The Annual Convention

Sunday School Workers in Session---Discuss Methods of Work.

Competition on Lesson Outline Sunday School Statistics Officers Elected.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The following account of the convention of the Sunday school workers of the city and district, held in the Metropolitan Methodist school room on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday last, has been handed to the Colonist for publication:

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, R. B. McMicking; first vice-president, T. W. Martindale; second vice-president, Rev. Joseph McCoy; third vice-president, Dr. Lewis Hall; fourth vice-president, Mrs. R. G. Howell; fifth vice-president, John Mackenzie; recording and corresponding secretary, Angus Galbraith; statistical secretary, H. W. Northcott; treasurer, H. Siddall; executive committee, A. Huggett, L. Pengelley and W. C. Holt.

The next meeting will be held in the Congregational Church on the last Monday and Tuesday in March, 1904.

The statistical secretary reported as follows:

	Scholars Enrolled	Teachers and Officers Enrolled.	Aver. Attendance (whole school).	Money Raised (April 1, 1902, to March 31, 1903).
Methodist—				
Metropolitan	370	29	296	$506 15
Centennial	316	32	235	332 10
James Bay	137	12	88	165 00
Victoria West	107	17	76	174 83
Spring Ridge	145	19	115	585 00
Strawberry Vale	40	5	30	40 00
South Saanich	25	4	14	15 00
North Saanich	35	4	25	20 00
Presbyterian—				
First	203	29	179	149 45
St. Andrew's	128	11	66	108 70
St. Paul's	110	9	60	150 00
Knox	75	10	60	86 00
St. Columba	105	10	85	151 65
Cedar Hill	38	8	28	37 00
Baptist—				
Calvary	147	19	128	137 95
Emmanuel	121	12	87	129 44
Burnside	90	7	50	84 75
Victoria West	35	5	28	56 95
South Saanich	45	7	30	27 35
Ref'm'd Episcopal	119	10	87	205 15
Congregational	55	9	55	73 00
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James Bay Presbyterian not included; did not report.

The attendance of workers at the convention, as per register, including both evenings, is as follows:

Metropolitan Methodist	38
Centennial	11
Victoria West Methodist	0
Spring Ridge Methodist	6
James Bay Methodist	0
First Presbyterian	21
St. Andrew's	7
Knox Presbyterian	10
St. Columba	7
Victoria West Presbyterian	0
Calvary Baptist	12
Emmanuel Baptist	12
Victoria West Baptist	3
Burnside	3
Congregational	5
Reformed Episcopal	1
Strawberry Vale Methodist	2
South Saanich Methodist	2
Saanich Baptist	4

Attendance at convention, exclusive of visitors—Tuesday, 75; Wednesday, 80.

A distinctive feature of this year's convention was the lesson outline competition. The staffs of all the schools of the city and district were requested to send in a teaching outline of the second chapter of Nehemiah, suitable for an intermediate class, ages 8 to 14. No name was attached to any of the papers, which were submitted to Rev. Joseph McCoy for examination. His report is as follows:

There were four lesson outlines submitted for examination.

The examiner desires to express great pleasure in finding such a high degree of excellence in all the papers submitted. Each one was well thought out, and the plan well executed.

To facilitate judgment among the outlines, a scale of marks was adopted as follows:

Faithfulness to Text	20
Bearing on the Evangel	20
Clearness	20
Brevity	20
Definiteness and Impressiveness	20
Total	100

After very careful examination, the outlines denominated received marks as follows:

(C)	91
(D)	89
(A)	85
(B)	84

It is felt that such intelligent and careful preparation on the part of the teachers as is shown in these outlines can scarcely fail to produce a marked effect for good on the scholars of their classes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH McCOY.

The following are the papers submitted:

LESSON OUTLINES.

(C)

I.—Topic, "Nehemiah's Mission." II. Chap. Neh.

II.—Truth to be impressed (thought in teacher's mind). Every one should have a purpose in life, and that can be best accomplished by choosing Christ and following Him, in the face of all opposition.

III.—Lesson—1. Introduction: (a) Review, condition of Jerusalem; walls broken down; Chap. 1. (use blackboard). (b) State theme more fully; tell the class we are going to study about a man who had a great purpose, and how he accomplished it. Get his name and his purpose. 2.—Nehemiah's Preparation: (a) Desire implanted in his heart by God; (b) desire nurtured, shown by fasting and prayer; (c) received King's consent and assistance—here refer to obstacles. 3.—Nehemiah's Journey: Use map, describing the journey. 4.—Events at Jerusalem: (a) Viewed the walls by night; (b) announces his purpose; (c) Nehemiah supported, succeed at, and blundered; (d) Nehemiah's reply to his scoffers.

IV.—Illustrations: Refer to successful godly men whose names are familiar to the children.

V.—Deduction or Generalization: 1. Nehemiah succeeded in his mission because—(a) he nurtured and worked out the God-implanted desire; (b) he was patient and prayerful; (c) he was steadfast and energetic. 2. Show others can be similarly successful.

VI.—Application: We all have a purpose in life. How can we best accomplish it? By choosing Christ as our Saviour and following Him closely, in the face of all opposition; by being prayerful, patient, steadfast and energetic.

Golden Text—Matt. vi., 33: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

(D)

"The God of Heaven, He will prosper us."

Subdivisions of lesson, points. (1) Palace of Shusan—power of prayer; (2) the journey across the desert—a determined man; (3) the midnight ride—a practical man; (4) the meeting with the rulers, etc.—a leader.

1. Before beginning to teach lesson, review rapidly from captivity, dwelling on Nehemiah 1. Sketch on blackboard or show picture of palace; endeavor to have class realize its grandeur, also Nehemiah standing before king and queen. Why was he afraid? Having explained the despotic rule of Eastern monarchs, a bright scholar will readily see why. Impress on class that we need have no fear to make known our sorrows to God. "So I prayed to the God of Heaven." Not a long prayer, but the ready prayer that springs to the lips of those in the habit of daily prayer. Urge the class to take their sorrows to their Saviour. Explain duties of cup-bearer; class will readily tell that he would have access to the king only at stated times. We have access to our King at all times. Show class a roll containing the letters.

2. Picture the dreary journey; from incidents in daily life they will appreciate his determination. Those filled with the spirit of God know no fear.

3. Show picture or sketch outline of walls of Jerusalem by this journey he gained knowledge at first hand—better than hearsay; a few pointed questions will draw this from the class. The act of a practical man.

4. Paint a word picture of the meeting between Nehemiah and the rulers; his reasons; God was with them and the king commanded.

Notice—"Let us build." He brought no new workers—only an inspiration. All any work needs is a leader.

(A)

Title—The Patriotic Builder-Statesman.

Introduction.—The first chapter gives us a view of the existing conditions; Israel captive in Babylon. Nehemiah, cup-bearer to the king, hears of the deplorable condition of Jerusalem (Chap. 1:1-3). He acts wisely in confessing his own sins and the sins of the people. He then pleads God's promise. (Verses 8-11).

Scene.—Nehemiah, comparatively alone, sees the degradation caused by idolatry, as he listens to the story of Hanani and his companions concerning the wretched condition of Jerusalem. A fire begins to burn in his heart that burns intensely for four months. The desire to do something for his distressed countrymen and the city of their solemnities is seen on his countenance. With the question of the King as to the cause of sorrow, the lesson begins.

I.—Sorrow Shown. Verses 1-3.

(a) The sorrow of a Patriot, Verse 3, Psm. 137: 1-6. (b) The sorrow of a child, "My Father's Sepulchres," verse 3. (c) The sorrow of a devout man. The temple unprotected. "The gates thereof consumed with fire." Diaz of Cuba.

II.—Assistance Asked. Verse 4.

(a) Of God, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Elijah on Carmel. (b) Of the King, "Send me unto Judah." Jeremiah, "Here I am; send me." Co-operation of others should be solicited.

III.—Opportunity Offered. Verses 6-8.

(a) In answer to prayer; Geo. Miller's Orphanages. (b) Agreement entered upon; "Set him a time." (c) Necessary helps and safeguards secured. Passport needed; material for the wall required.

IV.—Proper Precautions.

(a) A personal survey of the ground. (b) Told what he saw and knew to others. (c) Declared unto them his mission. (d) The effect upon them, "Strengthened their hands."

V.—Opposition Organized. Verses 10, 19

(a) Grieved them exceedingly for that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. (b) Wrong motives were imputed.

VI.—The Unanswerable Answer.

(a) The God of Heaven, "He will prosper us." (b) We will work with God; therefore we, His servants, will arise and build. (c) You have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.

Application.

(1) Trust in God is a necessity in all Christian work. (2) Prayer is necessary to enable us to overcome difficulties. (3) He is a wise man who begins, carries on and ends every work with God.

(B)

1.—Theme. Nehemiah's loyalty to God and to his country.

2.—Teachers Purpose. To inspire the pupils with a love for God, and their country's highest welfare.

3.—Class Aim. To study the events leading up to the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah.

4.—Preparation of the minds of the pupils for lesson. Teach briefly, chronological and historical setting; also geographical setting, using map.

5.—Lesson. Teach the following facts: Nehemiah sad before the King; Nehemiah's request, and the King's favorable response; preparations of the journey, and the journey to Jerusalem; the night survey of the walls, Nehemiah's proposition, and the people's response; opposition, for the time, silenced. Impress the incidents of the lesson by drawing a series of mental pictures.

6.—Comparisons, (a) Joseph in Egypt; (b) Daniel in Babylon.

7.—Generalization. Faithful service in any position paves the way for greater usefulness.

8.—Application. (a) Be faithful in all the duties of life; (b) be true to God and to the best interests of your country, under all circumstances.

The paper (C) was from Calvary Baptist Sunday school; (D), First Presbyterian; (A), Emmanuel Baptist; (B), Metropolitan Methodist.

To Lay Mines At Esquimalt

Steam Launch Beryl Built For Imperial War Department Slides into Harbor.

Sister Vessel Will Be Launched in Few Days---Built By Machinery Depot.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The first vessel built on the Pacific for the Imperial War Office was launched yesterday afternoon when the steel twin-screw launch Beryl, built by the Victoria Machinery Depot for the War Office, at a cost of about $30,000, was slid into the upper harbor, and her sister vessel, the Topaz, will be launched about the end of the week. The steel launches Beryl and Topaz have been built for the submarine mining department of the Royal Engineers, and will be used for the protection of the Esquimalt naval station and harbor, both being specially equipped for the setting and laying of submarine mines and cables. They are provided with modern derricks and machinery for paying out and hauling the cables and setting the mines. The fore end of each vessel is sheathed with teak to prevent injury to the hull or to mines in a seaway, for the launches will be used for testing the mines when laid. The launches will charge the mines—the same being unloaded, of course—and signals will be given ashore to show that the mines are in good working order, ready for their mission of destruction if loaded.

The Beryl and Topaz are each fifty feet long between perpendiculars, with 13 feet moulded breadth and 5 feet 9 inches depth of hold. They have twin screw, vertical inverted surface condensing engines, with 6 and 13 inch cylinders with 8 inch stroke, developing 90 indicated horse power. The object of giving the vessels the double set of engines is not so much for speed, as to allow of their manoeuvring. Their work requires them to be handled exactly as to position, and with twin screws they will be able to turn in their own length.

The fore end of the launches is fitted with a derrick capable of lifting 2,500 pounds, and they have all the gear, windjoggle over the bow, and steam winch on deck and slewing engines in the forward hold, all arranged so that they can be worked from a station on the deck. The paying out and hauling gear is intact, and the teak casing over the steel bow will prevent the hull from injury by mines or cable in a seaway.

The launching of the Beryl presented a novel sight. Both that vessel and the Topaz were built under sheds on the wharf of the Victoria Machinery Depot, and owing to the position and the depth of water, it was found necessary to carry out the ways for launching over a scow, due allowance being made in the grade for the sinking of the scow when the weight of the vessel came on it. When the tide was at its height, about 2:50 p.m. yesterday, the steamer was slid into the water with appropriate ceremony, Mayor McCandless and a party of invited guests being present.

"Excuse me," said the good old deacon of the village church to the new parson, "but some members of the congregation complain that you do not speak loud enough."

"Well, deacon," replied the parson, "money talks, you know; but you can hardly expect $600 a year to give an imitation of a foghorn."—Chicago News.

The Anglican Conference

Proceedings at the Last Clericus Held at the Terminal City.

Church Dignitaries Who Were in Attendance and Who Took Part.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The Clerical Conference, held in Vancouver during the past few days, began on Tuesday, May 5th, with choral evensong, in St. James' church, and the fine choir was supplemented by numbers of clerics in surplice and wearing collegiate colors. The joyous notes of the full toned organ blended with hearts attuned, flooded the sacred edifice with hymns of praise, while the lights and vestments made an imposing spectacle, and the whole was a fitting tribute of homage to the Most High. An appropriate initiative to the discussions for work in His service, which were to follow; the address preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Dart of New Westminster, was vigorous and encouraging. After celebration of Holy Cimmunion at St. Paul's church at 7:30 a. m., on Wednesday morning, and breakfast given to the visitors at Columbia Lodge by the Venerable Archdeacon and Mrs. Pentreath, the sessions began in real earnest in the basement of Christ Church by a paper trenchant on "Christian Reunion," by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Spokane. Another was "Prayer-Book Revision and Enrichment," (so called) from the Very Rev. Dean Paget, Calgary. This paper was read by the chairman, Rev. H. G. Fennes-Clinton, in the unavoidable absence of its writer and brought forth much discussion. "Ideals of Clerical Life, Ancient and Modern," from the Rev. H. Gowen, Seattle, though an able paper from some points of view, and showing much research, was disappointing and uninstructive as regards "ideals." Ven. Archdeacon Small remarked on the "first necessity of personal holiness amongst the Clergy, of attention to their own penitence and daily recitation of their Divine offices, conscientiously, for themselves and their own sakes alone. Of purity and simplicity of life according to Christ's example; at the same time prepared for and on the lookout for difficulties, seizing them as strengtheners, since the boatman rowing smoothly has no test of his strength till he breasts the current. The Ven. gentleman is not easy to report, from his unfortunate habit of dropping his voice so often. The Rev. H. G. Fennes-Clinton suggested the reading of pattern lives as ideals, or drawing them from tested present day lives, and the Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath followed in the same strain, giving examples. The Rev. the Hon. C. Cummings-Bruce, Portland, gave a splendidly written, most instructive article on "Work Amongst Sailors," which was much appreciated, coming, as it did, from a practical worker. It threw light on the private life of "them that go down to the sea in ships," on the dangers of pitfalls of their land visits, on the difficulties of any degree of religious life for them while at sea; at the same time marking them as singularly faithful, brave, open-hearted, manly subjects. Rev. H. G. Fennes-Clinton, Vancouver, spoke at some length on the need of good literature for them while at sea and on mission churches for them at the various ports, since they fight shy of general churches. Also of the saving need for a little social life for them on land, and suggested that the ladies of various churches should take up this question of inviting them to social evenings, or to garden parties at their homes, and thus provide them with, what they miss for so many months in the year, a little home-life. Rev. J. Antle, Fairview, threw out some practical suggestions and paid a graceful tribute to the noble work done by the Rev. H. G. F. Clinton, unaided, for seamen at his Seamen's Institute, Vancouver, B. C. On Thursday, May 7th, the Conference ended in New Westminster with a reception in the evening by the Right Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Dart, at the See House, after papers read in St. George's Hall, New Westminster, on "Sunday Observance," by the Rev. Dr. Nevius, Blaine, and "Practical Christian Socialism," by the Rev. J. P. D. Llwyd, Seattle. Such gatherings of men of intellect and zeal are inspiring and refreshing and must enrich the whole church life. Woman's executive ability in church matters, however, is too great a factor to be left so severely out of the reckoning as in this last Conference, and it is to be hoped that papers of interest to ruling societies, women's auxiliaries, etc., will be brought forward and discussed at another time and thus, probably, be a spur to future effort on their part. The banquets provided by the ladies of the different churches, as a matter of course, brought forth many votes of thanks from the visitors. Leading dignitaries of the Anglican church from ten dioceses, were present and appended are the names of the visitors:

Clergy present up to date (12 noon) Thursday, May 7th, 1903:

Olympia Diocese.—Rev. T. E. Winecoff, Tacoma; Rev. J. P. D. Llwyd, Seattle; Rev. H. H. Gowen, Seattle; Rev. Dr. Nevius, Blaine.

Oregon Diocese—Rev. Edmund Simpson, Portland; Rev. the Hon. C. Cummings-Bruce, Portland; Rev. H. G. Chambers, Portland; Rev. W. E. Potwine, Pendleton, Rev. J. Warren, Pendleton.

Spokane Diocese.—Right Rev. Bishop L. N. Wells, Spokane; Rev. W. L. Bull, Spokane; Rev. W. H. Roots, Grangeville.

Columbia Diocese.—Ven. Archdeacon Service, Ladysmith; Rev. E. G. Miller, Victoria; Rev. J. Grundy, Victoria; Rev. Canon Newton, Victoria; Rev. D. Dunlop, Nanaimo; Rev. D. Connell, Cedar Hill; Rev. A. J. Hall, Alert Bay; Rev. F. J. Bowen, Nanaimo.

Qu'Appelle Diocese.—Rev. F. S. Chivers, Moose Jaw.

Calgary Diocese.—Rev. G. H. Hogbin, Calgary.

Kootenay Diocese.—Rev. H. Beacham, Cranbrook; Rev. E. P. Flewelling, Phoenix; Rev. H. A. Solly, Trout Lake.

New Westminster Diocese.—Right Rev. Bishop Dart, New Westminster; Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath, Vancouver; Ven. Archdeacon Small, Lytton; Rev. A. Shildrick, New Westminster; Rev. H. G. F. Flinton, (chairman), Vancouver; Rev. H. L. Underhill, (Hon. Sec.), Vancouver; H. L. Roy, Vancouver, G. H. Wilson, Vancouver; A. Antle, Vancouver; J. H. Davis, Vancouver; A. J. Green, Vancouver; C. J. Brenton, Vancouver; J. M. Donaldson, Steveston; E. W. W. Pugh, Lytton; C. Crowther, Yale; A. A. Dorrell, Ashcroft; D. D. Moore, Mission City; W. Bell, Sapperton; L. Amor, Ladner; H. W. Latterc, Langley.

HAYES FOUND GUILTY.

The jury on Friday morning brought in a verdict of guilty against Colonel Hayes, coupled with a strong recommendation to mercy. His Lordship thereupon sentenced the prisoner to a term of two years imprisonment. Pending the determination of the motion to quash the indictment on the alleged ground that C. W. Baxter, a member of the grand jury had been the agent of Capt. Irving in the transactions complained of, the prisoner is to be allowed out on bail in the amount of $10,000, the sureties not being restricted to the usual number of two.

IN CHAMBERS.

Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem presided in Chambers Tuesday and disposed of the following applications:

Dockstader vs. Clark—Application as to stay of proceedings dismissed with costs, balance of application to be dealt with by trial judge. Thornton Fell for plaintiff, E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for defendant.

Massam vs. Standard.—Order made for particulars to be given within one month. J. H. Lawson, jr., for plaintiff; H. Barnard for defendant.

Hudson's Bay Company vs. 43 Mining & Milling Company.—Order made renewing fi fa, on application of J. H. Lawson, jr.

Giscome vs Royds and Royds, claimant—Order made for commission to examine C. D. Royds and C. C. Bailey upon interrogatories and that trial be stayed until return of commission. J. P. Walls for claimant, and L. Bond for plaintiffs.

WHEN LIFE IS NOT LIFE.

"Without health life is not life; it is only a state of languor and suffering—an image of death." The use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food gives the weak, languid and discouraged a new hold on life. It makes the blood pure and rich, creates new nerve force and instils new energy and vitality into the whole being. It makes weak and sickly people strong and well by building up the system.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Tracheotomy Saves Child at Jubilee Hospital Suffering from Diphtheria.

Tracheotomy has been performed at the Jubilee hospital on a child suffering from a severe attack of diphtheria. The child was in a critical condition, but as a result of the operation is now reported to be on the road to recovery. A silver tube has been inserted into the windpipe. The case has aroused considerable interest among local medical men, as a number of children are being treated for diphtheria.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

List of Successful Candidates Who Passed Semi-Annual Papers.

The results in the semi-annual examinations of the Provincial Medical Society, which were concluded last Friday, were announced yesterday. The following candidates passed and have been duly registered on the rolls of the society: Charles N. Cobbett, who will practise in Vancouver; George G. Chipperfield, who intends practising in Revelstoke; J. Harrold Jones, who will be on the staff of the Royal Columbian Hospital at New Westminster; Harvey A. Christie, who is going to Van Anda; Lewis J. O'Brien, who goes to Nanaimo; John S. Burns, who goes temporarily to Kamloops; Edward W. Connolly, who is going to Chemainus for the present, but will probably locate in Lillooet; Walter Graham, who is going to Revelstoke, and Naboth Allan, who will probably practise his profession in Chilliwack.

Fixed Library Plans Matter

Aldermen at Lengthy Session Arrange Details of the Competition.

Local Committee of Experts Appointed to Make the Selection.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The chief matter discussed at a lengthy session of the Board of Aldermen last night, was on the report of the special committee arranging plans for the Carnegie library competition. The committee submitted a report which was almost an exact copy of the scheme followed by the city of Ottawa, with certain alterations so as to meet local conditions. The plans shall not be sent away to be adjudged by an expert, but shall be passed upon by a committee consisting of W. W. Northcott, John Adams and William Henderson. One month from notice in press will be given architects in which to submit plans. The building will sit five feet back from Yates street, and shall be entirely of stone. Those are the most important clauses in the entire scheme. Colonist readers having already had left before them the plan followed in the competition at Ottawa.

His Worship Mayor McCandless presided and all the aldermen were in their places.

Registrar Drake, of the Supreme Court forwarded copy of the Grand Jury's presentment. Received and filed.

Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, called attention on behalf of the association to the necessity of taking steps to abate the dust nuisance.

Ald. Yates said the sprinkling committee were endeavoring to make arrangements of an important character with the Tramway Company regarding sprinkling.

The letter was referred to the Streets' committee.

A. R. Milne, C. M. G., collector of customs, informed the board he had no authority to pass free of duty the Chinese bell, but he had communicated with Ottawa. Received and filed.

Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, on behalf of Thos. R. Worthington, objected to charge for a sewer closet rental on property on Cormorant street. Referred to Streets's committee.

E. E. Billinghurst, re consolidation of city loans, reported having received another communication from Capt. Inman, of London, who had a scheme to present. Referred to City Clerk to formulate reply, requesting that the scheme be presented.

The Pacific Street Fair Company forwarded particulars of the character of the performances they purposed presenting in Victoria if street privileges were granted.

Received and filed, the company to be informed that no street privileges would be granted.

E. Rochon asked permission to take building down on the lot opposite the new post office and save as much of the lumber as possible. Request refused, as the city owns the building.

J. A. G. Bryant asked for change of name of portion of Chatham street from Blanchard to Cook, to Caledonia avenue. Referred to Legislative committee.

J. A. Boak & Co., plate glass insurers, asked what about the claim for damage done by city to window in Somers' store. A reply will be sent disclaiming liability for damage.

City Clerk Dowler reported having referred requests for certain small street improvements to the city engineer for report. Received and filed.

The water commissioner reported that he expected the meters to arrive in about a week, and he advised that they be installed in that part of the city bounded by Cook, North Chatham, Belcher streets and Rockland avenue.

Referred to the Streets' committee for report.

The Electric Light committee reported having awarded tender for poles to F. W. Garnet. Adopted.

Ald. Kinsman reported that investigation showed that it was not feasible to move the electric light on School street from its present position.

The special committee appointed to confer with the Tourist Association, reported favorably on the idea of arranging for salt water baths at the foot of Montreal street.

The report was referred back to the committee with the request to make a specific recommendation.

The Finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $6,585.45. Adopted.

The special committee in regard to library plans' competition was then presented. It's important features are as stated in the opening of this report.

The council adjourned at 10.55 p. m.

THE SAILERS.

Alice A. Leigh and Galgate Made Fast Voyages to Australia.

The British ship Galgate, Capt. Griffiths, which was idle for such a long time in the Royal Roads waiting for the freight market to improve, has just completed a very fast passage from Tacoma to Melbourne. The Galgate, which left Tacoma on February 23, arrived at Melbourne after a voyage of 67 days. The British ship Alice A. Leigh, which left three days after her, also made a rapid passage, having arrived at Sydney from Tacoma in 65 days. The British ship Samantha, now 44 days out from Cardiff with coal for Esquimalt, was spoken on April 24 in latitude 14 north and longitude 26 west. The schooner Balboa from Mollendo has arrived at Port Townsend. The bark Ivanhoe, which completed painting at Esquimalt on Sunday, passed up to Vancouver yesterday in tow of the tug Lorne to load lumber at Hastings Mills. The ship Gold of the Seas has been tied up at Comox.

The Week at the City Hall

Consummation of Project to Amalgamate Isolation and Jubilee Hospitals.

Civic Officials to Go Tomorrow on Trip Over Victoria Terminal Railway.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Happenings in City Hall circles during the past week were not of a specially interesting or important character. Considerable progress was made at a meeting held on Tuesday evening towards the success of the project which aims at the turning over of the jurisdiction of the Isolation hospital to the hands of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital. The negotiations now proceeding are the result of a belief being held by both parties that it would be much better if the institution is handed over to the management of the Jubilee hospital. As a condition to any agreement, it is necessary that the Isolation hospital shall be put in a thorough state of repair, and that a septic tank be built for the requirements of both the Jubilee and isolation hospitals. City Assessor Northcott has been instructed to prepare a report of exactly what are the repairs and improvements needed at the isolation building, and his findings in the matter will be submitted to the meeting of the council tomorrow evening. When the new arrangement shall have been made, a considerable saving of money will result to the city. The per diem rate for patients will be fixed at $3.50, which will be $1.55 less than the cost to the city last year. Any agreement entered into will be for one year's duration. If there is any loss it shall be borne by the city. A difficulty of considerable importance which has had to be contended with in the past has been that in respect to the duties of the city health officer. The latter has charge of the Isolation hospital, and under the new arrangement it is intended that he shall become a member of the Jubilee hospital medical staff, and on the regular pay roll. A further conference between the two parties to the agreement will be held on Thursday evening next, when it is anticipated that it will be possible to finally dispose of the matter, as far as reaching agreement on all essential points is concerned.

CORRIDOR CHAT.

Water Commissioner Raymur is determined that no fault shall lie with his department if water is wasted unnecessarily for sprinkling purposes, and already thus early in the season he has given public notice that "no person shall sprinkle or use in any manner whatsoever the water supplied by the city upon lawns, gardens, yards, or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock in the morning and the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock in the evening, unless the water so used shall be supplied by meter." When the meter system shall have been applied generally throughout the city, all such notices will become a thing of the past—as then "you pays your money and you uses all the water you wants to."

As the result of inquiry on the part of a special committee, it has been practically decided that a point on Dallas road foreshore, at the end of Montreal street, is the most desirable location for the proposed salt water baths. The council will co-operate with the Tourist Association in arranging that the desired conveniences to bathers shall be arranged for at that point.

Tomorrow the Mayor and Aldermen will be taken on a trip of inspection over the system of the Victoria Terminal railway & Ferry Company as far as Fort Guichon and return. Tomorrow is the date in which the regular service as called for in the terms of the contract must be instituted.

Ald. Cameron's patriotic suggestion, that tenders for police uniform equipment should be limited to supplying goods of British or Canadian manufacture, did not work out so well as that gentleman had expected. The samples of Canadian and British helmets were found to be too heavy, so an American make of headgear was chosen instead.

A considerable number of new permanent sidewalks will be laid the coming summer. City Engineer Topp has prepared a list of places where the work is to be undertaken, and this will be submitted at tomorrow evening meeting.

Langour and weakness, due to the depleted condition of the blood, are overcome by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great vitalizer.

BARR COLONISTS ON THE TREK.

Victorian Writes From the Banks of the Saskatchewan.

W. J. McKeon, of the Oriental Hotel, has received a letter from W. B. Ransom, an old-time resident of this city, written by candle-light in a tent on the banks of the Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. He writes that the whole prairie on one side of the railway was covered with military tents occupied by some 2,000 English colonists who were en route to the Vermilion district, about 250 miles west of Saskatoon. These are the colonists brought out by the Episcopalian clergyman, Barr. Mr. Ransom relates that he visited the tents and found some of the colonists dressed in riding breeches and brown leather leggings. They spoke all varieties of English dialect, from the Northumbrian burr to the Cockney twang, with a big sprinkling of Yorkshire and Lancashire lads. He says that the poor people, who have never camped before, will have lots of hardships ere they reach their destinations. In further reference to the Barr colony, he says they held an indignation meeting and were on the point of ducking Mr. Barr in the river, but they have quieted down since. The English girls, Mr. Ransom reports, are very nice looking.

Dr. Wood's

Norway Pine Syrup

Cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Croup, Asthma, Pain or Tightness in the Chest, Etc.

It stops that tickling in the throat, is pleasant to take and soothing and healing to the lungs. Mr. E. Bishop Brand, the well-known Galt gardener, writes:—I had a very severe attack of sore throat and tightness in the chest. Some times when I wanted to cough and could not I would almost choke to death. My wife got me a bottle of DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP, and to my surprise I found speedy relief. I would not be without it if it cost $1.00 a bottle, and I can recommend it to everyone bothered with a cough or cold.

Price 25 Cents.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL.

Regular Monthly Meeting Deals With Many Matters of Interest.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Council held Monday afternoon, dealt with several matters of importance. Plans for raising the money necessary for the equipment of the "Centre" for domestic science to be taught in the public schools were discussed, and a little later on will be made known to the public. The council was requested to express itself on several questions which are to come before the National Council at the annual meeting in Toronto, which begins May 20th. A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce was introduced, who laid before the council the important question of patronizing home industries, requesting the co-operation of the women represented through the council in this matter. The subject was gone into very thoroughly, and the necessity in the interest of the city's welfare, for the careful consideration of the subject was pressed home in a forceful manner. On further discussion of the matter, the council voted to support the Chamber of Commerce in an endeavor to secure this end, and will take steps to bring the question before its affiliated societies.

Yukon's Ice Is Breaking

Navigation Expected to Commence Within Few Days on Northern River.

Strange Tragedy at Ketchikan ---Remains of Mail Carrier Recovered.

Steamer Princess May, Capt. Gosse, reached port on Sunday afternoon from Skagway, bringing news that the Yukon is breaking and navigation was expected to commence shortly. When the steamer left Skagway on Thursday last the river was open from White Horse to Lake Lebarge, and there was much activity in the part of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company in getting their steam wheelers ready for service. Later advices received by wire from Dawson state that the opening of navigation is conceded to now be but a question of a few days; and the ice in the Yukon, it is confidently expected, will go out this week. It has begun to weaken, and the complete opening of the river can be delayed but a very short time longer.

At Five Fingers the river is open to Yukon Crossing. From Lebarge to below Hootalinqua it is open, and it is also open at the mouth of the Stewart. At Ogilvie the river is clear for about five miles.

The junction of the Klondike and Yukon, in front of Dawson, is open, and open water shows on both sides of the ice in the Yukon.

At Ogilvie bridge, on the Klondike river, a big ice jam has been blasted out.

TRAGEDY AT KETCHIKAN.

News was brought by the Princess May from Ketchikan of a tragedy at the Alaskan port resulting from the drinking of florida water to excess. When the steamer left that port two Indians were dead, and a third was expected to succumb as a result of the drinking of the perfume—which is a new "hootch" for the northern red man. Some of the officers of the steamer who were informed of the tragedy when the steamer was at Ketchikan report that the general sentiment at the coast port has been arrested for supplying the florida water to the Indians.

BODY RECOVERED.

The remains of Joseph Abbey, the mail-carrier who lost his life in company with John McIntyre on the trail from Atlin during the winter, has been recovered. The remains were found lying in the slush ice near Golden Gate by a trapper, and about five feet from where the searchers found the remains of the dogs and the sled of the unfortunate mail-carriers last winter. The body was taken to Atlin, where it was being prepared for shipment to Brandon. A party went out to search for the remains of McIntyre.

A BIG CLEAN-UP.

Forty thousand dollars was cleaned up in one day and $80,000 in two days by the crew of the Bonanza, Bonanza. The claim is the property of the N. A. T. & T. Co. It is one of the best clean-ups in the camp.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

The Dawson city council has decided to increase the city's fire protection by the installation of a new Farnwell fire alarm system.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

The Yukon Council held its annual meeting Friday. A grist of bills and petitions was presented, including the much discussed lien law bill, introduced by Councilman Joe Clark.

ROYALTY REDUCED.

The royalty on gold produced by dredging has been reduced from 10 to 2½ per cent.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

The controversy over the famous Dick Lowe Fraction has been settled out of court. The fraction was held by Joe Boyle, but a protest against the grant issued to Boyle was lodged by Fassbender, the former owner. The terms of the settlement have not been made public.

NO MORE MAIL.

No more mails either northward or southward will leave Dawson until the opening of navigation.

BUSINESS VERY DULL.

On account of the ordinance passed by the Yukon Council prohibiting freighters from hauling more than one ton to a load between April 15 and May 30, business in Dawson is very dull. The ordinance was passed for the protection of the roads, but it appears to be very unsatisfactory.

CHRISTENSEN ACQUITTED.

Chris Christensen has been acquitted of the charge of perjury by a jury in Judge Craig's court.

OUT IN THE STREAM.

The Stockade roadhouse stables on Bonanza are in the centre of a swift current. The Bonanza freshet is cutting a channel around them which runs with terrific force.

SLUICING UNDER WAY.

Sluicing is now under way on all the creeks. Dawson is daily receiving deposits of gold dust.

DUNCAN IS RICH.

Reports from Duncan Creek show that it will be one of the best producers in the country. The claims are being worked for twenty miles, and fabulous pans are being found.

VISITS ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Report to Be Submitted by Committee on Proposed New Administration.

His Worship Mayor McCandless, Acting President R. S. Day and Joshua Davies, the joint committee, appointed to bring in a report in respect to the proposed administration of the Isolation hospital by the board of directors of the Jubilee, visited the Isolation hospital Monday morning. The joint committee was accompanied by C. H. Topp, city engineer, and Dr. Herman Robertson, city medical officer. The premises and grounds were thoroughly inspected and as a result it is understood that the committee will bring in a report to the effect that it will not be necessary to erect any new buildings. W. W. Northcott, the city assessor, has presented a report to the committee on the amount of alterations necessary to put the buildings into proper condition, and this report will likely meet the approval of the committee. The unoccupied ground belonging to the city in the vicinity of the Isolation hospital, is considered to be better from an agricultural standpoint than any of the land belonging to the Jubilee hospital.

It is probable from present indications, that all the arrangements preliminary to completed at an early date.

the taking over of the Isolation hospital by the Jubilee hospital directors will be com-

"Well, that let's me out," grinned the hobo, pointing to the open gate.—Cornell Widow.

Had to Give up and go to Bed.

Several Doctors Attended But Did No Good.

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills CURED.

Read what Miss L. L. Hanson, Waterside, N.B., says: "I feel it my duty to express the benefit I have received from Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. A year ago last spring I began to have heart failure. At first I would have to stop working and lie down for a while. Then I got so bad I had to give up altogether and go to bed. I had several doctors attend me but they did me no good. I could get no relief until urged by a friend to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. Before I had used three quarters of a box I began to feel the benefit and by the time I had taken three boxes I was completely cured."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cure nervousness, sleeplessness, pal