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Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Postponed.

The sale of the Kwong Lee estate has been postponed until Monday, May 30th.

A Warning.

A Quebec milkman was drowned while cleaning out an old well. Victorians, beware!

Died on the Elder.

A child, whose age is unknown, died on the Geo. W. Elder during her trip to this port.

Industries Wanted.

The *Inland Sentinel* says that there are openings for the following industries at Kamloops, viz., a tannery, a woolen factory, a beef cannery, and soap and candle works.

Confirmed.

His lordship the Bishop of Columbia confirmed about thirty candidates at Christ Church cathedral on Sunday afternoon. The congregation on the occasion was very large.

The Spring Travel.

About twenty-three passengers arrived on the Elder yesterday on their way east over the C. P. R. Eleven of these were ladies, mostly Americans, on their way to their homes in the eastern states. Twelve through passengers arrived on the North Pacific also bound for the east on the same line. The spring travel has now set in.

C. P. R. Rates.

In the commons, in answer to Mr. Mara, Hon. Mr. Pope said the rates charged by the Canadian Pacific railway in the province of British Columbia had not yet been submitted and approved by the governor-in-council. They had been called upon to submit them, and had promised to do so in the course of a few days.

A B. C. Champion.

Thos. Watson, Victoria's champion sprinter, has been in California some months competing with some of the best runners in that state. On the 8th inst. he ran a 200 yard race with W. Gilpin, champion of Amador county, and beat him two feet. The betting was very heavy, Watson's friends winning considerable money.

Fire on Pavilion Mountain.

A few days ago the commodious dwelling of Mr. Robert Carson on Pavilion Mountain, Lillooet district, was consumed by fire with nearly all its contents. Mrs. Carson was alone on the premises and first saw the flames coming through the roof. The loss is very severe and falls heavily on Mr. Carson, who is a much-respected pioneer of the district.

Successful Operation.

Mrs. McDanald, wife of A. McDonald, of the Windsor hotel, underwent an operation last Saturday morning which, so far, has proved successful in every way. It consisted of the removal from the breast of a tumor that weighed three pounds, which had been there for fully five years, causing her considerable trouble at times. She is recovering rapidly and will be able to be about as usual in a few weeks.

A Drop in Freight.

Robt. Irving, agent for the O. R. & N. Co., and connecting lines, received advices yesterday respecting freight rates. Those now in use are even below the rates in vogue before the interstate farce came into effect on 1st April. By utilizing the lake route a remarkably low rate has been fixed between this point and all available American and Canadian points. Figures quoted to and from all eastern points will make shippers again feel happy. This move on the part of the American roads is one in keeping with their usual farseeing policy and no doubt will be fully appreciated here.

A. O. U. W.

Oregonian: The Nanaimo disaster cost this jurisdiction of the Ancient Order of United Workmen $16,000, as eight members of the order lost their lives there. It would have required more than thirty days to raise that amount by assessment, and Mr. D. P. Thompson, learning of that fact, last evening authorized R. L. Durham, grand receiver, and D. T. Wheeler, grand recorder of the order, to draw upon him for the full amount, so that the heirs of the unfortunate dead may receive their money at once. He will be reimbursed as soon as the assessments are paid in.

The Lost Prospectors.

John McNab, of Osgoode, Ont., who, with a man named Robinson, were reported lost, or murdered by their Chinese cook while camped on Howe Sound, last fall, have not been heard of since. Mr. McNab was a man of considerable wealth, and just before he went on the prospecting trip from which he never returned, he had sent for and received a large sum of money from home. The lawyer who came to hunt him up, secured his trunks, but none of the cash, which he probably had with him. His sisters, who reside in Osgoode, are still greatly concerned, hoping yet that their brother may be alive. There was urgent business that required his presence home, and it is feared that he has either been lost in the mountains, drowned in the gulf, or, what is worse, killed, with his companion, for the money he likely had in his possession.

Killed a Gambler.

Last Friday night one of the C. P. R. conductors was playing poker in a gambling hell at Donald with a professional gambler named Jack McGinty, otherwise "Pedro Jack." The conductor lost considerable money and at last tumbled to the fact that he was being cheated by McGinty, who raised a "cold deck" on him. This angered the conductor, who had lost all his money, and he drew his revolver and shot McGinty, the ball striking him in the left side and lodging in his right thigh. The wound has probably proved fatal. The conductor immediately fled, and has not yet been secured. He has no doubt reached the American side. Little sympathy is expressed for the gambler, as there are a number of his class who "lay" for the railway men and any others who have money, and are foolish enough to take the chances with them, and they literally rob them.

Police Court.

Ah Jim, charged with supplying liquor to Indians. Prisoner, who was a tall, lanky fellow (about 6 feet 2 inches), pleaded not guilty to the charge. The evidence of Officer Smith, who caught him in the act, convinced his honor that Jim was guilty, and he accordingly fined him $50 and costs or three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Bob, a Beachy Bay Indian, was charged with being in possession of an intoxicant. A second charge, that of assaulting Officer Smith, was preferred at the same time. For the first offence prisoner was fined $25 or two months' imprisonment, and for the second one month.

Billy, a Hydah, was then charged with being in possession of an intoxicant. He pleaded guilty and was fined $25 or two months' imprisonment.

Harry Mordsunt, on remand charged with stealing $25 from Mrs Simpson. He was admitted to bail and ordered to appear at the assizes if indicted by the grand jury.

Ah Sam, on remand charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on H. McDonald. This case was further remanded until the 19th inst.

Walter Barry, Henry Gant and Ah Hay were remanded until the 19th. Gant's case will probably be concluded on that date.

Lilly Williams, otherwise "Lilly of the Valley," was fined $10 or one month's imprisonment for being drunk.

Telegraph Wire.

The Yosemite brought down last night 27¼ tons of telegraph wire, etc., for the C. P. R. Telegraph Co.

High Commissioner.

Sir Leonard Tilley will, it is understood, be appointed high commissioner in England. He is now at Ottawa.

Murne's Estate.

Blaine *Journal*: E. A. Jenns has been appointed administrator of J. E. Murne's estate in British Columbia.

A Sweet Singer.

Miss Lottie O'Neill's rendition of "Angels ever bright and fair" was one of the most pleasant features of Sunday evening's services at the Pandora street Methodist church. The beautiful hymn had a sweet interpreter.

Discuss the Advance.

The Montreal board of trade discussed the advance in Canadian Pacific rates to this province, and which is claimed by merchants to be ruinous to their trade. No action was taken, but the company having promised an amendment as soon as possible; the aggrieved merchants seemed satisfied.

Mass Meeting.

In connection with the late explosion a meeting of the miners of East Wellington, Wellington and V. V. C. Co. was held on the green near the Halfway house, Comox road, on Sunday afternoon. After some debate a resolution was passed appointing a committee to procure some legislative enactment to prevent the employment of Chinese below ground in the collieries, it being considered dangerous to the lives of miners to have such a class of men in coal pits where firedamp is prevalent.

The Foster Mine—The First Bar.

On Sunday Mr. Henderson, superintendent of the Foster mine, brought down a gold bar valued at between $700 and $800, the result of a partial clean-up of free gold amalgam from the plates. Owing to an imperfection in a vessel used for retorting the amalgam, a large portion of the gold was lost. Mr. Henderson thinks the free gold in the rock will pay all expenses, leaving the sulphurets and silver to supply a profit. A vat containing three tons of roasted sulphurets was partly "gassed" when Mr. Henderson left. The process will be completed about Thursday, when the result will be made public.

Methodist Conference.

The conference met yesterday morning at 9:20 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Williams, presiding.

A communication was read from Rev. Dr. Reid, of the Reformed Episcopal church, conveying his fraternal greetings, as he was unable to do so personally on account of poor health.

The report of the committee on temperance was submitted and again referred back to the committee.

On motion Mr. J. Jessop was added to the committee on state of work.

Mr. J. B. Ferguson, secretary of the Sabbath school committee, read the report which was adopted with slight amendments.

The final report of the stationing committee, it was resolved, would be submitted an hour before the adjournment of conference, which was fixed at 5 o'clock to-morrow

On motion of Rev. E. Robson, the invitation received from New Westminster to hold the next conference in that city was accepted and the day of meeting was fixed for the second Wednesday in May next, at 9 a. m.

The question of the most convenient time to close the financial year was debated at some length, and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 to 2 p. m.

MARINE.

(Specially compiled for THE COLONIST.)

The Penelope is expected to arrive the latter part of the present week.

Tug Pioneer of Discovery will be commanded by Capt. Wm. Seymour.

The bark Coloma is reported to have sailed from Hongkong for this port on April 12th.

Surveying steamer C. P. Patterson, arrived at Departure Bay yesterday from Townsend.

Ship St. Lawrence, now on Columbia river, has been chartered to load lumber for Buenos Ayres.

British bark Swansea Castle passed the Cape at a late hour on Sunday, lumber laden for Valparaiso.

Whaling bark Ohio, Capt. Percy, arrived at Honolulu on the 1st instant with 320 barrels of sperm oil.

Swedish bark Aurora, cleared yesterday from Port Townsend for Melbourne with a cargo of 460,000 feet of lumber.

Norwegian bark Dr. Metzger finished loading a cargo of lumber at Port Blakely last night for Sydney, N. S. W.

Steamer Olympian arrived at the outer wharf yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and left for the north at midnight.

Schooners Dolphin, Adele and W. P. Sayward left for the west coast yesterday. They will shortly go the Behring sea.

Norwegian bark Ragna arrived at Melbourne 72 days from Port Townsend on May 6th, lumber laden from Port Ludlow.

Steamship Empire passed down the straits Sunday night bound to San Francisco, coal laden from the East Wellington mines.

Steamship Mexico left for San Francisco last evening at 7 o'clock. She will be placed in the dock immediately on her arrival at the bay city.

The ship Harvester was sold last week in San Francisco to A. P. Lorentzen & Co., for $24,000. She will be put on the coast coal trade, and is at present at Seattle loading coal for San Francisco.

Steamship Geo. W. Elder arrived at the outer wharf yesterday afternoon, 76 hours from San Francisco. She had 120 cabin passengers, 120 in the steerage and 1200 tons of freight, 350 of which were for this port. She left for the Sound at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Ocean King was on fire previous to the captain leaving the ship. While doing so the foremast went over her side and she was one mass of flames. It appears rather strange that the master did not make this assertion when interviewed at Port Townsend on Friday by a host of reporters. She was the third largest American sailing vessel ever launched.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Arrived—Bark Ballumbie, Nanaimo; ship Oriental, Tacoma.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That if the negro prevents an organic union between the northern and southern Presbyterian, it is a mockery to send missionaries to Africa.

That Charles de Lesseps, evidently the son of his father, tells a New Orleans reporter that everything is progressing finely on the Panama canal, and that the canal itself will be open for navigation before 1890.

That within the last twenty years Geo. W. Childs of Philadelphia has presented over 20 large and valuable Bibles to churches, schools and societies.

That the Duke of Argyle, father of the Marquis of Lorne and Lord Colin Campbell, is a small man, with a big head and the face of a mud carter. He has a mass of bushy white hair, his shirt is always frayed at the collar, he invariably wears a rusty frock coat and trousers five inches too short.

FROM DONALD.

Four Bodies Found in the Columbia—Three Shooting Affrays.

DONALD, May 14.—Donald has had its fill of sensation within the past week. What with four bodies found in the Columbia and three shooting affairs, one of which is probably fatal, Judge Vowell has his hands pretty full. The cry of this country is the deficiency in the matter of constables. What is the matter with our local government in this particular?

Sudden Disappearance.

"My face was covered with sores, arising from bad blood. By the use of three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters I was completely cured." R. E. Sinclair, of Port Burwell, Ont. tu-th-sat-dw

SPRING ASSIZES.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning the spring term of the Victoria assizes opened in the supreme court building, James bay, before His Lordship Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., Deputy Attorney General Irvine appearing for the crown.

The list of jurors having been called, and their names answered to, the commission was read by Mr. J. C. Provost, registrar of the supreme court, and the following grand jurors empanelled and sworn: Robt. Ward, foreman, James Burns, Percival R. Brown, Jos. Westcop Carey, W. Dalby, W. T. Drake, David Doig, M. Trotter Johnston, Henry Mansell, J. Mann, Geo. H. Maynard, Wm. B. McKillican, W. J. Pendry, Wm. Henry Redmond, Geo. A. Sargison, Samuel I. Styles, W. F. Vincent, Henry Saunders, M. W. Waitt and Sidney J. Pitts.

THE CHARGE.

The chief justice in opening his charge to the grand jurors congratulated them upon the prospect that their duties would be for a very short period, also that there was nothing of a nature that could be called a crime of blood. There were, however, two serious cases, and a case which would require careful consideration, it being a charge of alleged rape. Fortunately the fact of intercourse has been admitted by the accused, thus the details of the affair, which are usually of an offensive nature, need not be gone into. In the arson case it would be necessary to discover if there was any person living within the house at the time of the attempt to burn it, and if the building was in reality on fire, not scorched. There were other cases before the court, one of which was for obtaining goods under false pretenses. These should all receive their careful attention and consideration.

The grand jury retired and the court adjourned at 12 o'clock.

At 1 p. m. the court again assembled and the grand jury reported true bills against Neil McKinnon, Richard Glenn, Wm. A. Seitz, Malcolm J. McDonald, Hoc How, Wm. Johns, Hu Wing, Ah Kie and Ah Lum.

Queen vs. Wm. Seitz, Mr. Theo. Davie for the defence.

The first witness, Hugh O'Hagan, testified that he was introduced to prisoner, who was represented to be some old country lord. A cutting from the ledger was produced showing signature of prisoner as a member of the firm of Lowenberg, Harris & Co. The prisoner received the goods and wore them, promising a cheque for them, but could never get it or the money.

Cross-examined by Mr. T. Davie—Nothing was said about being a member of the firm of L., H. & Co. until after the clothing was ordered—discovered he was not a member of the firm when I called at the office a day or two days after the clothes were delivered; asked for the money as a gentleman should; have been away for about four days; do not care for the money but would not refuse it; want justice.

Re-examined by deputy attorney-general—Rented house from Lowenberg, Harris & Co.

To the court—Prisoner gave the order and I took his measure about eight days before the delivery of the goods; asked for money but he said he had not received his remittance from the old country. The last time I asked him for his account he said he would never pay me and that I could not collect it.

N. P. Snowden, sworn—Am a member of Messrs. Lowenberg, Harris & Co.; know the prisoner; was in our employ but not a member of the firm; was employed in the insurance department; remember a parcel coming into the office; heard some discussion and objected to the disturbance.

Mr. T. Davie, in addressing the jury for the defence, explained to them that the course taken for the recovery of the amount was not fair. He would ask them to discredit what had been said by the prosecutor, or to consider that the prosecutor had been mistaken, or had misunderstood as to his (Seitz) assertion. The witness appears to have credited the prisoner, not so much upon the assertion that he was a member of the firm of L., H. & Co., but that he was some duke or lord, and therefore that it would be a credit to work for such a grand personage.

The judge in charging the jury criticised the address for the defence and summed up the evidence in a concise form.

The jury after a short absence returned a verdict of guilty and the prisoner was once sentenced to six months, without hard labor.

The Queen vs. Neil McKinnon, attempt to break into a store belonging to Chas. E. Wightman on the morning of the 24th of November. Police officer Smith testified that he saw a man on the morning of the 24th of November, take down a shutter from the store of Chas. E. Wightman. The night was dark, the lights having gone out, but from the light which shone from a saloon lamp, he saw him pick up a stone, evidently for the purpose of breaking a window. The man on seeing witness ran away, but he had time to see his face and arrested him the following morning at the corner of Yates and Wharf streets. Arrested him because he recognized him as the same man.

George Connors, sworn, said he was a special constable and a night watchman on the night in question. Met prisoner running past me; remember him as he was a stranger on his beat. The prisoner asked no questions and offered no defence.

The jury after a short absence returned a verdict of not guilty.

Queen vs. M. J. McDonald. Prisoner was arraigned on a charge of shooting at and attempting to do grievous bodily harm to James Cowie.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty, subject to sundry objections taken by his counsel, Mr. Taylor. In opening the case for the prosecution the Deputy Attorney-General stated the facts connected with the case.

The prisoner's counsel, W. J. Taylor, moved by way of demurrer and to quash the indictment. After a short argument the indictment was quashed, and another indictment was preferred against the prisoner for attempting to do grievous bodily harm and assaulting.

The first witness, James Cowie, having been sworn stated as follows: Upon the morning in question prisoner came to the Bee Hive saloon at the corner of Broad and Yates streets; prisoner was near the corner door of the saloon; I was at the side door; Phillips, officer Lewis and myself were on Broad street; I went to the corner door through the premises and found officers Lindsay and Lewis with prisoner, who asked me to take back what I had said or he would shoot me; he had a revolver in his hand pointing at me; I replied that I had nothing to take back; he might shoot away; pistol was taken from prisoner; he was about five feet from me.

Cross-examined by Mr. Taylor. The prisoner is a decent fellow when sober; we were friends; he was drunk; Morrisey had hold of prisoner's right arm, with his hand on the revolver; Lindsay had hold of his left arm.

Supt. Bloomfield sworn, said: I know the prisoner; he was a special constable at that time; his beat was north of Yates street; saw prisoner that morning but did not arrest him as I did not know at the time any cause; prisoner appeared excited; had been drinking; I afterwards met him with Officer Lindsay going to the lock-up. The pistol is a municipal one and is provided to all officers.

Cross examined—Prisoner had authority to carry a pistol. He was off duty at the time.

Philip Wilkinson, sworn, said he saw the trouble and crossed the street and heard the prisoner say "Let me get in, I'll shoot Jim Cowie."

T. Lindsay, sworn, said at that time was a regular officer in the police force; went to the saloon on information received and when coming out saw prisoner with a revolver in his hand. I crossed the street and told him to put away his weapon and go home. Cowie came out and prisoner pointed the pistol at him and asked him to take back what he had said. Morrisey took the pistol from prisoner when I arrested him and locked him up.

Cross examined—Said Morrisey caught hold of prisoner's right arm when he raised the pistol.

Mr. Taylor addressed the jury at some length in defense of his client, putting forward every point of evidence in the prisoner's favor, and dwelt upon the fact that Cowie had acknowledged that he was a good fellow. He was also provided by the civic authorities with a revolver and had simply got drunk when off duty, was excited, made idle threats, could not have assaulted Cowie; his hands were pinioned, and to constitute an assault there must be the attempt coupled with the present ability to hurt another. The chief justice having charged the jury they retired, and after an absence of half an hour returned with a verdict of guilty of common assault. His lordship then sentenced the prisoner to one year at hard labor.

The court then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day.

From the Daily Colonist, May 18, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Lacrosse.

The first practice of the season will take place on Beacon Hill this evening.

Mr. C. Morton

Calls for tenders for supplying ice cream, etc., on his grounds at Shawnigan Lake on the 24th inst.

The Shell House.

Wm. Luney, contractor, will commence the foundation for the new shell house on Coal island this morning. It will be built of brick and stone.

Police Court.

In the absence of Mr. Johnson, S. M., His Worship the Mayor sat on the bench and disposed of two drunks, Thos. Brown and Thos. Christopher, by fining them each $5 or one week's imprisonment.

No Sale.

According to notice several persons assembled yesterday morning at Boulton's boat-house to witness the sale of the sloop Winnifred. The reserve price was $375, but as there were no bids over that figure the sale was declared off.

Runaway.

A little gray plug attached to a beer cart caused quite a sensation in the region of Chinatown yesterday morning. Rushing like mad along Douglas street he was swerved down Cormorant to Government and then up Pandora avenue, where he was caught just opposite the Methodist church. He made things lively for a time and raised quite a dust in his headlong career.

The Parthia.

The British steamer Parthia came round from Aberdeen on the 9th inst. We understand that her commander, Captain Brough, has heard nothing as to his steamer being taken over by the Canadian Pacific railway company for the proposed route between here and Vancouver island; and as she goes to Singapore and Penang in a few days, it is impossible, or improbable, that she will leave here earlier than the middle of May, even should the information of the New York *Journal of Commerce* turn out correct.—*Overland China Mail, April 12.*

Presbyterianism in Alberni.

Rev. Alex. Dunn, late of Langley, who has been stationed for several months at Alberni has just returned to his field of labor after an absence of two or three weeks, part of which was spent in assisting the bereaved and sorrowing at Nanaimo.

Some time ago the Presbytery resolved to transfer Mr. Dunn to Nicola valley, but in answer to a numerously signed petition from the settlers at Alberni, the appointment has been cancelled and Mr. Dunn has decided to remain in the new and thriving settlement where his labors are so much appreciated. Mrs. Dunn left this city on Saturday to join her husband.

Jubilee Celebration.

A brief meeting of the general committee for the jubilee celebration was held in the city hall last evening, Mayor Fell presiding.

A committee to collect subscriptions for a regatta to be held on the 22nd June on the Arm, was appointed. The following gentlemen form the committee: Messrs. W. Griffin, Geo. Thompson, J. Lowen, J. Braden, D. F. Fee, Mayor Fell, J. Boyd, S. P. Mills and J. Longhurst. The above committee will meet at the mayor's office at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The militia of this city and New Westminster will be invited to join in the celebration.

The meeting then adjourned.

Funeral.

The last sad rites were held over the remains of the late Wm. Lohse yesterday afternoon. A large number of deceased's friends assembled at his late residence to look for the last time upon his features, cold in death. The remains had been placed in a handsome mahogany casket with a glass at the head, through which the face was viewed. Many and beautiful were the floral offerings which adorned the casket as it was being conveyed to Christ Church Cathredal, where the Rev. A. Beanlands officiated. The procession was a long one, composed of members of the different societies and former members of the now defunct volunteer fire department, of which deceased was a prominent member. From the church the body was taken to Ross Bay cemetery, where it was interred. The pallbearers were Messrs. Geo. Steitz, J. Wrigglesworth, Wm. Grimm, M. Bantley, J. Loewen and A. Hendry.

Around the Harbor.

The engines of the steamer Teaser will be placed in position to-day. The sides are being built in rapidly and she is a vast improvement on the old boat, being some 21 feet longer. Not less than $12,000 will have been spent on her when everything is complete.

The Beaver returned from Comox on Monday afternoon, where she had been in active service for some time. She brought down a boom of logs.

Spratt's Ark has been beached for repairs, and Cowan & Shaw's steamer will also receive repairs before leaving for the north.

Steamer Maude took on 100 tons of freight for northern ports yesterday and will leave to-night at 6 o'clock.

Str Yosemite went into Esquimalt yesterday to discharge C. P. R. telegraph freight. On the way to this harbor she stopped at the outer wharf where a quantity of freight was shipped for local importers on the mainland.

"A Celebrated Case."

Last evening the Lewis Morrison company gave a fine programme of "A Celebrated Case." Mr. Lewis Morrison as "John Renaud," presented a most artistic rendition of a difficult *role*, and proved himself worthy of the numerous recalls he received. Miss Rosabel Morrison (a chip of the old block) was awfully clever as "Adrienne" and increased the good opinions already formed of her abilities as an actress. Mr. Albert Hosmer, a fine looking young actor in the "Count De Mornay," was cool and artistic in his rendition, and being quite a young man we predict a bright future for him. Geo. C. Staley as "Dennis O'Rourke," gave proof of his versatility. Mr. Johnny Williams, while showing a careful study of his part, should practice facial expression and pay more attention to elocution. Miss Florence Roberts made a decided hit as "Valentine," and Miss Carrie Cartier as the "Chandoline," was extremely clever. The "Duchess" of Miss Van Siclen, was good. The costumes were really beautiful, and together with the very pretty faces of the ladies of the company helped to make the performance a most interesting evening's entertainment. Mr. Lewis Morrison and company can rest assured of a hearty welcome whenever they return to Victoria. To-night, "Not Guilty," a comedy drama, will be presented and we hope to see a crowded house, as this is Mr. Morrison's farewell night. The theatre Victoria should be crowded.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The following report on temperance was presented to the special committee on Monday afternoon:

1. Your committee rejoice in noting the fact that the principal journals in the province are now willing to assist in educating the public mind with respect to the total prohibition of the liquor traffic, and they hail this assistance with no small degree of satisfaction.

2. We are gratified, too, in the greatand steady advancement made by the various temperance organizations within the past year, and from the present prospects trust that by the united efforts of pulpit, press and platform, the time is not far distant when the people will rise in their majesty and power and declare with one voice that this terrible curse of humanity must and shall be banished from our midst.

3. It is with a feeling of profound sadness and amazement that we view the mutilation of the Municipal Act by the legislative assembly—the trampling under foot the rights of the people for the purpose of permitting liquor saloons to be forced upon them against the will of the majority of the electors. We most earnestly hope that the intelligent electors of British Columbia will not long submit to such despotic and degrading action.

4. To educate the people on the temperance question it was recommended: (a) That all our ministers be instructed to preach at least once a year a special sermon on this theme; (b) that the regular weekly prayer be made a temperance prayer meeting at least once a quarter; (c) that a temperance society be formed on all circuits and missions and that the Sunday school children be encouraged to take the total abstinence pledge; (d) that unfermented wine only be used in all our churches; (e) that the people be urged to work and pray and vote until we gain the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The report was subsequently adopted.

The conference met again at 9:30 o'clock a. m. yesterday, the president, Rev. E. Robson, in the chair.

A committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. Ball, Green and Dowler, was appointed to prepare a series of resolutions on the question of Sunday observance.

Rev. Mr. Tait, from the committee on statistics, presented the report. The total membership of the church for the present conference was stated to be 1,975; membership last year, 1,714, showing an increase of 261; ministers and probationers, 22; local preachers, 45; amount of money raised for the several connexional funds, $3,160.76; raised for ministerial support, $7,438.70; for all other purposes, $8,526. Report adopted.

Rev. Mr. Tait was appointed compiler of the statistics, which are required to be sent to the general conference.

Rev. Mr. Hemlaw presented the report on memorials, etc., recommending that the congregation at Vancouver be given power to sell the lot on Water street, the proceeds to be applied to the erection of a new church. The report was adopted and the secretary was authorized to provide Dr. Williams with the provincial laws on the subject, with a view to their modification.

Rev. F. W. Hall, secretary, read the report of the committee on missions to the Indians.

Rev. Mr. Crosby's girl home was reported to have nineteen girls and one boy, and to be maintained by a grant from the W. M. S. and voluntary subscriptions. The deficit in management is $300. The institution has given shelter to 100 children since its organization. The high degree of efficiency is attributed to the methodical, painstaking and persevering efforts of the present matron, Miss Knight, late of Halifax, N. S.

The Naas river orphanage for boys was established by Rev. A. E. Green seven years ago. About forty boys have been cared for here since its commencement and the inmates now number seven. The boys are taught a common school education, and carefully instructed in religion and industrial pursuits, and provided with clothing.

Resolved. (1.) That the condition of the Indians of B. C. is such that the Dominion government be urged to establish industrial schools. 2. That considering the length of time during which we have been engaged in mission work among the Indians, the numerous agencies employed, and the liberal expenditure by our missionary society in their maintenance and the large number of Indians now under our care, we are of opinion that one or more of these institutions should be placed under the direction of the Methodist church. 3. That the most suitable location for such a school is the valley of the lower Fraser. 4. That a home for Indian girls of the Flat Head tribes would supply a missing link in missionary operations in the southern part of the province, and we consider the mission premises at Chilliwhack the most eligible location for such a home.

The report was finally adopted as a whole.

The committee on Chinese mission and Girls' Home then presented its report. It stated that the mission had been in operation for fifteen months; that a night school was held five nights in the week; that the attendance at the Sabbath school was from ten to fifteen, and the attendance on the Sabbath services over one hundred. Evangelistic services are being held by Mr. Jones in a hall, rented at $15 per month. Five Chinese girls had been rescued from a life of shame and degredation and three of them were still in the home. These girls were allowed for a time to smoke, as that custom was universal among the Chinese, but the amount of tobacco used was gradually reduced and none was allowed. It was recommended that a well educated Chinese missionary be employed to teach Chinese literature and Bible truths in connection with the mission, and that Chinese schools be opened in New Westminster and Nanaimo. The report provoked a debate, during which the question of missionary efforts among the Chinese, the expense, etc., were fully discussed.

The report having been adopted the conference adjourned at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

At 2 o'clock the conference again met for business.

After the minutes been gone through, Rev. Mr. Hemlow read the final draft of the stationing committee:

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

Victoria—J. E. Starr, J. W. Wadman, M. A., (Wm. Pollard, superannuated.)
Chinese Mission—To be supplied and to be under the superintendence of the Victoria district.
Saanich and S. S. I.—W. J. Dowler, A. B.
Maple Bay—J. P. Bowell.
Nanaimo—Joseph Hall, secretary of conference.
Wellington—To be supplied.
Comox—One to be sent.
Indian Tribes—One to be sent.

WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

Westminster—One to be sent.
Chinese Mission—To be supplied.
Vancouver—E. Robson, president of conference.
Delta and Richmond—W. B. Seccombe.
Maple Ridge—R. B. Hemlaw.
Langley—J. W. Patterson.
Sumas and Chilliwhack—T. W. Hall.
Hope-Sumas—One to be sent.
Indian Tribes—C. M. Tait.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.

Kamloops—J. A. Wood.
Nicola—Cornelius Bryant.
Clinton—One to be sent.
Spallumcheen and Okanagan—One wanted.
Cariboo—James Turner.

SIMPSON DISTRICT.

Port Simpson—Thos. Crosby, A. N. Miller.
Kit-a-mat—One to be sent, to be under superintendence of Port Simpson.
Naas—Alfred E. Green, Kit-wan Silite, Kit-lao-namix and Kit-wan-cool, assistants.
Bella Bella—James Calyert, Rivers' Inlet, Hymies, and Bella Coola native assistants.
Fort Essington—Dennis Jennings.
Queen Charlotte Islands—George F. Hopkins (Skidegate); Golden Harbor and Clue native assistants.
Upper Skeena—W. H. Pierce (Kit-se-gucla); Kish-pi-ox, one wanted; Houghwulget, to be supplied.

The practice recently adopted of inviting ministers from other conferences to take charge of particular churches was depreciated by the meeting, and a resolution was adopted requesting the various quarterly meetings to discountenance such invitations in the future.

Bro. A. E. Green was then nominated as financial secretary for Port Simpson district.

The following resolution was submitted: "Resolved, that Bro. Hall, having lost his ordination parchment in the Vancouver fire, be supplied with another."

Rev. Mr. Crosby here stated that he never had one.

Bro. Turner said his parchment was only signed by the chairman of the committee and if there was any irregularity about that he would like the seal of the conference attached to it.

Rev. Mr. Percival asked what good the parchment was in any event.

Rev. Dr. Williams—It is legal authority. This gentleman also said he would see into the matter.

Revs. J. E. Starr, R. B. Hemlaw, A. E. Green, J. P. Hall and James Turner were nominated as ex-officio members of the conference.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE.

Resolved, that this conference request our beloved general superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Williams to accept our hearty thanks for his masterly and deeply spiritual sermon of last Sunday morning (the manuscript of which we respectfully ask for publication) and also for the lecture and addresses with which he has favored us, and that we would assure him of our warm appreciation of the Godly admonitions for his fatherly counsel and wise decisions he has given with us, and pray the Great Head of the Church that he may be long spared to discharge the important functions of his high life.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

WORK AMONG THE CHINESE.

The report on the Chinese question was read and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Robson then read a report of the committee on the state of the work, which was adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, that the pastor of the Methodist church in Victoria be requested to present to the people who have so hospitably entertained the members of this conference during their stay in the city, our heartfelt thanks for their kindness in this respect, and for the attentions we have received at their hands, rendering our visit not only a time of profitable employment but also one of pleasant enjoyment which will be long remembered by us.

Carried unanimously.

ADDRESS TO THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

A committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Williams, general superintendent, the president of the conference, chairmen of districts, and Messrs. J. E. McMillan and Thos. Cunningham were appointed to present an address to his honor the lieut.-governor.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The committee on Sabbath observance reported and on motion their report was adopted.

The conference then adjourned, to 9:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 9:30 o'clock the general conference re-assembled at the Methodist church, and after a hymn had been sung and Rev. Mr. Percival had offered up a prayer, the minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

A communicrtion was read from the committee of the Nanaimo sufferers thanking the conference for its expression of sympathy.

The report of the educational committee was read and after a short discussion was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that Bro. Dowler be secretary of the board of examiners. Carried.

An obituary on the late Rev. Mr. Cuyler was read and passed.

The following brethren were appointed treasurers: Bro. Thos. Hall, general conference fund, Bro. Seccombe, children's fund.

Considerable discussion resulted over the appointment of the treasurer of the general conference fund.

Brother Jessop then read the contingent fund committee's report, which was adopted.

Teacher Cunningham here asked what became of members of the Methodist missionaries going into the fishery business.

Inquiries were made and a lengthy discussion followed.

The general conference completed their business this morning at 1 o'clock. The general superintendent, Rev. Dr. Williams, complimented the conference upon the business-like manner in which the work was carried on. He expressed the hope that the year would be a successful one in every respect. After a few words by the president, the learned doctor closed the first conference of the Methodist church in British Columbia, with a most appropriate prayer for the well-being of the church within the bounds of the conference, and closed with the benediction.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Justice Walkem goes to Kamloops to-day.

Mrs. Lubbe returned from San Francisco yesterday.

Geo. Morrison and wife returned from San Francisco yesterday on the Elder.

Coun. Coughlan and R. K. Hall returned from Vancouver on Sunday night.

W. H. Ladner, M. P. P., arrived from Ladner's Landing last evening on the Yosemite.

Mr. Connolly returned to the city from San Francisco *via* Portland and the Sound yesterday.

Mr. Speaker Pooley and Theo. Davie, M. P. P., returned from the mainland on Sunday night.

D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., and George Henderson arrived from the Foster mine on Sunday night.

J. Fraser, district superintendent C.P. R. telegraphs, arrived from New Westminster yesterday.

G. W. Heintz, of Port Moody, who is assistant to D. Brown, district pass