

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, March 31.

THE CITY.

The latest report of the operations at Sooke is the burning of Mr. Goodie's barn, containing some fifteen drawers, some of which are supposed to have been stolen by the same individuals who helped themselves to Mr. Goodie's bedding and other effects the other evening.

A MEETING of the Council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, when the question of rice importation in its relation to the milling industry was discussed very fully. The result was the passing of a resolution favoring the admission of rice free, while cleaned rice should have such a duty on it as would afford reasonable protection to the local milling industry. The resolution was ordered to be carried to the city's representatives at Ottawa.

The 72nd drawing for an appropriation in the Vancouver Island Building Society was held last evening in Sir William Wallace hall. The committee of management under whose supervision the drawing was conducted consisted of Messrs. Geo. Gray, Richard Jones and J. L. Smith. The ballot drawn from the wheel by the blindfolded infant bore the number 192, the A series of which being vacant only the B series was entitled to the appropriation, and this share stands in the books of the society in the name of J. A. Repetee, who thus obtains the use of \$1,000 for ten years free of interest.

The Ladies' Aid of the Centennial church gave, on Wednesday evening, the first of a series of free socials, the object being to further sociability among the members of the congregation, and they are to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts. A very fine musical programme was rendered, arranged by Clement Gowlands. The chairman, Rev. J. Hall, gave an account of the financial condition of the church; it was short, clear and satisfactory, showing that during the year not only had the expenses incurred been covered, but also that back debts which had been accumulating had been paid off. Mr. Cleaver followed with an admirable address, which was pleasing and convincing. He told his hearers that as far as they had been giving to the church, they had only been paying for the privileges they had enjoyed; and he urged them during the coming year not only to pay for that which they received from the church, but to bring gifts unto the Lord. Refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable time was spent in a social way.

ALD. HARRIS is of opinion that the city should begin to take steps towards replacing James Bay bridge with a permanent structure that will adequately accommodate the increasing traffic of Government street, and to that end intend to bring forward a resolution at the next regular meeting of the City Council: in view of the completion in the near future of the Government buildings and approaches to James Bay, and the increasing traffic, that a bonus not exceeding \$500 be offered for the best design for a full width permanent way in place of the present James Bay bridge, with a view of doing away with the present bridge. Ald. Harris holds that the present bridge is altogether too narrow now, and when the new post office is built, that, with the reasons assigned in his notice of motion, will necessitate some steps being taken to widen the bridge. Now, since \$1,500 has been set aside to build new flooring for the present bridge, which will last many years, steps should be taken to get plans and arrange by the end of that time to build a permanent way, with wharves on one side, and if thought advisable storehouses underneath. Of course the city has no money to build now, but Ald. Harris believes in taking time by the forelock.

SPENDING, last evening, on the question of incandescent street lighting, Mr. C. H. Stokles, manager of the Nanaimo Electric works, did not think that Victoria would gain anything by adopting that system from Seattle or other cities. Seattle is using it from the fact that it was adopted there a number of years ago and the plant is not worn out yet, but it is quite out of date. In fact that sort of machinery is not made now, and would probably have to be bought second hand. One great objection to it is the cost of running, which is far greater than an arc system. For example, the stated capacity of the machine is divided up into a number of circuits of forty lights each; which have all to be kept running, for if the ampere metre in the station shows that one or more lights have gone wrong more lights have to be "plugged in" at once to make good the deficiency, or a general breakage in the result. With all due care a number of lamps are broken every night. Arc lights alone are being used now for street lighting, and of these the best are the Thompson-Houston, Wood, Edison and Royal, the latter being essentially the same as the Thompson-Houston. The Edison is all right with light carbons, but does not handle the heavy ones quite so well. The Wood and Royal are both good, but the Wood lamp is somewhat simpler than the others. It gives no better results, however. The great thing is the way in which a plant is put up and run. A poor plant may give better results than a good plant, simply because the former may be properly run, while the other is badly attended to.

WOLLEY v. Lowenberg, Harris & Co. came to trial yesterday before Mr. Justice Walker and a special jury. The suit is rather an important as well as interesting one, and it was watched by a large number of people. The plaintiff is Captain Clive Phillips Wolley and the defendant is one of the leading real estate firms, although the transaction so far as the firm are concerned extends only to one member, N. P. Snowden. The plaintiff's claim is for damages for alleged negligence or misrepresentation in respect of certain transactions which resulted in the plaintiff lending the sum of \$5,000 to one Thomas Hodges, in October, 1890, on mortgage on a farm belonging to Hodges. The amount of damages is placed at \$7,000. The plaintiff states that soon after he came to this province in 1890, Mr. Snowden recommended the investment named as a desirable one, and on this recommendation, the land in question being stated to be worth upwards of \$12,000, and the borrower being described as a trustworthy farmer, plaintiff loaned the money at 84 per cent. interest, instead of 10 per cent. as usual, and payable yearly instead of quarterly. The defendants received no commission on the transaction, but were to act as agents for the collection of the interest and the general management of the affair. The transaction did not turn out happily, and plaintiff, holding the defendants responsible as agents, now sues as above stated. Mr. Wolley was the first witness in his own behalf, and his evidence was practically as set out in the statement of claim and his counsel's opening address. There are seven or eight other witnesses for the plaintiff and as many more for the defence, so that it is more than likely the trial will extend over a couple of days. A. J. McColl, C. C., and R. Cassidy appear for the plaintiff.

HOSPITAL MATTERS DISCUSSED.

At a Joint Meeting of the Council and the Hospital Board Last Evening.

A Directorate of Ten Agreed Upon, Three of Them to Represent the City.

Chairman Hayward, J. P. Davies, G. H. Brown, J. S. Yates, George Byrnes and John Braden constituted the delegation from the Hospital Board to the City Council last evening, at the special meeting to confer on hospital matters, as explained by His Worship in opening.

Mr. Dowler read the following communication from the hospital directors:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

SIR:—I have been instructed to inform your honorable body, in reply to your letter of the 27th inst., re by-law for \$50,000 in aid of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, that the board of directors are willing to accede to the council's proposition that the council be represented on the hospital board of directors by three members to be appointed by the council, and also that the power of mortgaging the hospital property be taken from the management, and that for this purpose the act of incorporation be so changed as to carry out the above propositions, and so as to make the hospital more of a civic institution than it has hitherto been considered by the aldermen.

I have further to inform your honorable body that a special committee of five members of the board was appointed to confer generally with the committee of the aldermen's board upon the subject of the passage of a by-law to the effect that the hospital be placed under the management and control of the aldermen, and to interview and discuss legislative action with the Government in connection with the above proposition.

I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, J. STUART KERR, Acting Secretary.

Mr. Hayward pointed out the constitution of the board according to the act, which at present allows fifteen directors, whereas the Council would practically deprive some of the subscribers of any representation on the board.

The Mayor said that the idea of suggesting a directorate of nine was with a view of having three representatives from the Council, three from the Government and the other three made up from the subscribers. It was thought that this would be a more workable committee.

Mr. Byrnes, in the course of discussion on expenditures, said that no doubt a large amount of money had been spent on the hospital; this, however, had gone towards equipping and furnishing as well as maintaining the hospital. It would be found, however, now that a good groundwork had been laid, the annual expenses would decrease.

Mr. Davies, speaking to the question of representation, was of opinion that the citizens who had subscribed large sums were entitled to an equal representation with the Council. His idea of the number of directors would be nine, five to make a quorum. If the City Council undertook this matter they would find a great deal of work to be done.

Mr. Brown, speaking on behalf of the French hospital subscribers, said that he and his co-directors had no wish to place any obstacle in the way of the Jubilee hospital obtaining aid from the city, but there were fifty or sixty other people to be consulted in the question. Personally, he was willing to step down and out, and even throw in his assistance with the Jubilee hospital to get the aid from the city; he feared, however, that the balance of the French people would not consent. In fact, he had been approached by several people who promised to strenuously oppose any infringement on their rights.

Mr. Yates agreed that it would scarcely be right to practically disfranchise these people, without whose subscriptions the hospital would never have been there. What objection was there to a deliberative body of 18 or 21? Personally, he saw many advantages in such a board: one of the greatest was that such a body was free from petty intrigues. It was not in the interest of the public to have too small a board, and he ventured to say that if the by-law were placed before the people with these conditions it would carry.

Ald. Munn said that it was all right to have legislative bodies large, but this is a body whose duties are purely executive, and it was the general executive that small executive bodies did better work.

Mr. Davies had reason to know that the Government would continue to subscribe to the hospital as heretofore, and perhaps the city would have to make their subscriptions equal to the Government's. The French people would give nothing, so the question arose as to what was to be expected from the citizens. If they are eliminated from the board, that they would give nothing.

Ald. Humphreys said his idea was to have one-third representing the city on the board; three had been mentioned, but if the board numbered eighteen or twenty-one, those three from the city would have very little voice. He was not satisfied with the way the hospital was managed, and his sole object was that the city should have a strong voice in the affairs of the hospital.

Mr. Braden, speaking on behalf of the Government representatives, pointed out that the Government had subscribed \$40,000 to the Council's \$4,000. The Hospital Board, however, came there to demand this assistance as citizens from the guardians of the city. The Government had no policy in this matter beyond wishing to see the hospital out of debt, and they were willing to fall in line with any arrangement that might be made with the city. He thought the latter should be proud to take under its wing this hospital, which was almost purely a city institution.

Mr. Yates, referring to Ald. Humphreys' remarks, said the defence shown by a suggestion coming from the members of the board representing the Government was sufficient guarantee that the rights of the city would be respected.

Ald. Humphreys explained that he was not opposed to the by-law; his simple object was to get the whole question so clear that there would be no misunderstanding it by the taxpayers when the by-law was placed before them. He merely wanted to get it in shape so that the people would pass it.

After some further discussion of a general character Ald. Wilson moved that the number of directors on the new board under the by-law be ten, and that the city have representation of three. This was unanimously carried, and the committee on hospital matters, already appointed, consisting of Ald. Wilson, Humphreys and Styles, was authorized to act with the hospital board in any further negotiations in this connection.

The meeting being unable to do anything further pending the result of the French Beneficent society's meeting this evening, and also the adjournment of the wishes of the subscribers to the hospital, then adjourned.

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THE CITY.

This vital statistics for the month of March are as follows: Births, 23; marriages, 12; deaths, 23.

Two youths named Lion Marston and James Ferguson, appeared before the police magistrate in answer to a summons, charging them with smoking cigars on the public streets. The offence was proved, but it being their first appearance the boys were let off with a caution.

SUPERINTENDENT HUSSEY has a close watch kept on the Sooke district for the arrest of the persons whose presence there has made it unpleasant for more than one resident lately. The launch is also in that locality with a view to intercepting any sloop that may be found there without any apparently proper cause.

It is expected that the Alaska boundary commission will arrive in Victoria in about a week or ten days, prior to commencing their operations for the coming season. Practically the staff will be the same as last year, and the few vacancies that have arisen in the interim have been filled, so that the several parties will arrive complete.

This city is at last to have a proper morgue, tenders being called for its erection, according to plans to be seen at the office of E. Malandaine, architect. It will be a small brick building, 30 feet long by 16 feet wide, and will be erected on the lot between a front room with two tin-covered slabs, and a back room for operating, are provided for.

The customs collections at the port of Victoria for March amounted to \$55,238.39 from duties and \$6,153.32 from other sources, a total of \$61,391.70. The imports were of free goods to the value of \$139,620, and of dutiable goods \$156,971, a total of \$296,591. The exports were of goods the produce of Canada \$5,987, and the produce of other countries \$3,492; total, \$9,479.

The Winnipeg Free Press notices a more than usually eloquent sermon preached at the evening made on Easter Sunday by Rev. Father Accorci, formerly of Victoria, but now of St. Mary's church at Winnipeg. The sermon, which was from the Psalms, 119, appears to have made a great impression upon the hearers who listened with great attention to the eloquence of the priest.

A LANDLORD, who the other day placed his bailiff in possession on account of rent, had a novel experience. While the bailiff was on the premises the landlord took a look in himself and about the same time the tenant came along with some half dozen men and proceeded to remove the goods supposed to be under distress. The landlord expostulated and argued that the stock could not thus be taken from the custody of the law; but the tenant proved to him that the law represented by the bailiff and landlord was in one sense not stronger than the tenant and his men, and the goods were quickly removed. The sequel does not yet appear.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

A large crowd assembled on the wharf last evening to wish the lacrosse boys goodbye on their departure for San Francisco. The lacrosse club was short in a body with a large reinforcement of enthusiastic admirers. At the last moment McDermott received a telegraphic message requesting him to return home, and W. H. Cullin took his place. Following will be the Victoria contingent: A. E. Macnaughton, R. Cheyne, E. Cullin, C. J. Sprinkling, Finlayson, W. H. Cullin and S. Norman. Those from the mainland will be: Vancouver—R. Quigley, D. Smith, J. Quinn, W. Quinn, K. Campbell, R. Ralph, T. Spaul, F. Miller, Westminster—C. S. Campbell, C. Snell, J. Lewis, A. B. Mackenzie, W. D. Leighton, H. J. Peole, H. L. Edmunds, P. Peole and H. Ryal.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND V. SCOTLAND.

The game between these teams yesterday resulted in a surprise for everybody, but chiefly for the teams engaged in the battle. Many had considered it futile on the part of the English to play, for eight of the famous Wanderers, who expect to annex the championship of British Columbia, were included in the ranks of the Scotlies and the English team had never played together before, being almost strangers to one another. They succeeded, however, in breaking up any attempt at combination on the part of the Scottish forwards, and when once accustomed to each other proved very formidable. The Scotch team quickly pressed, and numerous shots proved abortive, and after 45 minutes of hard playing, in which the Ladies were well to the front, they secured two goals from the feet of McCann and Johnson, and crossed over with that advantage. Then came a surprise, for the English team took a more prominent part, Blackburn becoming conspicuous by some magnificent runs up the left wing, ending with his usual deadly center. One of these came so lively at the Scotlies' goal keeper as to carry him through. Shortly after A. Goward added another with a good shot, and the game became interesting. The third goal came from the English team in a bully run and the goal, and the Ladies looked appealingly for a blast on the pipes to go down on, but they looked in vain. The ball passed right down for some time and each team had shots without success till J. G. Brown secured the leather in the centre of the field and with a fine low shot equalized. With ten minutes left to play, both teams strained their utmost to gain the lead, and though the English team had led in not scoring the score remained unaltered. Every man played well for his country, and a much better game resulted than was anticipated. It is rumored that the bag pipes that were to stir the winners home met with an accident; it is to be regretted, as this might have altered the game.

THE OAR.

JOHNSON REINSTATE.

VANCOUVER, March 31.—At the meeting of the Executive committee of the Canadian Association of amateur oarsmen, held in Toronto on the 28th inst., Johnson, of Vancouver, was reinstated in the amateur class. Here, two years ago, Portland protested against him, and a much better game resulted than was anticipated. It is rumored that the bag pipes that were to stir the winners home met with an accident; it is to be regretted, as this might have altered the game.

THE TURT.

EVENTS AT LIVERPOOL.

The champion steeplechase, 300 sovereigns, run at Liverpool yesterday, was won by Midshipman, Seattle second, Nun third. The race for the Liverpool spring cup, 800 sovereigns, was won by Shiraz, Basher Park second, Golden Drop third. The Grand National steeplechase, run the previous day, was won by Why Not.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

A Hall's Prairie Farmer Shot and Seriously Wounded by a Robber.

Nanaimo Coal Shipments—Westminster's Assessment—Matquai Wants a Physician.

(Special to this Columnist.)

VANCOUVER, March 31.—The huge devil fish captured recently, which was for a long time a terror to the divers in the Narrows working at the pipes, and which was dubbed the water works inspector, has been sent to Montreal to be placed on exhibition there as a curiosity.

J. J. Hanfield has been appointed general agent of the National Assurance Company, of Ireland, for the mainland of British Columbia.

Four burglaries are reported as happening yesterday and the night before. The Bransford hotel was robbed of a quantity of provisions on Thursday, and on the same night \$50 worth of groceries were taken from the Rock Bottom grocery. Mr. Pleasant, on Friday a quantity of clothing was stolen from Mr. Harry Hemlow, and Beer's grocery was robbed of a quantity of provisions.

Rev. Ceverdale Watson has recovered from a severe illness.

Magistrate Manson took the body of an Indian woman to Victoria yesterday for examination. The body was brought from the North. Mr. Manson suspects foul play. The fancy dress ball at the Hotel Vancouver the other evening, under the auspices of the Oriskany club, was the social event of the season.

Civil relief work is still going on. Last week's pay roll amounted to \$552.30. Percy Norville-Smith, secretary of the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co., and Miss Alice Billings, were married at the Hamilton cathedral on March 28.

The Grand avenue case will be appealed to the Privy Council. This is the legal contest between the city and C. P. R., that has been waged so long. The city claims the right to build a wharf just beyond the C.P.R. track, at the end of Gore avenue. The C.P.R. contest their right.

The Matquai municipality has offered to supplement a bonus which may be given by the Local Legislature to a medical practitioner who will take up his residence between Matquai and Langley municipalities.

City Clerk McGuigan is being complimented on all sides for saving a child from death by the electric cars.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 31.—W. J. Mogridge, of the Belle Meade farm, Halle Prairie, was shot by a robber last night and seriously wounded. Mr. Mogridge and other officers have gone in pursuit. Mr. Mogridge had taken out a considerable sum of money from the bank here yesterday to pay his farm hands.

At a meeting of Government supporters last night, it was decided to nominate a candidate by ballot at the next meeting two weeks hence.

The Westminster Fish Co. will ship a car of halibut to Chicago and another to Portland to-morrow.

The estate of T. J. Trapp & Co. shows the amount of assets over liabilities to be \$83,440.52, and this by placing the real estate at a little more than half its value.

The hotels and saloons have reduced beer to 10 cents a glass to meet the hard times. T. S. Higginson, crown timber agent, has returned from England.

The city assessment for 1894 is returned as follows: Gross value, \$7,191,935; exemptions, \$1,700,980; net taxable value, \$5,490,955.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, March 31.—The foreign coal shipments for the month amount to 69,483 tons, being an increase of nearly 16,000 tons over the February exports. The New Vancouver Coal Co.'s shipments were 25,415 tons; Wellington, 23,860; Union, 21,408. There were registered during the month 18 births, 3 marriages, and 7 deaths. Arrived, backs Wine, Highland Light, Samaras, Sailed, ship Sergeant, steamer Empire, Alki.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

The trial of the suit of Wolley v. Lowenberg, Harris & Co. was continued yesterday, when the case for the plaintiff was closed and that for the defence commenced. Several witnesses for the plaintiff testified as to the value of the property in question, which was given at all the way from \$25 to \$300 per acre. One witness, Benson, stated he had had the property for sale for the past five years at \$60 an acre, but had not been able to find a purchaser. Another witness, Jordan, had worked the farm for a year, and had not been able to make enough out of it to pay for his seed. He would not give \$25 per acre for it.

Mr. Bodwell then closed his case, and Mr. Cassidy, though he said the defence were anxious for the case to go to the jury, felt compelled as a matter of law to move for a non-suit, inasmuch as no case had been made out against the defendants.

His Lordship considered the matter should be submitted to the jury, and accordingly the defence was opened by Mr. Cassidy, who declared that he would call the plaintiff's counsel and had claimed that this case depended upon proof of negligence or of deceit, he would show that negligence can have nothing to do with it, even though agency on the part of the defendants be shown. The circumstance that Mr. Snowden had taken the trouble to obtain a valuation from competent persons disposed of that part of the allegations. He proposed to show, too, that the defendants were not, as alleged, the "trusted agents" of the plaintiff. Mr. Snowden was in the matter the agent only of Hodges, who paid the commission; and he would show that at that time S. M. Johnson was plaintiff's "trusted agent." Mr. Cassidy had not completed his address when the court adjourned, to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday.

Mr. Justice Oran in Chambers yesterday made an order requiring the plaintiff in Jackson v. Mylius to furnish a bond for \$500 security for costs of appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. In Jackson v. Williams, plaintiff moved for summary judgment, but was refused.

C. D. Keast has been appointed guardian of the infant children in re the Bevilockway estate.

Judgment has been reserved in the case of Barton v. Woods.

The opponents of the Sunday closing law are circulating a petition against it for presentation to the legislature, and in accordance with the prayer of the petition Mr. Grant will move to strike out the clause dealing with that subject.

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