Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

No Protection.

In New South Wales, after September 30th next, all duties of a protective nature will be abolished.

The Assault Case.

Robt. Mason was fined $5 and $2 costs in the provincial police court yesterday morning for assaulting James S. Bates at Esquimalt on Monday.

A Warning to Bathers.

Boys and men who are in the habit of bathing in the Arm, are warned that unless proper bathing suits are worn they will be arrested and severely punished.

Frisco's Fund.

The San Francisco fund for the relief of the sufferers of the Nanaimo coal mine disaster continues to increase. The entire fund raised now amounts to $11,628.

Advance of Coffee.

Coffee is coffee in these days. Last August it sold in New York at eight cents, to-day it is worth 20½ cents. The increase is owing to an unusually short crop. For the last several months the price of coffee has advanced steadily in Victoria, and 25 cents is the present quotation.

Deserters Captured.

Two deserters from the ship George, bound for China, were caught by Captain Grant, with the aid of the police, at the Windsor hotel last evening and lodged in gaol. The men shipped at Burrard Inlet and received $30 each advance money, and then departed for Victoria.

Returned to Their Ship

The hunters who were lost from the schooner Lilly L. while at sea were returned to their vessel yesterday. They claim that they were lost and subsequently picked up by a steamer. The boats were also sent over from Astoria.

Another False Charge.

Contractor A. J. Smith, who has the contract for erecting the law courts on Bastion square, says that the item in the *Times* of Tuesday evening, stating that a Chinaman was employed on the work, is entirely untrue. No Celestial has been or will be employed, and the statement was pure fabrication.

A Holiday for the Police.

All was quiet in the city police court yesterday morning, no cases being brought up before the police magistrate. The wholesale imprisonment of vags, drunks and thieves which has been going on for the past few weeks seems to have cleared the town of these pests. Chief Gaoler Hutchinson, at the provincial lock-up, must have his hands full and as reports from there are of the best it is generally conceded that he does his duty excellently.

A Narrow Escape.

Yesterday morning a horse which had evidently run away from some livery stable came thundering through Wharf street towards Johnson. Two gentlemen were crossing near Turner, Beeton & Co.'s and did not observe the animal until a short drew their attention, and they rushed aside none too soon, for with fearful rapidity the horse passed them, grazing the arm of one of the party. The escape was a very narrow one and caused quite a commotion among the bystanders.

Arrival of Sealing Schooners.

The sealing schooners Ada, Wanderer and Discovery returned from the sealing grounds on Wednesday. The Ada brought up 18 seals, which makes her entire catch for the season, 362; the Wanderer was successful to the number of 200, while the Discovery has also a large number. We are unable to learn the exact amount of her catch. Nothing of moment has occurred lately on the west coast, the weather as a general thing being fine. These schooners, after refitting, will go to the Behring's Sea.

Klingel and the Sheriff.

It appears that Klingel, the debtor, who was arrested on writs of *capias* by the sheriff and owing to the manner in which one of these writs was executed was discharged from custody by a judge's order. He then commenced an action in the county court, claiming $1,000 damages from the sheriff for false imprisonment. On some technical point taken by the sheriff's lawyer the action was discontinued. Another action was then commenced by Klingel claiming $1,000 damages, and this action came before the court last month, but was postponed until to-day. The sheriff put in certain pleas; it is now learned that the action has been discontinued for good and all by the plaintiff.

Port Townsend News.

John Tillen, a sailor, employed in the Townsend sawmill, accidentally fell on Monday and broke his right arm.

A sailor, who was severely stabbed in Seattle recently while on the ship Louisiana, was conveyed to the marine hospital at Townsend yesterday.

Captain Tibballs, the Pacific Coast Steamship company's pilot, will leave next week for the east, to be absent several months. Capt. Libby will succeed Capt. Tibballs during the latter's absence.

Port Townsend is experiencing a building boom this spring. Two imposing brick structures are being erected on Water street. The First National Bank is contemplating the erection of a brick block next to the *Argus* building. Several dwelling houses have been built on the hill this year. This looks like business.

The Coming Sham Fight.

It is understood that the plan of the sham fight on celebration day will be about as follows: The attack by marines and blue jackets will be from the clump of trees at the foot of Cook street, across the cricket ground and up Beacon Hill, which latter will be defended by the B.C. regiment of garrison artillery and the rifle company. Three field guns will be posted on the brow of the hill in such a position as to command the entire field and will be manned by detachments from batteries No. 2, 3 and 4, respectively. The attacking force numbering probably 700 men, will form for attack under cover of the grove at the foot of the hill, the idea of effecting a landing from one of the war ships having been abandoned. The landing will probably be made in the harbor and the men marched to the above position by way of Humboldt and Cook streets. Should the volunteers from New Westminster be present the defending force will amount to nearly 200 men.

The Runner Nuisance.

Attention has been repeatedly called through these columns to the rough treatment accorded passengers on C. P. N. Co. and O.R.&N.Co. boats when landing from steamers. Another instance occurred last evening on the arrival of the Yosemite, when a passenger seeking an hotel was besieged and cornered by eight or ten hotel runners and subjected to rough and annoying solicitation, continuing for about ten minutes, until one of the number carried him off in triumph. Every day at either of the steamer landings the same scenes are enacted, and it is not always the male travelers who are thus subjected to the annoyance. A policeman may occasionally go down to the wharves, but if he does he takes a sheltered spot where he will not likely be disturbed. It must be exceedingly distasteful to all travelers on landing in our city to be given such an unwelcome onslaught, and certainly but a poor impression must be created. We trust that it will not again be necessary to refer to this nuisance, but that the mayor, police committee, chief of police, or to [illegible] will see that [illegible] landings and [illegible] runners, often [illegible] is strictly prohibited, but are seldom visited by an officer of the law.

The Mails.

No eastern mail has arrived in this city since Sunday night.

The Royal City's Relief.

New Westminster subscribed in all $2,591 to the Nanaimo relief fund.

Canoe Races.

Crews are being formed from the coast Indians to make up the list of races at the forthcoming regatta.

A Boom For Boatmen.

Every boat in the city has been engaged for the regatta, to be held on one of the jubilee days.

Civic Expenditure.

It is rumored that the city authorities will have to exercise the most rigid economy for the balance of the year to enable them to keep within the revenue.

A Female Mayor.

The voters of Argonia, Kansas, have elected Susana Salter, mayor of their city of 500 people. She is 27 years old, married and the mother of four children.

Higher Levels.

One of the steam fire engines will be stationed on Fort street for three hours each day to force water to the higher levels, where there is at present a water famine prevailing.

No Through Mail.

Owing to a slide and the washing away of a bridge somewhere along the line of railway the through train did not arrive at Vancouver yesterday. No particulars could be gleaned.

$1,000 Richer.

The city coffers were yesterday enriched to the sum of $1,000, that amount being paid by the Chinese boniamen of Dong Gong, the wily interpreter, who was up on a charge of conspiracy and who subsequently skipped his bail.

No. 4 Battery.

No. 4 battery of the B.C.G.A. will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Monday night will be devoted to batalion drill exclusively. Great preparations are being made by the batteries for the sham fight, and it is hoped every man will turn out to drills. The rifles under Captain Wollacott will take part in the fight.

The Old Cemetery.

At last night's meeting of the city council, the matter pertaining to the old cemetery was brought up. It was recommended that the grave that has been open for so long be filled in, but nothing was said about horses and cows roaming about over the graves and children playing in the hallowed spot. It is hoped the cemetery committee will do the proper thing and not delay in this most important matter. If the property is to be preserved as a cemetery it should be made attractive and a few dollars spent in that direction will not be begrudged.

PERSONAL.

Thos. Earle left for a trip to his railway contract on Puget Sound.

S. D. Pope, superintendent of education, returned from the mainland last night.

S. Tingley, manager B. C. express and stage company, left for Ashcroft this morning.

W. Ladner, M.P.P., C. D. Rand, T. W. Glaholme and P. Nelson were passengers by the Yosemite.

Mrs. W. Smithe arrived down from Somenos last evening, and is a guest of the Hon. John Robson.

Frank S. DuPree, who was in Victoria recently on his way east over the C.P.R., has settled down to work on the New York *Times*.

Dr. Port, a Portland capitalist, interested in Vancouver town lots, arrived from the Sound yesterday and left for Vancouver this morning.

M. E. Davis, of S. Davis & Sons, prominent cigar manufacturers of Montreal, has been here for several days on business. He expresses himself as pleased with this city and our glorious climate. Mr. Davis will return east in a few days.

Maurice E Kenealy, formerly editor of the Vancouver *News*, has been appointed editor of the *Alaskan* by Governor Swineford, under whose control the paper is conducted. The *Alaskan* is a weekly journal, published at Sitka, and we have no doubt will do itself proud under the new *regime*.

MARINE.

(Specially compiled for THE COLONIST.)

A three-masted schooner passed up the Sound on Monday.

Revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott returned to Townsend at noon yesterday.

Bark Howard has finished loading lumber at Port Blakely for Melbourne.

The steamship Alki is having her machinery overhauled in San Francisco.

Ship Glory of the Seas arrived Tuesday night, twelve days from San Francisco.

Bark Carugie, lumber laden from Blakely, arrived in Callao on 20th ultimo.

Bark Elsinore, lumber laden from Blakely, arrived in San Pedro on May 27th.

Ships Rosie Swelt and Oriental sailed on Saturday from San Francisco for Puget Sound.

Ship Raphael, coal laden, arrived in San Francisco on Thursday, six days from Seattle.

Bark Antoinette, lumber laden from Tacoma, arrived in Hong Kong prior to May 25th.

Ship Ivanhoe was towed yesterday by tug Holyoke to Seattle to load return cargo coal.

Tug Alexander towed the ship St. Charles up to Departure Bay yesterday afternoon.

Bark Cowlitz passed up Sound early yesterday morning from San Francisco for Port Gamble.

British bark Huasquina will commence to discharge cargo at Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf to-day.

Ship Louisiana, coal laden from Seattle for San Francisco, passed the Cape late last night in tow.

Ship Enos Soule will be towed to-day from Townsend to Tacoma, to load lumber for River Platte.

Barkentine J. G. Griffiths arrived at Port Haddock yesterday morning from Southern California.

Swedish bark Gevalia arrived yesterday in Townsend harbor from this port bound to Port Blakely.

Chilian ship Rauequa was towed yesterday from Townsend to Blakely, to load lumber for the West Coast.

The following sealers are now in the harbor: Penelope, Lilly L., Wanderer, Mountain Chief, Ada and Discovery.

Muirhead & Mann's scow, laden with lumber, etc., was towed to Socke yesterday morning by the steamer Saturna.

Bark Columbia, lumber laden from Port Hadlock for San Francisco, was towed to sea yesterday by tug Tacoma.

Steamer Ancon will probably arrive here on Saturday on her way north. It a thought that she will wait for the Chester from San Francisco.

British ship Hindostan, Minchin, 1,547 tons, arrived in Royal Roads yesterday morning from Valparaiso, to load a return cargo of lumber at Moodyville.

Ship Katie Davenport, Capt. Howland, 17 days from San Francisco, arrived at Townsend harbor yesterday, bound to Port Blakely to load lumber.

Tug Pilot arrived from the Cape yesterday afternoon, having towed the bark Glenfarg to sea. The tug left again immediately for Moodyville with the ship Hindostan in tow.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—Arrived—Ship Chas. E. Moody, Tacoma. Cleared—Steamer State of California, Astoria; bark Anna, Port Townsend. Sailed—Bark Tam O'Shanter, Columbia River.

ALWAYS GRUMBLING.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30—A Halifax dispatch to the *Sun* states that the Nova Scotians are dissatisfied by the duty of $5.50 on pig-iron and the removal of the duty on hard coal, which sends Canadian manufacturers to Pennsylvania instead of Nova Scotia. The result is that annexation talk is increasing.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last evening in the City Hall.

Present—His Worship Mayor Fell, Couns. Grant, Styles, Harris, Pearse, Higgins, Vigelius and Coughlan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From John L. Clark, calling attention to his letter to the council three weeks ago, regarding jubilee issue of the *West Shore*; laid on the table.

From the city clerk of Nanaimo, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the mayor and thanking him and the people of Victoria for their liberal donation.

From S. C. Burris, asking for street lines on Cormorant street. Granted.

From J. H. McLaughlin, asking if the charge of 50 cents for a supply of water to his house would be permanent. Referred to water committee.

From J. N. Muir, asking permission to remove the earth on the rocks in front of his house on the corner of Quadra and McClure street. Referred to street committee to report.

From Thos. King, asking for a release of an agreement made between him and the council by the removal of a stable. Referred to fire wardens.

From J. P. Elford, asking for permission to use a portion of Government street, between Johnson and Cormorant streets, for building purposes. Granted.

From ratepayers, asking for the erection of a box drain on the south side of Fort street. Received and filed.

From 36 ratepayers, calling attention to the inefficient way Johnson street is sprinkled and asking for better arrangements.

Coun. Braden thought that one sprinkler was not enough.

Coun. Grant said that he had watched the way the streets were watered of late. He was not at all satisfied.

Coun. Higgins drew attention to the injunction of the supreme court in 1885. He thought that the corporation would have to stop watering the streets, as the people on the higher levels had not had water now for several days. He had heard that steps would be taken to compel the council to desist from watering the streets. He suggested that while the city was waiting for the new pumps that the fire engine be put on one of the hydrants and pump the water to the higher levels.

Coun. Pearse said he had not had much water for a long time. He always paid his water rates and expected to get something for it.

Coun. Styles asked Mr. Hendry if the street sprinkler was taking more water this year than during the past.

Mr. Hendry—Yes, more than it is possible for us to supply.

Coun. Higgins—How much water does the Clarence hotel elevator take?

Mr. Hendry—About 100 gallons to the lift.

Coun. Coughlan—Mr. Hendry is wrong; it only takes eighty gallons to a heavy lift and about 44 gallons to an average lift.

Coun. Pearse, in moving that the letter be laid on the table, said that he thought that water should be taken from the bay.

Coun. Harris thought the salt water would spoil the goods of the merchants.

Coun. Braden was not in favor of using the engines for pumping purposes.

Coun. Vigelius said that it would ruin the engines. They should be kept in the engine house.

Coun. Higgins said that he was quite sure in a few days the injunction would be resorted to to prevent the council from sprinkling the streets.

He moved, seconded by Coun. Coughlan, that the Tiger fire engine be placed on Fort street to-day to pump water to the higher levels, and that the street and water committees be empowered to carry out the prayer of the petitioners.

Coun. Pearse then withdrew his motion that the letter be laid on the table, and moved, seconded by Coun. Braden, in amendment to Coun. Higgins' motion, that the engine be placed on one of the wharves to pump water for street sprinkling purposes.

The amendment on being put to the vote was lost by a tie.

It was then decided to pump the water to the higher levels for a period of one week.

From Frank Sylvester, J. Sears and J. Wrigglesworth, acknowledging the receipt of the mayor's letter regarding the removal of certain property from the engine house which belongs to the city.

His worship explained the purport of the letter and said he only awaited the sanction of the council to take steps to recover the property.

Coun. Higgins moved, seconded by Coun. Coughlan, that the matter be referred to the fire wardens with power to report. Carried.

MOTIONS.

Coun. Grant gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move that the return and revision of the assessment roll be made.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the month of April were then read, which amounted to $2,358.16. They were referred to the finance committee, to be paid if found correct.

PAINTING JAMES BAY BRIDGE.

Only one tender was handed in for the painting of the above bridge. Coun. Vigelius moved that the time for receiving tenders be extended two weeks. Carried.

REPORTS.

The street committee recommended that in re drain on Cook street, the cost of putting in a box drain from Pandora street to Fairfield road would be $1,500. The amount being too large the committee recommended that the work be deferred for the time being; that Mrs. Ella be recompensed for the damage done to her property. The report was received.

The cemetery committee reported that they had visited the old cemetery and found that one of the graves had fallen in and needed repairs.

Coun. Braden moved that the matter be left in the hands of the cemetery committee with power to act.

Coun. Higgins asked to whom the cemetery belonged.

His worship said that the city could procure the deeds of the property when it made application for them.

Coun. Styles said that he had received information that no deeds had ever been made out.

Coun. Braden's motion was carried.

The clerk will be instructed to look into the records of the agreements between the government and the city, and in whom the cemetery property is vested.

BY-LAWS.

Coun. Grant moved that the by-laws be laid over for one week more; carried.

THE WATER WORKS.

Coun. Coughlan asked what had been done in the matter of the water works.

Coun. Harris said that Mr. Bell had been away and was preparing plans to be submitted to the council.

The council adjourned at 10 o'clock.

WEST COAST QUARTZ.

Discovery of a Large Ledge of Good Looking Quartz.

W. Halpenny, government guide, returned on Tuesday evening from the west coast where he has been on a prospecting trip. Through the agency of an Indian he was guided to a point four days from Alberni, and about ten miles from Bear river, where a ledge thirty to forty feet in width was located. It was rough traveling and at times snow five feet in depth was passed over on snowshoes. The traveling was so rough that only a small quantity of the rock could be secured, but assays will be made from these and another trip merely made to the point in better weather. The ledge is described as extending up the mountain for fully a mile.

It is stated that traces of gold and silver are frequently met with in the district, and it is the intention of a number of men to go in and thoroughly prospect it.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

British Columbia Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance.

Following is a summary of the principal business transacted at the Third Annual Convention, which met in Victoria on 18th May, 1887.

Sixteen delegates reported.

Committee on Nominations—Rev. E. Robson, Mr. J. Hastie, Mrs. Gerow, Mrs. Jenkins.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. D. Fraser, M.A., Mr. G. A. Sargison, Mr. H. Rudge, Mrs. Spafford, Mrs. Humber.

The treasurer's report was presented, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hand 1st May, 1886	$ 1 00
Collections mass meetings	25 65
Membership fees	14 00
I. O. G. T. of Victoria	10 00
Royal Templars do	5 00
Do do Nanaimo	10 00
L. T. of V. T. U., Victoria	15 00
New Westminster Alliance	50 00
	130 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses church halls	2 50
Printing	15 10
Stationery and postage	9 50
Legal assistance	50 00
Assessment Dominion Alliance	30 00
	107 10
Cash in hand	$22 55

Victoria, 17th May, 1887.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) G. A. SARGISON,
JAS. HASTIE, Auditors.

Victoria, 18th May, 1887.

The president gave the hand of welcome to Rev. Dr. Williams, general superintendent of the Methodist church.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The executive committee of the B. C. branch of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee have held seventeen meetings during the year. Upon the suggestion of the committee five auxiliaries have been organized, viz: at New Westminster, Victoria, Chilliwhack, Nanaimo and Comox. Meetings were also held at Saanich, Cedar Hill and Esquimalt for the same purpose, but without accomplishing the desired object. Five hundred blank certificates of membership were printed, part of which were sent to the local auxiliaries.

Previous to the late provincial election a circular was sent to each candidate for the legislature, with a view to ascertaining whether he would be favorable to amended legislation in reference to the liquor traffic.

To Candidate for election as representative of in the local legislature of British Columbia.

SIR,—On behalf of the Auxiliary of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic, we beg to submit to you the following question, and respectfully request that you will give a clear and direct reply to the same, and otherwise express your views on the subject as may seem to you desirable.

Will you, if chosen to represent the above constituency, cordially assist in securing a thorough revision of the provincial laws relating to the liquor traffic, especially with a view to limiting the number of licenses to be issued; preventing the sale of liquors on Sunday and curtailing the hours on week nights; and also providing efficient machinery for the administering and enforcing of such acts as may be passed?

In connection with the foregoing circular communication was sent to the various newspapers of the province, setting forth the necessity of amended legislation, and stating the leading points which it is proposed to embody in such legislation.

In accordance with the instructions of the Alliance, the president and secretary waited upon the premier of Canada during his recent visit to Victoria, and presented to him for consideration a series of resolutions passed by the Alliance convention at New Westminster, concerning the Indians and the liquor traffic. The committee was courteously received, the resolutions read, and promises given that in the course of time an official communication was received from Dr. Powell, superintendent of Indian affairs, relative to the above resolutions. The aforesaid communication practically denies the existence of the evils complained of by the Alliance.

In carrying out the instructions of the Alliance regarding the drafting of a bill for the better regulation of the liquor traffic, your committee added the following to their number: Noah Shakespeare, Esq., M.P., R. Bodwell, Esq., and S. Gray, Esq., Q.C. The president and secretary conferred with the provincial secretary in reference to amended liquor legislation. The hon. gentleman advised the Alliance to prepare the draft of a license act to be submitted to the government at a later date, and resolved to request an interview with the government and urge the advisability of framing an act corresponding as closely as possible with the so-called Macarthy act. After receiving a favorable reply, the following members of the executive waited upon the premier, requesting them to sanction the introduction at a bill for the better regulation of the liquor traffic, and Revenue Act. Rev. Mr. Reade and Messrs. Haughton, Bodwell, Shakespeare and Gray. The deputation were met by the Premier and Prov. Secretary. After a discussion of the chief provisions to be incorporated in the measure, the government consented to give a general sanction to the introduction of a bill of this nature, and suggested that the committee should draw up in detail the draft of such a bill, to be submitted at a later date. Owing to the limited time and the legal technicalities involved in the preparation of such a bill, your committee deemed it advisable to secure the services of Thornton Fell, Esq., Barrister.

In connection with this bill petitions were circulated throughout the province praying for the three following provisions, viz.: (1) That the maximum number of licenses issued be fixed pro rata to bear a certain proportion to the population. (2.) That licensed places be closed on the Lord's Day and during certain hours of the week nights. (3.) That provision be made for the efficient carrying out of such regulations as might be adopted.

The petitions were returned with over fifteen hundred signatures, and along with the bill were laid before the legislature, and by them both were laid upon the table.

The following temperance societies responded to the call for funds for the prosecution of the work of the Alliance, viz.: New Westminster—The local Alliance, $50; Royal Templars, $15; Good Templars, $20. In Victoria—The I. W. C. T. U., $13; Good Templars, $10; Royal Templars, $5. In Nanaimo—Royal Templars, $10; public meeting collection, $8.

Noah Shakespeare, Esq., M.P., was requested to act as our representative at the recent annual Dominion Alliance Convention held at Ottawa, Ont. Thirty dollars was forwarded to Mr. F. S. Spence, the Dominion Secretary, to pay our two annual assessments.

[The attention of the Alliance is directed to an amendment to the Municipalities Act, intended to enable one of our railway companies to secure the licensing of grog shops at the railway stations in defiance of the wishes of the people along the line. This disgraceful piece of retrogressive legislation is, we believe, without a parallel on this continent, and ought to be met by an indignant protest from all lovers of their country.

In conclusion your committee present for the consideration of the Alliance the following suggestions:

(1.) That we urge the organization of local branches of the Alliance and other temperance associations wherever practicable, and increased activity in the dissemination of our principles by means of the press, platform and pulpit.

(2.) That the executive to be appointed be instructed to send circulars to ministers of the gospel and other friends of temperance, urging increased attention to questions of temperance and social reform.

(3.) That the friends of temperance be requested to continue the agitation in favor of an amended license law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. BARSS, Sec.

An encouraging report from the Blue Ribbon Club of Victoria was read.

Resolved, That the secretary acknowledge the receipt of the communication of the superintendent of Indian affairs in this province, dated October 18, 1886, relating to importation of liquors by Indians, and abuses arising therefrom, the existence of which is practically denied; but, in view of facts which have come under the notice of members of this Alliance, that we are still of the opinion that the statements embraced in our communication were substantially correct.

Resolved, That the next annual convention of the Alliance be held in Vancouver city in the month of May next.

Resolved, that the Alliance requests auxiliaries and all temperance societies in the province to furnish reports of their work each year, not later than April 15th

Resolved, that the following amendments be made to the constitution: 1. That the word "one" be inserted in section 2 of the auxiliaries' constitution. 2. That the words "after providing for local expenses" be inserted in the note following. 3. That "ten" be substituted for "five" in the article on officers for provincial branch.

OFFICERS—1887-8.

President, Rev. D. Fraser.

First Vice-President, Rev. W. Barss.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. B. Sargison.

Secretary, Rev. J. W. Wadman.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. Jenkins.

Executive Committee—A. C. Wells, Chilliwhack; Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster; E. V. Bodwell, Vancouver; S. Gough, Nanaimo; J. Sluggett, Saanich; Rev. E. Robson, Nanaimo; Mrs. C. Spafford, J. Hastie, G. A. Sargison and T. Deasy, Victoria.

A COUNTERFEITER CONVICTED.

PORTLAND, May 25.—James Otey, a blacksmith of The Dalles, was convicted in the United States circuit court to-day of making counterfeit money. The defense offered was that the bogus coin was not well enough executed to deceive. W. P. Davis testified that Otey told him that he had procured a lot of bogus greenbacks from the east which were no good and that he had passed every one of them. Otey's wife pleaded for him, saying that he had two children which she would not be able to support if her husband went to the penitentiary. The fact that she was dressed in rich silks and velvets and wore a valuable diamond ring, a gold chain, etc., destroyed the effect of her pleading.

McNAMEE'S CLAIM.

The Committee Believe He Was Unfairly Dealt With.

No Action Taken, But Adjournment Granted to Allow the Counsel to Decide on Future Action.

Famous John E. Dunn Answers Questions Satisfactorily—Misdemeanor to Take Intoxicating Liquors Aboard H. M. Ships—Chinese Immigration Amendment Bill Passed—Deputy Minister of the Interior Coming.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, May 31.—The committee on McNamee's claim spent most of the morning examining the papers produced by the public works department. Colby said that in the face of the evidence before the committee McNamee had been unfairly dealt with by the British Columbia government. Other members of the committee concurred in this view, but Tupper thought the claim should be tried by the Dominion arbitrators or by the Exchequer court. McNamee said he had been harassed and almost driven to desperation with regard to this matter. The confiscation of the deposit by the British Columbia government was the worst feature of the matter. It was understood that the amount was to remain in the bank, McNamee drawing interest, but within three months Premier Walkem withdrew the whole amount to pay the salaries of the local officials. The committee thought they could not take action but adjourned to allow McNamee's counsel to decide on future action.

The House was engaged all day questioning John R. Dunn, returning officer for Queen's county, N. B., at the bar of the House. As the answers were satisfactory Dunn was discharged from further attendance.

The government introduced a bill today making it a misdemeanor for any person to take intoxicating liquors on board Her Majesty's ships in Canadian waters.

The Chinese immigration amendment bill passed.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Kissane's Notoriety.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—Since the fact of the whereabouts of the now widely notorious William Kissane, *alias* William R. Rogers, was made known two days ago, newspaper men have visited his ranch about three miles from Sonoma. To a reporter to-day the wife of Kissane said that Gen. Francis Darr to whom is described the reopening of Kissane's career, had made the exposure owing to Kissane's failure to pay the claim for $34,000 on account of the Chemical Bank of New York. Since the suit had actually been commenced the amount had dropped to $4,300. Mrs. Rogers says General Darr and his wife had visited them at their home prior to the publication of the details of her husband's supposed career, as she claims to take inventory of their effects, but had expressed only most friendly personal regard. Mrs. Rogers was asked how he thought the affair would end. "I know how it would have ended long ago if I had not begged and implored my husband for my sake and the sake of our children to leave the punishment of Darr's malice and cruelty to some other than his own," she replied; "it is well for Gen. Darr that Col. Rogers has a family around him, some of them little ones, or long before this he would have had to settle with the man whom he has pursued like a fiend for no cause that we can see except desire to extort money." She said her husband would defend his character in court.

A Peculiar Suit.

SACRAMENTO, June 1.—On the 30th of May, 1885, Mrs. Dr. Pinkham of this city accompanied by her little son and daughter May, about 14 years of age, departed for New York on a visit. They reached Rocklin and the train was just pulling out of that town when a drunken man named Frank Campmier pulled a pistol from his pocket and the weapon was discharged and little May Pinkham fell dead, having been shot through the heart. Campmier was afterwards arrested and tried, but the jury failed to convict, believing the shooting to be accidental. Dr. Pinkham, father of the dead girl, has filed a complaint in the county clerk's office against the Southern Pacific company for $50,000 damages.

The Ambrose Divorce.

Thos. Ambrose, who is stated to be worth somewhat more than half a million dollars, was remanded to the custody of the sheriff of San Francisco county by the supreme court by failing to pay alimony to his wife to whom he was divorced last year. Shortly after the marriage, it is claimed, she made overtures to Ambrose for one-third. He did not believe they could live peaceably together and she should get a divorce. Mrs. Ambrose promptly began proceedings. The husband, by agreement, allowed the case to go by default. An order was obtained from the court requiring Ambrose to pay $200 per month alimony. The defendant refused to pay the money and was sent to jail for contempt, but carried the case to the supreme court on a writ of *habeas corpus*, where it was decided as above. He is to remain in custody of the sheriff until he shall have paid the alimony.

Honoring Gladstone.

NEW YORK, June 1.—Fifteen hundred enthusiastic admirers of Gladstone went down the bay this afternoon to give Godspeed to Richard M. Walters, who goes on the Germanic to present, with Joseph Pulitzer, the memorial from York's citizens to the "Grand Old Man."

A Mexican Volcano.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., June 1.—Senor Camp, just arrived from Nocosari, states that authentic news has reached Oposura that at the time of the first earthquake the volcano broke in the Chihuahua side of the Sierra Madre, near Piedra Vendes, and about thirty miles west of Casas Grande. Different parties, numbering thirty in all, had gone from Casas Grande to inspect the volcano, none of which had, owing to the intense heat been enabled to approach nearer than three miles of the mass of molten lava which kept pouring down the mountain side, and estimated to extend fully ten miles from the crater of the volcano. Volumes of smoke by day and a red glare by night from the burning mountain are visible for a long distance.

More Earthquakes.

CITY OF MEXICO (via Galveston), June 1.—The senate ratified the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with France.

The government continues to receive news regarding the earthquake Sunday morning. A telegram from Acapulco, on the Pacific coast, states that continuous shocks are felt. No damage.

Gas for Vancouver.

It is the intention of the Vancouver gas company to proceed at once with the erection of works to meet the demand for illumination at the terminal city. A plant will be erected of a sufficient capacity to supply gas for a city of large proportions.

A Fine Hall.

The contract for preparing and grading the ground for the new block of the Masons and Oddfellows, corner of Lorne and Columbia streets, New Westminster, has been let to Mr. Joseph Wise. Mr. Geo. Grant is the architect for the Oddfellows' portion of the building, and Mr. John Teague is drawing the specifications for the Masons. When erected and finished this building, which will be 122 by 66 feet, will be one of the largest and handsomest in the province.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The central crater of Mount Ætna is in eruption.

Hanlan will challenge Gaudaur to row another race.

Sugar has been reduced one-eighth of a cent in California.

Earthquakes are reported from Trinidad and Granada.

The Grant monument association now has about $125,000.

Mr. Edison does not think telephoning by sea is practicable.

Professor Wagner, the African explorer, has committed suicide.

Riots at Pitsburg, England, have been suppressed by the military.

The Sultan of Turkey has ceded the island of Cyprus to England.

During the past week 1,315 immigrants left Queenstown for America.

Enthusiastic demonstrations were held in Paris Tuesday favoring Boulanger.

A brilliant fete was held Tuesday at Brussels in honor of the Queen's jubilee.

The Crown Prince of Germany will attend the coming jubilee services at London.

Thomas Spencer Bates, the well known professor of logic, died yesterday in London.

John W. Davis, of Pawtucket, has been inaugurated governor of Rhode Island.

The winery of Henry Meyer was destroyed by lightning at Stockton, Cal., on Tuesday.

It is probable that the English yacht Thistle will be matched against an American yacht.

Fowler Stoddard was shot dead Tuesday night at D yton, Ohio, by a man named Clubb.

Col. Ridgeway, on the British Afghan commission, leaves St. Petersburg for London to-day.

Admiral Jaures has refused to accept the office of minister of marines in the French cabinet.

The annual parade of police in New York took place Tuesday. There were 3000 men in line.

Alexander Bellan's barn, near San Diego, was struck by lightning on Tuesday and destroyed.

The situation in the Choctaw nation is becoming serious, and a battle with the Indians is imminent.

Several warehouses at Pernambuco and twenty-five thousand bales of cotton were destroyed by fire.

The brig Perry Edwards, reported missing, has put into the Bay of Mantau, off the coast of Ecuador.

Everything is quiet in the Serling district in Belgium and many of the strikers are returning to work.

Belgium will assume an armed neutrality in order to prevent belligerents from using Belgian territory.

The preliminary meeting of the International Sunday School convention was held in Chicago Tuesday.

The coke strikers made a desperate effort on Tuesday to blow up a coal shaft at Dévidson, Pa., with dynamite.

Six prisoners arrested on a charge of robbing a train at McNeill's station, were arraigned at Austin, Texas, Tuesday.

The steamers for Portland from San Francisco now leave every four days instead of every five days as heretofore.

Mr. Buchanan will temporarily assume the duties of the late Mr. Smithers as general manager of the Bank of Montreal.

Prof. Charles Siednorf and his wife aged respectively 91 and 92 years, committed suicide at Union Hill, New Jersey, on Tuesday.

English engineers are fortifying Herat, the aim being to enable a garrison of 10,000 men at Herat to withstand a siege of ninety days.

The grain parties at Aronmouth docks, Bristol, who struck against the use of elevators in unloading vessels, have returned to work.

The Blood Indians have agreed to keep out of the Gros Ventres country to avoid fighting and the government will try to recover their stolen horses.

Ex-Governor Alger, of Michigan, has purchased Munkacsy's picture, Last Days of Mozart, for $50,000. It will be placed in the Detroit art museum.

The general council of the Reformed Episcopal church, has adjourned in Philadelphia to meet in Ottawa on the last Wednesday in May two years hence.

The resort of bandits, Santa Maria, Tex., was raided by soldiers and the local government officers on Tuesday, and several of the robbers were executed on the spot.

Mr. La Riviere has announced to the Manitoba house that he would oppose further aid to the Hudson's Bay railroad, until evidence was forthcoming that it would be completed.

Mrs. Montgomery, the missing American lady, sent a postal card on April 17th from London to the American Exchange at Berlin, requesting letters for her to be forwarded to that point.

Bridget Gallagher visited the *Chronicle* editorial rooms on Sunday to chastise a reporter. She drew a revolver on E. A. Phillips, but was summarily disarmed and ejected and is now in jail.

The P. C. S. S. company announces round trip rates, San Francisco to Portland, including meals and stateroom, at $30. Tickets to be good for 45 days. This is a virtual reduction of $15.

Rouvier will announce the determination of the French ministry to resign unless they obtain a majority of the republican votes in the chamber. General Ferron in assuming the duties of the war office announces that he shall pursue a policy of military reform.

The trans-Pacific steamers, the first of which sails from Vancouver on June 20th, announce the cabin passage from Vancouver to Hong Kong to be $300; to Yokohama, $175. Second class $90 to Hong Kong and $85 to Yokohama. This is a reduction of $100 on the cabin passage as compared to existing rates from San Francisco.

The Mexican congress has adjourned.

An unknown man was found dead at Dunsmuir, Cal., on Tuesday.

An enthusiastic reception was given to Senator Sherman at Springfield, Ill., yesterday.

The old board of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad has been relected.

The floods in Hungary are subsiding. Losses by the destruction of crops will be large.

The gold holdings of the United States treasury have increased $6,000,000 since May 1st.

George H. Disque was hanged at Jersey City on Wednesday for the murder of his wife.

Wood river in Idaho is rising higher than ever before and great damage is anticipated.

A man named Teller was shot by his wife Tuesday on a ranch at Deep Creek Falls, W. T.

It is believed among English yachts men that the Thistle will win back the American cup.

A Sitka, Alaska, company has disposed of its northern extension of 1,500 feet to the Ungs Mining company.

There is now little doubt that the steamer with 750 lives was lost in the recent cyclone near Calcutta.

Mrs. John Hopkins, wife of a policeman, was shot in the head by her husband Tuesday in San Francisco.

W. M. Eaton was seriously if not fatally injured in a frightful runaway accident Tuesday at Jacksonville.

Mr. Balee, vice commodore of the Royal Albert Yacht club, has been declared bankrupt. Liabilities £97,000.

The London *Standard* says the radical conference marks a turning point in the political history of the country.

The body of Postmaster Canon, of Fort Lincoln, was washed ashore at Winona, near Bismarck, D.T., Wednesday.

Preparations are being made to hold a demonstration in honor of Gladstone at all places through which he passes en route to Semarzee.

A strong protection movement is developing in Spain by senators and deputies, representing farming and manufacturing districts.

Rouvier hopes to effect a retrenchment of from sixty to eighty million francs from the estimates of the ministers of war, marine and public works.

CABLE NEWS.

An Important Radical Union Conference in London.

**A Letter from John Bright on the Policy of the Liberal Party