

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1893.

WANTED, A PROGRESSIVE COUNCIL.

Victoria, perhaps more than any other city in the Dominion, needs a progressive Mayor and an intelligent and enterprising City Council. Victoria possesses peculiar advantages, both of climate and situation. Its site is naturally one of the most beautiful in the Dominion, and its climate, both in summer and winter, is such that when the mildness and equableness come to be known in the eastern parts of the continent it can not fail to attract that large class of well-to-do persons who find the Canadian winter too severe and too trying, and for whom the summer of the inland parts of the Dominion is too oppressive. When persons of this class realize there is a part of Canada in which there is virtually no winter at all, and in which the thermometer in the dog days rarely rises above seventy, many of them will go to this part of their own country either to escape the rigors of winter or to avoid the heats of summer. Victoria in winter would be to them a perfect elysium, and its summer weather would not be less enjoyable.

Situated as it is and with such a salubrious and, at the same time, delightful climate, Victoria would, if it had a good city government, be the ideal residential city to thousands of both Canadians and United States citizens. But then it must have smooth and clean streets; it must have good sidewalks, kept in perfect repair, it must be well drained; it must be free from foul odors; it must have no open drains; it should, in a word, be clean as well as beautiful. It should in all its arrangements be a model city, one that would attract strangers, one in which the aged and the ailing could rest in comfort, and one in which people of leisure in good health would be glad to spend a few months of every year.

Victoria should be such a city as this for the sake of those who live in it now. If it were only for the comfort, the convenience and the health of its present inhabitants its affairs ought to be conducted on enlightened principles. But if Victorians want to make their city such as people who have money to spend and are willing to spend it will be glad to live in it, will, merely as an investment, spend money in making it healthy and attractive. But such people will give Victoria a wide berth, in spite of its advantages and attractions, if its city government is composed of men who are afraid to spend money in making the city clean and sweet and comfortable to live in.

If City Councilors are small-minded, unintelligent and pennywise the city will be dirty, foul-smelling and defective in all its arrangements to the end of time. They should have sense enough to know that judicious expenditure is often the very best economy, and that being too stingy and too timid to spend, when spending is required, is the worst and the meanest kind of extravagance. Managing a city is very like managing a house. Those houses which are kept in a dirty and disorderly condition, in which nothing is done when it ought to be done, and as it ought to be done, require a great deal more money to maintain than the houses which are kept clean and tidy, in which everything is in apple-pie order and nothing is allowed to get out of repair and nothing wasted or spoiled for the want of a little timely expenditure.

Victoria wants many improvements, and its progress and prosperity require that it should have those improvements; but it will never get them if its affairs are placed in the hands of men who do not know what the requirements of a good residential city are, and who exhaust their energies and strain their intelligence, such as they are, in studying how effectively they can starve the different departments of the city government. A good and an enlightened city ruler will not allow a single cent to be spent unnecessarily, but he will not hesitate to spend a dollar when he knows that its being spent will promote the city's welfare.

A HEARTLESS ACT.

When the Cunard steamer Umbria was disabled and drifting at the mercy of the winds and waves, the Gallia, of the same line, saw her and came within signalling distance. Signals were exchanged as the vessels neared each other. The Umbria's signal was, "I am disabled, stand by." The answer was, "Can't stand by. We are carrying mails." Captain McKay, of the Umbria, then signalled back, "We hold you responsible." After this short conversation the Gallia steamed off and left the Umbria alone on the waste of waters. The passengers were, of course, greatly disappointed and disheartened, and Captain McKay declared his inability to understand the conduct of the captain of the Gallia. This is not surprising for the man who, during a gale, would leave a valuable ship with hundreds of souls on board at the mercy of the winds and waves, merely because he had mails on board and that if he waited to save the ship and the lives of those on board of her, the mails would be twenty-four hours or so late, must have a narrow, impracticable, and ordinary mortal. We do not believe that ever a more heartless act was committed in the history of the world. It is said that Captain Ferguson mistook the Umbria's signal. It is hard to understand this when the nature of the Gallia's reply is considered, but for the credit of humanity we would like to believe that there was a misunderstanding.

OPPOSED TO SCOLDING.

The United States Government has been lately paying a great deal of attention to Canada and its affairs. It is not doing this in a pleasant and friendly way. Quite the reverse. President Harrison is just now upon clipping old scores and is scolding her in a way that is neither dignified nor reasonable. A section of the United States press echoes his reproaches and accusations with variations more or less aggravating. But we are glad to see that some of the newspapers and a large proportion of the people do not regard the conduct of the President and his satellites of the press as either polite or becoming. They believe that a nation as strong and as big as the United States is should, in dealing with its neighbors, be fair and reasonable and should be above any exhibition of querulousness. The St. Paul Pioneer-Press says this week in the following paragraph which indicates the cause of the snapping and snarling at Canada, which some Americans have of late seen fit to indulge in. It says:

This policy, (the policy of fairness and reason) which is the disposition of our own people, has been interfered with persistently by the scolding of the United States press, and it is from them that this "scolding" constantly comes, and it is to them that the Government that it should be scolded. This it is well understood that the trunk line railroads between Chicago and the East, except as well as a Canadian connection, have been at work for years to secure every legislative interference with the right of Canadian roads to participate in the American rail carrying trade. This is wholly in the interest of monopoly. Whatever the Canadian roads were forbidden to transport was so much added to the business of American lines, and the sharpness of competition would be lessened. Again and again the railroad combine returns to the attack. Concealing its real motives under the assumption of patriotism, it talks about subsidies and unfair competition, and again the railroad combine returns to the attack. Concealing its real motives under the assumption of patriotism, it talks about subsidies and unfair competition, and again the railroad combine returns to the attack. Concealing its real motives under the assumption of patriotism, it talks about subsidies and unfair competition, and again the railroad combine returns to the attack.

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NOTES OF THE CHURCHES.

Of 18,878 books issued in Germany last year, 1,706 were theological. The Methodist Episcopal church in Rome is purposing building a fine church in Rome on the same street with the king's palace and the government buildings. The contributions of the native members of the Mission church at Suifu, China, last year averaged \$1 per capita. Their incomes ranged from \$25 to \$84 per year. The Christian Endeavor constitution has now been translated into all the important languages of the world. There is a chapter among the Zulus and the Hottentots, and four hundred recruits are added to the movement every day. Since St. Peter's, Brooklyn, was made a free church in 1887, the number of families has increased from 178 to 389; of communicants, from 401 to 991; of individuals, from 727 to 1,360. The total income has increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Collision on the C. P. R.—Huntley's Vacation Expired—Nominations in the Districts.

The First Licensed Hotel on the West Coast—Death of Miss Lister, a Volunteer Missionary.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Jan. 9.—The Empress of India cleared at midnight to-night. The Orangerie turned out in a large body to attend Rev. Mr. Hobson's church yesterday evening.

The principals of the schools have asked for six new teachers to accommodate the large increase in the number of pupils since the holidays.

J. W. Leveson is out for reeve of South Vancouver.

A rumor that there was foul play in the case of the drowning of E. A. Brown, has become very general. The local correspondent, after very careful investigation, is convinced that there is no foundation for such rumors.

A reporter has it on very fair authority that Huntley took passage at San Francisco for Honolulu. He had been gambling considerably prior to his departure, it is said, and before he left he borrowed \$500 and cashed a note of \$140, which he is known to have changed into American money. If somebody would produce the note, the alleged woman in the case of the story would be complete.

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THE FOREMOST HALF-BACKS AND BATSMEN IN CANADA.

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A new Masonic lodge is being organized at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Snodgrass is opening a new mill at Okanagan Falls, on the Okanagan river, weighing 2,000 pounds, fell from a 12-foot derrick and broke in pieces. Several workmen miraculously escaped injury.

The principal issues at the municipal elections in the railroad question.

Bro. J. D. Byrne, D.D.G.P., Murphy, Hamilton, May and Cunningham, visited the E. & N. railway, about six miles from the city, and adjoining the N. V. C. They reported both institutions in a flourishing condition.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 9.—James Cunningham will be a candidate for alderman in Ward 2 to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of W. A. Duncan.

In the county criminal court to-day C. Morency, a little, under-sized lad of 14, charged with the larceny of \$15 from his mother, in Vancouver, elected to be tried summarily at Hope this afternoon. Three cars were derailed and damaged. None were injured.

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