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SCHOOL FIGURES FOR DECEMBER

Number of Cases of Tardiness During Month was Very Small.

(From Sunday's Obit.) With an actual membership of a little over 2,700 the public schools in attendance during the month of December only 2,577; the average daily attendance being 90.72 per cent of 2,790. This while some 200 pupils were away the whole month, whose attendance was not so regular.

The December attendance was always fairly good, with the number belonging, and this year usual, due in part to the desire of parents to be on the safe side during the holidays. During the autumn term those who had already lost time might as well stay home after the holidays. The number of cases of tardiness during the month was very small, only about one-tenth of one per cent, which is as near a perfect record of punctuality as can be expected.

The statistics for the different schools are as follows: High School, Division 1, Mr. Paul, 96.65 per cent.

South Park division, 1, Miss Cameron, 96.96 per cent.

High School, Division 2, Miss McLean, 96.61 per cent.

Spring Ridge, division 4, Miss Broome, 96.42 per cent.

Victoria West, division 3, Miss Blythe, 96.08 per cent.

Boys' school division 2, Mr. S. W. Taylor, 95.96 per cent.

Boys' school division 3, Miss W. G. Smith, 95.29 per cent.

Girls' school division 2, Miss Robinson, 95.18 per cent.

North Ward, division 5, Miss Martin, 95.09 per cent.

Rock Bay, 95.07 per cent.

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Ladysmith Shipments.

The following are the coal exports from Ladysmith for year ending December 31st, 1902.

January, 24,897 tons. February, 21,776 tons. March, 8,534 tons. April, 1,400 tons. May, 1,400 tons. June, 1,400 tons. July, 1,400 tons. August, 16,781 tons. September, 21,808 tons. October, 21,808 tons. November, 14,718 tons. December, 21,812 tons. Total, 210,330 tons.

Ladysmith, B. C., Dec. 31.—The following were the exports of coal for December: 2nd—S. S. Sampson, 130 tons. 2nd—B. J. C. Potter, 1,800 tons. 2nd—S. S. Wellington, 2,025 tons. 2nd—S. S. Cascade, 1,100 tons. 2nd—S. S. Hero, 6,525 tons. 2nd—S. S. Uluca, 131 tons. 2nd—S. S. Ventura, 572 tons. 2nd—S. S. Santa Ana, 502 tons. 2nd—S. S. Victoria, 3,025 tons. 2nd—S. S. Aiki, 717 tons. 2nd—S. S. Wanderer, 44 tons. 2nd—B. J. C. Potter, 2,100 tons. 2nd—B. J. C. Potter, 2,100 tons. Total, 21,044 tons.

ARMORED CRUISER KING ALFRED SAILS FOR FAR EAST.

Portsmouth, Jan. 2.—The British armored cruiser King Alfred, 14,000 tons, sailed today for China. The British battleship Formidable, 12,000 tons, and another cruiser have been ordered to China from the Mediterranean. These vessels will be replaced at Victoria by ships from home ports.

The King Alfred is taking new crews for the battleship. She is expected to remain on the China station in the event of war. The cruiser was ordered to leave Victoria on December 28th, but breaks out while she is en route. It stated on good authority at Portsmouth that the King Alfred is expected to be immediately despatched to which may be sent from there in the event of war.

"I suppose," said the chemist, "that the secret of transmitting the base metal into the metal is the secret of the 'Nonpareil'." "Nonpareil," answered the mining man. "All you have to do is to choose your metal and then corner the market."

NEW ETHERNAL CITY.

Eljah Dowie Seeks Location Among the Bad Men From Texas.

San Antonio, Jan. 5.—John A. Dowie, the founder of Zion, is not going to Australia on this trip. He is going to investigate Matagorda island on the Texas coast, as a site for a new 'Eternal City.' Dowie's plan is to erect a factory there. He has an option on the island, which embraces 30,000 acres. Dowie admits that he may bring his entire following to the new settlement.

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SMOOTH AS BOULEVARD.

Yukon Ice Might Be Skated on for Long Distance.

Dawson, Y.T., Dec. 16.—The trail over the ice of the Yukon between Dawson and Kirkman, the place where the steamer 'Danube' is stranded, is as smooth as a boulevard. This report is sent back by General Agent J. H. Rogers by Superintendent Schachmidt, who left Dawson for Kirkman a few days ago. Schachmidt writes that he could have skated much of the distance up the trail.

The distance from Dawson to Kirkman is 100 miles. A large number of rigs are leaving Dawson to have freight from the Canadian, and to bring down some of the freight which was cached at Kirkman by other boats, which were unable to get through with all their cargoes.

Two rigs which got in Monday with freight belonging to the White Pass, with any of the delay contingencies. They found no difficulty in following the trail.

Two teams owned by Hansen left for Kirkman today, and a number of heavy outfits owned by Frederick L. Lane will go out some time this week. More are expected to go out in the near future.

Superintendent Schachmidt went to Kirkman to see for himself in what condition the Canadian trail, and to know what action to take to protect her when the trail is open in the spring.

From Kirkman, Schachmidt will proceed over the Yukon over the ice to Solik, and there take the trail to Dawson, which is the terminus of the trail for White Horse. He will go to Victoria, and there take the trail to Dawson.

Fifty-five tons of meat from the stranded steamer Lightning were landed in Dawson this week by slight delay in two two-horse teams. The Lightning was towed by the Pacific Coast Storage Company's steamer Kerr, below Creek last fall. The Lightning got only part way to Dawson, when she was stranded for the winter. The Lightning was below Bay more than 100 miles distant. The teams were ten days coming to Dawson, several times they broke through surface ice, and the outfit of teams was nearly lost.

The outfit of teams was nearly lost. H. N. Ford. They may be engaged to go to Circle and stay some of the meat the Kerr has there.

"What kind of tobacco is that you smoke in your room?" asked the shoe clerk of the one of the board. "Smells like a peanut roaster."

"That's breakfast food mixture," said the comedian boarder.—Chester Leader.

ROYALTIES VISITS.

King Alfonso and His Mother to go to Austria.

Paris, Jan. 2.—W. Ramon De Villa Urrutia, the Spanish ambassador to Austria, who is now in Paris, will, on his return to Vienna, arrange for a visit of King Alfonso XIII and his Queen Mother to Austria. It is said that the visit will occur in the summer.

On the way to Vienna King Alfonso will stop at Paris and will be received by President Loubet. The King also visits the city of Rome, where he will be received by the king of Italy.

The long-deferred visit to Emperor Wilhelm in the spring, proceeding from Berlin to Copenhagen to attend the coronation of the birthday of King Christian.

School Building In Bad Shape

Prominent Architect Condemns the Victoria West Structure in Set Terms.

Says It Should Be Torn Down and Better Building Put up at Once.

A prominent architect who has made an examination of the Victoria West school, is loud in his denunciation of the structure and also of the local Bay and Hillside avenue school buildings.

"The expenditure on these buildings must and cannot be anything less than foolish, as it is an attempt to maintain a condition of repair buildings that are not only worn out, but ancient in their arrangement and in most cases not fit to be occupied, and entirely unsuitable for modern requirements, especially in this case with reference to Victoria West.

"I think the general public are not fully alive to the condition of the school. This building is a source of expense, and it is, in my opinion, not worth the money spent on it, each year to keep it at all in a passable condition. It is a standing disgrace to a city like Victoria that such a building should be among its school buildings.

The fact is that the whole building has reached that state, that in order to do any good with money spent each year in attempting to keep it in a condition fit for use, it would be better spent in tearing it down. In other words the necessity for an absolutely new school building in Victoria is such that no protest for saving money by effort too great to obtain it. This should be impressed upon the public in the strongest manner possible. The credit and the health of the children and the efficiency of the teaching all demand that the present unsightly, unsanitary, badly arranged and unbecomingly old-fashioned, obsolete and unsatisfactory buildings.

"Similar remarks may be applied with equal force and cogency to the Rock Bay school, and also to the Hillside school, both of which buildings should be replaced by new buildings. In my opinion the public would more than compensate the initial outlay necessary to put up new buildings in place of the present old-fashioned, obsolete and unsatisfactory buildings.

BANKER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Revolver Under Pillow is Discharged and Serious Wound Results.

Rhos Lake, Man., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—A shooting accident occurred here last night. Mr. H. C. MacQuinn, accountant in the Union Bank, when retiring for the night, placed a revolver under his pillow, as had been his custom. The revolver, however, was discharged, wounding him dangerously above the eye. His condition is serious, but the doctor is confident that he will recover.

Dr. J. Thompson, for many years provincial veterinarian, has resigned office to resume farming.

Chas. Honeyman, a lumberman, cut his throat with a razor last evening. He left a note saying he was tired of life.

KING CHRISTIAN ILL.

Crown Prince Frederick Holds Official Reception.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 2.—Owing to the indisposition of King Christian, the Crown Prince Frederick, in His Majesty's behalf, received the diplomatic corps. The United States Minister Swinson, as dean of the corps, requested that the felicitations of the diplomatic body be conveyed to King Christian, with their best wishes for his speedy recovery. The minister also communicated to the Crown Prince Frederick the message of sympathy with the King in his illness, and his felicitations on the New Year.

It is said on reliable authority that the condition of the King indicates that he is suffering from gout, which is causing concern owing to his advanced age. His Majesty is still at Gmunden, Austria, where he went to attend the silver wedding festivities of the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, but he is not confined to his bed.

Amur To Bring White-Horse Ore

Arrangements Made to Ship Northern Ore to Crofton Smelter by C. P. R.

Str. Tacoma Is Due From the Orient—Other Liners on the Way.

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Local theatres To Be Inspected

An Examination To Be Made of Their Equipment in Fire Fighting Appliance.

Proceedings at a Brief Meeting of City Council Held Yesterday Evening.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Yesterday evening's regular weekly meeting of the city council was a very brief one, few matters of importance requiring to be dealt with before the usefulness of the old board shall have expired with the end of time. The one item dealt with was the proposed special examination of the fire fighting appliances of the theatres in the city.

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