SCHOOL CLOSINGS.

Conclusion of the High School Term —Holidays in Order—Standing of the Pupils.

Promotions and Prize List of Spring Ridge School—A Merry Christmas for the Scholars.

SENIOR SCHOOL—BOYS.

Yesterday was the closing day of the term in the boys' school, and was an occasion which will long be remembered by them with gratification, for many of them highly distinguished themselves, as was noticed during the examination, which was attended by a large number of deeply interested and gratified friends and spectators. Among those present were the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson, Rev. Messrs. Macleod and Fraser, Trustees Mallandaine and Walker, Mr. Stanton and Dr. Pope.

Dr. Pope, superintendent of education, in presenting the certificates, said that thirteen scholars had successfully passed the examination for admission into the High school. He expressed the regret he felt that so many had failed, but advised greater diligence on their part in the future. The smallest boy in the school, Henry Proctor, was at the head of it. There had been 546 scholars on the roll during the term, with an average attendance of 402. He bore his testimony to the satisfactory character of the work done, for which both teachers and scholars well deserved their vacation.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor was very much pleased with what the superintendent had said, and commented on the fact that frequently the girls went ahead of the boys in their studies. The girls, he assured them, would think more of the boys if they beat them, and this he urged them to try and accomplish.

Superintendent Pope remarked that it had been wrongly reported that he had stated that the girls' department was ahead of the boys', just as if he had given the results of the examinations before he ought to have done. The boys were certainly entitled to their full share of credit for what they had done. It was true that 17 girls had passed as against 13 boys, and in a great number of subjects the latter were far ahead of the girls.

His Honor intimated that he had been most certainly under the impression that the boys had been distanced by the girls.

Trustee Walker expressed his great pleasure at hearing that the boys were ahead. He was especially gratified to see from to-day's examinations how proficient they were in the history of Canada. When he was a boy it had been the custom in the Motherland to make the scholars well acquainted with the history of Scotland and England. It had not been so much the custom here to enter extensively into the history of this country, which was so important a part of the British Empire. He commented on the fact that here, as had been the case in the girl's school, the smallest scholar was at the head. No complaint of the boys, he was happy to know, had been laid before the trustees. In his opinion the boys had done remarkably well.

Trustee Mallandaine made some excellent practical observations, at the same time congratulating the boys on what they had accomplished.

Rev. D. Fraser deprecated the idea that school exercises were a task, and urged the boys to still greater diligence. He compared the process of education to the steps of a ladder, of which as each year was passed a rung was climbed, and dwelt upon the feelings of a man of twenty who danced upon that at that age he had only climbed a few steps. It was he said, indeed a pity to see a great big boor of an ignorant man, when he might just as well have known every thing necessary to be acquired. He enlarged upon the necessity there was for young people being able to write well. For their deficiency in this respect the teachers were to blame as well as the scholars. It was of the highest importance, not alone that the brain should be cultivated but the hand also.

Rev. Mr. Macleod addressed the scholars as the "young gentlemen of the Central school." He had been glad to hear that the boys were gentlemanly in their behaviour. He was not going to draw a comparison between the girls and the boys. It was not the fault, but possibly the misfortune, of the latter that they were not girls. He temperately dwelt upon the way in which the girls in Miss Armstrong's department were succeeding with their studies, indicating that in the future there might be closer relations between the scholars in both departments. While heartily congratulating the boys who had passed upon what they had accomplished, he advised those who had not been so fortunate not to go home and make a thousand and one excuses, but to make up their minds to do better next time. He invited the boys to have all the fun possible during the holidays, but to abandon the idea that there was no fun without mischief or wickedness.

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem.

The following were the promotions to the High school:—

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Henry Proctor, Thomas R. Futcher, Percy W. Marchant, Percy Dankerley, Alexander Cooke, Henry R. Joland, George Henry Jesse, John Gill, Henry Heisterman, Edward R. Vigor, Frank Penwell, Arthur D. Hardie, Sewell Prescot Moody.

PROMOTIONS

From 2nd to 1st Division (J. F. Smith, teacher) —William Albert Netherby, Benjamin Charles Nicholas, Ernest Blake, William Fraser, George C. Pickard, Robert Lorimer, John William McKay, John William Spencer, Richard H. Hale, Harcourt Penn Dickenson Edward Ure, David Kennedy, Charles Paul Higgins.

From 3rd to 2nd Division (A. B. McNeill, teacher)—Charles F. Banfield, Thomas D. Fawcet, Reginald Anderson, James A. Bland, Walter A. Atkinson, Frank Thompson, Earl Winton Clarke, James Gaudin, Carl Matheson, James Christie, Jack McLeod, Bert Howell, Walter Lorimer, Alexander Ross, William Grant, Harry McBurnie, George Eigiehardt, Thomas H. Jones, Thomas Hickey, Stanley Smith, Albert McConnell, James Miles, Anselm Finlaison, Delbert Whittaker, Fred Vigor, Edwin Lee, Marcus Bailey, Walter Shears.

From 4th to 3rd Division, E. F. Doran, Teacher—Herbert Walter Willy, Edgar Lionel Fawcett, Bernard Peter Schwengers, Albert Goodwin Bartlett, Walter S. Dodds, William W Nortlie, Arthur Thomas, Frederick N. Wickersen, Clarence McLean O'Brien, Walter Bowdin Smith, Archibald A. Colquhoun, Frank R. Carlew, John H. McConnel, William Jessam, Thomas G. Wall, Alexander W. Bow, Robert Dodds, Alfred George Bird, William Henry King, Eaton Richardson, Edward Milne Whyte, Louis Roscamp, Alexander McDonald, Henry Pridham, Edward Kermode, George Williams, Frank Wollitet, Frank Fraser, Ewen Joseph Cameron, George Douglas Warren, Lambert A. Thompson, Walter E. King, Henry George Lincoln.

From 5th to 4th Division, Miss E. E. Sylvester, Teacher—John Arthur Worthington, John W. Sharples, William Charles Roarke, Sidney Dan Wales, Christopher Charles Loat, Hans S. Kroeger, John S. C. Burkholder, Frank Peters n Savage, Cross A. S. Miller, Alexander McCrimmon, William Roy Fletcher, George D. Dickinson, Frederick Muriset, William John Trickey, Francis Joun Cox, James A. Barnswell.

From 6th to 5th Division (Miss F. Fraser, teacher—Charles John Miller, Ernest Philip Essouf, Henry M. Saunders, Alfred Wilkinson, Walter Willicroft, Henry Vellmouth, William E. Keown, Alexander T. Donaldson, Ernest B. Rogersen, Royaland Tabb, Harold Marchant, Henry Harris, Henry Hepworth, Ernest Lane, Ernest Anderson, Douglas D. McTavish.

From 7th to 6th Division, (Miss G. H. Withrow, teacher.)—James Harris, John Henry Applebee, William Alex. Smith, Herbert H. Wentworth, Thomas Hillier, John Pow Donaldson, Charles Cox, Hugh E. Colwell, Gordon M. Grant, Albert William Ward, Thomas Anderson, James F. Ferguson, Henry A. Turner.

From 8th to 7th Division, (Miss S. Kermode, teacher.)—William Forest Davies, Jno. Grieve, Millen Sutherland, Joseph Levy, Edward Rendell, William Appleby, John Henderson, Herbert Haynes, John Johnson, Henry Harriel, Frank McKay Watkins, Frank L. Garrett, Lee Deen, Franz Wille, Ernest McDonald, William A. McMillan, William Walter Barnswell, Roy Wolford Russel Smith, Claude Walls.

ROCK BAY WARD SCHOOL.

Miss L. Horton, the teacher of this flourishing and progressive school, and her painstaking monitress, Miss Christie, closed their scholastic year of hard but not unprofitable work, yesterday morning, with unusually interesting exercises. The home-like school-room had, by the deft fingers of teachers and pupils, been given a decidedly festival appearance, the gleaming holly which mingled in the decorations of walls, seats and windows betokening in eloquent language the approach of Christmas. It is needless to say that the friends and parents attending were well pleased with the cheerful aspect of the room, and the bright and happy appearance of the little ones, although their pleasure was greater at the material progress made during the term. One of the pupils, William Peddle, distinguished himself by winning next to the highest place in the ward schools, and with this honored position, Mr. H. F. Heisterman's special prize. Freddk. W. Waller took highest in mental arithmetic, and Jas. M. McLeod highest in geography of the ward school's, the former with a percentage of 50 and the latter with 88 of the marks obtainable. In grammar, Richard J. Maynard obtained 95, also highest in grammar of all the schools. Master Maynard also won high marks in writing.

During the morning's proceedings Dr. Pope, superintendent of education, filled the chair, and addressed the parents, children and friends present to the number of 75 or more. Speeches were also delivered by Trustees Erskine and Mallandain, who spoke briefly and to the point, Rev. Dr. Reid and Mr. Few. The following programme was presented by the classes during the morning:

PROGRAMME.

Song.....“The Builders”
Recitation.....Jessie Williams
Recitation.....James MacArthur
Reading and Spelling.....Second Primers
Song.....“The Holidays”
Recitation.....Emily Baker
Recitation.....Arthur Fowler
Reading and Spelling.....Second Readers
Calisthenics
Recitation.....Gladys Berridge
Reading and Spelling.....Third Readers
Song.....“The Ten Little Negroes”
Recitation.....Etta Bishop
Motion song.....“Raise Your Hands”
Recitation.....Lillie Sherriff
Motion song.....“The Trees”
Recitation.....Alice Smith
Song.....“Rock-a-bye Baby”
Recitation.....Johnnie McArthur
Song.....“My own Canadian Home”

PROMOTIONS.

From 1st Division to Central School in order of merit—William Peddle, James Wm. McLeod, Frederick Wm. Waller, Sarah Emma Sheriff, Richard James Maynard.

From 2nd Reader to 3rd reader—Guy Townsley, Dorothy Berridge, Harry Brown, Alice Bishop, Tom Cosford, Marion Smith, Kate Gaudin.

From Junior Division to Senior—David Winchester, Jessie Williams, Lillie Sheriff, Lawrence Basso, Edith Bull, Mabel Miller, Jessie Stephens, Patrick Page, Fenton Smith.

PRIZE LIST—William Peddle, Richard Maynard, James McLeod, Sarah E. Sheriff, Fred. W. Waller, Nellie B. Morris, Guy F. Townsley, Dorothy L. Berridge, Mary J. Campbell, Harry Brown, Thomas Cosford, Lila Nettle, Jane Patterson, Harriet Peckham.

Junior Division—Jessie Williams, Lillie Sheriff, Lawrence Basso, Mabel Miller, Agnes Sheback, Oliver Sherk, James McGregor, Hugh Cavin, Ch ries Winchester, James Holland, John McArthur.

HIGH SCHOOL

Yesterday morning, the examinations of the second and third divisions of the High School, taught respectively by Miss Cameron and Mr. Goward, were held in presence of a comparatively small number of parents and friends, the uncertainty and inclemency of the weather having, no doubt, had much to do with the apparent lack of outside interest. Certain is it, however, that had it been possible for them to have attended they would have been extremely gratified by the proofs of substantial progress, which was particularly noticeable in Miss Cameron's department, all the pupils who presented themselves having, with great credit to themselves and their accomplished teacher, been promoted to the second division. The school-room had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, the pupils, especially the girls, having entered with a will upon the work of making the scene of their daily scholastic labors look as beautiful as possible. Except for the desks and the scholars seated at them in their order, the apartment might have been termed a sort of conversazione—at any rate it was such during the afternoon. In the morning the pupils were placed upon their mettle among others by Mr. Kinney, an old school teacher, who caused them to exhibit a wonderful acquaintance with that most important subject, the history of the land they live in. Some exceedingly difficult mathematical problems were presented, only to meet with satisfactory solution. In other studies the results were exceedingly good, there being no hesitation at all in disposing of what was brought before the boys and girls.

In the afternoon there was a good attendance at the closing exercises. Inspector Wilson occupied the chair. Mr. McNeill thoroughly examined the pupils as to a variety of matters which, in the course of their study, had received the attention of the scholars, who amply demonstrated that they had made excellent use of their opportunities.

Principal McLeod, in presenting the school and promotion lists, made a few very appropriate observations. He characterized the progress which had been made as almost remarkable. The marks gained had been higher than ever before—a fact which had been extremely gratifying to him as well as to the teachers.

After several appropriate pieces had been sung, Miss Edith King read a highly creditable production, called "The Girls' Own Paper," the lucubrations of several of the girls. It was really very bright, spicy and clever, and showed the extreme versatility of the contributors. It contained any quantity of amusement and true knowledge. There was a terseness and comprehensiveness that was really wonderful. The pupils of the High school are unmistakably talented, and their talent has been well directed.

Inspector Wilson expressed his great pleasure at to-day's exercises, as well as at the reports which had been presented. The enrolment in the High school during the term had been 93, with an average daily attendance of 77. There would be very large increases in the High school family, on account of the number who had been passed up, and also because of the appreciation in which the advantages of the High school education of the province was held. To those who looked forward to the examinations in July he would urge diligent study and thoroughness, particularly in English subjects. He made these remarks as the result of his own experience. It was, he said, a pleasant thought that, to-day, the schools of the province from golden Cariboo to the city of Victoria were having similar exercises to those which were being taken part in. He concluded by wishing that all the scholars might have a pleasant vacation.

Trustee Walker said it afforded him great pleasure to see the pupils of the High school answer with such promptness and correctness. This had been the case in the problems of algebra just given and he advised all to study this subject thoroughly, as the boys especially would, in after life, find it most useful. The "girls own paper" showed much originality and talent. He regretted to see so few of his brother trustees present; they all ought to take a deep interest in the examinations. He wished them all pleasant holidays and hoped that on reassembling they would study as hard as ever and give their teachers as little trouble as possible, as they were quite old enough to understand, and there ought to be no need for extra pulling up.

Trustee Mallandaine said he had been very much pleased with the examinations this term, particularly those of the youngest and the oldest classes. The smallest children had shown themselves to be bright and intelligent, while those in the higher classes could better appreciate what they were instructed in and what he talked about. Thoroughness in all branches was necessary in order that the faculties might be sharpened and brought out. They must not learn by rote, but study to get at the real meaning of things. The word education meant drawing out. It meant drawing out the good and keeping back the less noble and bad. Education did not end when the pupil left school, but it should be carried on throughout life. It was necessary not only to train the intellectual power but to cultivate a strong morale. The scholars must be trained not alone by books. Even such a thing as speaking must be made to show decision of character. If they had a good point in view they must be able to carry it out. The entire fibre of the mind ought to be trained. He concluded by offering prizes for French, the examination to come off at the midsummer holiday.

Rev. Joseph Hall spoke of his pleasure at being present, and wished all the scholars a pleasant holiday.

Inspector Wilson announced the closing of the school until the first Monday in January.

After the singing of "God Save the Queen" the school was closed. The following is the list of

PROMOTIONS.

From 2nd to 1st—Ethel Dunkerley 1,459 marks; Ethel Warlock, 1,354; Harold Grant, 1,336; Alice E. Blake, 1,303; Isabella Gill, 1,294; May Blake, 1,293; Clarence Sylvester, 1,246.

The following will be promoted upon passing a supplementary examination in following subjects: In Geometry—Katie Merill, Walter Eglehardt. In Algebra—Forence Lettice, Sara A Williams, G. P. Johnson, Geo. A. Martin, Joseph H. Hall.

From 3d to 2nd—Laura Livingstone Nickerson, 93 per cent; Lottie May Fowell, Clara Cecelia Warren, Maurice Christopher Berkeley, Herbert Wm. Northcott, Charles Moore, Car line Maud Edwards, Frederick Blackbourn, Nellie Grant McCulloch, Frank T. Bowues, Thos. Arthur Spencer, Jno. W. Pitrock, Minnie Jane Munsie, Josephine Lee, Annie Elizabeth Carlyon, Geo. Herbert Corder, Elizabeth Amy Mesher, William James Turpel, Marion Grace Carter, Henry A. McKillican, Gertrude Ure, Geo. H. Haynes, Barbara W. Lenfesty, 71 per cent. The class percentage was 81.

SPRING RIDGE WARD SCHOOL.

The closing exercises in this ward school were held, yesterday, in the presence of many parents and friends of the pupils. The school-room had been prettily decorated, and the scholars had prepared a programme of music, recitations and exercises for the occasion, which was gone through in a manner creditable alike to teacher and pupils. Following was the full

PROGRAMME.

Opening exercise.....Lord's Prayer
Motion song.....The School
Reading and spelling.....Second Primers
"The St. Bernard".....Mary Elliott
"The Quarrelsome Kittens".....Mabel Dods
"Love One Another".....Sara Bulman
Song—"Old Winter".....The School
Geography.....Second Class
Song—"The Fisher Maiden".....Grace Phillips
"A Smart Girl".....Ida Hood
"Hanging the Stocking".....Edna McKeown
"The Rainbow".....Seven Girls
"Bee Song".....The School
Grammar.....First Class
Trades.....Seven Boys
"The Housekeeper's Soliloquy".....Lillie Cohen
"The Old and the New".....Christina Anderson
Song—"Christmas Bells".....The School
Marching Song.....Senior Division

PRIZE LIST.

The following pupils were awarded prizes for regularity and punctuality, not having been a day absent or a time late during the term:

Christine Anderson, Florence Whittaker, Mabel Kessler, Sara Bradiford, Cora Clarke, Lizzie Thomson, John Myrdal, Willie Corder, Julian Robertson, Ralph Banfield, Arthur Netherby, Willie Creech, Ella Wilkinson.

2nd Class—Spelling, Annie St. Onge; Reading, Lizzie Elliott; Writing, Ida Hood; Geography, Edie Jenkins; Arithmetic, Clara Van Horst; General Improvement, Syble Backus; Spelling (1st class), Bessie Castleton; Grammar (1st class), Annie Holmes; Geography (1st class), Frank Smith; General Improvement, Mortimer Bridges.

PROMOTIONS.

To Central School—John Myrdal, Florence Maud Whittaker, Christina Smith Anderson, Annie Holmes, Frank Fuller Smith, William James Gordon, Alexander Thomson, Mortimer Bridges, Mabel Kessler, Henrietta Maud Castleton.

To Third Reader—Lizzie Elliott, Arthur Netherby, Willie Creech, Ada Smith, Engolf Jackson and Ellen Wilkinson (equal), Clara Van Horst, Lulu Sherritt, Sewell Dalby, Emma Johnson.

From 2nd Primer to 2nd Reader—Samuel Sherburn, Edna Florence McKeown, Percival Edward Snider, Mabel Dods, Adam McGregor Innes, Charles Netherby, Joseph Marks.

From 1st Primer to 2nd Primer—Sarah E. Bulmen, Grace Clara Phillips, Alexander Brock Robertson, Laura May Clark, John Thompson, Julia Wilkinson, James Holmes, Hannah E. Wall, Christopher Behnson, Joseph Hancock.

From Chart to 1st Primer—Adolphus Cohen, James David Richards, Alfred Watkinson, Rosalie Banfield, John Levy, Alice Tait, Margaret Bulmen, William Maynard, Nellie Sherburn, Alice Blanche Owens, Annie Tait, Edward Townley, Charles Backus, Maud Tait, Frederick Jenkins, Frederick Adie, Gertrude Creech, Elizabeth Field.

PRIZE LIST—FIRST CLASS.

Proficiency—Samuel Sherburn.
Mental Arithmetic—Adam Innes.
Arithmetic—Joseph Marks.
Writing—Edna Florence McKeown, (Special Prize by Dr. Reid.)
Reading—Mabel Sarah Dods.

SECOND CLASS.

Proficiency—Sarah Eliza Bulmen.
Writing—Jeanie Collis.
Spelling—Julia Wilkenson, Brock Robertson.
Punctuality and Regularity—Grace C. Phillips. Jno. Thompson.

CHART.

Proficiency—Adolphus Cohen.
Writing—Alice Blanch Owens, Alfred Watkinson, Elizabeth Field.
Reading—James David Richards, Nellie Sherburn, Edward Townsley.
Arithmetic—Alice Tait.
Punctuality and Regularity—John Anderson.

GIRLS' PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

To the Editor:—In the list of prizes for Miss Armstrong's division, I see spelling, Miss Kate Schwenger, (given by Mr. Mallandaine.)

I do not think the few lines give sufficient credit to the young lady mentioned. I offered a special prize for the following fifteen words, with meanings:—heterogeneous, deliquescent, irrefragable, impermeable, hygrometer, prehensile, impassible, collectable, circumgyration, fugacious, tautologous, impecunious, hydrostatic, mucilaginous, antepenultimate.

Four errors allowed.

I congratulate Miss Schwenger on getting the prize; and great credit is due at the same time to Miss Armstrong for teaching so capable a pupil.

EDWD. MALLANDAINE,
Victoria, Dec. 19, 1890. School trustee.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

Greer v. Queen—For discovery and for oral examination of applicant. Adjourned until Monday to give time to appear. Mr. Williams for applicant. Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Kissinger Co. v. Saur—To pay the sum of $638.10. Time to consider given. Mr. Jay for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Folk Chung v. Boucherat and G. C. Saur—To pay the sum of $1,713.90. Time for consideration given. Counsel as above.

Pitts v. Phillips—To postpone trial. Trial adjourned until January 7, 1891. Mr. Pemberton for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

McDougall v. Robson — Adjourned from 18th inst.; order made with costs. Belyea & Gregory for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Carey v. Corporation of Victoria and Water Works Commissioner—To enlarge time to 31st January. Order granted. Mr. Pooley for Carey, Eberts & Taylor for Corporation and Commissioner.

Turner v. Prevost—Summons dismissed with costs.

Sinclair v. C.P.R.—Laid over until 5th January. Bodwell & Irving for plaintiff, Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for defendant.

Victoria Lumber and Mfg. Co. v. McIntosh. Adjourned until Monday.

Turner v. Prevost and Powers—Summons to strike out paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 3 of statement of claim. Order by consent. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for plaintiff, Mr. Pooley for defendants.

McDougall v. Rolston—To withdraw money from Court. Adjourned until 19th inst. Belyea & Gregory for plaintiff, Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

FAILURE AT SPOKANE.

The First National Bank Closes Its Doors—Unfortunate Speculations by the Cashier.

A dispatch from Spokane Falls, dated Wednesday, says the Spokane National Bank has suspended. This action was decided on at a meeting of the officers and directors of the bank, after nearly an all-night session, Tuesday night. While the announcement created something of a flurry in financial circles, it was not unexpected. The bank has, for some time, been known to be in a shaky condition. Monday afternoon, W. H. Kyler, president, and Warren Hussey, cashier, notified the various banks in the city of their distress, and asked for assistance. Sixty thousand dollars was raised to pay the run on the bank, on Tuesday. Of this $53,000 was paid out. An examination of the books showed that immediate obligations might be presented for $300,000. This amount the other banks were unwilling to furnish, consequently the bank was compelled to suspend. Unfortunate speculations by Cashier Hussey, and the failure of three branches of the defunct bank in the Cœur de Alene district, is the cause of the bank going under. The bank will be reorganized, and officers claim that it will be able to liquidate all of its obligations.

HIGH AND DRY.

The Little Steamer Badger Will Prove a Total Loss.

One of the results of the prevailing gales on the Straits and Sound has been the destruction of the little coasting steamer Badger, of this port. She is owned by Michael Hare, her master, and was chiefly employed in towing coal-laden scows from Nanaimo down. On Tuesday she had a couple of heavily freighted brick scows to take care of, when the gale struck her not far from Ten Mile Point. The tow was left to take care of itself, but, despite all the efforts of captain and crew, the Badger was piled high and dry on James Island, so far up that the storm of yesterday did not reach her. It is stated that the bottom is almost torn out, and the other damages to the hull are so extensive that it would not be profitable to attempt to refloat the disabled boat. The probability is, therefore, that the machinery and all else that is valuable will be taken off, and the hulk abandoned. The storm has brought strange contradictions—here the course of a steamboat is directed apparently across an island, while up in Chehalum the trains have reversed the order and are steaming through recently created water ways.

JOHNSON STREET WARD.

Prospective Candidates for Aldermanic Honors on the Stump Last Evening.

Telling Speeches Made, and the Nomination for Work Estate Left Open.

Johnson street ward electors filled the Hillside school-house, last evening, to nominate a representative candidate to contest the ward in that particular section known as Work estate. Spring Ridge has taken the initiative in this step, and selected Mr. Snider as the standard bearer for the voters of that locality, pledging themselves to vote for the choice of last night's meeting. Mr. James Baker explained these facts in opening last night's meeting, and Mr. Noah Shakespeare was then called upon to take the chair, while Mr. J. L. Beckwith was requested to act as secretary.

The chairman thought that it was very encouraging to see so many electors present; it showed that they were interested in the conduct of civic affairs.

Mr. Humber thought it would be well to hear from the aldermen present, and

Ald. Robertson first took the floor. He had been in the council one year, he said, and had always done his best according to his light. If the ratepayers showed confidence in him he would stand again. There had been a little squabble with the clergy lately, and it was true he had not been on hand. He went to the council, attended to his own and the ratepayers' business, and dealt honestly by the corporation. The speaker made reference to an incident in Rev. Mr. Macleod's career, when that gentleman declined to attend a funeral; had he been at the board when that rev. gentleman had been asked (Ald. Robertson) should have given him a "shot." He run quickly over the work done by this year's council, and the part he had played, and resumed his seat amid applause.

Ald. Holland was going to run again, whether nominated by this meeting or not. (Applause.) He had done his duty since a member of the council, and had tried to redeem all his promises to the electors. The city's business had received his careful and conscientious consideration. A public market was one thing he had worked for; and he thought that institution would prove a success, and prove profitable to the city in more ways than one. One creditable act of the present board of aldermen had been the presentation of a sewerage scheme that had met with the approval of the electors. The lowest tender received for the sewerage work was at a figure most satisfactory, and the only reason that the contract had not been awarded was that the Sewerage committee and commissioners were anxious to enquire into the financial standing of the sureties offered by Messrs. McBean & Co., who were foreign parties. As soon as those proper precautions were observed, the work would be given out. It was understood that the sewerage material would be manufactured at home; this had been promised by the contractors.

The names of Ald. Holland, A. J. McLellan and John Coughlan were mentioned as the choice of the meeting.

Mr. McLellan was loudly called for. He at once stepped to the front, and announced that as he had no sins to answer for, it was his duty to rise and state plainly who he was and what were his claims to the votes of Johnson street ward. He felt himself entirely independent, and was willing to give his services for one year to the city, with all his heart, and would promise to do the best he could for the city, and for Johnson street ward. He was not a narrow-minded man. There was some talk about his "coming out" on account of certain events. He did not consider himself as the representative of any clique or party, church or state, saloon or anything else. As a citizen he was for the citizens. There was a strong feeling among the saloon men against him, and he was proud of it. The only thing he had done against the saloon men was not to buy their goods. If that was a crime he did not want to be elected. He was a member of a church, it was true, and if time was spared he did not seek election. He would ask the saloon men for their votes here and elsewhere. As a man, and a Christian man, too, he had surely as much right to represent the saloon man, and protect him in his rights, as any one. It was his intention to act with equal fairness to all, from the Italian fisherman to the millionaire. He was not prejudiced in any way against any man or any class, and as a free man he asked for the votes of Johnson street ward. He had had much to do with the workingmen, it was to them that he owed his present position, and he would not forget them or neglect their sidewalks or their sewers, or allow the claims of the highest in the land to overshadow theirs. The workingman had his respect, and he would work with him. He had always worked with him, made him his comrade, paid him well and sat at the same table with him. In regard to the liquor men: when the sawmills, foundries, and stores closed down on Sunday, there was no reason why the saloons should not be closed. If the legislature would bring in a bill to close the district saloons on Sunday, he would vote to close the saloons in Victoria on that day. When the bakers, butchers and other tradesmen closed on Sunday, he did not see why the saloons should remain open. It was his belief that when the legislature took the action he had predicted, the saloon men themselves would take the initiative in regard to Sunday closing. He would give his services freely, and do his best.

(A voice—What will you do with the $200?

Mr. McLellan—What $200.

Answer—The $200 a year paid to aldermen.

Mr. McLellan—I did not know there was any money in it. Well, I'll spend it. (Cheers.) Referring to sewerage matters, Mr. McLellan said that the tenders were a puzzle to him. He had never seen such a wide divergence as $200,000, and it looked as though something was wrong. When he had figured on the contract for the Island railway, the tenders had been only a few thousand dollars apart. There was something wrong, apparently, with the sewerage tenders. He was a practical man, and no one could fool him in such matters. The revenue of the city was getting small, and much work was to be done. Economy should be observed, but money had to be spent to keep the city up as it is—one of the best and most beautiful cities on the continent. He would do his best to keep the city clean in every way, and would look particularly after public works, which he thoroughly understood. One provision only he made—if the legislature would close district saloons, he intended to introduce a by-law to shut up the Victoria saloons on Sunday. One thing more: he had appeared with the city clergymen on a recent occurrence that had since been the subject of very much talk. This action he would explain. He was a director of the Y. M. C. A., and one not afraid to put his hand in his pocket to help them either. Though he had no sons himself, he would freely hand out his hundreds or thousands to keep young men from going to the bad, and provide them with healthy, mental and physical recreation. He did not think any effort to keep the city up to others, and above them in civilization and dignity, could be wrong, and so had taken an active interest in the movement. He had understood that the conference with the Council was to be private,—as THE COLONIST very properly and plainly said it should have been—and the delegation went to the committee room. Then the mayor led the way to the Council chamber, took his chair, and called the delegates in before him. If he was defeated upon this question, he should consider himself defeated with honor. He was anxious for the suppression of wrong and the elevation of virtue and right. As a charitable and honest citizen himself, he, too, came before the citizens and challenged anyone to point a finger at any act of his that could be termed questionable. He had no axe to grind and, if elected by the citizens, would work for the citizens.

Mr. Snider, the choice of Spring Ridge, if elected, would act fairly by all and do his best by Spring Ridge.

Ald. Holland called attention to an insinuation that the present aldermen had not given their time to the city's business. He, for one, had, and if re-elected would, as before, act for the city as for himself.

Ex-Ald. Coughlan was called for in all quarters. He said that he had not decided to run, but, if he did, would, as before, give his best services to the city. There were many things requiring careful attention. The sewer works, if the population continued to increase as in the past few years, would soon present a serious problem. He here went into a concise and intelligent explanation of water works affairs, showing that the 16-inch main had proved a success, and when the 12-inch was replaced by a 24, and the 12-inch re-laid where 4 and 5 inch pipes now extend, the system would be quite satisfactory if the city did not grow beyond its present boundaries. If it did, a new source of supply would have to be found. It was true, as Ald. Holland had said, that a low bid had been made for the sewerage work, but it would be remembered that schedule tenders had been received, which give no idea of the approximate cost of the job. The work might cost $549,000—and it would still be cheap—before it was finished at schedule prices. It was an unfair way of showing the nice side to the public. Aldermen should not be too ready to place city-by-law or loan before the citizens at the request of a few. They should consider whether its passage was judicious or not. Only a small vote was generally polled on by-laws and did not correctly indicate the public wish. Aldermen should not put impolitic measures before the ratepayers at the request of the few, and then imagine that they had done their duty. Victoria's engineering staff now cost the city $9,000 a year, and this sum, he thought, might with propriety be reduced. The revenue was increasing, it was true, but interests and sinking funds were growing too. If re-elected, in the event of his becoming a candidate, he should give all the time he could to the city, and do his best as in the past. (Applause.)

A voice—What do you think about the morals of the city?

Ald Coughlan—I think Victoria's morals stand far ahead of those of any other city on the western continent. Continuing, Mr. Coughlan endorsed Mr. McLellan's opinion that the legislature should act first in regard to the closing of saloons on Sunday.

Several inquiries regarding water works, traveler's licenses, etc., were then asked Ald. Coughlan, and answered to the apparent satisfaction of the audience, and the meeting was brought to a close by the chairman, who in a crisp and telling speech endorsed public markets and urged the incoming council to make suitable provision for a $50,000 agricultural hall. There were some suggestions made as to what should be done with the Work estate, but it was not thought wise to nominate any one, but allow the ratepayers to choose from the material before them.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed a night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind.
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Among the Islander's passengers, this morning, were: Thomas A. Grahame, James Orr, Sir R. Musgrave, J. Boscowitz, D. Oppenheimer, S. Miller and wife.

POULTRY, DOG AND PET SHOW.

Large Attendance at the Exhibition, Yesterday—An Excellent Show in all Departments.

List of Prize Winners—Opinion of Judge Butterfield on the Collection as a Whole.

The exhibition of poultry, dogs and pet stock, under the auspices of the British Columbia Association, was continued yesterday in Philharmonic Hall and was very largely attended. Since the previous day large numbers of specimens, of all kinds, had been brought in, which was well manifested by the improved appearance of things by the time the show reopened. The attendance, yesterday, had much increased and the society have reason to be well satisfied with what took place. There were nearly 400 entries, and as Mr. Butterfield, the professional judge, said, the scoring was exceptionally high. To-day the babies will be judged for the prizes which have been offered, several well known gentlemen being asked to act as judges upon them the burden of settling the claims of the respective aspirants at three o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Thomas Black had a splendid collection of fine fowl, having 21 head of imported specimens.

Mr. S. A. Roberts, formerly of London, acted as judge of dogs, the other classes being left to Mr. Butterfield. The

PRIZE LIST,

so far as completed, is as follows:—

POULTRY.

Light Brahman Cock, Dr. Milne.
Buff Cochin Cockerel, Dr. Milne; do. pullet, Dr. Milne 1st and 2d.
Partridge Cochin Cock, F. Sturdy 1st, W. J. Wade 2d; do. hen, F. Sturdy 1st, Dr. Milne 2d; do. pullet, F. Sturdy 1st, Dr. Milne 2d.
Black Cochin Cock, Dr. Milne; do. hen Dr. Milne 1st and 2d.
White Cochin Cock, W. Dean 1st Dr. Milne 2d; do. hen, Dr. Milne; do. cockerel, Dr. Milne; do. pullet, W. Dean.
Houdan Hen, Master Fred Peters 1st and 2d; do. cockerel, Fred Peters; do. pullet, Fred. Peters.
Wyandotte laced cockerel, Flett Bros., Somences, 1st and 2d; do. pullets, Flett Bros. 1st and 2d.
Plymouth Rock hens, C. E. Renouf 1st and 2d; white Plymouth Rock cockerel, R. P. Maclennan, 2d; do. pullet, R. P. Maclennan.
Black Spanish cock, W. Dean; do. hen, F. Sturdy 1st and 2d; do. cockerel, F. Sturdy 1st, W. Dean 2d.
Brown Leghorn Cock, Dr. Milne 2d; do hen Dr. Milne; do. cockerel, Dr. Milne 1st, W. Dean 2d; do. pullet, W. Dean 1st and 2d.
Flett Bros. 2d; do. cockerel, Flett Bros. 1st, Dr. Milne 2d; do. pullet, Dr. Milne 1st, Flett Bros. 2d.
White crested white Poland Cock, W. M. McKeon; do. hen, W. McKeon.
Golden Poland Cock, C. Becker 2d; do. hen Dr. Milne 1st, C. Becker 2d; do. cockerel, Dr. Milne 1st.
Golden Spangled Hamburg Cock, F. Sturdy 1st and 2d; do. hen, F. Sturdy 1st and 2d; do. cockerel, F. Sturdy, 1st and 2d; do. pullets, F. Sturdy 1st; W. McKeon 2d; do hen, F. Sturdy 1st and 2nd; do. cockerel, F. Sturdy 1st and 2d; do. pullets, F. Sturdy, 1st and 2nd.
Golden Penciled Hamburg Cock, Thomas Black 1st and 2d; do hen, Thomas Black 1st and 2d.
Black Hamburg Cockerel, F. Sturdy; do pullet, F. Sturdy.
Game Hen, E. H. Braden.
Black Red Cock, E. H. Braden; do. hen, E. H. Braden; do. cockerel, E. H. Braden; do. pullets, E. H. Braden.
Brown Red Hen, E. H. Braden; do. cockerel, E. H. Braden; do. pullet, E. H. Braden.
Golden Spangled Hamburg (breeding pen), F. Sturdy.

DOGS.

Rough St. Bernard Dog, Master H. Gordon; do. puppy, R. Cunningham 1st; W. H. Ellis 2d.
Smooth Coated St. Bernard, Dr. Duncan.
Greyhound bitch, W. McKeon; do. puppy, W. McKeon.
Pointer Dog, W. C. Bryant 1st, F. Higgins 2d.
Irish Setter Dog, Dr. Duncan 1st, J. J. Henry 2d; do. bitch, J. J. McHenry; do. puppy, W. McKeon 1st, Fred. G. Macgvuncid.
Llewellyn Setter Dog, L. H. Weber 1st; Bertha Louise Routledge 2d; do. bitch, H. A. McLean 1st, L. H. Weber 2d.
Field Spaniel (over 28 pounds) bitch, Joe Silk 2d; do. (over 28 pounds) liver and white dog, L. H. Weber.
Cocker Spaniel (over 28 lbs.) black and white bitch, E. W. Matthews; do. puppy, E. W