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NEW COUNCIL SWORN IN

Mayor and Aldermen Take the Oath of Office Before Mr. Justice Walkem.

His Worship Makes His Inaugural Speech—No Chinese Fireworks This Year—New Committees.

The members of Victoria's new city council were yesterday sworn in by Mr. Justice Walkem in the Full court room. Mr. W. J. Dowler, city clerk, acted as master of ceremonies, and one at a time, mayor and aldermen, came forward and took the oath of office. Mr. Justice Walkem then handed the city seal into the Mayor's hands and congratulated him and the aldermen on their election to the important office of looking after the interests of the city for the next year.

At eight o'clock last evening the council held their first meeting at the city hall, and in a very few minutes after the preliminary reading of the election returns things were proceeding as smoothly as possible. Ald. Wilson has his old seat at the left horn of the crescent of desks. Next to him is Ald. Kinsman; then Ald. McCandless, Hall, Humber, Humphrey, Phillips, Williams and McGregor in the order named.

Before attacking the little business of an opening night, Mayor Redfern addressed the aldermen as follows:

"Gentlemen,—It is very desirable at the commencement of the year to have a general review of the present condition of, and the probable needs and wants of the various municipal institutions, and it is with that object, and also that you may be acquainted somewhat with my own views on the subject, that I submit for your consideration the following remarks and suggestions. One of the most important questions the council will have to deal with, is the Point Ellice bridge suits, and while not admitting any liability on the part of the city, and without going into details on the subject, I think it would be advisable for the council to consider whether any arrangement can be arrived at without prejudice to the city's rights, whereby the whole of this question can be settled without any further resort to legal proceedings.

"Water Works.—The contractors for the construction of the works having failed to complete the same, the council last July determined the contract and placed it in the hands of the engineer for completion, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the contract which constitute the engineer the judge as to what work is necessary to be done. In his report he states that the work will be completed about the end of March, but before filtered water can be supplied to the city it will be necessary that the receiver or reservoir be completed, which will cost about $13,000. As the water works loan is all expended, it will be for the council to consider how that sum is to be provided.

"Street Work and Improvement.—The need of street improvement is as urgent now as it was a year ago, but as the ratepayers have expressed a decided objection to any further loans for that purpose, it would be well for the council to consider whether a system of paving the business streets can be introduced on the local improvement plan. Before Government street can be paved, a larger water main will have to be laid; but a great improvement in that street could be effected if the property owners would put down permanent sidewalks, the city undertaking to lay the curb stones, and grant the allowance usual for such work, while on Broad, Yates, Johnson and Fort streets a system of paving can be commenced at once, if the property owners are willing to pay the cost of the same, which would be quickly repaid to them through the increased rental value it would give to their property. For the ordinary street work as large an amount as possible should be appropriated out of revenue after providing for all the fixed charges of the corporation, which appropriation in order to insure a more systematic method of conducting street work should in my opinion be divided into two parts—one to include the amount necessary for street cleaning, sprinkling and ordinary repairs to streets and sidewalks for which the engineer could give an estimate based on last year's expenditure, and which might be called the ordinary street account. The other part might be called construction account, and before any money is expended on that account I would recommend that the engineer and street superintendent be instructed to prepare a report to the council showing the streets of the city that are in the greatest need of improvement, with an estimate of the cost of the work in each street; that report could be referred to the street committee for their consideration, who would recommend to the council the order in which the work should be undertaken, with any suggestions that they might wish to make on the subject. Upon the adoption of the street committee's report instructions would go to the engineer's office for the work to be carried out as far as the funds available will permit. A certain amount of the appropriation would have to be reserved to meet any possible unforeseen contingencies that may arise. If some such plan be adopted, I am confident that the street work can be carried on more satisfactorily and more economically than it is at present.

"Sewer Extension.—In order to provide for the extension of the sewerage system without adding to the debt of the city, I would recommend to the council the introduction of a by-law imposing a small frontage tax on property abutting on the sewers, as a rent for use of sewer; all money received from that source to be applied to sewer extension only. There are at present about thirteen miles of sewers, and a tax of 10 cents per foot per annum would give a revenue for sewerage purposes of about $12,000, and as that amount would increase every year on account of the additional sewers laid down, in a very few years the whole city would be sewered without any addition to the city debt.

"Cemetery.—As the present cemetery ground is fast filling up and more ground will have to be provided before long, it will be for the council to consider the advisability of acquiring a new site for the old men's home and utilizing the land now occupied by the home for cemetery purposes, for which it was originally purchased. Neither the site nor the building is suitable for the home, and in my opinion it would be better to acquire a new site and remove the home than to purchase new land for cemetery purposes.

"Library.—The small amount available for library purposes, viz: $1,200 per annum, is wholly inadequate for its proper maintenance, and in view of the great demands likely to be made upon its resources this year on account of increasing population, an application should be made to the people for permission to make a larger appropriation.

"Police.—The question of an increase of the police force is one deserving your earnest consideration. The chief in his annual report asks for four or six more constables, the request is approved of by the police commissioners, and as the maintenance of law and order is one of the first duties of the municipal authorities I trust the council will be able to grant the addition.

"Committees.—Last year as there were several questions at issue between the Council and the waterworks contractors, I deemed it advisable to appoint a special Waterworks committee to assist the Mayor in dealing with them, but this year the works having been taken out of their hands and placed in the hands of the engineer for completion, the need of such a committee no longer exists. When it comes to a final settlement with the contractors the question will be one for the council to deal with. In the appointment of committees I have reduced the number to nine, as I believe no good results from having committees on the list that have no functions to perform. I have therefore omitted the following from last year's list, viz.: Hack, Market, Pound, Printing and Special Waterworks committees, and should any question arise in any of those departments that requires special investigation, it can be referred to one of the other standing committees, or to a select committee appointed for that purpose.

The estimates will be prepared and submitted for your consideration at as early a date as possible, and any other matters that may require your consideration will be submitted to you as occasion may arise."

His Worship then announced that he had appointed the following standing committees for the year:

Cemetery—Aldermen Humber, Phillips and Wilson.

Electric Light—Aldermen Humphrey, MacGregor and Humber.

Finance—Aldermen McCandless, Hall and Williams.

Fire Wardens—Aldermen Wilson, MacGregor and McCandless.

Library—Aldermen MacGregor, McCandless and Humphrey.

Home for Aged and Infirm—Aldermen Kinsman, Williams and Hall.

Park—Aldermen Hall, Phillips and Kinsman.

Sewerage—Aldermen Phillips, Wilson and Humber.

Streets and Bridges—Aldermen Williams, Kinsman and Humphrey.

One of the first acts of the council was to decide that there is to be no letting off of fireworks by the Chinese in the streets to celebrate their New Year. The Mayor announced that he had received a request from the Chinese Benevolent Society through Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken to allow fireworks to be discharged all Friday and Saturday nights next, but His Worship said that for his part he was opposed to this in view of the sad accident which occurred last year, when a little boy was killed by a team that had become frightened by the explosion of fire crackers, and bolted. Under the circumstances the Mayor had preferred to let the council deal with the letter, instead of settling the matter himself.

The council were all of the Mayor's opinion, and on motion of Ald. Kinsman, seconded by Ald. Wilson, the request of the Chinese was refused.

A request from William Malpass that the city pay the doctor's bill for attendance on his wife, who was injured by a defective sidewalk on David street, was referred to the streets committee for report.

F. J. Claxton and seventeen others wrote calling attention to the disgraceful condition of Fernwood road. This was referred to the streets committee and city engineer to report.

The building bylaw amendment was reconsidered and finally passed, and it was decided to invite tenders for printing the annual reports.

Just before the council adjourned Ald. Humphrey suggested that a select committee should be appointed to look into necessary amendments to the Municipal Act. This met with general approval, and the Mayor named as the committee Ald. Humphrey, Hall and MacGregor.

The new School Board will hold their first meeting at the secretary's office on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

There was a report on the street yesterday that a legal suit would arise out of the failure of the Ole Olsen Co. arriving in Victoria too late on Monday night to fulfil their engagement, but this turned out erroneous. The company did their best to get here and the slow Sound steamer did its best to get them here, but the boat could not make fast time and the patient company could not shorten the distance, so the theatre people and the patient Ole Olson's had to grin and bear their loss. Ole Olson is expected to play here on February 1, as Manager Jamieson arranged that date with the manager by telegraph yesterday.

For Ten Cents

Have you ever tried to estimate the satisfaction, pleasure and financial returns that you get when you spend ten cents for a package of Diamond Dyes? The advantages and profits are strickingly wonderful. Faded and dingy looking dresses, blouses, capes knitted shawls, hose, lace curtains, and pieces of drapery are all restored to their original value and usefulness. The truth is, they are made as good as new and, the cost only ten cents.

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LOCAL TRAFFIC BRISK.

Puget Sound Company Add a Large Vessel With Victoria for Terminus.

Movements of the Australian Steamers—From Collier to Passenger Service.

It will be very disappointing to all calculations and preparations at present being made by both American and Canadian steamship companies, if British Columbia cities do not enjoy the principal part of this year's northern business. The Puget Sound and Alaska Steamship Company fully realize this, and have chartered the steamship Pakshan, a 2,000 ton vessel, to run north from Victoria and Vancouver in connection with this business, making this port her southern terminus instead of Seattle or other Puget Sound ports to which it might have been thought that this ship would ply. The Pakshan will be due to arrive in about a month, and arrangements for her accommodation in Vancouver have just been perfected by Mr. J. E. Macrae, of Tacoma. The programme which the ship is to follow calls for her loading at Vancouver first, and then completing her cargo at Victoria. The Pakshan is capable of carrying 600 passengers and 1,000 tons of freight. It is not yet known whether she will bring a cargo across the Pacific when coming to Victoria.

THE AUSTRALIAN LINERS.

The Canadian-Australian steamer Warrimoo is due to arrive from the Antipodes on the 29th instant. When she reaches Vancouver her new surgeon, Dr. S. McMunn, of Winnipeg, will join.

The Aorangi completed her trip from these waters to Sydney, N.S.W., on the 12th inst.

The Mariposa from Sydney for San Francisco via Auckland and Honolulu, sailed on Saturday.

TO BE CONVERTED.

According to the San Francisco Call the steamer Progreso left that port on the 13th and on her last voyage as a collier. That paper says: "She is to be turned into a passenger vessel and will be put on the run to St. Michael's in the spring. The intention is to build her up in a similar manner to the work that was done on the Walla Walla and Umatilla years ago, and in that way turn her into one of the finest passenger boats on the Coast. When all the alterations are completed the new Progreso will have accommodation for at least 600 passengers. A new steamer to take the place of the Progreso in the coal trade is to be brought from the East."

MARINE NOTES.

Among the passengers who went North by the steamer Danube, in addition to those already mentioned, were Francis S. Shrapnel and Olaf Haugha. Mr. Shrapnel is the youngest grandson of the late General Shrapnel, of the British artillery.

The old and very familiar bark Melrose came back to the Royal Roads yesterday afternoon under engagement to Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd., to load lumber at Saanich for Mexico.

The C.P.R. bulletin yesterday announced the arrival at New York on the 15th inst. of the American liner St. Paul and the White Star liner Britannia.

Steamer Oscar brought in a load of grain from Roche Harbor, consigned to the Brackman & Ker Co., on Sunday.

THE RESERVED CLAIMS.

"The general size of mining claims will be 250 feet, and discoverer's claims 500 feet. Every alternate ten claims shall be reserved by the government of Canada. Subaqueous mining leases will be issued in five mile sections with a fee of $100 per annum and the usual royalty."—Extract from Times' special dispatch from Ottawa, Colonist, 18 January, 1898.

To the Editor:—Example: After infinite hardship and privation, A discovers a new creek and stakes off 500 feet as a discovery claim, which all will admit he fully deserves. B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J follow and locate 250 feet each above or below him, in all, including the discovery claim, ten claims, or 2,750 feet, just 110 feet over half a mile. The government then own 2,500 feet above and 2,500 feet below these ten claims, making about one and a half miles of the creek, two-thirds of which is owned by the government. All past experience in creek diggings goes to show that one and a half miles generally takes the cream of the diggings. Should ten claims above and below the government sections be then staked off, the government again comes in for the alternate sections. About three and a half miles will thus be located, the government owning, or rather reserving, four-sevenths, and the discoverer and other miners owning three-sevenths. The miners are then taxed $10 each yearly for license, and 10 per cent. of the gross output over $2,500 per year. Two miles of Antler, Williams, Lightning, Van Winkle and Lowhee creeks in Cariboo; Vital, Germanson, Manson, Lost and Black Jack creeks in Omineca, and McDame, Thibet and other creeks in Cassiar, took in all the good paying ground, and although the creeks in Klondyke are undoubtedly richer and of greater extent, still we may be sure that the experience gained in Cariboo, Omineca and Cassiar will to a certain extent hold good in the Yukon country. When we consider that probably 50,000 mining licenses will be taken out, yielding an income of half a million; the large revenue that will be collected for dutiable goods coming into the country; the large increase to the output of Canadian manufactures, and the immense revenue that will be derived from the sale of one half the claims in the Yukon country and other sources consequent upon the increase of population, such as the sale of lands, townsites, etc., we may well pause and ask the question, is this not trying to "kill the goose that lays the golden egg"? Will not such a grasping policy tend to dishearten prospectors and miners, and by placing a heavy burden on the men who are the bone and sinew of the country have a tendency to drive them either out of the country altogether or into Alaska.

Under the "subaqueous" (whoa now!) mining leases, a company of ten can go up to Stewart river, say, and take up fifty miles of the river and, by paying 1,000 per year, hold the ground against all comers. A splendid chance for the big mining companies to acquire fifty or one hundred miles of rich "subaqueous" gravel and boom it on the London market. Good prospects of from 1 cent to 5 cents to the pan can be obtained along the Stewart river. What a chance for a taking prospectus! If one square foot of gravel yields 10 cents, what will the company's property—100 miles long, 500 yards wide and 10 feet deep—yield? Would not this be a dainty dish to lay before the British investor? It is really too bad of the Dominion government to ask 10 per cent. of this hard-earned dividend.

Old Miner.

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS.

Funeral Ceremony at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Connection With the Burial of Bishop Lootens.

For the second time within a few months St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral yesterday witnessed the solemn requiem services for a reverend bishop, and a large congregation gathered to do respect to the dead. Clad in his episcopal robes the body of the venerable Bishop Lootens lay on a bier within the altar rails, the dead man not yet consigned to his coffin, but lying as if on a couch so that the familiar features could be seen by the congregation. The mourning trappings were few—the bishop's throne covered in purple and near the altar some black hangings round the large candle sticks, while lighted candles were placed around the bier. The solemn requiem mass was to music harmonized by the man for whose death it was being sung. The celibrant was Archbishop Gross, of Portland; the deacons of honor, Father Morgan, of Westminster, and Father Maniouloux, of Port Townsend, the deacon and sub-deacon of the mass, Father Verbeke of Nanaimo, and Father Leterme of Victoria. Bishop O'Dea of Vancouver, Washington, assisted; the cantors were Father Althoff of Victoria, and Father Heynen of Wellington; and Father Whelen of Westminster was master of ceremonies, and Father Van Gothen chaplain to Bishop O'Dea.

The funeral sermon was preached by Father Newell of Portland, who belongs to the Dominican order, whose special training is in preaching. Father Newell was chosen as he perhaps better than anyone else knew Bishop Lootens, the just dead bishop having specially looked after the education of Father Newell and helped him forward in his studies for the priesthood. The work of Bishop Looten's life was touched upon, his earlier labors in California and his duties as a bishop in Idaho. The preacher spoke in loving remembrance of the good bishop's kindly life and of his helpfulness to his fellow men. It was from ill-health that the bishop was obliged to resign his active duties in Idaho, and for the past twenty years he has lived a tranquil, uneventful life in Victoria.

The dead bishop lay in state all yesterday afternoon and evening, and this morning the interment will take place at Saanich, the clergy going out by the eleven o'clock train on the Victoria and Sidney and meeting the hearse, which leaves the city at an earlier hour.

Only the simple prayers for the dead will be made at the grave side, the island clergy only taking part, as the Archbishop, Bishop O'Dea and the mainland clergy were obliged to leave for their homes this morning.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

THE TRAIL SMELTER.

We owe it to all parties concerned to cry a truce to this perpetual buying and selling of the Trail smelter. The citizens of Trail know that the editor of the News is in the confidence of the "powers that be" on Smelter Heights, and that Mr. Heinze seldom closes an important deal before consulting us; and we give you the information, gratis, that the Trail smelter has not been sold, and that there is no particular desire on Mr. Heinze's part to sell it. It is a good property, and worth holding to, and he's the boy that can hold it as long as he desires to.—Trail Creek News.

THAT RELIEF EXPEDITION.

What is this expedition going to do? What is it for? Is it merely to create the impression among Yukon miners that the U. S. government still has them under its wing, or is it, as the British Columbia papers seem to think, merely a gigantic advertising dodge? At any rate the circumstances seem to give room for the suspicion that it is not actuated by pure benevolence, which might find its opportunity among U. S. citizens nearer home than the Canadian Yukon.—Montreal Gazette.

SELF HELP RECOMMENDED.

Would it not be a good idea to form an association of all those interested in Big Bend. Such a body, actuated solely by a desire to open up and develop the trade of that camp, could if properly and actively conducted, be very instrumental for good in this direction. A similar association has been formed in Kaslo for developing trade with the Lardo-Duncan country and has been very successful indeed. Nelson also has a committee to look after connections with Fort Steele.—Kootenay Mail.

MR. HEINZE'S INTERESTS.

It is currently reported in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and elsewhere, that negotiations are now in an advanced stage between Mr. Heinze and well-known Eastern capitalists, who are largely interested in mining and other schemes in this province, for the acquirement of all the interests that gentleman has in Kootenay, such as railways, smelters and mines. There is still a considerable difference in the price placed by Mr. Heinze upon his property and that which buyers are willing to pay therefor; but the hope is strong that in a day or two at the furthest both parties will have reached that stage in their negotiations when a final decision will be made and the documents signed.—Vancouver World.

WE WILL GET THEM.

Permanent settlers in Cariboo, Peace River, Omineca and Cassiar, are worth far more to British Columbia than any number of transient visitors.—Inland Sentinel.

TIME TO GET READY.

It is probably not too early for British Columbia to begin preparation for making a mineral exhibit at the World's fair to be held in Paris, France, in 1900.—Rossland Record.

Rigby waterproof peajackets, pants and smox. Very heavy. B. Williams & Co.

MORE NEW VESSELS.

Contract Let for Four to Be Built Immediately in the Clyde Shipyard.

Albion Iron Works Commences Work on a Steel Steamer for the C. P. N. Company.

F. M. Rattenbury and others associated with him in business have given the contract to Mr. J. Stephens, of the Clyde ship yard, for three new stern-wheeled steamers to ply on Lake Bennett. These vessels are to be ready for shipment North within thirty days, and towards that end a large force of men will be engaged in the building operations. All three vessels will be stern-wheelers, 80 feet long, of 16 feet beam and will have a draught of 18 inches when laden. They will be wooden boats and the machinery for each will be supplied by the Albion Iron Works. The contract for taking the hulls of the vessels into the lake will be distinct from that of either the furnishing of the machinery or the building of the hulls. A fourth steamer to be built at the Clyde yard will be a twin screw which Mr. Stephens has the contract from a Tacoma firm for constructing. Like the other steamers this one will be hurriedly pushed forward to completion. It is intended to ply on Lake Teslin.

A STEEL STERN-WHEELER.

Down near Spratt's wharf, on Store street, a new shipyard has sprung into existence, in which the first stern-wheeled steel vessel ever put together in this province is to be built, her keel being laid in a very few days. The vessel which has been previously referred to is to be built by the Albion Iron Works Co., whose machinists have already commenced work on the frame. The steamer, inside of sixty days, will be afloat and ready for service on the Stickeen when that river opens to navigation. Within a fortnight over half a hundred men will be employed on the vessel and there are at present upwards of twenty engaged in the company's shops and in their new yard making preparations. The steamer is to be constructed for the C. P. N. company. She is to be 140 feet long, 28 feet beam and will have a depth of about five feet. R. F. Stephens, a brother to W. J. Stephens, the well-known ship builder, is to be foreman of the new yard. He says the craft will be one of the finest vessels of her kind on the Pacific coast, if not the speediest, as provision is being made for her to run 17 knots an hour. She will be of very sharp lines and will be very little smaller than the R. P. Rithet, which steamer is known to every frequenter of the water front.

ENTERS THE FREIGHTING BUSINESS.

The melodious calliope of the steam barge Spratt's Ark, which was heard with more than delightful frequency in the days when wrecking operations were extensively carried on about the old San Pedro, is soon to be heard again. This big scow shaped craft has changed hands, passing from the ownership of Mr. George Byrnes to the possession of the Klondyke and Columbia Gold Fields Co. She will in future be operated in the freighting business between Victoria and Wrangel. For this purpose she will immediately undergo an overhauling.

THE YEAR'S SHIPPING.

In their December shipping report R. P. Rithet & Co. thus review business during the year just past: A quiet and rather uneventful year has been 1897, but one of steady progress all the same. And it has been marked by one episode that will become historical—the first rush to Klondyke. This occurred in the late summer and was brief, but exciting while it lasted. Availing of the experience gained through similar incidents in years gone by, Victoria merchants met the emergency without any trouble. They are now fully prepared to deal with the vastly greater rush that will be upon us in the spring. The advantages of Victoria as a shipping point are obvious, but it may not be so well known that it is also the best place to fit out; that all necessary supplies can be had at the most moderate prices, and that the goods being bought in Canada, there can be no trouble or delay at the frontier, nor will there be any duty to pay. Victoria is easily reached from any part of the world, and it is equally easy to get from there by sea to the Yukon river or to the beginning of any of the overland routes to Klondyke. The transportation facilities afforded here will be greater than from any other port. Commenting on the staple industries of British Columbia, it may be said briefly that the lumber trade was active during the first half of the year, but fell off considerably later on, and at the close there is almost nothing doing. But this is mainly owing to the absence of tonnage. The coal industry has not been altogether satisfactory, while the same may be said of salmon. It is true the pack was the largest on record, but this has its disadvantages and a failing market is one. However, measures are being taken to meet the situation and almost as we write news comes of a combination of canners, designed to deal with present prices and regulate the pack for next year.

MARINE NOTES.

In order to arrive here in good time, the steamer Sehome left Tacoma two hours before her schedule time yesterday morning, so that Victorians were not last evening again disappointed in a theatrical engagement as they were on the previous evening. At the office of the local agent of the steamer no word had yesterday been received as to when the City of Kingston would resume service. Her overhauling in Tacoma is being made very thorough.

After being four months in the hands of mechanics the Lorne re-entered service last evening, crossing to Port Angeles for the ship Oriental, there waiting to be towed to Nanaimo. Before returning to port the Lorne will tow to sea from Nanaimo the coal-laden ship C. F. Sargeant.

To-night the P.C.S.S. City of Puebla will leave for San Francisco, and as she is the last boat going south before the alteration in passenger rates comes into effect the book will it is thought be very heavy.

The steam wrecker Whitelaw, of San Francisco, returned to Victoria yesterday for the balance of the old iron obtained from the San Pedro wreck, and that has been lying on the wharf for several months.

Capt. Gage, of San Francisco was in charge of the steamer Walla Walla when that vessel arrived from the south last night, Capt. Wallace, the regular skipper of the ship, being now on a furlough in the East. The steamer carried a full complement of passengers and a large cargo.

A number of passengers and considerable freight were to be taken on here by the P.C.S.S. Corona, which is due on Thursday night for the North.

The C. P. R. bulletin announces that the Beaver liner Lake Ontario arrived at St. John, N.B., at noon yesterday from Liverpool, England.

The schooner Carrie C. W., carrying a crew of eight white men and 30 Indians, has left for the North Pacific ocean.

THE CITY.

The funeral of the late William Page took place yesterday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Wilson reading the services and Messrs. Robert Savage, James Young, D. Coulter and E. Williams acting as pallbearers.

The Del Conte Italian Grand Opera Company have said nothing at all about it, but they actually have the largest company that has been seen here for some time. Fifty-three members of the company came over from Seattle by the Sehome yesterday.

This evening Seghers Council, No. 85, Y.M.I., will hold an open meeting in their hall for the purpose of forming a second council of the order in this city. Invitations have been sent to every eligible Catholic in the city. Rev. James Newell, of Portland, Ore., an eloquent and forcible speaker, will deliver the opening address.

An enjoyable evening is promised all who attend the open lodge to be given to-night in Semple's hall by Victoria West lodge I.O.G.T. Among these contributing to the programme may be mentioned Mr. J. G. Brown, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, W. H. Trowsdale and several members of the lodge. Refreshments will be served and the programme will conclude with the laughable temperance farce entitled "We're All Teetotallers," by six members of the lodge.

The Full court have appointed as examiners for their respective districts the registrars of Victoria, Vancouver, Westminster, Nanaimo, Clinton and West Kootenay districts, and their respective deputies, the deputy district registrar at Nelson and the registrar of the subregistry at Rossland. Hitherto the registrars have been appointed examiners as each individual case arose, but the present order will have the effect of lessening the expenses of litigants.

Maude Lord, who was remanded recently on a charge of keeping disorderly houses on Broughton street adjoining St. Andrew's church, was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae again yesterday and fined $25 and $2 costs. The managers of St. Andrew's church instituted the proceedings after the defendant had been allowed two weeks in which to vacate the houses. If the houses are again used for immoral purposes, Magistrate Macrae says he will send the woman to jail without the option of a fine.

The appeal in Hobbs v. E. & N. railway opened yesterday, and will continue this morning at 11 o'clock. Hobbs brought suit against the defendants for specific performance of contract, claiming that while the deed which defendants offered him for land he purchased excepted the coal on the land, that his agreement with the company's land commissioner did not have this exception. At the trial decision was given against plaintiff, who now appeals. Mr. A. E. McPhillips for plaintiff (appellant); Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., for defendant (respondent).

The committee on harbors and navigation at the special council meeting of the Board of Trade, Monday, sent in a report dealing with aids to navigation in northern waters. It is recommended, in view of the fact that a large number of vessels will from now on go from Victoria to Queen Charlotte Sound by the inside passage, that immediate steps be taken to induce the government to place lights and fog horns at prominent points on the route. The proposal to run an excursion from Seattle to Victoria as soon as the Kingston is again on the route was also discussed.

HER INTERESTING STORY.

A well-known Brighton lady tells what she thinks regarding Heart Trouble, and how to cure it.

Mrs. Stephen P. Clapp tells what Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills did for her. Mrs. Clapp says, "I have been a sufferer from extreme nervousness for years, and for the last two years my heart ha-

troubled me greatly. I could not sleep soundly, and would often awaken with a start, together with a curious feeling as if my heart had stopped beating, and it would be some time before I could recover myself. At times I became very dizzy, and a mist gathered before my eyes. I have taken many kinds of patent medicines, but could get nothing to relieve me. Finally I received a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and am glad to say that they gave me relief in a very short time. I now sleep well, my nerves are steady and strong, and I am better in every way than I have been for years.

I can recommend Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills very highly to those suffering from any trouble affecting the heart and nerves, for I know that they have been a great boon to me."

(Signed) Mrs. Stephen P. Clapp,
Brighton, Ont.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Monopoly of the Official Report on Klondyke Secured to Toronto Liberal Publisher.

Kootenay Customs Offices Rearranged and Rossland and Kaslo Made Chief Ports.

Inch Boards Wanted in Cape Colony—Mrs. Sternaman Will Have a New Trial.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—From the 1st of April next Rossland and Kaslo, which are outports of Nelson, will be made chief ports and warehousing ports of customs. Nakusp will be detached from Nelson and placed under Kaslo, and Trail taken from Nelson and put under Rossland.

The case of Mrs. Sternaman, which is exciting great interest, has taken a new and unexpected turn. She is not to be hanged on Thursday, neither is the sentence commuted to life imprisonment. The executive has in fact taken a new departure in Canadian criminal procedure by ordering a new trial. The sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Mills, Davies, and Scott recommended this course. Although the cabinet was not a unit on the matter, yet a majority to-day approved the recommendation. The new criminal code provides that if reasonable doubt exists in a case instead of remitting the sentence a new trial may be ordered, and this has been done. This clause was inserted in the code at the instance of Justice Stephens, who tried the Maybrick case.

Dan. A. Rose (Klondyke Dan), of Toronto, was in town to-day in connection with the publication of Mr. Ogilvie's report. He asked permission for Mr. Ogilvie to go to Toronto to correct the proof sheets of the volume and save time. Inquiry at the department of agriculture elicits the information that Mr Rose will have no difficulty in securing copyright so long as he is able to prove his title, and this he has been astute enough to procure from Mr. Sifton.

James Huddart, managing director of the Canadian-Australian steamship line, arrived here to-day.

Information has reached the department of trade and commerce that there is an excellent market for Canadian inch planed boards in Cape Colony.

Wm. Dunn of Chicago to-day secured a verdict of $8,610 from the Prescott elevator company for alleged careless handling of grain, by which it was depreciated in value, and loss sustained in British markets.

At a joint meeting of the provisional committee and the Ottawa committee of the Victorian Order at the Governor-General's office to-day it was decided to engage superintendents of districts, visiting nurses, for work to be begun in the immediate future in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

Nothing is known in government circles of the officer named Lewis who is reported by cable to be organizing a Klondyke relief expedition in Denmark.

The inland revenue department effected 215 seizures last year.

HOSTILE TO CANADA.

Congress Again to Take Up the Bill to Harass Workingmen of the Dominion.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The immigration bill which passed the senate yesterday will be pushed in the house with a view of securing early action. Chairman Danford, of the house immigration committee, said that he would endeavor to have the committee on rules fix a time for considering the bill. The only question is whether the measure will be urged as it passed the senate or will take the form of the McCall bill. The latter includes the educational test, both reading and writing, while the senate bill as it finally passed that body to-day limited the test to reading alone. Representative W. A. Stone, who has taken an active part in immigration matters, favors accepting the senate measure as it stands in order to avoid a protracted struggle. He will move when the bill comes from the senate that it lay on the speaker's table subject to be called up at any time when the appropriation bills are on the way. For the present there is a purpose to urge the Corliss "bird's of passage" restriction applying plainly to the Canadian border, and action on this branch of the subject will be taken independent of the present bill.

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