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THE NEW RAILROAD LINE.

The announcement in our columns yesterday morning that this city would soon be brought into communication with the American system of railways was the subject of general comments on the streets. There were a few "doubting Thomases," we suppose, but the majority believed that Mr. Dunsmuir's name was a sufficient guarantee for the success of the project. He is not one, they said, who spends his time in idle talk—*he resolves and he executes*. It is needless to add that the news was read with the greatest interest and deepest satisfaction by all who have Victoria's interests at heart. It will not be long, we hope and believe, before the sturdy voice of the conductor will be heard at the Johnson street *depot* shouting, "All aboard for San Francisco, Montreal, New York and New Orleans"—or any other point. It is evident that this is destined to be a city of great magnitude. Its foundations have been established solidly and well.

THE ST. ANDREW'S DINNER.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society's annual dinner at the Driard last evening was a great success, as it always is. How could it be otherwise when such "braw chiels" as our local Scotsmen meet together around the banquet board to do honor to the Patron Saint of "the land of brown heath and shaggy wood, land of the mountain and the flood,"—of old Caledonia beyond the sea. Scotchmen have always been famous for the love of their native land, but while rendering to it all the devotion that they have drunk in with their mother's milk, they nevertheless prove good citizens and true of the land of their adoption. One has only to look at the exalted positions they hold in Canada, from the Premiership down, to estimate their true worth. Wherever they go they sow the seeds of frugality thrift and industry, and good cheer is one of their most striking characteristic. It is well that the day should be celebrated; that its memory should be kept alive, and in few ways can this be done better than in that which the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society adopts. Though living by the far off shores of the Pacific, with a great ocean and vast continent between them and the old home, Victoria's, and we may add British Columbia's, Scotchmen and sons of Scotchmen overleaped time and space last night, they were "at hame" once more, and drank "a right guid willie waucht" for the days of auld lang syne. They had a "wee bit crack with their ain folk."

Fair Scotland! dear as life to me
Are thy mossie hills;
And sweet as purest melody
The music of thy rills;
The wildest cairn, the darkest dell
Within thy rocky strand,
Possess o'er me a living spell—
Then art my native land!

Loved country! when I muse upon
Thy dauntless men of old,
Whose swords in battle foremost shone—
Thy Wallace brave and bold
And Bruce, who for our liberty
Did England's sway withstand—
I glory I was born in thee,
My own ennobled land!

And thou hast ties around my heart—
Attachment deeper still;
The gifted poet's sacred art,
The minstrels' matchless skill;
Yes, every scene that Burns and Scott
Have touched with magic hand,
Is in my sight a hallowed spot,
Midown distinguished land!

O! since I've wandered far from thee,
I see thee in my dreams—
I mark thy forests waving free,
I hear thy rushing streams;
Thy mightly dead in life come forth;
I know the honor'd band;
We speak of thee—thy fame—t hy worth,
My high exalted land!

THE CABINET HARMONIOUS.

Every day we are treated by the Grit press to fabulous stories concerning dissensions in the Dominion cabinet. The organ of that party in Victoria reaches the height of its happiness when it gathers all these floating rumors together and in cold type rehashes them with sundry comments, testifying to their correctness, and the probability of such a break in the cabinet as will "hurl" Sir John from power and place the silver-tongued orator of "Saskatchewan musket" fame in his place. The report has been running through the Liberal press for some years now that Sir Hector Langevin and the Hon. Mr. Chapleau are sworn enemies, that it is only a matter of time when *un grand bruit* will take place which will result in the disruption of the present administration. These *canards* have been denied time and again, but have been as often resurrected, so that now those who indite them have come to really believe them true themselves. On the occasion of Sir Hector's recent visit to Montreal to attend the nuptials of his brother, representative men of the Liberal-Conservative party met in the rooms of the Association, the Secretary of State being present, and an address was presented to the Minister of Public Works. In the course of his reply, Sir Hector said:

He had always maintained the idea that union was strength, and in this connection he would say that it gave him great satisfaction not only to be present himself and receive their congratulations, but also that he had sitting by his side his respected and celebrated colleague, the Hon. Mr. Chapleau. (Cheers.) A meeting like this was the best answer to all the malicious reports that had been circulated of misunderstandings between himself and Mr. Chapleau. In the Cabinet, as elsewhere, there were the same differences of opinion amongst men, but they fought side by side and were a unit on all public questions. (Cheers.) As members of the same Government he and Mr. Chapleau were true to the country and true to the principles of their party. (Cheers.) Those remarks regarding misunderstandings between Ministers were confined to the Province of Quebec. It was an insult to the Province of Quebec that they should be circulated. Why should his friend, Mr. Chapleau, or his colleagues from this Province be divided. They acted together as representatives for the benefit of their Province, but they never forgot for one moment what was due to the Dominion of Canada at large. (Cheers.)

And so the veteran member for Three Rivers, one of the ablest departmental Ministers in Canada, gave the lie to the slanders circulated by a body of desperate men. As if to clinch the matter, and set it at rest forever, the Hon. Mr. Chapleau made such a speech as will consign the political scandal-mongers of the Grit press to the obscurity they have long deserved. We quote from the report of one of our Eastern exchanges:

There were loud calls for Chapleau. The Hon. Mr. Chapleau on rising was greeted with loud cheers For some time the Hon. Secretary of State was unable to proceed so great was the enthusiasm of the audience. He said: Mr. President and gentlemen, I am happy to meet you to-night in company with my colleague, Sir Hector Langevin. Turning to Sir Hector he said: "Sir Hector, you have eloquently said how much pleasure it gives you to meet us. We reciprocate this sentiment in the heartiest manner. As an humble member of the Conservative Club I may say that we will always be faithful and trust to you, and it is the duty of the Conservative party to aid you in the task you have undertaken. We will close our ranks around you in the grand combat for the triumph of Conservative principles. Unity of action has always been our safeguard. Your presence here to-night, the magnificent demonstration tendered to you, will prove to all that the dissensions amongst the representatives of the province in the cabinet exist only in the minds of our enemies. You have spoken of the party combats we have sustained in the past; no person can better speak of them than yourself. You can proudly refer to these terrific struggles, when, though wounded in the fray, Sir John, like Marshal Villiars, could rest on the banners taken from the enemy. Sir Hector, you have been his worthy colleague. This hall is too small for the multitude who wish to do you homage, but on your next visit we hope to have a larger place of assembly to accommodate our enthusiastic friends."

Could evidence be stronger that the Liberal-Conservative party is united in its allegiance to the old Chieftain who has so successfully guided the destinies of Canada for many years or that his colleagues are sensible of the force of the motto: "United we stand, divided we fall?"

BEET SUGAR CULTURE.

It is said that the Fraser river is admirably adapted for the cultivation of beets. Why should not beet sugar culture become an important item in the industries of British Columbia? Here is what Claus Spreckels had to say about it to a large audience in Watsonville, California:

I have just returned from Austria, Germany and France, where I inspected thoroughly the cultivation and manufacture of beets into sugar. My visit has convinced me that it is advisable to locate sugar-beet factories in California and all over the United States. Here we can raise a million tons of sugar. We have the soil and the climate and only need to put the machinery into motion. I am not exactly a farmer, but I knew something of the methods in this business. You can succeed if you have good machinery with the latest improvements on a schooner; asked them why they brought my wife there; they were agitated and said my wife had gone away to China by steamer; they said she went on a collier to Tacoma, and from thence to China; they did not know the steamer's name; they said she left on the 5th March; I saw prisoners on 22nd March; prisoners said the woman gave them to uplift the dollars to convey her to China; I recognize Constable O'Connell; after prisoners were arrested I went to Kwong Hang Tung's house and saw some blankets which I now recognize; they belong to me; I missed them on the night my wife left me; two months and two days after missing my wife I saw her dead body in a little boat house at Nanaimo; recognized the body by a coat she wore which had a patch on it; she had a birth mark near her shoulder about the size of a twenty-five cent piece; the comb produced belonged to my wife: she had ornaments on during that day consisting of bracelets, rings and hairpins, valued at $400; some jewelry in a box was also missing; she had $100 in the house which was kept in a safe; broke the safe open and found the money gone; keys produced are mine.

Ah Wing, sworn—Am a pawnbroker; went to Nanaimo about the end of March to see prisoners; saw Lee Sam; he told me the body of the woman was sunk; next day we hired a boat and went to Narrow Island; Lee Sam, one of the prisoners, went with us; Lee Sam went into a boat with two constables and they commenced grappling; searched for two days, but did not find the body; found a picture frame amongst the embers of a fire on the shore; found some burnt blanks; saw some keys near the fire on the beach; key produced belongs to a peculiar lock; found a sack on Narrow Island containing some trimmings and a peculiar Chinese drug; knew the dead woman and recognized the body.

The jury were allowed one hour and fifteen minutes for luncheon.

Chin Suy, sworn—I was a wood chopper at Salt Spring Island last February; saw prisoners there last February; I saw a Chinese woman named Chow Quay with them; they did not answer when asked what they wanted there; they stayed five days and five nights; the woman said she was going to China; did not see them leave; a white man lives on the Island; I don't know his name.

Lee Look, sworn—I have a boat; it is a schooner; know prisoners and Chin Suy; saw two prisoners there and a woman; the woman's name was mentioned; she was called Chow Quay; don't know Wong Duck Tong; never knew him until he engaged a boat from me; took him to an Indian camp about ten miles from a broken ship; heard Duck Tong ask prisoners where his wife was; they said they knew nothing about her.

Ah Sam—I recognize the comb produced; Duck Tong and his wife lived with me; Duck Tong is my younger brother; we went with a policeman to a wash-house in Nanaimo and found the comb there, with two rice sacks and some old clothes; recognize hatchet produced; it is marked with blood; the hatchet was in one of the rice sacks with the comb.

Ah Tie, sworn—Knew the prisoner Ah Sam, the other he did not know. Ah Sam brought something to his (Tie's) house; the other prisoner did not come in; what he brought were some old clothes; they were packed into rice sacks. He never saw a hatchet. Both prisoners stayed one week at Nanaimo.

Qwong Hong Chong, sworn—Saw the prisoners at Nanaimo; they stayed at his house for a day and were arrested next day.

Samuel Drake was the next witness; and, on his oath, stated that he was assistant gaoler and constable at Nanaimo; he arrested the prisoner. He chartered the steamer Saturna and went to Narrow Island on April 1st in order to search for the body of a Chinese woman. That day and all the next was employed dragging for the body. Found a bag on the shore containing a quantity of torn cloth. Also marks of a fire having been kindled there. In the embers he found a partially destroyed photograph. The keys produced in court were also found on the beach, near the fire a thick club of arbutus wood; there were stains on the club but he could not say what stains they were. Returned to Nanaimo on April 6th. The search was continued. At 6 o'clock on the evening of the next day the body of the murdered woman was found; it was tied with strong ropes to a large stone (the stone with ropes attached was produced in court); took the body to Nanaimo and placed it in the boat house pending a coroner's inquest.

D. Stephenson, sworn—He assisted in the dragging operations on the 6th and 7th of April; the body of the murdered woman was found tied to a rock.

Thos. O'Connell, sworn—He is a constable at Nanaimo; arrested the prisoners on a schooner; identified some clothing as belonging to the murdered woman; the hatchet and comb (produced in court) he found in a rice sack; the blankets and coverlets he also identified; they were badly stained.

Ah Wing (recalled)—Lee Sam says he cannot write.

William Stewart, sworn—Said he was a constable and gaoler at Nanaimo; was in charge of the prisoners; the paper with writing on it was handed him by the prisoners to post; the usual custom is to read the letters written by prisoners in the gaol; when the prisoners gave me the letter I sent it to Supt. Roycraft, to Victoria, to get it interpreted.

Supt. Roycraft, sworn—Received the letter from Mr. Stewart; handed it to Mr. Vrooman-Gardener.

J. E. Vrooman-Gardener, sworn—Mr. Roycraft gave me the following letter to translate:

To Ah Shek, Wing Fock and Lo Shek Shang.

GENTLEMEN—A letter was sent yesterday. Will you, Fun Ah Shek, Wing Fock, Lo Shek Shang and all my countrymen be sure to ask Lo Shek Shang to effect a compromise as soon as possible. I shall not be able to see anyone as soon as the assizes commence. If I can get off you will be well compensated for your trouble. Mr. Wing Fuk also asked after Lee Shang's money—whether that money could be used in going to China with. My countrymen will have to do a great deal of fighting. If compromise cannot be effected, please send a letter to China to that effect. The chances for life are very small. If a compromise could be effected ask Wong Chun to come.

WONG KAM FAT
and
LEE LAIN.

Nanaimo—Saturday.

Compromises could always be effected in cases of homicide. Lo Shek Shang has $500. If a compromise for much or little could be effected, ask Wong Ah Chun to come to Nanaimo and consult.

Emil Praeger, sworn—I am a physician and surgeon at Nanaimo and had made a *post mortem* examination on the body of the murdered woman. The body was in an advanced stage of decomposition; a wound inflicted with some heavy instrument was just above the right eye. Marks of a heavy blow inflicted were on the skull. A great quantity of blood flowed as a consequence, showing that the blow was inflicted during life. The blow was sufficient in itself to have brought about death. The jaws were broken in several places. The left hand was altogether wanting, as it was eaten off during the time the body was in the water. Death resulted from the wounds received.

This closed the case for the Crown, and His Lordship in summing up said that the unfortunate woman had a large sum of money when she spent the five nights with the two prisoners. The prisoners had returned to Nanaimo without the woman, and when asked as to her whereabouts they gave different stories. Jewelry belonging to the woman was found on the prisoners, and the letter they wrote is most damaging. If the Jury is convinced that the prisoners murdered the woman they will bring in a verdict of guilty of murder against them; if they have any doubt they will give the prisoners the benefit of that doubt. The jury then retired and after an absence of half an hour returned and brought in a verdict of guilty.

His Lordship (to prisoners)—These twelve good men consider you to be guilty of murder; what have you to say against sentence being passed upon you?

Both prisoners declared themselves innocent of the crime.

His Lordship, in passing sentence, said: I sentence you to be taken to prison and from there, on the 16th day of January, to the place of execution, where you will be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your souls.

Ah Kim, a Chinaman, was charged with feloniously receiving stolen property and breaking the walls of the lock-up while in custody with intent to escape. The following jurors were empanelled: A. Clyde, John Wood, E. Turner, J. A. Johnston, W. Buckett, J. L. Anderson, R. Fish, W. H. Flewin, D. Bamfield, W. H. Harrison, W. Crossman, J. McDowell. Mr. McDowell was chosen foreman. After hearing the evidence the prisoner was found guilty. Sentence reserved.

Lim Sam, charged with sending a threatening letter to Mr. Vrooman-Gardener, was remanded until the Spring Assizes.

Judge Crease, in granting a postponement of the case until next assizes, said he did so with great reluctance, and that Lim Sam could not expect that he can be let out on bail.

Mah Kam Teum was charged with violating the Chinese Restriction Act, by personating another Chinaman. Deputy Attorney-General Irving prosecuted. Mr. J. P. Walls appeared for the defence. The counsel for defendant attacked the constitutionality of the Restriction Act, and was overruled. The evidence of Mr. J. G. Vrooman-Gardener was taken, after which Mr. Walls stated that the Chinaman did not deny the charge, but considered the Act unconstitutional. The jury did not retire. The accused pleaded guilty, but as the case involved points of law, the legal technicalities of it will be argued at a future date.

SENTENCES PASSED.

His Lordship Justice Crease passed sentence on the following prisoners in the Legislative Assembly Building this afternoon:

John Starkey, assault, one year, to date from sentence.

Frank Young, assault with intent, one year, to date from eleven weeks ago.

Ah Wah, two years and six months.

Ah Kim, breaking gaol and larceny, one year.

Kelly, *alias* Campbell, bringing stolen goods into Canada, two years.

Thos. Reidy, stealing $100, four years.

Wong Foo, allowed to go on his own recognizance in the sum of $500.

Ma Kam Tsun, evading the Restriction Act. Sentence reserved.

Ah Fat and Lam See, for murder, death.

The court then adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning, when the commission on McAdams' case will be heard.

PERSONAL.

J. B. Ferguson and Gus Leiser returned from the mainland last night.

Capt. Lewis came down from the mainland by the Yosemite yesterday.

Geo. A. Keefer, C. E., and J. W. McFarland arrived from Vancouver last night.

Bishop Cleary, of Kingston, is leaving for Rome. It is said his recent diatribes against Canadian girls has something to do with it.

Hon. Mr. Foster has been stricken down with fever, which is so prevalent in Ottawa. This may delay his departure for Washington.

George Y. Baillie, of Lytton, died on Tuesday at St. Mary's hospital, New Westminster. The remains were sent by train yesterday to Lytton for interment.

It is stated that Mr. P. A. Landry, M. P. for Kent county, N. B., has rented a house in Ottawa and will shortly take up his residence there, preparatory to his entrance into the Dominion cabinet.

The special car Saskatchewan arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday morning. It contained Mr. W. C. Van Horne, Vice-President of the C. P. R., Mr. Russell Stephenson, Lieut.-Colonel George A. Kirkpatrick, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Thomas Mayne Daly, M. P. for Selkirk, and Mr. R. Marpole, Superintendent of the Pacific Division, C. P. R.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last night. Present: Mayor Fell, and Couns. Styles, Braden, Pearse, Higgins, Vigelius, Coughlan and Barnard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

His Worship objected to them and said that there were statements contained therein that were not true.

Coun. Higgins wished to know what the statements were? If the minutes were wrong they should be amended.

His Worship—You ought to know, Coun. Higgins, you made the motion yourself. I won't sign the minutes; you can do as you like with them. What is your pleasure?

Coun. Coughlan moved, seconded by Coun. Braden that they be adopted as read.

The latter said that he considered his worship objected to a true record of the last meeting.

Coun. Pearse asked that the portion of the minutes his worship objected to be read over again.

This was done. The objection referred to Coun. Higgins' motion respecting his worship's ruling with regard to the water works, at the last meeting.

The mayor said he would not sign them.

Coun. Vigelius said the minutes appeared to be a true record of the proceedings.

His worship after a long pause put the motion and the minutes were adopted.

His worship then examined the book critically and after another long pause approved of the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Mr. Sturton, secretary of the Nanaimo water works, asking the council for 95 feet of 4-inch pipe; received and Mr. Sturton to be instructed that the city has no 4-inch pipe.

From Thos. R. Smith, again drawing attention to the street in front of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s store. Referred to the street committee with power to act.

From James Dowd, saying that he had been an inmate of the hospital for several months and had been recommended to a trip to the Hot Springs, and as he was short of cash he applied for assistance from the board.

Coun. Vigelius moved that the sum of $50 be voted to the mayor to be divided equally between Mr. Rowe and Mr. Dowd, the former being also an applicant for assistance; carried.

From A. Gilmore, asking that a sidewalk be laid in front of his new store on Yates street. Referred to the street committee with power to act.

From three ratepayers, asking that a new sidewalk be laid on First street near King's Road. Referred to the street committee.

From Yates & Jay, again asking that Provincial Constable Miller be handed part of the fine imposed on the young man Cummings, who was convicted of assisting sailors to escape. Referred to the police committee with power to act.

REPORTS.

From the street committee, recommending that a five-foot sidewalk be laid on Elizabeth street from Cook street eastward. Carried.

From the water committee, reporting on the application of Mr. J. J. Austin for a water service to Mrs. Hounslow's house, asking that it be granted upon his compliance with the usual forms; also that the petition to have water on First street, Work estate, that same be granted.

From the water committee, presenting a statement of Mr. G. Hargreaves' account for services.

Coun. Pearse moved the adoption of the report and Coun. Vigelius seconded.

Coun. Barnard moved in amendment that the report be laid over for one week. Carried.

From the water commissioner, saying that the 12-inch water pipes having been distributed on Cook street from Pembroke avenue to Garfield Road, the line of the trench being staked out and the requisite profiles and specifications being ready he would suggest the advisability of at once calling for tenders for the digging and refilling of the trenches; also, that the laying, leading and jointing of the pipes be done by the regular waterworks staff of employees, so as to ensure first-class workmanship in their important details; and that the necessary castings for street intersections be ordered at once.

Coun. Barnard moved that the report be adopted and the water commissioner be instructed to carry out the suggestions contained therein.

His Worship—I refuse to put the motion.

Coun. Pearse rose to speak on the subject and was interrupted by the mayor, who said he was out of order.

Coun. Barnard—Don't you intend to put the question, your worship.

Coun. Coughlin—When you refuse to put a question, your worship, don't you give a reason?

His Worship—You've had your answer. (Laughter.)

Coun. Braden asked His Worship to point out what was wrong with the report.

His Worship said the Council had their answer and he was not going to beat about the bush.

Coun. Coughlan—You may have some reason for not putting the motion. Probably you have none.

Coun. Styles—You are compelled to put the motion by a law of the land.

His Worship—You had better take the Mayor before the Supreme Court.

Coun. Barnard—You'll back down before we get you there, as you did in the Bell cheque matter.

Several Couns.—Corkscrew, your Worship, take a dive.

His Worship—What's that you say? "Die"? I guess not.

Coun. Barnard—You'd better go to the dinner, it's getting cold. You'll just be in time for the speeches.

His Worship—Don't you be afraid; I'm not anxious about this Scotch dinner. I'll stay here until midnight if you wish.

Several Councillors—All right; we'll stay right with you.

Coun. Pearse here left his seat and took c. s. air line home.

After a pause of ten minutes Coun. Barnard suggested to his worship that the dinner was waiting for him.

Coun. Braden here rose to a question of privilege, and said that every night a man came to the meetings with a big stick and, not content with using his hands and feet, he kept pounding the floor with this stick to the annoyance of the board. His Worship should call the man to order.

Coun. Barnard—You had better tell him to bring a tin-pan and beat on that. (Laughter.)

His Worship—Do you intend to go on with the business to-night?

The Councillors—That's what we want to do.

His Worship—No you don't; you're not going to cram that down my throat. If you're not going to do as I want you to, I'm off. And with this the portly form of the mayor was seen to rise from the seat and he skinned down the corkscrew and to the dinner as blithly as a young man who has a happy future ahead of him, or like a colt after enjoying a hearty feed of oats.

The councillors then skipped for home.

John Carnegie, ex-M. P. P., will be appointed Trent Valley Commissioner, instead of Judge Clark.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society's Annual Dinner a Great Success.

Last evening at the Driard the annual dinner of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society was held in honor of Scotland's patron saint, and the event was as interesting and as successful as the brave sons of auld Scotia well know how to make it. At 7 o'clock, in their rooms on Broughton street, the following officers were installed by Mr. Thos. Russell:

President—A. J. Smith.
First Vice-President—John Grant.
Second Vice-President—J. G. Geddes.
Treasurer—Donald McKay.
Secretary—D. R. Munro.
Assistant Secretary—David Boyd.
Physician—Dr. Renwick.
Directors—Thos. Russell, R. P. Rithet, A. Allan, John Robertson, W. A. Robertson, John Boyd, A. Murray.
Auditors—W. H. Mason, J. H. Lawson.
Warden—Thos. Gorrie.
Assistant Warden—T. N. Innes.
Bard—James Deans.

The Driard had provided a bountiful collation, on a scale in keeping with its high reputation, of which the following is the

MENU.

SOUP.
Scotch Mutton Broth.
HORS D'EUVRES.
Celery, Shrimp Salad, Chicken Salad.
FISH.
Fraser River Salmon, Chambord,
Halibut, Hollandaise, Pommo's Parisienne.
RELEVEAS.
Sucking Pig Stuffed, Apple Sauce;
Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
ENTREES.
Lamb Chops, Green Peas; Quail on Toast,
Chicken a la Marango.
ROAST.
Ribs of Beef, Leg of Mutton, Veal and Grouse.
COLD DISHES.
Boned Turkey, Truffled;
Beef Tongue a la St. Lambert,
St. Louis Ham a la Gelie.
ENTREMETS.
English Plum Pudding,
Mince Pies, Peach Pies.
PASTRY.
Camelon Chantilly Geolaneau Napoletain,
Petits, Zour Aux Amandie,
Gelie au Marascheno,
Stilton Cheese, Black Coffee.

The chair was occupied by President A. J. Smith, on his right being his honor Lieut.-Governor Nelson, Mayor Fell, Mr. W. McNiffe, President of the Pioneer society, and Mr. R. P. Rithet. On the left of the chair were U. S. Consul Col. Stevens, Hon. John Robson, provincial secretary, and Major Peters, "C" Battery. The vice-chairs were occupied by Coun. J. Grant, M. P. P., 1st vice-president, and J. G. Geddes, 2d vice-president.

After ample justice had been done to the abundance provided, Secretary Munro read the regrets of Rear Admiral Heneage, Lieut.-Col. Holmes, "C" Battery, Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., Mr. N. Shakespeare, M. P., Mr. M. W. T. Drake, president of the St. George's society, and Dr. Helmcken. The letter of the latter was received with great applause and is as follows:

VICTORIA, NOV. 26, 1887.

Dear Sir.—Many thanks for your very kind invitation, but truly I must not accept it. Although I shall be absent, I nevertheless wish the society prosperity in the future, and a good time on the 30th November, 1887.

With many thanks, believe me,
Yours, etc.,
J. J. HELMCKEN.

D. R. Munro, Sec. St. Andrew's Society.

The following telegrams received were also read by the secretary:

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.

President St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, Victoria:

Tho' far frae thee, my native shore,
And tossed on life's tempestuous ocean,
My heart still Scottish to the core,
Shall cling to thee with devotion.

R. B. ANGUS.

NANAIMO—"Our congratulations on St. Andrew's Day."—W. H. Morton.

NEW WESTMINSTER—"May there ne'er be wair among us."—S. F. Bronson.

KAMLOOPS—"A hearty greeting to you this nicht. May ye a' be brawly."—James McIntosh.

PORTLAND—St. Andrew's Society of Portland, assembled to celebrate St. Andrew's Day, return congratulations. Joy be wi' you a'."—R. Livingstone, President.

SEATTLE—"The St. Andrew's & Caledonian Society of Seattle, send greetings on this their first annual banquet and this toast: 'May ilka Scot the world o'er do honour to his name, and his guid wife ne'er look into a toom meal girnel.'"—Chas. P. Love.

VANCOUVER—"We congratulate you one and all to-night."—M. G. McLean.

THE TOASTS.

The chairman first called upon all present to fill their glasses and rise and drink to the health of "Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria." Music: National anthem.

"The Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family," was proposed by the chairman and loyally drunk. Music: "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

"The President of the United States," was next proposed, coupled with the name of Col. Stevens. Music: "The Star Spangled Banner."

Before the President's health could be drank, Mr. Grant referred to the grand example that President Cleveland's life gave to the young men of all countries and he hoped that his health would be heartily drunk by all present.

Col. Stevens, U. S. Consul, rose to respond, and acknowledged the compliment paid his chief. He thanked the president for proposing the toast and the vice-president for the happy way in which he had spoken of President Cleveland. He hoped that the present good feeling between Americans and Britishers would be still more strongly cemented, for the Americans are proud of their descent, their hearts bound with pride when they think of Cromwell's Ironsides, and they feel glorified when they think of the brave and gallant charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. Of President Cleveland he would only say that he hoped he would be re-elected to the Presidency of the United States.

Mr. Geddes, junior vice president, proposed "The Governor-General of Canada," which was drunk amidst most enthusiastic cheering.

Mr. R. P. Rithet said it was with the greatest of pleasure that he called upon them to drink the health of our Lieut.-Governor. He was sure they all had just as high an appreciation of him as he had. He was one of our early pioneers and had worked as an honest citizen to develop our province. His Honor was a strong advocate of confederation and was the first representative of British Columbia to the Dominion parliament. He was sure that they would all agree with him when he said that we must congratulate the government on appointing him as lieut.-governor. They all sympathized with him in his misfortune of not being a Scotchman; however, he is good enough to be one any way. (Cheers.)

This toast was received with enthusiasm, the company standing up on the chairs and cheering most vociferously.

His Hono. said he could hardly express his thanks for the kind way in which they had drank his health. He could only thank them. He would, however, refer to one thing which his friend said about it being a misfortune that he was not a Scotchman. He would say that for the moment he was a Scotchman, and were it not for the fact that he was an Irishman he would not mind being a Scotchman. (Cheers.) He again thanked them for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health.

Mr. A. B. Gray gave a short, pithy speech about the prominent abilities of the Scottish clergy, many of whom were and have been the personal friends of the Queen. In proposing the health of the clergy Mr. Gray said he was puzzled as to whom he should call upon to second him. Mayor Fell and Mr. Thos. Russell, however, would do very well.

Mayor Fell said he supposed he was a servant of all work. On a former occasion he came to the rescue of the clergy. For all the clergy and all good men he had a great deal of respect. The clergy should have been here and also the ladies.

Mr. Thos. Russell also responded very happily.

Mr. Lorimer said it gave him very great pleasure to propose the toast of the press. He held the press in great respect and consequently his great pleasure in proposing their success.

Representatives of THE COLONIST, *Times* and *Standard*, responded to the toast.

Mr. McNiffe then sang "Muldoon the Solid Man."

Mr. A. B. Gray proposed the "Army, Navy and Volunteers," and in doing so pointed out how many of our famous generals and admirals were Scotchmen. The British navy is undoubtedly the best in the world. He thought that the volunteers were the best of all as they received no pay.

Major Peters said that if there were no colonels present he would be most happy to respond to the toast. Lures of promotion from a subaltern to major brought him to the Pacific slope, and since then he had made two speeches. "C" Battery was sent here to check the Russian bear but they are not the strongest force in the world—they rejoice in their insignificance since they cannot do so in strength. If the Russians landed one single shell they only wanted one—in Victoria they would return to Eastern Canada with a Siwash medal and a *tenas* clasp. He had employed his spare time in studying that noble language, Chinook. He ended by giving his best thanks for the kind and hearty manner in which "C" Battery had been received in Victoria.

Major Prior responded for the Volunteers by singing a song.

Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., apologized for his lateness in coming to the festivities but was glad to be in time to be enabled to respond to such a grand toast as that of the Navy.

National music was at this time produced in the ever welcome bagpipe.

Mr. W. A. Robertson proposed the "Dominion Senate and House of Commons."

Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., in responding to the toast, confined his remarks to social matters. Of politics he gets enough at Ottawa. He thanked those present for the enthusiastic manner in which the "Senate and House of Commons" had been received.

Mr. Thos. Russell proposed the "Local Government and Legislature." The laws laid down by our Provincial parliament convinced him that the people of British Columbia were fully capable of governing themselves.

Hon. Mr. Robson returned his hearty thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and so heartily drank. He felt highly honored in having been called upon to respond to it. For himself and his colleagues he hoped that the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society would prosper in the future as it has done in the past.

Mr. E. F. Prior, M. P. P., spoke a few words. The honorable gentleman expressed his thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been received.

Coun. Grant, M. P. P., also passed a few remarks.

Mr. D. R. Munro in a few words proposed the toast of the "Bench and Bar," and coupled with it Messrs. E. Johnson and S. T. Yates.

Mr. Johnson in a few well chosen words thanked the company for the cordial manner in which the "Bench and Bar" had been received. Mr. Yates also expressed his thanks for the toast.

Hon. John Robson proposed the "Mayor and Council," and remarked that the Council was all the better for a little dissension. The "corkscrew" was fast becoming famous in eastern Canada. The municipal representatives ought to add to nature's charms in making Victoria the most attractive city in the whole of the Dominion of Canada.

Mayor Fell said that enough speechifying had been done already and the company did not want a long speech from him. (A voice: Hear! Hear!) He was not going to change the position he had taken up in council matters and the ratepayers would soon have to decide whether he was right or wrong.

Coun. Grant also said a few words.

Mayor Fell proposed the "St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society," and in doing so mentioned that the amelioration of the miseries of mankind was due chiefly to such societies.

President Smith, in responding to the toast, said that the society was strictly a benevolent one, and all Victoria knew that.

Mr. Yates then sang an original song describing the beauties and wonders of Victoria.

Mr. John Robertson gave the "Sister Societies" and Mr. McNiffe, as also Mayor Fell, responded.

The "Commercial, Agricultural, Manufacturing and Mining Interests," were proposed by Dr. Renwick.

Mr. Rithet, Major Prior and Mayor Fell responded in well chosen terms.

Mr. James Deans, the bard, here recited an original piece of poetry.

Mr. A. Grieve gave "Land o' Cakes," which was endorsed by the martial strains of the pipe with "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled."

Mr. D. R. Munro sang "Scotland Yet" and was followed by Mr. James Deans who proposed "Scotchmen Wherever they May Be." Music: "Auld Lang Syne."

"The Land We Live In," was proposed with a few short, interesting remarks by Mr. Thos. Russell, and was responded to by President Smith. Mr. James Deans read an original poem on the subject which was well received. Music: "Our Ain Fireside."

"The Ladies," the last but not the least, was proposed by Mr. Robt. McIntosh, and was responded to by Major Prior and Mr. Thos. Russell. Music: "Green Grow the Rushes O."

This closed the programme for the evening, and the company, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National anthem, separated after having passed an evening of unalloyed mirth and enjoyment.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The statement published in the Seattle *Post Intelligencer* that Mr. Nelson, formerly of the North Pacific, had been offered the pursership of the Premier, is altogether wrong.

Sergeant Sheppard and one of the municipal clerks have been collecting trade licenses lately, in many cases for two years. About $1,300 were secured in two and a half days.

A seaman of the ship Cumberland, named J. Couch, while slightly under the influence of the "ardent," walked over the front of the Vancouver Coal Company's loading wharves on Monday afternoon and took an involuntary bath in the cold water of the harbor.

MANITOBA.

Robert Taylor, a farmer in East Selkirk, while crossing the river at West Selkirk with his team, went through the ice. The horses and sleigh went under and went to the bottom, but the man saved himself with difficulty.

Railroad returns show that only three million bushels, or about one-third the wheat crop of Manitoba, has as yet been sent out of the country.