

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

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(Special to the Colonist.)

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The estimates considered to-night required, for the expenditure 1894, \$477,800. The estimated income, at 16 mills per acre and other resources, was \$371,900; apparent deficit, \$105,900, which will probably be made up by the collection of arrears of taxes, \$25,000, to the end of 1892, leaving \$80,900 of arrears of 1893 still unpaid.

VANCOUVER, April 24.—British Columbia is to have another big boom; so say those whose special hobby is forecasting the future. Their chief reason for making this assertion, and a very plausible one it seems, is that the completion of the Nicaragua canal, and the completion of the Nicaragua canal, will drop so materially, that British Columbia and the entire coast country will eventually become the main source of supply in lumber, wood pulp, etc., for the European markets. This is the way it is explained: It now takes a sailing vessel several months to reach England from Vancouver around the Horn. By way of the Nicaragua canal, the passage can be made in about 60 days without trans-shipment, while steamers can make the canal in eight days, and from the canal to England in six days.

It is said that the Canadian Pacific railway in conjunction with a line of fast steamers, could afford to fix rates between British Columbia and England, as figures corresponding with the present rates between Vancouver, B. C. and San Francisco. Hereafter wood pulp has been mainly supplied to European markets from Australia and the cargo trans-shipped five or six times in the passage. By the aid of the Nicaragua canal the company would far outstrip all competitors, as the cargo of pulp of British Columbia and Puget Sound made from the famous gumless spruce, is superior to any pulp in the market, and the same may be said of the oregonwood used in the manufacture of fine quality paper, as well as the wood for book binding used extensively in the large European cities. Eastern States and Canada will benefit from the shorter distance and lower rates of the canal route, but not so materially as the Pacific coast, whose shippers will be brought in direct competition with their hitherto invulnerable rivals of the Old World. The mining as well as the lumber business will be given a tremendous impetus. Without going into details, there is a very large ore in the smelting of British Columbia, zinc, copper, gold, less than \$5 to the ton, besides numerous chemical properties are not returned by the smelters to the shippers, while in Swansea, Wales, everything of value in the ore is extracted and utilized. Again, the Canadian Pacific railway are reported to have said that they will be able, in conjunction with steamers on the Nicaragua canal route, and their branch lines into the mining country, to ship ore to Swansea as cheaply as to San Francisco. This seems almost incredible, but there is no doubt that the future of the Canadian Pacific country is in the hands of a sanguine optimist can be painted with the material to hand in bewilderingly attractive colors.

The St. George's societies (there are two in Vancouver, celebrated their day in the usual way yesterday. The St. George's society organized in the early days of Vancouver, of which Mr. Hamersley is president, banqueting in royal style, the company being entertained by numerous excellent singers, members of the society. No. 2, known as the popular St. George's society, celebrated the day by banquet and concert. Rev. Mr. Clinton occupied the chair, and the hall in St. John's church was uncomfortably crowded with members and guests. The musical and literary entertainments were excellent, and the spirit of national brotherhood prevailed to such an extent as to make the evening most enjoyable for those present.

The local bar passed a resolution yesterday to ask Judge Bole to fix upon Friday for the regular weekly County court chambers. The local members have been invited to give an account of their stewardship in the Market hall on Friday night next. The Richmond hotel was sold under the hammer yesterday. Mr. McKay, of the Steveston, was the purchaser, the price paid being \$2,500.

Mr. F. C. Yates left for Abbotsford today to appraise the loss at M. S. Ross's ranch. Mr. Ross's residence and other buildings being destroyed by fire. Some time ago the correspondent of the Empire in this city, caused to be published in that paper that there was no veterinary surgeon in Vancouver with letters from the British Columbia. Mr. Knute, veterinary surgeon of Toronto, came without any enquiry and has established himself at Leathcote's stable in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, April 24.—(Special.)—Twenty-five delegates were chosen in the different wards to-night. A number of rousing speeches were made in favor of the Government. Among the prominent speakers were Mayor Anderson, ex-Mayor McLean, ex-Mayor Cope, ex-Mayor Oppenheimer.

VANCOUVER, April 25.—The Art association met again yesterday afternoon. Letters were read from the Lieut. Governor, Mrs. Dewdney and Bishop Sillito accepting the appointment of hon. president and hon. vice-presidents. The association will hold a musical reception on the second Tuesday in May.

Frank Berry, of H. M. Customs, Victoria, was married yesterday to Miss A. E. Hone, second daughter of H. F. Hone, late of H. M. service, London, Eng. Rev. G. B. Maxwell officiated.

The Vancouver poultry association met yesterday. A letter was considered from Mr. Fitch, who offers his services as judge. Mr. Fitch has been raising poultry since 1844. After considerable discussion the price of annual tickets was placed at \$5.

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A Chinaman was found dead this morning in a cabin in Chinatown. No suspicious of foul play being raised, an inquest was considered unnecessary.

NANAIMO, April 23.—Mr. Chas. Dempster is rapidly recovering from his recent severe accident.

Bishop Perrin preached in St. Matthew's church, Wellington, yesterday morning, and in St. Luke's, Northfield, in the evening.

The funeral of the late Robert Scott took place yesterday afternoon. There was a very big attendance, including the principal business men, representatives of the several churches, and many friends.

The local Orange lodge have made arrangements to attend the 12th of July celebration at Chilliwack.

Political meetings will be held at Englishman's river and on Gabriola island Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Reform party.

Active steps are being taken towards the erection of a building suitable for poultry and similar exhibitions. The Nanaimo Poultry Society (Limited) has the matter in hand, and will not doubt be successful, as such a hall is badly needed in this city.

James Atkinson, butcher, Northfield, who assigned on Saturday, is now missing. He leaves a large amount of indebtedness.

A telegram was received here this afternoon stating that Mrs. Adolph Newman had arrived in San Francisco very ill.

NANAIMO, April 24.—D. H. Gillman, Seattle; J. P. Kimball, New York; and D. H. Lee, Port Townsend, arrived this morning from Seattle, on their way to Texada island in connection with a big mining deal.

A man named Jordan was fined \$50 and costs at Union yesterday for selling whiskey to Indians.

The bark Carrollton and steamer Montserrat arrived; Crown of England sailed.

regarding the proper management of orchards and the best treatment for the prevention and cure of diseases and the destruction of insect pests. Mr. Palmer encouraged the farmers to grow more extensively into the business of fruit raising, showing them that if they raised fruit here by the car-load, the Manitoba and Northwest markets would take it all. The farmers tendered the two gentlemen a vote of thanks for the information imparted.

The deferred Easter vestry meeting of the St. Bartholomew and St. Stephen's churches in this parish was held at the former church in Sanction, Thursday evening last. The treasurer's statement showed the church finances to be in a good condition considering the prevailing depression during the past year. Mr. E. Sadler was chosen as minister's warden for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. Mitchell was re-elected as people's warden. The retiring warden, Mr. F. Turgoose, and the re-elected warden, received a vote of thanks from the meeting for their faithful services.

DUNCANS, April 21.—A meeting of the electors of Cowichan, for the purpose of hearing Hon. Theodor Davis and others discuss the political issues of the campaign now opening was held in the agricultural hall here this evening. Mr. Duncan was in the chair and there was a large attendance. The Premier at the outset stated the audience that he intended, if possible, to address the electors in every part of the province, and thought it most fitting that he should open his intended series of addresses with one in his own constituency of Cowichan. He proposed to defend the government policy and to defend it against the attacks which have been made by the opposition, and especially upon the one matter concerning which the opposition after all their vilified threats had ventured an open charge. This was the Nakup & Sloan controversy, concerning which he referred to his own speeches in the legislature, very fully dealing with the subject, and the further step dealing with the Premier in the appointment of a royal commission of investigation, to show that their course has been straightforward, and prompted only by a desire to advance the welfare of the province. The high character and great ability of the two commissioners, Begbie and Eschbacher, Sir Matthew Bannister, Chief Justice, Sir Matthew Begbie and Eschbacher, Judge Burrows, and the other members of the government, were mentioned, and the speaker spoke of the efforts made by the government to secure needed public improvements in Cowichan district, particularly with reference to the roads, and to the obstructions in the Cowichan river. He contrasted the progressive policy of the government with the obstructive tactics and policy of inactivity in the opposition, favored by Hon. Mr. Bevan and his followers, and expressed his confidence that the Premier would lead them to make a wise choice, in the election of the candidates who would take the field as the straight supporters of the present government.

Henry Croft, M.P.P., was the next speaker, and announced much to the regret of his hearers, that he did not intend to seek re-election, as he felt that he could not afford the time. He hoped his actions while a member of the legislature had been such as to commend themselves to the electors.

Mr. Lewis Hall was next called on, and stated that though he had been asked by a number of electors to take the field, he would have to decline the honor, as he was having the time to make a personal canvass.

Major Muter, of Soanens, spoke in favor of having a member resident in the district, and proceeded to describe the capabilities of that part of the country for raising sheep, and severely criticized the government for having failed to offer to the agricultural interests of the district, and expressed dissatisfaction on several other points also, but nevertheless declared his intention of being a candidate on government side.

Mr. Swan declared himself a candidate on the side of the opposition, and was surprised that anyone who had their confidence—a man who would talk and act in the inconsiderate manner of which Major Muter had on this occasion given an example. To be perfectly frank, as he wished to be world as just that if the electors of Cowichan would elect the Premier, they had better not elect the speaker (Hon. Mr. Davis) for it seemed quite apparent that they two were not likely to work together.

Major Muter in explanation said he had not intended to hurt the feelings of the Attorney-General, but if that gentleman did not, then he would have returned with him, then he would have returned the electors to vote for him and not for the Attorney-General. He was willing, however, to give the government an independent support in public matters.

The meeting adjourned at a late hour after a vote of thanks to the chairman.

KAMLOOPS. (From the Sentinel.) Two parties of prospectors have fitted out for the North Thompson.

J. Genelle's sawmill at Tapper Sliding is running at full capacity, and considerable lumber is being shipped to points east and west.

J. E. Saucier's new steamer will be Saturday ready for planking. It is expected to be running by May 10. He has the contract for bringing down sixty tons of ore from the Northfield wharf in a canoe for the Esclataw camp. Shortly after leaving the wharf the canoe capsized. It was only with the greatest difficulty that they were rescued.

Sailed—Steamer Montserrat.

SOUTH SAANICH, April 24.—It was reported about two weeks ago that Mr. E. R. John had a new residence; it may now be reported that he has also a new baby daughter.

A site near Sand Hill Creek having been generously donated by Mr. R. F. John for a Methodist church, the members of that denomination are busily engaged in clearing the site preparatory to the erection of a suitable building.

At a meeting of the Agricultural Society Saturday evening last, Mr. R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, etc., and Mr. O'Brien of Cedar Hill, gave the farmers some instructions.

Mr. Allan came to Kamloops yesterday morning from Savona, bringing with him a sack of copper, and a similar one. He was with his partner, S. McCarty, bought a copper claim seven miles from Savona, and

during the past few weeks he has been sinking a shaft down, which is now sixteen feet down, and they are going through a body of rich ore. Mr. Allan reports that the claim is under bond for \$38,000, and meanwhile it is being developed. Men are engaged driving a tunnel to strike the vein, so that hoisting will not be required.

Mr. Saucier has just received a letter from M. Le Bonhillier, of Montreal, who has a colony of 16 well-to-do farmers from France, who purpose settling in British Columbia. They would take only from 50 to 100 acres each, but would cultivate it in a very thorough manner, raising chiefly fruit. They expect to be in Kamloops before the end of May.

GALIANO ISLAND. GALIANO ISLAND, April 23.—Captain Robertson, of Moresby Island, has announced himself as an Opposition candidate for North Victoria electoral district, and is making a canvassing tour of the island. J. P. Booth, the present member, is not unlikely to be the standard-bearer in the interests of the Government.

LANGLEY PRAIRIE. LANGLEY PRAIRIE, April 20.—The meeting held at Otter on the 11th instant was purely an Opposition gathering, not more than twenty to twenty-five persons being present out of a possible 250, and it was an hour after the advertised time when it was called to order. The meeting was in a sense representative and it was exceedingly difficult to get any one to take the responsibility for the resolution that was presented and adopted, according to their own report, by 21 voters to 25. This shows how many persons were present at this "well attended meeting," as it was called. The meeting held at Langley the previous day, and so far as the result of the meeting, it was scarcely more successful than this one, thus demonstrating how weak the Opposition feeling is hereabouts.

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The members of the Reform club, Nanaimo, held a meeting in the district school house on Saturday, advocating the claims of the Opposition party; a few settlers whose sympathies incline that way were present.

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An executive meeting of the Victoria ome club was held last evening, but the regular general meeting of the club is on Tuesday evening next. The business then to be brought forward is in connection with the arranging of a party for a meet on the water and also for the revision of the by-laws. According to present expectations the club will have their first "paddle" early in May.

COMPLAINT has been made to the police of the general custom of chicken fanciers of the city to allow their pets to roam the streets and sidewalks. The nuisance, especially on well-dressed ladies, is by no means trifling one, and it is to be hoped that the proprietors of henneries in the city will in future keep their fowls at home, without proceedings to compel them so to do being necessitated.

The only item of general interest in the arrangements for services in St. Mark's church to-day (St. Mark's day) is the festival of the Holy Trinity, which is fixed at the price incumbent, and the sermon, which is expected to be of unusual interest to all Anglo-Catholics, will be delivered by Rev. J. B. Hewatson.

JIM HICKS, the Vancouver prize fighter who on Sunday afternoon defeated Reid of Winnipeg, in eight fierce rounds, the fight being taking place in a shack on Water street, is reported to be hiding from the authorities in this city. He is said to be in Vancouver, and some fifteen in jail are out for spectators of the affair, which is the talk of the Mainland at present. The original intention was to bring off the contest on Saturday night at the Junction inn, outside the city limits, but just as the principals entered the inn, the police, Chief McLaren and Sergeant Hayward appeared on the scene, with the result that not a door or window was left whole on the premises.

IN CHAMBERS yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, the hearing of the suit of Lantz & Co. v. Baker was set for June 1, before a common jury. The plaintiffs in this action were engaged by the defendant (Hon. Col. Baker) to prosecute certain work upon the Saturday night at the Junction inn, outside the city limits, but just as the principals entered the inn, the police, Chief McLaren and Sergeant Hayward appeared on the scene, with the result that not a door or window was left whole on the premises.

YESTERDAY Mrs. Hazelton, who returned on Monday from her quest after news of her brother, James L. O'Brien, lost in the wreck of the schooner Mary Brown, called upon Collector Miller, Mr. A. W. Vowell and the C.P.N. Co. to thank them for the courtesy and assistance extended to her in her search. She and Mr. Carlisle, who accompanied her throughout her journey North, left for home last night by the Sound steamer. The knife-cut, already referred to, is reported to be recovered from the wreck are all on the left side, one of them being a small pocket watch, the other a coat has what is apparently a bullet hole in it. Captain Gaffney's watch and coat, two other silver watches, the patent log, flag and boards with the schooner's name on it are among the things that were found by the searchers and brought from the Indians.

The Inland Printer of Chicago, the recognized authority on all matters pertaining to the printing and lithographic trades in the United States, has the following to say in its last number regarding a sample book of salmon labels sent them from this office: "The Colonial Printing & Publishing Company, Victoria, British Columbia, show samples of their lithographic work, salmon canning industry, in a number and variety as to be almost bewildering, without seeing which it would be almost impossible to conceive the many different methods of treating such a common article as a label for a can of salmon. The work is perfect, and an artist of the most modern schools. The Colonial Company are capable printers in charge of the several departments."

The preliminary investigation in the case of Hugh Lynn, charged with the murder of John Green and Thomas Taylor at Savona island, was continued before Mr. E. Pearson, J.P., in the Provincial court yesterday. The evidence of one new witness being taken—Mr. George Washington Samuel Hillard Sorego, of Widby island, Ireland county, Washington. This gentleman deposed to having met Lynn at the latter's place and there making a gun trade with him on or about the 4th or 5th of April. Lynn gave a rifle (produced and identified) in