

Local News.

CLEANING OF CITY AND
PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A
CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

On Sunday afternoon the little son of Mr. White, of Gorge road, fell into the water near the bridge and was being rapidly borne along by the current, when he was rescued by a party of boys in a boat. He was immediately put to bed in the Gorge hotel, and appears to be the worse for his wetting.

In the Commons at Ottawa yesterday, Premier Lester informed W. W. B. Malnes, M. P., that although he had sent the report of Commissioner Rothwell on the claims of sections in the E. & N. railway belt, he had received no acknowledgment from the Premier of British Columbia.

The Orangeries are making considerable preparations for the annual Grand Lodge meeting, which commences tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Provincial Grand Chancellor Thrift will preside, and the principal order of business will be the receipt and consideration of the annual reports and the election of officers. For the past few days delegates have been arriving from various provincial points, and a large attendance is expected.

News was received by wire today by Mr. C. E. Pooley that his son, Mr. Thos. Pooley, who went East some time ago in the hope of getting an opportunity of going to the front, has been selected for a commission as Lieutenant in the 1st Canadian Trench Battalion.

One of the pleasant features of last night's meeting at the drill hall was the presentation to Corp. Woodhouse, as representing the Victoria contingent, of a beautiful souvenir in the shape of a horse shoe and Union Jack combined. This was the gift of Mr. Summers of 185 Fort street, who was in the service in England, and who was also in the militia in Victoria. The souvenir was given as a memento of his service in the Victoria contingent, and was a very good luck and victory.

Another move has been made in the matter of the Crutcher, and, last night Rev. Mr. Ellison, erected a fence across the disputed thoroughfare at both ends, completely enclosing what he claims to be his property. This is the second or third occasion upon which he has attempted to enclose the property, but hitherto without success.

A social dance was held in Colquhoun Hall last evening, when about seventy dancers enjoyed themselves in a right royal fashion. Thirty-five attended from the city, three being utilized for the occasion, and the splendid condition of the roads and favorable state of the weather contributed in making the drive a pleasant one. Dancing was continued until an early hour this morning, the music being most satisfactorily provided by the Rochon orchestra.

Lieut. Col. Peter, recently transferred from this city to Toronto, has arranged for the most unique entertainment yet projected in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The concert has been undertaken at the request of the Governor-General, and will take place in Masser Hall towards the end of the month. The Biograph Company of New York and London have secured, and are securing, at Halifax the parades, manoeuvres and departure of Canada's second contingent to Africa. These, with many other views, will be recorded from Cape Town, relating to the war in South Africa, and pictures of great events and personalities of the day, will be exhibited by the military, while the massed bands will play. Owen A. Smyth, who appears here, will explain the views and give recitations.

The Bible class of Victoria West Methodist church last evening held a very successful concert. Preceding the concert was a most favorable feature, tables well laden having been arranged in the hall, and presided over by a number of young ladies. The apartment was brilliantly lighted, this being the first occasion in which the newly installed electric lights have been used. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Hughes of James Bay Methodist church, in a most satisfactory and entertaining manner. The programme consisted of vocal solos by Misses Armon and Buckman, Messrs. J. G. Brown, G. Hicks, H. Pith, G. Watson, and Rev. Mr. Barron. The instrumental selections were rendered by Mr. G. R. Burnett, Master Brooker, Miss Brooker, and the Kettle family, and a mirth-provoking recreation was given by Mr. W. Allen. Throughout the evening Mr. Burnett acted as accompanist in his usual excellent manner. The Victoria West Methodist Bible class is under the instruction of Dr. Lewis Hall.

—E. I. Byrne, the Victorian musician who is accused of murdering his wife in Tacoma, pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court, Tacoma, on Tuesday. The accused is setting up a plea of insanity.

The police commissioners are advertising for appointments, accompanied by testimonial references, etc. to be received by them up to Saturday, the 24th inst., at 1 p.m., for the position of one sergeant and four constables of the city police force. Applicants must be under the age of 35 years, and must state age, height and weight.

The Orangeries resumed session in the A.O.U.W. Hall this morning, when the business considered was of a private character, dealing with the order. A portion of this morning was taken up by the delegates in a body visiting the parliament buildings, through which they were escorted by Hon. Fred Hume. This afternoon there will be the annual election of officers and this evening a banquet will be tendered the delegates in the A.O.U.W. Hall. The arrangements

been taken by the Canadian authorities regarding the railway bills in which this clause was included. Until it was known what action they would take it was impossible for this government to lay down any principle upon which it might treat this sort of labor.

Mr. Joseph Martin was very aggressive in pressing the government upon this point, and out of his attacks an acrimonious debate with Mr. Macpherson followed. After charging Mr. Martin with having the harassing of the government as his sole aim, Mr. Macpherson accused him of treachery in attempting to twist the remarks of members out of their intended meaning. He illustrated this by Mr. Martin's charge that he (Mr. Macpherson) had been sent by the government to lead Mr. Martin's views about a fair and just measure of redistribution and as to his (Mr. Martin's) assistance in the passage of the same. This was a base misstatement, said Mr. Macpherson, who added that Mr. Martin was a commission on the claims of sections in the E. & N. railway belt, he had received no acknowledgment from the Premier of British Columbia.

The House rose shortly after 11 p.m.

PRINCE HENRY'S RETURN.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of Emperor William, arrived here this morning. He was welcomed at the railway station by His Majesty and a large suite.

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THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

Routine Business Only Transacted at Last Night's Meeting.

H. D. Heinen, M. P., president of the Royal Jubilee hospital board, presided at the regular monthly meeting of that organization last night, the business being principally of a routine nature.

The report of the medical officer stated that the cost per patient last month was unusually low, being only \$12.22.

The steward suggested that the better supply be obtained from one of the creameries, as the present quality was unsatisfactory. Last year 2,246 pounds of arrowroot were recently donated to the hospital by M. R. Smith & Co.

The matron acknowledged the following donations during the past month: Papers and books, Mrs. Christopher; old cotton, Mrs. McRae; magazines, Mrs. H. D. Heinen; and illustrated papers, Lieut. Col. Prior; and illustrated papers, Lieut. Col. Prior; and illustrated papers, Lieut. Col. Prior.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,355.07. In addition to this sum there was a further bill of \$25.50 from Undertaker Stacey for pauper funerals. Some discussion arose over this matter, in reference to the "wicked" rate of the undertaker. The committee is of the opinion that this bill should be charged to the provincial government. The hospital does not now receive a grant, but the government pays a per capita rate for the number of days' stay of a person admitted and the cost of the burial of free patients should in all cases be paid by the provincial or city authorities. The hospital should not be asked to pay the cost of cemetery and undertakers' fees.

It transpired that \$37 of this was for cemetery dues, and that most of the bills were contracted for those who came from outside the city. The finance committee will confer with the government on the matter.

The house committee reported as grounds for the complaint of a patient referred to them for investigation, and the board rose.

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The Premier assented and the House then proceeded with the consideration of private bills. Three of these were considered in committee, namely, the Child Labor Bill, the Navigation Bill, and the Crown's Near Pass Light and Power Bill. Upon these the only point taken was that regarding the clause prohibiting the employment of Oriental labor. This called forth a prolonged discussion, in which, of course, Mr. McPhillips spoke at such length against the clause that hon. members took exception to his monotonous tirade.

Mr. Kellie denounced the hon. gentleman's speech as tiresome, and the hon. member as a nuisance. While the phrase of Mr. Macpherson ran "nauseating to an extreme."

Hon. Mr. Carter Cotton explained that the government was awaiting the intimation from Ottawa of what stand would

at the present day. He knew this was the case in the interior. In his own section indeed the people were, if anything, more in sympathy with Victoria than Vancouver.

Mr. J. M. Martin prefaced his remarks by saying that he would have been satisfied at first with the measure of partial redistribution proposed at the commencement of the session, to give a member to the Boundary country; it appeared, however, not to satisfy the majority of the party. He denied the state of affairs in Kootenay and denied that any sectionalism would be provoked by what he termed the opposition to wait until they had seen the bill before making either criticism or commendation. He hoped that the bill when it came down would be found so good a one that the opposition would not "sit on it," as it would if it was good.

Mr. Price Ellison supported the amendment, and hoped also to support the main resolution. He thought, however, that the government "hanging now" by the merest thread, would be defeated before they would get a chance to present the promised measure. If they had been endeavoring to redeem their promises, they should have brought it in last session. The bill should have been brought in during the first session, and he was convinced that this government would not live out its natural four years. As for the redistribution measure he would not pledge himself to how he should member by East Yale (as he expected they would be just), and if he thought its other portions were right and just he would give it his hearty support.

Mr. McBride condemned the government for not having said anything about redistribution in its redemption of their promises last session, while what was found in the speech from the throne this year had evidently been brought in at the demand of the member for Rossland, to secure a member for Boundary. Now, if the third member for Vancouver had not found the hand of the government, nothing on the subject of redistribution generally would have been heard of. If it had been the government's policy it would certainly have been included in the speech from the throne. The Turner government had acted according to its lights, and for what it believed to be the good of the country at large, and while in many respects he had not agreed with the party on this, he could not but say that in many respects, for example with regard to Cassiar, the Turner party had proceeded with statesmanlike appreciation of the future.

Hon. Mr. Henderson held that the debate had taken an unwarrantably wide range. He did not propose to follow its wanderings, but he would confine himself to the principle raised by the resolution and the amendment. He had, he would confess, considerable sympathy with the principle involved in the resolution of the third member for Vancouver—namely, sympathy with it than had the leader of the opposition. The principle of the resolution was redistribution, and the necessity therefore. He quite agreed that a measure of redistribution should be brought in at an early date. This was a position that he had long held, holding that the redistribution in 1898 was neither fair nor satisfactory. The third member for Vancouver would corroborate him when he said that last year he had advocated that such a measure should be brought in; he had been in favor of such action ever since; he was still so far as was concerned, the measure would be brought in at the earliest possible date, perhaps earlier than gentlemen opposite would like. There was no truth in the assertion that the hand of the government in this matter had been forced. It had been quite unnecessary for the government to do more than vote down the resolution knowing that the leader of the opposition, the member for South Victoria, the member for East Kootenay, and several others would be to be consistent have been obliged to stand with them. The resolution of the third member for Vancouver therefore had forced nothing.

Hon. Mr. Henderson had always been in sympathy with the principle involved and could only object to the assertion that all business should be suspended while this matter received consideration. This was not necessary—although the bill should be laid before the House at the earliest possible moment, and he would endeavor to have it so.

Hon. Mr. Henderson said the bill is now in preparation. I don't say it will be brought in to-day, but when it is said that it has been forced by members of the opposition, the facts evidently are not known. It has been said that the government has so narrow a majority that they cannot bring in a fair measure—then vote it down. I don't know that the government could go to the country on a better measure. I am prepared to go out, if need be, on such a fair and equitable measure as we will offer. If it does not meet with the approbation of the House I am willing to go out.

Mr. McPhillips—Would you have to go? If the House voted down your bill where would your opinion come in?

Hon. Mr. Henderson replied that if defeat was to come on such a measure he would welcome discomfiture with joy, and the people would very quickly say how they regarded the bill when he came before them at the general elections.

Mr. McPhillips—How do you know that they would want you for a candidate?

That, Hon. Mr. Henderson agreed, was of course wholly for the people of New Westminster to decide, having twice before elected him, on the last occasion by acclamation. In any event, it did not bother him so very much. He could go out with a light heart; he had discovered that it was not all beer and skittles to be in the government. He held that the resolution went further than there was any justification for, and that the introduction of it, of course, Mr. Henderson's (views) should be satisfied with his assurance that a measure of redistribution would be brought in at a very early date, and such a measure as he felt sure would meet with the cordial approval of the House and the people.

Mr. Joe Martin said that the amendment, said that the House had at any rate had the declaration of the Attorney-General that there was a difference of opinion in the government as to this important measure. The Attorney-General had said that all along he had

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