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THE CITY.

Young People's Union.

At the Calvary Baptist Church, last night, new officers were elected, and Mr. H. F. Hedges read a paper on "Imperial Federation."

New Bathing Resort.

Two new bathing houses are in process of erection at Foul Bay, where Mr. Calhoun proposes to open a resort. The beach is said to be of fine hard sand, and with proper facilities will, no doubt, become a popular place with those who wish to enjoy a dip in the cool surf.

A Selection Postponed.

The Protestant Orphans' Home site committee held another meeting yesterday forenoon, when the results of the visiting of various locations offered up to to date were reported. After some discussion it was resolved to postpone final conclusions, and another meeting will be held next Monday, when a report will be prepared for submission to the general committee.

Getting Worse and Worse.

Every day the Point Ellice bridge is getting shakier and shakier, and unless some action is taken very soon to have necessary repairs made there is a strong probability of an accident happening some of these days. The Tram Car company make all the passengers walk across the bridge, a useless precaution, seemingly, when loaded vehicles of all kinds are permitted to be driven across.

The Call Declined.

Rev. J. E. Coombes, of La Conner, Wash., as intimated Sunday, has written to decline the call to the Calvary Baptist church of this city. The reason given was that the work in La Conner was in such a condition as to render his leaving it unadvisable. After some discussion, it was resolved by the congregation, on Sunday, to ask the gentleman to reconsider his refusal, as they wish very much to secure the services of this able clergyman for their pulpit.

Will Go to Seattle.

The steamer City of Seattle has been chartered for the annual I.O.O.F. excursion, which takes place on Saturday, August 6. The steamer will leave the C.P.N. wharf at 7 a.m., and arrive in Seattle in time to allow a full half day to take in the points of interest. The City Band will furnish music for the occasion, and every effort will be made to make the trip a most pleasant one in every respect. The fare for the round trip is put at $1.50.

A Bovine Nuisance.

The Provincial Police will, this morning, investigate a charge which was yesterday laid in formal complaint, against a certain bull, the property of Mr. John Sinclair. J. P., of Caboro Bay. The complainant is Mr. C. T. W. Piper, who is a neighbor of Mr. Sinclair, and also unwillingly of the bull. He says that the animal in question makes a practice of promenading the public highway, and monopolizing the same. Mr. Sinclair intimates that he won't bite, and wouldn't hurt a fly, which, considering the season, is a compliment almost past belief.

To Adopt By-Laws.

The Thunder Hill Mining Company held a general meeting last night, for the purpose of final action on the by-laws. No other business was brought before the meeting, but in the informal discussion which followed, matters were reported to be progressing very favorably out at the mine. The tram communication between the upper and lower Columbian lakes was almost finished at last accounts, and the machinery for the concentrator will be placed as rapidly as possible. Until that is finished and the company are in a position to ship ore, but little other work will be done.

A New Monthly.

A new competitor for public patronage will make its first appearance about the 18th of next month, in the shape of a monthly magazine, devoted to the propagation of the theories and doctrines of Henry George. The new publication, it is announced, will be a strong opponent of socialism, nihilism, communism and landlordism, and the promoters hope, with such a platform, to be able to make it a success.

Memorial Sermon.

Rev. J. H. White preached a memorial sermon on the late Fred. Humber, in the Centennial church, Sunday evening. First Corinthians, III, 11-15, was taken as the text from which was preached a most eloquent and impressive discourse. The many good qualities of the deceased were spoken of in terms of highest praise. The same characteristics which had led the departed to lay a solid foundation in temporal affairs had also led him to that firm spiritual foundation, The Rock of Ages. Beloved by all, his memory lives in the hearts of those who await to join him in the better world.

Colwood Public School.

Last Friday the Colwood Public School held final examinations, and concluded with a public programme, at which a large number of friends of the school were present. The children proved to be well grounded in the branches through which they had passed, and those who listened to the examinations were well satisfied. At the close of the programme an adjournment was made to Langford Plains, where a most delightful time was spent in a pic nic, in which those present were the guests of the school. The honor roll is as follows: Proficiency, Henry Atkins; regularity and punctuality, Hugh W. McKenzie; deportment, Henry Piaggio.

Down from Alaska.

Mr. E. J. Crane, of New York, has just returned on the steamer Mexico from an excursion to the points of interest in Alaska. The gentleman was full of pleasant reminiscences of the trip, being specially eloquent in praise of the scenery of that most grandly picturesque country in the world. In speaking of the mining interests, the difficulties in the way of development were reviewed, and many thoughtful suggestions were made regarding the probable mining future of this country. There are a great number of valuable deposits of mineral which are lying idle owing to the difficulty of getting capital interested in such a far-off place. But as the grand possibilities of this section are made known, and the chances of remunerative investment become more of a demonstrated fact, there is every reason to believe that this country will become one of the great mining centres of the future.

A Small Blaze.

A small blaze occurred in 129 Johnson street, next to Grimm's carriage factory, yesterday afternoon. The engine was out and the hose coupled on, but the Babcocks were sufficient to extinguish the fire without the aid of the water. The trouble arose from an inmate of the house overturning an alcohol lamp over which she was heating a curling iron. The entire damage to the building is probably not more than $10, while the contents of the room were but little harmed.

Natural History Society.

A meeting of the B. C. Natural History Society, was to have been held last night, but owing to the meagre attendance no business was done.

A Successful Victorian.

Miss S. F. Smith, daughter of Mr. M. R. Smith, of this city, who has been studying music under Mr. Torrington, at the Toronto College of Music, Toronto, for the past three years, has succeeded in winning a diploma. The Toronto College of Music is in affiliation with the University of Toronto, and the diploma is one of the highest awards given by it, and only a small percentage of the most successful students can claim the honor of possessing one. Miss Smith is, therefore, to be highly congratulated.

"Only a Chinaman."

A butcher's cart being driven around the corner of Johnson and Store streets, yesterday afternoon, at a pace decidedly "faster than a walk," came into contact with a Chinaman named Ong Lung. The Celestial was not killed, but was so badly hurt as to need the doctor's care. The man who was driving the cart didn't stop to see how grave the injuries were. It was with him "only a Chinaman," and didn't matter.

Overboard.

There was an upset at the Gorge, Sunday evening, but the two gentlemen who got into the water were quickly rescued. It appears that they were getting into their boat when the little craft turned over, and her crew turned under. The first to realize that he was again on terra firma was Pete, who at once called out, in broad Scotch, "Where's George?" George responded by asking "Where's Pete?" and these enquiries lasted for several minutes until the two were brought face to face, dripping wet. The only real damage done was that the starch was knocked clean out of their shirt fronts.

"The Old Solidity."

Mr. Charles St. Morris, of insurance fame, has just returned from a visit to San Francisco, Monterey, and other California cities, where he went in search of recreation and amusement. While in California he met the chief inspector of the Germania Life Association, from New York, and received at his hands the management of the company's business in British Columbia, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories. Next month the agencies in Utah, Montana, Nevada and Idaho, will also be transferred to him. The Germania was organized in 1860, has a capital of $17,000,000 and a surplus of $2,000,000, and is known all over Europe and in the East as "the old solidity."

Tuck vs. Victoria.

The case of Tuck vs. the Corporation of the City of Victoria, an action to recover salary and damages arising out of the appointment of Mr. Tuck as City Engineer and the subsequent cancellation of the appointment, came up in the Supreme Court yesterday before Chief Justice Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie. Mr. Bodwell, of Bodwell & Irving, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, for the defendants. A number of witnesses were called and examined as to the discussion that had taken place at the council meetings when the appointment was made and cancelled, amongst them being His Worship the Mayor, City Clerk W. J. Dowler and several aldermen. After hearing the evidence his Lordship reserved judgment.

A Compromise Effected.

A meeting of the creditors of the estate of J. L. Browne, of Nanaimo, was held at the Driard House, yesterday afternoon. It will be remembered that at a meeting, held in this city, about three weeks ago, an offer was made by Mr. Browne to settle at 50 cents on the dollar. Local creditors, present at the time, recommended that the offer be accepted, and on the matter being submitted to Eastern wholesale houses interested, their consent was obtained. At yesterday's meeting, Mr. D. G. Marshall, of Vancouver, the assignee, was instructed to accept the offer of Mr. T. B. Pearson, of this city, to purchase the estate for an amount equal to 50 per cent. of the total amount of unsecured claims, and to give payment in notes at four, eight and twelve months, without interest. The unsecured claims amount to about $10,500. Mr. Pearson goes to Nanaimo, in the morning, to take possession of the estate.

A Row on Board the Schome.

A serious row occurred on board the Schome, at Seattle, on Sunday night, in which revolvers were freely used. It appears that some of the deck hands entered the storeroom and took a lot of strawberries. Upon hearing of this Steward Ward, who is responsible for all the supplies, upbraided some of the deck hands and particularly one named Smith. He accused Smith of taking the fruit, and the latter retorted. Ward, thereupon, hit him over the head with a lantern. From this the fight started, and it seems was participated in by three or four. During the encounter Ward drew a revolver and began shooting. He fired four or five shots in quick succession, with the result that Smith fell at his feet, while Garvie, another deck hand, after being shot through the arm, hastily retreated to safer quarters. Coffin, the purser, endeavored to quiet Wood, but the latter responded by firing a shot at him. Wood then threw his revolver overboard, but was prevented from leaving the vessel by the rest of the crew. Ward was subsequently taken into custody, and the injured men to hospital.

Nothing Done Yet.

Mr. Stephen Munson, China Hat, has been in town for the past few days. He came down with a big parcel of skins, which he disposed of at high prices. Among his collection was one white otter skin, which is a decided rarity. He had also 29 bear skins, 70 marten, 24 land otter, 522 mink, 41 beaver, and three wolf skins. The parcel Mr. Munson did not consider as large as it ought to have been, but as all the skins were of good quality, he is satisfied with the net results. When Mr. Munson was last in town, a few months ago, he had discovered what was, at the time, a clue to the mysterious disappearance of Peter Starr, whose death occurred some twelve years ago. The murdered man was known to have had in his possession about $150 at the time of his disappearance, and there were a few arrests of Indians who seemed to have money for which they could not satisfactorily account. No further evidence, however, being forthcoming, they were discharged. The finding of the white man's skull again renewed the murder theory, and Mr. Munson is somewhat surprised that the authorities do not exert themselves in the matter. "It is," he says, "no secret among the Indians that Starr was murdered, and murdered for his money, and they give the names of several of the tribe who profess to know all about it. As years rolled by they seemed to think that all was forgotten, and now tell freely what they so long held a secret. That Peter Starr was murdered, there can be no doubt, nor can there be any that the skull secured is his."

Improvements to Strawberry Vale.

Mr. R. S. Cavin, the contractor, with a gang of 30 or 40 men, is at work grading and gravelling the streets of Strawberry Vale farm. The work, when completed, will be thoroughly well done.

Sale of the Halcyon.

Yesterday a sale was made of the celebrated schooner-yacht Halcyon, to Victoria parties. The crew made a claim of 29 months, and owing to the double-cross play made by Whaley on his partners, it became necessary to sell the schooner. This was effected, and all claims against the craft paid off. The sale was made by E. W. McLean, the present registered owner. It is said that the purchasers will place her under the British flag. The statement that the vessel's American papers had been cancelled is untrue.

The New Pastor.

Rev. Dr. Campbell preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Prosbyterian Church on Sunday morning last, and his congregation are satisfied they have got in him an earnest and energetic head and an eloquent and impressive preacher. Last year the reverend gentleman filled the pulpit for some weeks for the then pastor, the late Rev. D. Fraser, and the favorable impressions he made during that brief visit had no doubt a good deal to do with the call recently extended to him and accepted. In his morning sermon he alluded touchingly to the late pastor, and said that when he filled his place temporarily he little thought that the day would come when he would be called upon to take the place so long and so ably filled by that divine, now called to receive the reward of his labors in the vineyard of the Great Master. He spoke of the duties of a clergyman, and the duties of those to whom he ministered. In expounding the Sacred Word, the clergyman should seek the aid of Him who inspired it, and not assume more than it was given to man to know. The Word should be accepted in all its grandeur and simplicity, and then would it bring with it the blessings promised by Him who gave the Word. The reverend gentleman hoped that the greatest unanimity would continue among the members of the congregation—that all would work together for the love and glory of their Lord and that blessed peace and happiness which such a service insured. The subject of the evening sermon was the Atonement.

PAYMENT OF TAXES.

EDITOR COLONIST—Would you kindly answer the following questions, in your Weekly issue:

1st. Can a settler here, or in any part of the province, pay his taxes, Land or Internal Revenue, or both of them, at the head office, in Victoria, or wherever it may be, instead of paying it to the local tax collector?

2nd. Or can he pay either, or both, to any other tax collector, in another district?

By answering the above you will oblige

AN ENQUIRER.

Salt Spring Island, June 24, 1892.

[ANS. 1—No. Taxes must be paid in the district in which they are assessed, and provincial revenue where the payment takes place.

ANS. 2—No. The answer to that question is contained in the answer to our correspondent's first query.—ED.]

SUPREME COURT.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

Tolmie v. Tolmie and Munro—Application to dismiss the action for want of prosecution. Action dismissed with costs. *Lis pendens* to be discharged.

McLennan & McFeeley v. Trustees Pandora Street Methodist Chrch—For discovery of documents, etc. Application granted. Discovery to be made before Thursday, June 30. Defendants to deliver statement of defence by Saturday, July 2.

THE CANADA WESTERN.

A Preliminary Agreement Arrived at Between the Government and the Company.

The negotiations which have been in progress during the past several weeks between the Government and Mr. R. P. Rithet, on behalf of the Canada Western Co., reached a conclusion, yesterday, and a preliminary arrangement was entered into. Although the details of the agreement have not yet been announced, it is understood that the Canada Western give bonds to the Government that they will expend within the next three months $10,000 in making a survey of the line to be followed on the Island and Mainland. At the end of that time, they are required to put up security for $50,000 further expenditure within one year, as required by the Act.

Advices have been received from Chicago that the syndicate there and their engineer will immediately start for Victoria to enter upon the necessary work, which will undoubtedly be the beginning of the great undertaking.

Mr. Rithet, Col. Kane, Mr. Bodwell, members of the Government, and others who have been actively concerned in the negotiations, appeared, yesterday, to be well pleased that a satisfactory conclusion to the negotiations has been arrived at, for considerable difficulty was experienced in the matter, the time being so short in which to come to an understanding with the Chicago people.

HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION.

Some of the Necessary Improvements which will be Made—To Have Water.

The appropriation of $2,000 for the purpose of improving and repairing the Marine hospital will give opportunity for some much needed work on this institution. Amongst the first and most pressing needs to be attended to is the laying of pipes to connect with the city water works. This will remove one source of inconvenience which those in charge have had to struggle with, and in many ways prove a most valuable addition. The old verandah will have a new floor, and larger posts, and otherwise will be put in good condition. The woodwork is to get a badly needed coat of paint, and the exterior will be generally furbished up. Within the building a number of changes and additions are to be made calculated to improve the means of carrying on the work of the institution, as well as to add to the comfort of the patients. The plumbing throughout will receive a thorough overhauling and some necessary additions made. The present time would be very favorable for carrying on the repairs, as there are only a few cases on hand now, and none of them are of a dangerous nature, so that the unavoidable bustle of the work would be less liable to be attended with unpleasant results.

When "C" battery band gave its weekly concert on Thursday evening, the strains of melody floated across to the outer dock and set all the promenaders waltzing. Prof. Pferdner says it won't occur again. He doesn't mind entertaining the public, but he doesn't supply music for public dances free.

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THE CITY.

The 55th Anniversary.

Flags flying on public buildings and over some business houses yesterday, noted the 55th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria.

A Pioneer New Brunswick Lawyer Gone.

Word has been received here of the death of James J. Kaye, Q.C., one of the oldest and most prominent members of the New Brunswick bar. He was admitted in 1848.

Wedding Bells.

Mr. George Carson, who is with the firm of Muirhead & Mann, left yesterday for Vancouver, where he is to meet and wed Miss Connell, of Guelph, Ont. Mr. E. Dickinson will entertain the bridal party on their return to this city.

K. of P. Meeting.

Victoria Division No. 2, Knights of Pythias, held its regular monthly business meeting, last night, in the Pioneer Hall. Full dress was worn, as there were some candidates initiated after the regular business had been disposed of.

The Angeles Excursion.

Mr. R. T. Williams has received advice from Mr. L. Adams, superintendent of the Sunday school at Port Angeles, that the visiting Victoria schools on the Fourth of July will receive an enthusiastic reception. The various schools at the city across the Straits will meet the steamer in a body.

Contracts Awarded.

The contracts for supplies to the Provincial Jail, in Victoria, have been let to the following business firms, viz.: Groceries, Henry Saunders; clothing, Gilmour & McCandless; bread, Wilson Bros.; coal, Chas. Rattray. The meat contract has not yet been let.

Sale of City Bonds.

The recently issued substituted 4½ per cent market bonds have been sold at 98¼ net, the purchasers being a Montreal brokerage firm. The price is considered a very good one indeed, and shows that the credit of Victoria abroad is equal to that of any city in Canada, and better than a great many.

Death of Miss Sinclair.

Margaret, second daughter of Mr. John Sinclair, of Cadboro Bay, died, yesterday morning, after a very brief illness. She was 19 years of age, and had many friends who will regret to hear of her demise. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 3 o'clock, from 23 Green street.

Another Harmless Runaway.

Last evening as a hack was being driven down to the C. P. N. company's wharf the neck-yoke broke, starting the animals at full gallop down the slip. As no turn could be effected without upsetting the vehicle the driver headed the horses right into the freight shed, thus avoiding what might have been serious results. The damages done were very trifling.

Walk Up.

The secretary of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital begs to call the attention of the many kind friends who have donated their refund of improvement taxes to the hospital, to the fact that their cheques are now ready at the City Hall awaiting their endorsements. He would feel obliged by their calling as early as possible.

Seized and Released.

A notice was posted up on the foremast of the Halcyon yesterday, signed by Collector Milne, detaining the schooner for an alleged infraction of the customs laws of Canada. An officer was placed on board to hold the vessel. A thorough investigation was made by the Collector, which resulted in the release of the vessel, the owners and crew making a satisfactory explanation.

Pleasure for the Little Ones.

That most pleasing of all charity which shows by benevolence how much better it is to give than to receive was manifested yesterday, when the children of the Protestant Orphan's Home were given an outing and picnic at Shoal bay. The little ones enjoyed themselves very much indeed, and it is hoped will have frequent excursions of the same kind during the summer. The ladies and others who so kindly interested themselves are deserving of the best thanks of the grateful children.

Police Court Jottings.

Geo. Bedford, alias Dan. Apples, headed the list of drunks in the Police Court, yesterday morning. He surprised the court by paying his $5 fine, and was liberated. Following this case came that of a Chinaman, who was convicted of having kicked and assaulted a woman living on Store street. A penalty of $10, or, in default, one month, was imposed. Edward Clark, for an infraction of the park by-law, was fined $5, and the case against T. W. Heath was remanded until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when it was again remanded till this morning.

Ontario's Provincial Secretary.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, provincial secretary of Ontario, arrived by the Yosemite last evening from Vancouver, and will remain in the city a few days. For some time past he has been in poor health, and has sought for recuperation in the Rockies and on the Pacific slope. When he returns to his home in Hamilton, Ont., it is hoped he will have been greatly benefited by the trip. Hon. Mr. Gibson is Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 13th battalion at Hamilton, and is one of the most popular and most respected officers in the Canadian militia. His stay in Victoria will be made pleasant by some old friends.

In St. James' Hall.

Fully fifty people were present at the ball given by Mrs. McBean in St. James' hall, last evening. The hall inside was nicely arranged for the occasion, and those who were there attended with the view of spending a pleasant, sociable evening, during which they fully realized what they anticipated. Refreshments were on hand the whole evening, and could be had at any time by entering a room set apart for the purpose. The Bantly family provided the music, the programme of which was as follows: Waltz, waltz, schottische, lancers, waltz, polka, waltz, polka, waltz, galop, waltz, polka, waltz, and Sir Roger.

I.O.G.T. Meeting.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, I.O.G.T., is rapidly increasing in membership, a number of new names being added to the roll at every meeting. Last night the brothers entertained the members present with the following programme:

Piano Solo	Bro. Western
Reading	Sister Atherton
Song	Bro. Russell
Solo	Sister Robertson
Recitation	Bro. Wright
Song	Bro. Watson

After the rendering of the programme, refreshments in the shape of cake, strawberries and crem, etc., were served and the evening passed in pleasant social chat. The entertainment was a most enjoyable one and ale present expressed the hope that the G.T.'s would repeat it at an early date.

Very, Very Warm.

Everybody knew that yesterday was a hot day, but not everybody knew how hot it was. The special Standard thermometer at the Government assay office at 2:30 p.m. reached 84 2 in the shade.

That Perambulator.

The baby carriage which has been for some time in the custody of the police will probably be discharged to-day. It is believed to be the one stolen from the veranda of a house some months ago.

A Small Vag.

Late last night Officer Smith found a small Indian boy, apparently about nine years old, wandering about "without a name or local habitation." The diminutive vag was taken in charge until either called for or something further is learned of his proper guardians.

Express Service.

M. G. Hall, Pacific Coast superintendent of the Northern Pacific Express Company, has arranged for express service to China and Japan on the Northern Pacific steamer line. The agents of the Steamship Company at Yokohama, Hongkong, Shanghai, and other cities in China and Japan, will act as agents for the Express Company.

Fell from a Scaffold.

Two painters who were working on a house at Russell's Station, met with a very painful accident, last evening. They were up on a scaffold, which suddenly gave way, causing them to fall heavily to the ground. Report had it, last evening, that one of the two had his arm badly broken, and the other was said to have been much cut and bruised about the head.

The Bluff Did Not Work.

One of the conductors on the James Bay and Douglas street tram cars had considerable trouble with a passenger who got on at Superior street yesterday. The man absolutely refused either to pay his fare or get off the car at the request of the conductor. A policeman was fortunately easily available and gave the stranger the choice of leaving the car or paying up. He refused for awhile, but, seeing that the officer meant business, the regular car fare was set up.

The Singular Headlines.

Do great minds run in the same direction? Perhaps so, but there is one sure thing—the poetic soul of the night editor of this paper holds sweet communion now and then with gentlemen holding similar positions on other papers and in other parts of the province. Here are the headings of three newspapers on the account of the Vancouver suicide:

(Westminster Columbian.)

"ONE MORE UNFORTUNATE."

(Vancouver Telegram.)

"GONE TO HER DEATH."

(Victoria COLONIST.)

"RASHLY IMPORTUNATE."

If poet Tom Moore had known to what use his beautiful production would have been put, safe to say he would never have written it!

Esquimalt Public School.

The closing exercises of this school took place, last Friday. Many ladies and gentlemen, including Trustees Doran and Muir, were present, and showed much interest in the proceedings. The school-room was tastefully decorated, and seemed a fit frame to the neatly dressed children, who had assembled for the last time before separating for the holidays. The order was most creditable, and the pupils went through the programme with much spirit, songs and recitations enlivening a very interesting examination, by which they showed that considerable progress had been made. No prizes were given this year, it having been decided to give a school pic-nic instead. The rolls of honor were presented by Trustee Muir, who congratulated each successful pupil in a neat speech. Miss Alice Doran received the roll for proficiency, Miss Katie Haliwell that for punctuality and regularity, and Master Christopher Wensley that for deportment. Three cheers were given for the Trustees and for Mr. Paul, the teacher, after which the singing of the National Anthem and of the Doxology brought a most enjoyable afternoon to a close.

Their New Residence.

Mr. James Dunsmuir and family have moved into their beautiful suburban mansion, which stands so majestically among the pines on the green banks of the Gorge, directly opposite Mr. Snowden's residence. The building is a substantial frame structure, neatly and well put together, designed and superintended by the popular architect, John Teague, and constructed by the well-known contractor, Thos. Catterall. The inside of the residence would take a whole page to describe (being furnished in antique oak, California redwood, and specially picked native cedar polished in the best manner), suffice it to say that the building is a marvel of elegance, convenience and completeness throughout. The spacious grounds around the mansion are being skilfully laid out under the magic hand of Mr. Blair, the landscape gardener, and when finished and made as planned, with fountains, lawns and drives, the fine handsome lodge at the main entrance, the substantial well appointed stables near the upper entrance, not forgetting the cunningly designed outbuildings, laundry, etc., etc., at the rear of the residence, the whole will stand out with a grand and pleasing effect. So far, it surpasses anything on the Gorge. Judging from appearances, $50,000 must have been laid out on the buildings alone.

Heating Power of Fuel.

It is often a matter of considerable industrial importance to determine the value of different kinds of coal for steam raising purposes, but valuations deduced from the weight of water evaporated per unit of time require accurate weighings or measurements on a large scale. A writer in the Chemical News suggests a simple and at the same time accurate chemical test, which can be easily applied by any one having a little knowledge of chemistry. It is based on the fact that all waters contain a small percentage of chlorides, and that as the water is evaporated the quantity of chloride in the water necessarily increases. The estimation of the quantity of a chloride in a given water is an operation of extreme simplicity, necessitating only the use of a burette and a solution of silver nitrate of known strength. The silver nitrate solution when run in from the burette to a known volume of the water precipitates the chlorides present as silver chloride, and the least excess of silver added is shown by the red coloration which the excess of silver nitrate gives with potassium chromate. After determining the amount of chloride per gallon in the feed water and in the amount in the boiler water after some hours' run, it is not difficult to find out the number of gallons evaporated in that time.

THE SIDNEY RAILWAY.

Again Debated by the Board of Aldermen, and the By-law Approved.

Some of the Obnoxious Clauses Struck Out—Dangers of Point Ellice Bridge.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night, for the purpose of disposing of a quantity of unfinished business which had accumulated. There was a full attendance of the board, the mayor presiding.

Assessor Northcott forwarded his return of the names of property-holders and householders entitled to appear on the voters' list for the present year.

ALD. LOVELL moved that the list be adopted, and added to the one now existing.

ALD. HUNTER seconded the motion, which passed.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

A letter was received from the city engineer, stating that wagons and cars continued to cross the Point Ellice bridge, although it was in a dangerous condition, and a serious accident was likely to occur at any time.

ALD. MCKILLICAN suggested that it would be well to have the bridge closed. It was not safe for traffic.

THE MAYOR said that the city engineer had asked that funds be provided for putting the bridge in thorough repair.

ALD. HUMBER did not believe in closing the bridge, awaiting ways and means to repair it. That was a childish way of doing business. Let people be given to understand that they would pass over the bridge at their own risk.

ALD. MCKILLICAN—But the Corporation of this city will be held responsible for any damage or loss that may be sustained. We don't want to get ourselves let in for $7,000 or $8,000.

ALD. HALL—I think the bridge should be put in repair at once and rendered safe for traffic.

ALD. HUMBER—It may not be as bad as some people think. If it was the tramline company would not run their cars over it, to the danger of forty or fifty people.

THE MAYOR read the report of the City Engineer, which called attention to the accident to the bridge, and estimated that the cost of repairing and placing iron girders would be about $1,500.

ALD. MCKILLICAN did not think it advisable to use iron girders, as they would outlive the wooden structure. He moved that wooden joists be used.

ALD. STYLES seconded the motion. The bridge was a disgraceful piece of work. It had not been up more than five or six years, and it was now altogether out of plumb.

The motion passed.

THE WARDS BY-LAW.

The Council went into committee of the whole, the Mayor in the chair, to consider the Wards By-law.

THE MAYOR read several amendments of a technical character, which he recommended should be made. His Worship regretted that every member of the board had not copies of the by-law.

The corrections were proceeding, Ald. Hunter and Ald. Lovell having copies of the by-law, when

ALD. BAKER said—I don't know what is going on. If this by-law is to be considered let us know what we are doing. We have no copies, and we don't know what changes are being made.

THE MAYOR said that he had taken the trouble to look over the by-law, and finding certain changes or additions necessary he had inserted them, and was now submitting them for the approval of the Council.

The reading of the by-law was proceeded with. The chief additions to the original by-law were the insertion of the words "centre of" to the names of the dividing streets.

The proposed amendments were read over and adopted.

THE VICTORIA AND SYDNEY RAILWAY.

The committee appointed to consider the Victoria and Sydney Railway Bill reported in its favor, in all particulars, except as to clause 9.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the by-law, the Mayor in the chair. Clause by clause was read and passed without opposition, until clause 7 was reached, binding the company to complete the work within a given time, or the by-law would be rendered void.

ALD. MUNN considered the time limit too strict.

ALD. HUMBER asked if the line were not finished within the prescribed time, who would be its owner?

ALD. MUNN explained that all payments would be made on certificates, and if the road were not completed, there would be money sufficient in bank to complete it.

The clause passed.

Clause eight dealt with Chinese labor, which was prohibited.

ALD. HUMBER said he was no friend of the Chinese, but if the company were precluded from using Chinese labor, it would be expensive work.

The clause passed, with the addition of the words "of construction," (precluding Chinese labor).

Section 9 read as follows:—

All workmen employed on, and in connection with the construction of the said railway, shall be paid the regular rate of wages connected with the trade or labor with which they are so employed—for the number of hours work for each day as recognized in connection with such trade or labor, and the whole of the laborers, skilled workmen and others engaged upon the said work, are to receive full wages at least once a month, and in cash.

ALD STYLES was opposed to the clause. A man had the right to say what he valued his services at, and the employer should also have the right to say at what he estimated them.

THE MAYOR said that the object of the clause was to prevent a recurrence of the sewerage work troubles. It was designed to secure a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

ALD. BAKER did not approve of the clause, and moved that it be stricken out.

ALD. MUNN seconded the motion. Such a clause would be sufficient to kill the project. Who was to define standard wages or standard time? What would be considered the standard this year might not be the standard next. It would kill the whole thing.

ALD. HUMBER did not support the clause. He agreed to a fair day's wages for a fair day's work, but he did not believe in handicapping the company. A unform rate of wages was scarcely fair—for no two men were of equal worth. He employed men on the standard scale, but when he found that a man was not able to earn the amount that man was informed that his services would be dispensed with.

The clause was struck out by the unanimous vote of the Council, and with the applause of the small audience who watched the proceedings.

Clause thirteen caused some discussion. It prohibited any person not six months resident in the province from being a contractor for any portion of the work.

ALD. BRAGG considered that capital had its rights as well as labor, and opposed the clause, which was put to a vote. Those who voted for the retention of the clause were: Ald. Lovell, Munn, Baker, Hall, Styles and McKillican. The nays were: Ald. Hunter, Humber and Bragg.

The by-law was approved of with amendments, and the Mayor authorized to sign the agreement and attach the corporate seal thereto.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past eleven.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

A. C. Fraser v. Hughett *et. al*—Application for order for payment of money paid into court to plaintiff or his solicitors. Ordered that sum of $300 be paid out of court to plaintiff or his solicitors on his written authority to receive said sum being produced to the proper officer of the court. Costs to be costs in the cause.

THE CANADA WESTERN.

The Chicago Syndicate, With Engineers, Will Start or Victoria on the 5th July.

Mr. R. P. Rithet, yesterday afternoon, received a wire from Chicago stating that a start would be made for Victoria on the 5th of July, by a party including engineers, and would arrive here on the 10th. Col. Kane will go to Spokane to meet them.

East Kootenay.

Mr. Aitkin, a mining expert, and Mr. W. H. Bainbridge, of the Thunder Hill Mining Co., will take a run into the East Kootenay country, in a day or two, for the purpose of giving the Thunder Hill property a thorough looking over. Some important development work will be mapped out, and the matter of selecting additional machinery, with a view of selecting that best adapted for the class of ore to be handled, will be attended to.

A Hundred Miles an Hour.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says that recently Dr. Wellington Adams, an electrician of Chicago, explained to an audience that was interested, astonished, and, as some frankly admitted, rather incredulous, the details of an electric railway that is about to be built between Chicago and St. Louis. It is to follow an air line, paying no attention whatever to obstructions. It is to run cars at a speed of at least 100 miles an hour. It is to be in operation by the spring of 1893.

Transportation Arrangements.

The C. P. N. Company have made excellent arrangements for the conveyance of those who wish to go to Vancouver for the Dominion Day celebration. The Islander will leave Victoria at 11 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, and, returning, will leave Vancouver at 9 p.m., Friday. The Yosemite will leave Victoria at 7 a.m., Friday, and at 2 a.m. Saturday, and, returning, will leave Vancouver at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets, good on either steamer, to return on July 1, have been fixed at the very moderate price, $2, and those good until Sunday, July 3, are sold at $3. There is every chance for a good turnout.

The San Pedro.

Thomas Piper, a wrecker from Victoria, was in the city, yesterday. He has been working on the San Pedro, the big collier which was wrecked at the Victoria harbor some months ago. He says that she is lying sloping on the rock so that she has been twisted for two feet; and even if she is raised, a large sum of money will have to be spent on repairs. "The trouble with the efforts to raise her," said he "has been the windy summer. Scarcely a day has passed when the water has not been rough and the pontoons have been rubbed and chafed and broken so that the work has been much interfered with. Bulkheads have been built through the vessel, the pontoons placed and pumping begun, but the wind has sadly hindered progress."—Post-Intelligencer.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PICNIC.

The Visiting Delegates Entertained by the Local Members—Trip Up the Arm.

The formal work of the Epworth League Convention being over, the local members resolved that, as a fitting end to the pleasant time spent by all during the last few days, a picnic up the Arm would prove most satisfactory. That they reasoned well was proven by the large number who made up the party, and by the hearty manner in which the delegates and friends enjoyed themselves. The various spots of interest were visited, and many were the words of praise bestowed upon this most picturesque place. The whole affair was so well arranged and pleasantly carried through, that it will doubtless live long in the memory of those present. Ample refreshments had been provided, and every effort was made to have the visitors feel that Victorians had not earned their reputation for hospitality by half-way measures. The only special incident of the day was the narrow escape of the man who wanted to make a speech. The committee succeeded in saving his life, after a determined resistance of those who clamored for his scalp. The visitors, one and all, expressed themselves as very favorably impressed with the many attractions of Victoria and the surrounding country, and regretted being unable to spend a longer time with those who have so handsomely entertained them. The outcome of the convention will be shown in the more harmonious working together of the various leagues, and much good will, no doubt, result therefrom. All the meetings were well attended, and an unusual amount of interest was shown in the various exercises, more especially the discussions regarding the best methods of pushing out the work of the young people into new fields.

MEETING OF HIERARCHS.

Said to be the Most Momentous Gathering Ever Held in America.

NEW YORK, June 28.—A World reporter has learned that circulars calling a meeting of Catholic Archbishops in New York in October have been issued, in view of differences existing on the school question. The meeting is looked upon as the most momentous one that Catholic dignitaries have ever held in America. Thirteen archbishops of the United States will be present, including Archbishop Ireland. Cardinal Gibbons will preside. As the interpretation that the prelates who are opposed to Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland put upon the Pope's recent decision on the Faribault system is directly at variance with its meaning, as judged by those dignitaries, it is said a more explicit verdict is likely to be rendered in the Vatican before the archbishops come together in October.