

ANOTHER FAKE YARN

The Colonist Publishes Another Story Which Has no Foundation.

Dr. Fraser, City Health Officer, Charged With Endangering Public Health.

The Accusation is Based on Palpable Falsehoods—The Facts.

The Colonist is again the victim of its own credulity. This time, however, it will get into serious trouble because it has listened to those who are well acquainted with its weakness.

This morning the Colonist makes a serious charge against Dr. R. L. Fraser, the city health officer—a charge which it styles as being a "re-statement" of a case to that for which Dr. Duncan was held.

The gravamen of the Colonist's accusation against Dr. Fraser is contained in the following extract: "On Thursday last Joseph Shaw, the caretaker of the isolation hospital, by permission of Dr. Fraser, the city health officer and Dominion quarantine officer for the port of Victoria, left the isolation hospital and came into town to record his vote."

This is put forward as a similar case to Dr. Duncan's, and the "Grit" follows again quoting the public spirited Colonist—who howled so loudly for Dr. Duncan's decapitation a few months ago, nor rested until his official head as quarantine superintendent had fallen in the basket, have now another chance to try their lungs and sincerity."

Of course the Colonist will not consider the fact that there is not a scintilla of truth in its accusation of serious nature. Veracity and the Colonist were always strangers. Had the very enterprising (?) disgruntled Tory organ of Government stricken taken the trouble to inquire, it could easily have discovered that the municipal election were held on January 14th, that the last diphtheria patients in the isolation hospital were discharged on January 8, and that the last scarlet fever patients left the hospital on January 7, that Mr. Shaw, the caretaker, was not a "patient, guard nor suspect," that he never handled the patients, never went near them and was never in danger of being infected; that no rules of the hospital, written or unwritten, were discovered when in the absence of patients afflicted with infectious diseases, Mr. Shaw availed himself of the opportunity to exercise his franchise.

The Colonist maintains that the rules would have been observed if Mr. Shaw had remained at the isolation grounds for twenty-four hours after the patients before election day, even the Colonist must admit that the rules were rigidly observed according to its own dictum.

Poor Old Colonist! Its credulity and malignancy are leading it a sorry dance these days.

GOLDEN CROWN AND CALUMET

Boundary District Claims Bonded for About \$80,000.

Mr. Robert Wood, one of the delegates of the Greenwood City Mining and Commercial Association, reports that an important mining deal was closed just before he left Greenwood City. Hon. T. M. Daly, ex-minister of the interior, Mr. Kelly, of Brandon, and their associates have bonded the Calumet and Golden Crown claims in Wellington camp in Boundary district. The price mentioned in the bond is in the vicinity of \$80,000. Considerable money was paid down, as Mr. Wood can testify, for he brought out with him and deposited in the bank at Vernon \$8000, the sum paid to one of the owners of the claim.

One of the owners of the Calumet was R. C. Johnston, who is well known to many Victorians. He was principal of the Craigflower school for a number of years and left for the Boundary district about three years ago. He has now made small fortune by his mining venture.

The Golden Crown has been developed to some extent, a shaft having been sunk to the distance of 15 feet with most gratifying results, and the property is considered one of the best in that wonderfully rich district.

The deal was arranged by Mr. Collins who has been in Greenwood City for

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Another important piece of work was the counting of the dead pups. The Americans claimed that owing to the killing of seals of breeding females was a large number of dead—about 11,000—perished in this way. It was therefore highly important to know exactly how many dead pups there were. There were a large number of dead—about 11,000—that it was proved had been killed by overcrowding before the commencement of the pelagic season; about 10,000 had died later in the season.

A STRANGE FISH

Specimen of the Hand Saw-Fish Presented to the Provincial Museum.

Curator Fannin, of the Provincial Museum, is engaged making a cast of a most peculiar fish found yesterday on the beach about opposite the Island by a son of Rev. Canon Fiddon. The fish was dead when found, and probably had been washed up on the beach by the tide, as it is a deep sea fish. It is a hand saw fish, of which very few specimens have been caught, and it is four feet six inches long and of a greenish bronze color save portions of the stomach, where a light golden tint prevails. The skin is very clear and thin and perfectly free from scales. The head is very similar to that of a snake, and is flat on the top. The eye is flat and about an inch in diameter, with a very small pupil. The body is also like that of a snake, being only four inches wide at its broadest point. A long fin, very fragile and about ten inches or a foot in height when fully extended, reaches along the entire length of the back. A strange thing in connection with this fish is that it has a small adipose fin near the tail, which is peculiar to fishes of the salmon tribe. A similar fish was brought down by Captain Foot of the Mischief from Quatsino some time ago, where it was found by Indians. That specimen was, however, badly decomposed and entirely unsuitable for the purpose of making a cast. It is being kept in spirits at the Provincial Museum. It will be some time yet before Mr. Fannin has finished his work on this new specimen.

NORTHERN MINERAL CLAIMS.

Mr. Clifford Reports New Discoveries in the Skeena Country.

Registered at the District are Mr. and Mrs. C. R. D. Clifford of Port Simpson. Mr. Clifford was seen to-day in reference to the rumor that he and others were going to build a steamer to run on the Skeena in opposition to the H. B. Co.'s steamer Caladonia. Mr. Clifford stated that the Caladonia could handle all the freight which offered at present, and so far as he was aware no other steamer would be placed on the Skeena, but if the Omineca district is opened out and the mines there are developed, he believes that there will be work for several steamers on the Skeena.

At present Mr. Clifford is interested in several promising mineral claims on the coast. About eighty miles up the Skeena a large ledge containing copper, gold and silver has been uncovered, and considerable development work is being carried on. Assays running as high as \$120 to the ton have been secured. Several men are now at work on the claim, and fifty tons of ore will shortly be sent to the Tacoma smelter. Another ledge over one hundred feet wide, has been discovered near Cape Fox. The quartz is copper pyrites carrying gold. Mr. Clifford brought down some of the ore, which he will have assayed, and if it turns out as well as expected, the property will be developed.

KAMLOOPS LIBERALS.

An Association Organized with a Strong Membership.

Kamloops, Jan. 16.—At a well attended meeting of Liberals held in this city last night, the organization of the Kamloops City and District Liberal Association was completed. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Baillie, who explained the objects of the meeting. At a preliminary meeting a committee had been appointed to draft a constitution and code of by-laws. The report of the committee was received, and after being discussed at considerable length, was finally adopted. The constitution sets forth the objects of the association to be aid in the maintenance of good government for the Dominion of Canada by the advocacy of Liberal political principles, and to promote the welfare of the British empire as a whole.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Honorary President, Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M. P.; President, Mr. William Baillie, Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. H. Whitaker

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Although the particulars of the Hudson's Bay Company's sale of furs has not yet been received, the cablegrams received contain sufficient information to warrant the owners of schooners coming to the conclusion that drastic measures must be taken if the industry which means so much to Victoria is to be put on a paying basis.

A Times representative interviewed the majority of the owners of schooners to-day and learned that all were fully determined to pursue a different policy from that adopted during the last two or three years. They will wait for particulars of the sale before doing anything definite, but they are determined that if the schooners leave port this year, it will be under such conditions as prevailed nine or ten years ago, when dividends were declared, although skins sold for less than six dollars.

At that time skins could be produced for less than five dollars, while now the cost averages fully nine dollars. This marked difference was brought about by the increased prices paid to Indians and other hunters by the Government, and by higher prices for the furs and other members of the crew.

Already 21 schooners of the 64 belonging to the Victoria fleet, have left port at prices equal to those of last year, and of course they will escape the effects of the rigidly economical measures which the owners intend to adopt. A member of a firm which is heavily interested in the industry stated that it was more than probable that the captains would receive instructions to proceed to the West Coast and offer the Indians not more than \$2 a pound. No bounties or potlaches are to be offered, and the Indians will be plainly told that no advances will be made on these prices. The same gentleman stated that the schooner would be outfitted along the lines indicated by owners of merchantmen. No such luxuries as jams and jellies, raisins and currants and canned goods of every description will be provided, and the crews of the schooners must be satisfied with such fare as is given on the better class of sailing vessels. The wages of the captains and crews will have to be materially reduced.

Necessity will compel the owners to pursue such a course if they are going to continue sending their schooners out. The aggregate loss this year will amount to nearly \$200,000, and they would be gone bankrupt in a short time if this were to continue.

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PETITION DISMISSED. Protest Against the Return of Mr. Poupore, Member for Pontiac, Abandoned.

He Will Support the School Settlement and Premier Laurier's General Policy.

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Ottawa, Jan. 20.—(Special)—The protest against Mr. Poupore, M.P. for Pontiac, has been abandoned and the petition dismissed. Mr. Poupore is in no way a general supporter to the government.

Yesterday afternoon Hon. Mr. Tarte received the following telegram from ex-Mayor Beaugrand of Montreal: "Come and see me before I die." Mr. Tarte left for Montreal at once. The minister of public works and the editor of La Patrie were very warm friends for many years.

Though for many years a victim of ill health and frequently compelled to seek a tropical climate, Mr. Beaugrand has become identified with all forward movements in the French provinces. Recently he attracted the eyes of the whole Dominion, on account of his determined attitude against clerical encroachments in the political arena. Like the late esteemed Archbishop Mr. Fabre, who was leader of the opposition, Mr. Beaugrand has been stricken down just at the opening of a great contest in Quebec, between the clericals and the Liberal party.

A Canadian national tribute to Queen Victoria, in commemoration of her long and beneficial reign is talked of. The plan is to have the mayors of all the cities of the Dominion constitute an executive committee with Lord Aberdeen as chairman, to arrange for the collection of any necessary funds and their disposal. The mayor of each city is to be chairman of the local committee composed of the wardens and Reeves in his district.

Civil servants who absent themselves from work without leave hereafter, will have the days of their absence deducted from their summer holidays. The practice of staying away from work has been grossly abused, it is said.

Lord Aberdeen has received many replies and telegrams from all parts of the country in reference to the Indian question. The Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, was badly injured and one passenger was killed.

MADAME MODJESKA. Appears on the Stage After a Long Absence.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Madame Modjeska appeared last night in "Mansfield Park" at the Baldwin theatre after an absence of over a year and a half from the stage. She has entirely recovered from the paralytic stroke, from which she suffered.

RETURNING TO PRISON. Prisoner Agrees to Return to Prison at Stillwater.

Stillwater, Minn., Jan. 26.—A decidedly unusual phase of prison life has just developed. In June, 1888, Albert Blansie was sentenced from Stearns county for life for murder in the second degree. On the petition of the trial judge and jury Governor Nelson afterwards commuted the term to four years and Blansie was paroled in June, 1895, employment being found for him on a farm near Blue Earth City. He broke the parole in the following October by running away. Several days ago Warden Walker received a letter from him from New Orleans in which he offered to return to prison voluntarily. Transportation was sent him, and he is now en route for Stillwater, unaccompanied. He has seven years to serve yet.

CHICAGO RESIDENCES BURNED. Flames in Scant Attire.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The four-story residence of Charles J. Barnes, 2238 Calumet street, was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. Mr. Barnes is in New York, and Mrs. Barnes and four servants were asleep in the house when the fire broke out. With the mere 10 below zero they were forced to flee in scant attire to save their lives. A maid named Kitty was overcome by smoke and was carried out by the firemen. Mr. Barnes is the western man-