

Suggested Improvements

Ventilation and Seating Accommodation of Some City Schools Condemned.

Trustees in Regular Session Discuss These and Other Matters.

Discussion at last evening's regular monthly meeting of the school board, hinged principally on the ventilation of the schools and general improvements to school premises, although nothing definite was done in this direction.

There were present the chairman, Mr. McKicking, and Trustees Belyea, McCandless, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. William Grant, Marchant and Hall.

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Pretty Wedding At St. Saviour's.

Mr. J. S. Harvey and Miss Gaudin Link Lives Under Happy Auspices.

Floral Decorations a Marvel of Artistic Effect—Strikingly Handsome Costumes.

AD THE pretty little church of the Holy Saviour, over in the Western suburb, been twice as commodious as it is or even will be with the addition of the new wing now in construction. It would still have failed utterly to accommodate the smiling throng presenting themselves at its portals yesterday afternoon for the solemnization of the nuptials of Mr. J. S. Harvey, son of the late Mr. James Harvey of Nanaimo, and grandson of the late Hon. Robert Dunsmyth, with Miss Mabel, second daughter of Captain Gaudin of the department of marine. As it was, only the very best comers were so fortunate as to obtain seats or standing room within the sacred edifice, the flowers and decorations and formed a bright-faced guard of honor at the entrance doors and along the aisles.

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The marriage of so well known a Native Son with so popular a Native Daughter was an event not to be missed by any such small considerations as personal inconvenience or discomfort. Those who were of the favored company within the church found ample occupation during the waiting time prior to the coming of the bride in voicing their admiration of the floral decorations, which were a revelation in harmony and monious effects and thoroughly artistic arrangement. It was upon these that the friends of the bride, headed by Miss Devereux and admirably assisted by Mrs. Henry Croft, had exhausted their resources of ingenuity—but not without an abundantly satisfactory result.

The general design of these floral decorations was remarkable for its lightness and daintiness, pure white chrysanthemums and snowberries being employed, their brilliant purity enhanced and accentuated with background of feathery ferns or the dark green of the English ivy and smilax. The chancel screen was a charming arrangement in ferns, chrysanthemums and white lilies, the windows were each held small and exceedingly beautiful palms, framed in snow-berries; the altar itself was appropriately dressed in white; while directly in front hung a canopy of cream ladies' lace, and the Bishop and Archdeacon of Columbia, with Rev. W. D. Barber, rector of Holy Saviour's, taking the United States Ambassador Chate. He also attended several banquets in England, at which the ambassador's family will leave at once for Washington.

It was under this fitting floral emblem that the ceremony was performed at 3:30 o'clock, the service being read by the Bishop and Archdeacon of Columbia, with Rev. W. D. Barber, rector of Holy Saviour's, taking the United States Ambassador Chate. He also attended several banquets in England, at which the ambassador's family will leave at once for Washington.

The bride—than whom it may be said in all sincerity a more charming never met husband at the white-vested altar—was promptly on time, escorted by her father-in-law, who she was of course presented. Her gown was a lovely white brocade, over a petticoat of mouseline-de-Paris and a double-train of richly embroidered Brussels lace. The bride's bouquet was a shower creation of white roses and carnations, the gift of the groom; her only ornament was a four-leaved clover of pearls and diamonds, also a present from the groom.

Miss Marie and Miss Beatrice Gaudin, sisters of the bride, divided into two parties, in their capacity of bridesmaids. The former wore a smart cut-away coat, and the latter a cream-colored dress, and both wore a large white veil. Both bridesmaids carried large white veils. Both bridesmaids carried large white veils.

Shower bouquets of yellow and white chrysanthemums, and were green enameled and pearl four-leaved clover brooches, the bridegroom's gifts to them. Mr. C. Lavigne and Mr. G. A. Kirk, special friends of the groom, were among the guests, and the service among the clergy present, it devolved upon the Archdeacon of Columbia to read the service, which included the reading of the marriage vows, while the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. W. D. Barber, rector of Holy Saviour's, and his benediction. A full choir under the direction of Mr. C. W. Jenkinson sang the appropriate and beautiful wedding music, which included the well-known hymn, "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" and "O Perfect Love."

Miss Saunders presided at the organ, playing the numerous accompaniments with much taste, and dismissing the wedding party with Mendelssohn's immortal march, played with musical ability.

After the church ceremony a very small reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, on Craigflower road, which also was limited strictly to the relatives and most immediate friends of the contracting parties, among whom the friends of the bride and groom were present. The reception was a most pleasant opportunity of extending their sincerest congratulations and good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Croft, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmyth, Miss Harvey and Lady Crease, Miss Harry and Miss Hills, Hon. P. M. Hills and Miss O'Reilly, Mr. Charles B. Mrs. and Miss Pooley, Mr. G. H. Brad, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. T. H. Tye, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wark, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Brydon, The Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin.

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In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Harvey left for Vancouver, from which they will return in a few days.

will extend their honeymoon journey southward to California. The bride's going-away costume was a tailor-made coat and skirt of pearl-grey ladies' cloth, with hat to match.

STROUD REDGRAVE SERGEANT. While Jacob Wood and Malcolm Blackstock are the Choice for Police Constables.

A special meeting of the police commissioners was held yesterday evening at the city hall, and the commissioners being present. Some sixteen applications for appointment as constables were taken into consideration, with the result that Messrs. Jacob Wood and Malcolm Blackstock were accepted, subject to examination by the medical health officer.

A resolution was subsequently adopted providing for the return of testimonials in support of other candidates, upon application to the commission clerk, Mr. Francis Page.

As anticipated, the veteran sergeant John Hawton was promoted to the vacant position of first sergeant, and the choice for junior sergeant fell upon Constable Stroud L. Redgrave. No other business came before the commission.

BIG SALMON DISTRICT. Party Return to the City After a Long and Tiresome Trip.

Messrs. J. Bennett, Douglas Potts, Peter Callen and C. Purnell are a party of young Englishmen who arrived by the Cottage City and who have spent the past two years in the Big Salmon district. They are en route home, well satisfied with the country. They left for the coast on September 20 and have been travelling ever since. Strong head winds were encountered down Teelin lake, and then a tedious portage had to be made across the head of the Taku river, down which they voyaged to Juneau. The mountains on the way were well coated with snow, but the atmosphere in lower altitudes was just beginning to clear. The schooner Mermaid, which was a very rich strike has been made on a south fork of the Big Salmon, and it is believed that the schooner might lead to a stampede, he does not wish to state the locality in which it was found. Several stampedes have already been made, and the two people were just returning from the last when this new strike was made. A party of men are now on the trail, and will look after the interests of the party now out. Mr. Bennett says that good quartz is also to be found in the country. The Big Salmon is a very rich strike, and the men are now on the trail, and will look after the interests of the party now out. Mr. Bennett says that good quartz is also to be found in the country.

PAUNCEFOTE RETURNS. Stands Off Interviews with Hopeful Expressions on the War.

New York, Nov. 9.—Lord Pauncefote, British ambassador to the United States, arrived here to-day on the Oceanic. Lord Pauncefote inquired eagerly after news of the Transvaal, wanting to know particularly if the British troops at Ladysmith had held their own. "I am glad that Ladysmith has not fallen," he said, "and I believe the situation there will soon be relieved. Gen. Buller is going to the relief of Ladysmith, and this will change the situation there."

Lord Pauncefote refused to answer a number of questions relating to the Transvaal, and the situation in the Transvaal, declaring that he would not take politics. Before sailing Lord Pauncefote held a Gen. W. D. Barber, rector of Holy Saviour's, taking the United States Ambassador Chate. He also attended several banquets in England, at which the ambassador's family will leave at once for Washington.

A BILIOUS MILLIONAIRE. Andrew Carnegie's Self-Sufficient Criticism of the Rules of Two Nations.

New York, Nov. 9.—Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Carnegie were passengers on the White Star liner Oceanic, which arrived here to-day from Liverpool. Mr. Carnegie appears in good health. He said to a reporter that the stories that he intended to become a subject of Great Britain were without foundation, for, he said, "my heart's treasure is, there is no heart's treasure."

Speaking of the war between England and the Boers, Mr. Carnegie said Great Britain had brought on the war by a desire for gain. "The war against the Boers is most infamous and unjust, and it was brought about by England's lust for domain, and is on a par with our attack on the Philippines, while the marriage of the Boers is a disgrace to both branches of our race. The people in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State have a right to rule themselves. One war is an attack on an existing and the other on an embryonic republic. It was worse for us to attack the Philippines than it was for the Boers, for we were all for a greater height, as we believe in a government by the consent of the governed."

"What is the feeling in Europe regarding our Philippine war?" Mr. Carnegie was asked. "There is a feeling of sorrow on the part of our friends and rejoicing on the part of our enemies. The latter feel that at last they have got us in a trap. Our friends feel that we have been false to the principles which are the essence of republicanism."

MAUSER BULLET WOUNDS. Clean Perforation of Bone and Muscle—Cheerful Report From Cape Town Hospital.

Cape Town, Nov. 5.—Sir Alfred Milner visited the wounded to-day. They are all doing well. Some of the wounds are of an extraordinary nature. The Mauser bullet makes a clean perforation of bone and muscle. Soldiers shot through the cheek bone have lost the sense of smell and taste, but are otherwise quite well. Most of the wounds are in the hands and arms.

The local volunteers have again a desire of going to the front. The Dutch Cape Colony maintain neutrality, though doubtless many in Bechuanaland have joined the Boers.

THIRD AND QUARTER RECORDS. Chicago, Nov. 8.—Eddie McDuffee at Gledhill yesterday, paced by a motor, reduced the world's record for one third of a mile from 29.15 seconds to 24.25. He also paced 1/4 second of the world's record, making the distance in 21.25 seconds.

Coast Mining Is Active.

Men and Supplies Leaving on the Willapa for the Near-By Camps.

Penelope and Mermeld Detained by Bad Weather—Proposed Island Service.

Although the wet season has set in, mining on the West Coast of Vancouver Island looks more promising now than at any time since the eight-hour legislation passed the provincial house. From reports received by the steamer Willapa, which returned yesterday from points along the coast as far as Kluquon, it is learned that several camps are again about to start development work, as a result of which shipping must soon commence. A mine which will soon be a shipper is that of Dewdney's Canadian Syndicate at Sidney inlet. Here a lot of supplies were landed on the trip just completed together with two mules and seven men. The Willapa brought back by the Cottage City and who have spent the past two years in the Big Salmon district. They are en route home, well satisfied with the country. They left for the coast on September 20 and have been travelling ever since. Strong head winds were encountered down Teelin lake, and then a tedious portage had to be made across the head of the Taku river, down which they voyaged to Juneau. The mountains on the way were well coated with snow, but the atmosphere in lower altitudes was just beginning to clear. The schooner Mermaid, which was a very rich strike has been made on a south fork of the Big Salmon, and it is believed that the schooner might lead to a stampede, he does not wish to state the locality in which it was found. Several stampedes have already been made, and the two people were just returning from the last when this new strike was made. A party of men are now on the trail, and will look after the interests of the party now out. Mr. Bennett says that good quartz is also to be found in the country. The Big Salmon is a very rich strike, and the men are now on the trail, and will look after the interests of the party now out. Mr. Bennett says that good quartz is also to be found in the country.

ISLANDERS DISSATISFIED. Meeting Called For Saturday Evening to Protest Against Proposed New Service.

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