following city item: 'The case of Dumbleton v. Patten has no connection with Mr. P. T. Patton of the Hotel Victoria.'"

"Lee Mong Kow wishes it understood that he is not the Mong Kow mentioned in this morning's paper as having been imprisoned for theft, nor is he connected with him in any way."

"I wish to intimate that the 'Fred Stoddart' appearing in the police court on Monday is not the son of G. A. C. Stoddart, but of another family altogether."

J. G. Fitzgerald, of Calgary, Alberta, who has been for the past two months engaged in colonization work for the Northwest territories, in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, passed through Victoria last evening on his way home. As the result of his energetic work some 300 families will move to North western Canada this spring. During their stay in Seattle Mr. Fitzgerald and his amiable wife have made a host of friends, who regret their early departure. During his twelve years' residence in the territories Mr. Fitzgerald has taken a leading part in public affairs, in which his energy, individuality and Hibernian raciness admirably fit him for success. Mr. Fitzgerald reports that it is contemplated to hold in the territories during the summer of 1895 a great Northwest fair, representative of the resources, productions and life in the far West. The organization of the enterprise is in the hands of J. R. Neff, secretary of the legislative assembly. Under the present government, the resources and advantages of the Northwest territories have been well advertised in the United States and Great Britain, with the result that they are being rapidly settled up by a thrifty population.

Mayor Teague and Police Magistrate Macrae sat as the board of licensing commissioners yesterday—Dr. Powell being absent from the bench—to deal with certain saloonkeepers who had been summoned before them. The culprits were the proprietors of the Bank Exchange, Nickel Plate and Royal, the three saloons in which Georgie Sinclair had been supplied with liquor prior to her attempting to commit suicide in March last. The Magistrate acted as spokesman for the commissioners, and informed the hotel men that, although their offences against the law had been brought conspicuously before the public, the board were quite satisfied that they were not alone in the matter of harboring prostitutes in their premises and supplying them with liquor, or (as in the case of Garvin, of the Nickel Plate) in allowing and maintaining gambling games. They were only distinguished from many others well known to have been doing just the same for years past, in that they had been "caught," and the commissioners did not see that in justice they could impose a penalty against them and let the others go free. They had therefore summoned them, in order to announce that any repetition of the offence, either by themselves (the saloon men in question) or by any others of the trade, would be visited with the severest penalties provided by law. This would be regarded as a final intimation and official warning, and in future prompt punishment would follow any misdemeanor on the part of license holders. In justice to Mr. Whitley, the present proprietor of the Royal, it may be stated that the cause of complaint in the case of the Royal was given months before he became proprietor.

Washington, May 3.—Attorney Wallace, of Pittsburg, who represents the informers in the Carnegie steel frauds, has returned to Washington armed, he says, with a number of affidavits showing additional frauds. These affidavits were asked for by Secretary Herbert, and promised by Mr. Wallace in support of his allegations. Mr. Wallace called at the Navy Department, but did not see Mr. Herbert. He returns again to-morrow.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

The Reception Committee Arrange to Give Visitors a Hospitable Welcome.

Professional Race in the Regatta Programme—Notes of Nanaimo's Celebration.

In the absence of His Worship Mayor Teague, Mr. H. D. Helmcken occupied the chair at a meeting of the Queen's Birthday reception committee held in the city hall last night. A long and animated discussion took place upon the management of the reception barge. In order that the hospitality of the city may be extended in the fullest manner possible to visitors from other cities, it was decided that the members of the reception committee be furnished with cards of invitation to a reception on the barge. These invitations will be distributed among the strangers who may desire to call upon His Worship Mayor Teague, who will represent the city on that day. No persons are to be admitted to the barge unless provided with such cards of invitation.

The secretary was authorized to apply to the finance committee for a sum of $300 for the entertainment of visitors at the Gorge during the celebration. An active reception committee from among the members of the reception committee named by the general committee will be selected at the final meeting before the regatta.

A committee to secure supplies for the barge was named to consist of Mr. William Snider, Mr. J. B. Gordon and the chairman of the finance committee. Messrs. J. G. Elliott, H. McDonald, Wm. Christie and J. H. Seely were appointed a committee to prepare a barge for the purposes required. Mr. H. Cuthbert was named as a representative to the band committee and the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary.

At an informal meeting of the regatta committee held yesterday, it was decided to place upon the programme of races a single scull race, to be rowed in best-and-best 20 foot boats, open to professionals, the course to be from the starter's barge, round buoy and return.

A preliminary programme of events and regatta races has been prepared, and will be furnished upon application to the secretary, Mr. Beaumont Boggs.

THE DAY AT NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, May 4.—(Special)—The programme of sports for the Queen's Birthday celebration has been drawn up and adopted by the general committee. It includes a regatta during the morning, athletic and hose reel contests during the afternoon, and dancing for the evening, as well as an entertainment in the opera house given by the New Westminster Y.M.C.A.

A special feature of the regatta will be the sailing match, for which a prize of $80 in gold is offered. Valuable prizes are offered for canoe and sculling races, as well as for the bicycle racing in the afternoon. Prizes in cash amounting to $300 are offered for competition among the hose reel teams of the province. Beside the excursion from Westminster on the 24th, there will be a large party down from Comox and Union, the steamship Joan making a special trip for the occasion.

Vancouver, May 4—(Special)—The Vancouver fire hose teams are in training for the Nanaimo Queen's Birthday events.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

LACROSSE.

The executive committee of the Victoria lacrosse club met last evening and transacted a large amount of business in connection with the season's work and the approaching match with Vancouver on the 26th instant. The season tickets are now out and can be procured from the secretary or any member of the executive. It was decided that the season tickets this year shall entitle members to entrance to the grand stand. The ladies tickets are placed at the low price of $1, which includes admission to all the scheduled matches, with no extra charge for grand stand. It will therefore be advantageous on economic grounds for gentlemen to procure season tickets for their lady friends.

TO REWARD THE VICTORS.

Vancouver, May 4.—(Special.)—Host Cheeney, of the Hotel Vancouver, has signified his intention of presenting the winners of the senior lacrosse series this year with a valuable cup trophy valued at $100 00.

Mr. Suckling has been appointed captain of the Vancouver team.

CRICKET.

NANAIMO CRICKET CLUB.

Nanaimo, May 4.—(Special.)—The Nanaimo cricket club organized last evening with encouraging prospects, and will hold their first practice to-morrow. The election of officers takes place on the 12th inst.

YACHTING.

CRAFT FROM THE SOUND.

A letter received by Mr. J. G. Elliott, from the secretary of the Bellingham Bay yacht club, states that seven or eight of their yachts will be in Victoria for the Queen's Birthday races, and that a large fleet may be looked for from the Sound, as there is considerable interest being taken in the events.

THE RIFLE.

THE B.C.R.A. MEETING.

Another valuable prize has been added to those to be offered at the annual competitions of the British Columbia Rifle Association, this being the gift of Hon. J. H. Turner, one of the patrons of the association. Having been a shooting man himself, Col. Turner made a choice which will prove very acceptable to the competitors, for it is a military rifle that he has presented. The D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Peters, as already stated, has offered a prize which will be competed for in a special match under conditions to be named by himself. The donor of the Dorothy medal, Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, has intimated that this handsome annual reward for marksmanship will be forthcoming this year as usual. The programme for the prize meeting is now in course of preparation, and it promises to be more than usually attractive. To provide for the expected large increase in the number of competitors two additional targets are to be placed on the range at Goldstream.

RE OPENING CLOVER POINT.

The newly-equipped range at Clover Point is to be opened this afternoon, when the class-firing of the B.C.B.G.A., for which it has been specially prepared, will be commenced. An invitation was received from the New Westminster rifle association for the Victoria rifle club to participate in a "simultaneous" match proposed to be fired this afternoon by teams in each of the four chief cities, but this had to be declined on account of the range being otherwise occupied. After this when firing is in progress at Clover Point a red flag will be displayed on the flagpole surmounting Henly's hotel.

THE LEAGUE.

Though no official intimation on the subject has been received, it is stated in the Eastern press that the time for making entries for the competitions of the Canadian Military Rifle League will close on May 10. The first match will be on May 26. The entry fees will probably be the same as last year.

THE BISLEY TEAM.

Besides the two already mentioned, Lieut. C. N. Mitchell of Winnipeg and Lieut. C. L. MacAdam of Montreal have declined their places upon the Bisley team, which will give to Sergt.-Major S. Case and Major W. Bishop of Halifax an opportunity to accept, and make the waiting man Capt. Geo. A. McMicking of Niagara Falls.

TENNIS.

VANCOUVER'S CLUB ORGANIZED.

Vancouver, May 4.—(Special)—The Vancouver tennis club, at a meeting held yesterday, organized for the season, the following officers being elected: President, H. Abbott; vice-president, J. O. Benwell; secretary, A. E. Crickmay; treasurer, H. A. Hankey; committee, F. Sewell, H. Bowley, H. H. Mackay, C. de V. Lemaistre and J. E. Miller. The club propose holding a tournament during the summer months.

THE TURF.

THE THREE THOUSAND SOVEREIGNS.

London, May 4.—The race for the Royal two-year-old plate, three thousand sovereigns, was won by Choice; Carston, second; Saintly, third.

HERE AND THERE.

Yesterday, which promised to be an exceptionally lively day for all interested in athletic sport, passed off very tamely, thanks to the weather. The canoe club postponed their cruise for one week; so did the V.A.C.'s and the James Bays their game of baseball. The Fernwoods succeeded in defeating their Town rivals at ball, by 35 to 11, and almost all other attractions were informally declared off. During the evening the provincial racing board of the C.W.A. held a meeting at the Hotel Victoria, and decided to make certain recommendations to the sports and games committee in regard to the road races here on the 25th inst. Out at the Oak Bay traps the Union gun club had the satisfaction of defeating the Victorias, on a score alike creditable to victors and to "victims."

The race at Kempton Park yesterday for the great Jubilee stakes of three thousand sovereigns was won by Avington; Prisoner, second; El Diablo, third.

The Inaugural stakes, run for at St. Louis yesterday, were won by Yo Tambien, with Highland second, and Chiswick third. Time—1:18⅘.

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THE CITY.

On the motion before the Divisional Court yesterday for a new trial in Wolley v. Lowenberg, Harris & Co., Friday, the 11th instant, was fixed for the hearing.

The reward offered by the government in the case of W. J. Moggridge of the Belle Mead farm, who was shot and wounded by masked robbers on the 30th of March last, has been increased from $250 to $500. Informants who may have been concerned in the affair, not as principals, are promised that they will be recommended to executive clemency.

Indian Agent Lomas held a meeting of the male members of the Songees tribe last night, in the reservation school house, to elect a council for the year and to consider various other matters of importance to the band. Resolutions were passed devoting a portion of the interest on the funds now held by the Dominion government for them to the regular relief of the aged, destitute or orphaned members of the tribe. Resolutions on other subjects were also adopted, to be forwarded to the Indian department at Ottawa.

The Chinese passengers booked for this city by the Northern Pacific liner Victoria escaped the usual attention to their personal cleanliness by the city, and consequently were not taken to the suspect station by the health officer for fumigation purposes. The city evidently considers that it would be just as well to take no chances in view of the cases now pending in the courts. At the same time, to avoid any possible ambiguity that may exist in the city health by-law, an amendment is to be introduced to-morrow at the council meeting by Ald. Munn, defining very clearly the powers of the health officer in the matter of disinfecting, purifying and detaining Orientals on suspicion of infection.

Charles Sinclair was charged in the police court yeaterday with using threatening language to A. J. McCrimmon of the steam laundry. The trouble arose after Sinclair's discharge from the laundry, and McCrimmon claims that Sinclair then threatened to break his head with a cane and to burn down the laundry. Sinclair acknowledged using some particularly strong expressions, but denied that he had made the threats charged. The magistrate decided that there was not any necessity to bind over the defendant, and therefore dismissed the case. Mr. Aikman, who appeared for the defence, withdrew a counter charge of assault against George McLeod, growing out of the same trouble.

Young Willie Johnson was a happy boy when he left the dock of the Supreme Court room yesterday, after some kindly advice from Mr. Justice Drake. He had pleaded guilty on Friday to attempted suicide and was remanded till yesterday. His Lordship pointed out to the lad what an unfortunate position he had brought himself to by his rash act. However, inquiry had shown that Johnson bore the character of an honest, hardworking and well behaved lad, and his mother had promised to take charge of him and place him under different surroundings. Under the circumstances, the Court, having the power to let him off without punishment, bound him over in the sum of $25 to come up for sentence when called upon, and trusted that the past would be a sufficient lesson.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say to-morrow that a most encouraging sign is the marked decrease in the liabilities of firms failing, which were only $1,448,144 for the last week of April, and for four weeks $8,722,708, of which $3,722,220 were of manufacturing and $4,644,367 of trading concerns. The amount of liabilities at the South was $2,919,419, against $3,111,932 in the Eastern and $2,692,257 in the Western States. The failures this week have been 233 in the United States against 216 last year, and 35 in Canada against 27 last year.

Brantford, May 5.—At the meeting of the local P. P. A. last night Ald. Hopkins was unanimously nominated to oppose Hon. Mr. Hardy for the legislature.

COLD STORAGE AT HAND.

R. Dunsmuir & Sons Have Undertaken This Much Wished For Enterprise.

It Will Make Traffic, Give Farmers a Market and Be Convenient for Citizens.

Cold storage warehouses of sufficient capacity to supply the probable needs of Victoria for some time to come will be in operation in the course of the next few months. The rumor as to this enterprise published yesterday turned out to be correct, and during the day the particulars of the scheme were ascertained. It is in the hands of R. Dunsmuir & Sons, and will be managed by Henry Croft, M. P. P. The plans already prepared provide for the conversion of the stone warehouse adjoining the Janion hotel into cold storage compartments; the orders have been given for the refrigerating plant, and the large boilers to supply the power are already on hand, those from the Isabel being available for the purpose. There will be one set of machinery kept constantly in reserve, so as to avoid danger from accident, though this is a remote contingency, for the ammonia brine process which is to be used allows of stoppage of the machinery for hours without any risk to the perishable goods.

The situation for the warehouse has been well chosen, being convenient to both rail and water. That the enterprise will be of advantage to citizens generally is very apparent, this having been made plain during the discussion of a few months ago, when everyone favored the proposition but no one could be found prepared to back his opinion with the substantial amount of capital which Dunsmuir & Sons are now putting in. They are convinced that having cold storage facilities at Victoria will contribute materially to the freight carried by their great enterprises the E. & N. railway and the steamer line to Comox, both of which are expected to prove valuable feeders. Heretofore the farmers along the line of the railway have hesitated about sending their meats, dairy produce, fruits and other perishable stuff to Victoria, lest in the absence of immediate demand it should have to be sold at a sacrifice, or perhaps spoil before finding a buyer. For the future they can grow and ship in confidence, not only that their produce will pass into the consumers' hands in prime condition, but that in case of a temporary glut in the market it can be kept until the most favorable time for selling. If the sheep raising industry can be operated on the large scale which some of the ranchers believe possible, here will be found a good market to which to send the carcases.

To Comox and other parts which now have not the advantage of daily train service, the cold storage at Victoria will be of particular importance, and the problem of finding a regular market for the products of that fine agricultural region will thus be solved. The fertile regions of the Fraser valley and other easily accessible portions of the Mainland are also expected to be large feeders of the warehouse. Then of course its space will be in great demand for the California fruit, and with the diminished risk of spoiling the price of this and all other perishable articles brought to Victoria will no doubt be so reduced as to make an appreciable difference to householders. Victoria's share of the rich cargoes of steamers from Australia, the Fiji islands and Honolulu will no longer have to be taken up to Vancouver to be advantageously handled.

It is a very important feature in connection with this enterprise that in addition to the receiving facilities it will add to the natural importance of Victoria as a distributing centre, and will lead to the establishment here of an industry now very profitably carried on on the Mainland. This is the freezing and packing of fish for export to the markets of Eastern Canada as well as to those across the sea, naturally tributary to Victoria, for the splendid fish with which the adjoining waters teem. It is understood that deep-sea fishing will be carried on on an extensive scale in connection with this enterprise as soon as the warehouse is in good working order.

FIRES WELL HANDLED.

Johnny did a little can
Filled with kerosene—
Poured a little in the stove—
Fire at Sixteen.

Gordon street, or words to that effect. The old combination of wet kindling, an impatient Chinese cook and a handy can of coal oil got in its deadly work at 16 Gordon street at about half-past 7 o'clock yesterday evening. The prompt arrival of the department and the good work of the chemical kept the building, a small wooden shack, standing, but the greater part of the furniture and most of the personal effects of the inmates figure in the list of losses. This will total about $1,000, of which some $300 is on the building itself.

The crowd had scattered and the hose was about reeled up when a wild eyed man arrived with the information that another blaze had just been discovered in the second story of the dry goods establishment of J. Hutcheson, Government street.

In a few minutes the crowd was gazing at a volume of smoke pouring out of the windows of the Westside, and the chemical busily engaged in discouraging the cause, a smouldering pile of clothing.

The cause of the fire has not yet been definitely located, but is charged up to an electric jet. Mr. Maclure, the bookkeeper, states that during the afternoon the employes of the electric light company fixed a jet and must have left it turned on, or defective in some way, and when the power was started the jet fired a pile of jackets upon which it had been left lying.

Mr. Campbell discovered the blaze on returning from dinner, and Mr. Maclure sent in the alarm and conducted the firemen to the exact spot, so that no time was lost in getting down to work.

Owing to the exclusive use of the chemical, the damage done outside of the goods actually burned was merely nominal. The store people are loud in praise of the skilful manner in which the fire was handled. The stock is of such a nature that an immediate estimate of the amount of damages is of doubtful value, but it is placed at from $2,000 to $3,000, which amount is fully covered by insurance in several companies.

A Boon to Horsemen.—One bottle of English Spavin Liniment completely removed a curb from my horse. I take pleasure in recommending the remedy, as it acts with mysterious promptness in the removal from horses of hard, soft or calloused lumps, blood spavin, splints, curbs, sweeny, stifles and sprains.
George Robb, Farmer,
Markham, Ont.
Sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell.

Halifax, May 5.—The Union House and Flown's liquor store have been badly gutted by fire. Loss $17,000, insurance $9,000.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

The annual meeting of the B. C. Board of Fire Underwriters was held yesterday at the office of the secretary, Mr. J. G. Elliott, in the Five Sisters block. There were present the following members:

Vancouver—H. T. Ceperly, A. A. Boak, W. E. Gravely, A. N. Smith, C. F. Yates, J. J. Banfield and G. W. Hobson, inspector.

Westminster—A. W. Ross, F. J. Hart and C. R. Townley, inspector.

Nanaimo—A. E. Planta.

Victoria—Richard Hall, H. F. Heisterman, J. C. Maclure, A. W. Jones, J. St. Clair Blackett, B. Boggs, J. Holland, H. M. Yates, H. M. Graham, H. Croft, A. W. More, C. E. Nicholson, R. S. Day, J. J. Austin, H. G. Ross, L. H. Jenns and J. G. Elliott, inspector and secretary of the board.

The meeting opened in the forenoon with the president, Mr. R. Hall, in the chair, and continued all day with a recess for lunch, the business being finally completed by half-past five.

It was decided that the home companies be requested to approve of a uniform mortgage clause to be used by all the companies doing business in the province. Another important matter taken up was the advisability of a uniform policy for insuring electric light and power plant, and finally it was decided to appoint Messrs. H. T. Ceperley, J. J. Banfield, H. F. Heisterman and H. G. Ross a committee to draw up a form of policy to be submitted to the board for approval at a later date.

The rating of sawmills was, after discussion, finally dropped, it being decided to leave matters as heretofore.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. H. T. Ceperley, Vancouver; first vice-president, C. E. Woods, Westminster; second vice-president, Mr. J. C. Maclure (Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.) Victoria; secretary and treasurer, C. R. Townley, Westminster. Executive committee:—Victoria, C. E. Dickenson, J. St. Clair Blackett and J. Holland; Vancouver, C. F. Yates, A. H. Smith, A. A. Boak; Westminster, A. W. Ross, F. J. Hart and T. R. Pearson; Nanaimo, J. M. Rudd, Marcus Wolff and A. E. Planta.

The next annual meeting will be held at Vancouver.

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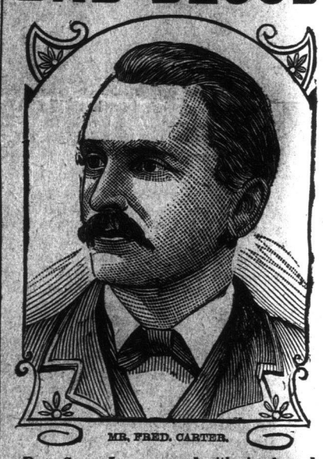

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Premier Davie Addresses tial and Enthusiastic Ga Government Suppor

A Candid and Cogent S First Minister Warmly and Applauded.

There was a very large attend meeting of supporters of the go the central committee rooms, V Thursday night. Ex-Mayor presided, and as the Premier room he was received with hea After the chairman had warm Hon. Mr. Davie, General Secr Byrne submitted a series of special importance to the city of asking the action of the govern respect to them.

Hon. Mr. Davie, who was loud referred to the fact of the meetin ing all classes, saying all that he would ask was fair play. He kn tinued, that the questions which ing the public mind only required to bring about the government's Less than three months ago the had boasted that the governmen show its head in Vancouver, ago, that it was doomed to dest cause it dare not bring in a re bill and live. Never was the dumb lot of adversaries than when they found that the governm not only bring down a just and measure of redistribution, but w carry it through. He referred t made by the opposition to setatives of the Islands, Al Cariboo, that they would untouched if they would help government. Notwithstanding stacles, however, the government ried out what it had said it was p do. It brought in a fair measure bution, and the representatives stituencies mentioned, he was gl were loyal to the best interests of ince and voted for an honest bil could say that a just and reason ure of redistribution had not be in. He felt very hopeful of g success in the coming contest. sound common sense were given a prevail, then the government were in the past, so in the future the g would be found dealing fairly wit of Vancouver. (Loud cheers.)

Having answered in detail th questions of local importance w submitted to him, Hon. Mr. Davie to say that it was due to them an self to arm those present with the we which to meet the attacks of those going about misrepresenting the ment's policy and actions. As re Nakusp & Slocan railway, for in meet the wishes of many who study the matter pamphlets had b giving all the facts. The gover continued, in guaranteeing terest as it had done would saving in 25 years of more than over what it would have cost guaranteed the interest alone on th proposal of $25,000 a mile at 4 pe terest, but as against the gov guarantee there had been put up $ cash, and the government were t 40 per cent. of the gross of earnin road, so that it is considered th ment would have nothing to pay. the point of the opposition to or fusion, and then, claiming that $1 more than the cost of the road, that there had been boodling and co

The Government asked why no committee of inquiry; but the O had declared it would only be wash. When the Government fo the Opposition were not going to thing they determined to take the hand and call for a Royal comm that there would be no excuse f that politics had anything to do investigation. This was a bo in the Opposition camp. Thei of confusion was worthless of a complete and impartial tion. Their principle gun was

In regard to the public debt, M said that when the government to w Beaven belonged wanted to rais they could find no one to give it the De Cosmos, however, got it from S Douglas at 8 per cent., getting h per cent. for his trouble. The r was got at 6 per cent.; the Smith ment raised money at 4½ per cent. years ago Hon. Mr. Turner, mi finance, eclipsed all previous efforts ing a loan at three per cent. inte bonds selling at 83, equivalent to se bonds at par carrying from 3½ to 3⅔

Hon. Mr. Davie concluded: "W succeeded in bringing the credit province to so high a pitch that now second among all colonial secu the world? Not the opposition sure the other hand they have done all power to injure the credit of the Have they unfolded anything that i that they intend to do any bette whatever semblance of a policy th indicates that they would do wors people in this respect will do well to the bridge that has carried the The government have done well in and are prepared to do even bette future, and the people will suppo state of things rather than seek about a public calamity."

Hon. Mr. Davie invited the ele visit the committee rooms, saying a q of campaign literature had been pre meet the attacks of the opposition the house, but they, finding the beaten would probably, between n election day, hatch up fresh ones ap from time to time as their columns refuted. He concluded by expres hope to meet them all again before l

The Premier's speech was heart plauded during its delivery and whe down Hon. Mr. Davie was enthusi cheered.

On motion of ex-Ald. Costello, s by C. S. Douglas, a vote of thanks Premier for his able address was carr entire audience standing and cheerin

Subsequent to this highly su meeting, Hon. Mr. Davie being app by the chairman and vice-chairman Central Committee on the subject mortgage tax, said that it was the in of the Government to meet the nex with a revised system of taxation, the features of which would be the of this tax.

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