

Local Notes.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Wellington Enterprise, Dr. Walker's paper, has suspended publication.

The chief commissioner of lands and works is calling for tenders for the installation and completion of hot water heating apparatus at the Court House, Victoria.

The amendment which Mr. McBride is introducing to the Municipal Elections Act contemplates the substitution of the Imperial automatic voting machine for registering votes for the present system.

A coroner's inquest was held at Extension yesterday to inquire into the cause of the death of Vassio, Ecuadorian, who returned a verdict that he was killed by a fall of rock from the face, and that there was no one to blame for the accident.

D. Sprague, formerly manager for the Imperial Oil Co. here, and who is now connected with the oil branch of the British-American Paint Company, has severed his connection with the latter and is embarking in the oil business on his own account. He will shortly open an office on Government street.

On Thursday evening in the Agricultural Hall, Nanaimo, a grand patriotic concert will be given towards which a large number of well known entertainers will contribute. Arrangements have been made with the tramway company for a special car to meet the train on its return to the city after the concert. Tickets can be obtained at the Victoria Book & Stationery store, Government street, and the Y. & S. station, Hillside avenue.

The regular meeting of the Natural History Society last evening was well attended in spite of the inclemency of the weather. The paper by Mr. J. A. Hall on "Modern Explosives" was especially interesting, the author having made a close study of explosives and dealt in a most instructive manner with those now being used in the war in South Africa. Mr. Hall produced a small sample of the deadly lyddite manufactured by himself.

No official information has yet been received from the Dominion government as to the recruiting to proceed throughout the province, when a satisfactory arrangement in the transport difficulty shall have been perfected. Col. Benson has received absolutely no information from the militia department in the matter, and consequently no definite step may be taken in the recruiting of troops to form British Columbia's mounted contingent in South Africa. Despite this, however, applications are coming in from all portions of the province.

Mr. W. D. Meares, of Vancouver, Grand Chancellor of the British Columbia jurisdiction of the Knights of Pythias, left this morning on an official visit to the lodges at Duncan, Nanaimo, Northfield and Wellington. He will return on Thursday. On Friday evening, in all probability, there will be a joint convention of the Victoria and Far West lodges. The committee in charge, consisting of a representative from each lodge, together with the two delegates, are making arrangements for a light banquet to be given in honor of Mr. Meares on Friday evening.

It was reported on the waterfront today that although the steamer Tees was at Skagway with the steamer Cottage City, and was expected, as she did, to arrive here before the Cottage City, the postal authorities at Skagway refused to give the Dawson mail which had reached there to her. They took it to the Cottage City, notwithstanding the fact that the Tees is the duly appointed British mail steamer, giving but one day to the Victoria steamer. As a result, the Dawson mail sent by the Cottage City did not reach here until this morning, while that sent by the Tees arrived on Sunday night.

W. E. Gillespie, D. S. O. R., of Toronto, representing the I. O. O. F., instituted a "Court of Independent Order" of Strenuous in Spanish, which will consist of about 30 members. The following officers were duly installed: Court Deputy, Julius Brethour; Doctor, E. C. Hart, M. D.; Chief Ranger, J. J. White; Vice Chief Ranger, Mark Hewitt; Past Chief Ranger, R. A. Armstrong; Sec. Sec., Fred Turgoose; Fin. Sec., David John; Organist, Wm. Wall; Sen. Ward, Chas. Moses; Jun. Woodward; Thos. Geo. Parsons; Sen. Beattie; Leonard J. Young; Jun. Beattie; Wm. Smith; Sen. Trustees, J. West, Brethour and W. H. Roberts.

The impression appears to prevail throughout the city that compulsory vaccination has been ordered, which is not, however, the case. The provincial act gives power to the health authorities to make vaccination compulsory, but they do not deem the circumstances sufficiently urgent to warrant such a step at present. They desire as much as possible to place the matter finally before the public in order that the latter may have their children vaccinated, for this purpose, at the physicians' discretion. The city has been provided with a sufficient supply of vaccine virus, and will perform the service gratuitously for all who are unable to pay. The health officer, Dr. Fraser, regrets to state, however, that very few people are taking advantage of the city's liberality in this respect.

The high wind in the city last evening played havoc with the windows, fences and everything else incapable of resisting such a storm as Victoria was subject to during the "winter" portion of the night. The wind, which was blowing ordinarily throughout the day, increased in violence in the latter portion of the afternoon, becoming almost hurricane about 6 o'clock, to the accompaniment of falling glass, fierce winds and hail of all descriptions. Windows were blown in some of the larger buildings in the town, and a resident's fence in Victoria West was blown down. The

wires, throughout the city, also became crossed in the chaos, and forces of men under Chief Denay and Superintendent M. Hutchison were kept engaged for some time in straightening up matters. Yesterday afternoon a smouldering fire, fanned by the breeze, broke out in the hay in the scene of the fire some ten days ago, and two men were detailed by the chief to extinguish the blaze and keep a close watch on the place during the remainder of the storm. The action of the chief was most opportune, for had the fire gained a fresh start difficult indeed would have been the task of getting it under control.

From Wednesday's Daily.)

Capt. Victor Jacobson has entered action for \$5,000 libel against the Colonist for publishing articles associating him with those holding pro-Boer views.

News was received from Dawson of the wedding of Capt. W. E. Holmes, who has been navigating the Yukon for some years past, to Mrs. Gladys Hale. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. B. Hetherington, the Methodist parsonage. They will make their home at Indian River, where the captain is stationed.

A conference will be held this evening between the board of school trustees and the city council to endeavor to arrange a compromise, if possible, regarding the expenditure recommended by the school board in their estimates. The council is of the opinion that the amount required of them is altogether too large, and will make an effort to secure a modification of the demand.

The death occurred at New Westminster on Sunday of Thomas Parmenter, who has been a resident of British Columbia since 1892. He at first resided in Victoria West and in 1874 went to live on a farm at Ladner Landing. He was a native of Dorchester, England, and was in his eighty-fifth year. He is survived by a widow, two sons and five daughters, one of the latter being Mrs. Thomas Shorbolt of this city.

P. C. Macgregor is asking for tenders for the removal of the buildings on the corner of Broad and View streets, opposite the Diard Hotel, the property having recently been purchased by Mr. Macgregor. It is his intention to erect thereon a two story brick and stone building with sufficiently strong foundation to carry two more stories should it be found advisable to add them in the future.

An accident happened yesterday afternoon to some of the workmen employed on the addition being made to Spencer's arcade, by which a number of the men narrowly escaped serious injury. The scaffold upon which they were standing gave way, throwing six of the men to the ground, together with the bricks, mortar and materials, of which the scaffold was constructed. W. A. Jones, of North Chatham street, had one leg so badly injured that he has been confined to his bed, while Contractor Brown's back was strained. Two other men were slightly injured.

From Thursday's Daily.)

The death occurred at the family residence, Fairfield road, last night of Mrs. Winter, wife of George Winter, the hack-driver. Mrs. Winter was feeling quite well when she retired, and her death, which happened about midnight, was wholly unexpected and a great shock to the family. She was 54 years of age, and leaves a husband and five children, three sons and two daughters. Full particulars as to the funeral will be given later.

Bishop Orridge officiated at the Reformed Episcopal church last evening, when Richard Nash and Mattie B. Young were united in matrimony. The bride was attended by her little girls, the Misses Young, Remont and Smith, and Mr. Louis Young supported the bridegroom. After a wedding supper was partaken of at the residence of Henry Young, Michigan street, Mr. and Mrs. Nash left on the Vancouver steamer for the Mainland and Sound cities, where they will spend their honeymoon.

In consequence of information received from H. C. Chief of Police Langley, it was made known that if Mr. Louis Dixon, lately of Hay Mountain, is in this portion of the country, and will call upon or communicate with the chief, he will learn something very much to his advantage. Dixon is probably the man who suffered such terrible hardships while endeavoring to complete the journey over the Edmonton route to the Klondike metropolis last spring. The account of his experience was furnished to the Times readers in these columns on Wednesday evening. Mr. Dixon accompanied the Times informant, Mr. Pope, to Glenora a short while ago, and expressed his intention of following that gentleman to the coast very shortly.

Mr. H. Mackenzie Cleland, who was yesterday presented to the court and sworn in as a member of the British Columbia bar, has many friends in Victoria and the West, where he is well known. Mr. Cleland was for some years with one of the ablest of the many brilliant young men who have graduated from this firm. For some years, since leaving Toronto, Mr. Cleland has been successfully practicing his profession in Chicago, where he acted as counsel for some of the largest corporations in the West. Being a loyal British subject, however, Mr. Cleland determined to return to his native land and chose British Columbia as the most promising section of the Dominion.

WESTMINSTER'S BUILDINGS. (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The contract has been awarded for the reconstruction of the public buildings which were destroyed by fire at Westminster, B.C., by the public works department to Bourque & Desjardins of this city. The price is in the vicinity of \$50,000.

The Board of Aldermen

Met Last Evening and Discussed the Victoria-Chilliwack Railway By-Law.

No Conference With Mr. Bodwell-Tramway Case to Go into Court.

The conference between the city council and Mr. Bodwell, representing the company presenting the recent proposition regarding the Victoria-Chilliwack extension, was held last evening as anticipated. Mr. Bodwell, not being in attendance, instead, however, a general discussion ensued regarding the desirability of reading the present by-law for the third time, or postponing until next week.

Prior to assembling in the council chamber, the council conferred with city barrister Taylor regarding the trouble arising out of the tramway company's refusal to run their cars to the end of the track on the Douglas street-Sanctuary road line. It was ultimately decided to carry the case into court—a step that will be taken without delay.

Upon assembling in the council room, the consideration of the Victoria-Chilliwack by-law was the principal business. Ald. Beckwith moved that the third reading of the by-law be held then, for judging by Mr. Bodwell's communication of the previous evening, there seemed to be no definite period in which a reply would be forwarded.

The mayor replied that he understood from the communication that Mr. Bodwell would obtain as soon as possible the opinion of his clients on the subject. Ald. Beckwith considered that Mr. Bodwell intended that the council should complete the work in hand, and that, if quilled whether the third reading, it was necessary to fix the date of motion immediately, or could it rest in abeyance.

The mayor replied that the council could not sit against pressing the matter too quickly. Ald. Yates opined that caution should be exercised in pressing the by-law, so that the council should not go too far to decide in favor of a more favorable proposition should one be presented. He would advise the reading of the by-law the third time, but deferring the fixing of the date of placing it before the ratifiers.

Ald. Beckwith thought that the present by-law was engendered by a strong petition of ratepayers, and was the strongest laid before the council during the year. The interest of those petitioners, and in fact all the citizens, had not flagged, and all realized that Victoria needed a railway. The propositions received so far were not to be compared to the present one, and the talk of other schemes meant delay for a time, in order to allow the council to consider the by-law before a third time.

Ald. Yates averred that the citizens should have an opportunity of judging whether they were in favor of the by-law, and that, after the council had endeavored to give them one that will suit them. Ald. Brydon remarked that the petition leading up to the present by-law was the most important of the kind which the council of 1896. It was patent to all that this city must have railway communication, if Victoria was to be the first city in the province. In this scheme, the city had control of the work, which constituted a most important point. By means of a map it could easily be ascertained that any company which secured a subsidy could arrange for a branch to Victoria with some company, where certain facilities and benefits would be given to, say Vancouver. The scheme before the council was to the interests of the people of Victoria, and was owned by our citizens. He believed it the most favorable of the three proposals.

Ald. Cameron was willing to go to a certain extent with the by-law, but advised against the far, and Ald. Beckwith pointed out that it would be a difficult matter for the city to arrange details, draft a by-law and secure a charter this winter, should a new scheme be presented. The mayor did not think that the city would cordially welcome the present by-law, when they were cognizant of the fact that there were two other propositions before the council, and Ald. Kinsman advocated delay for a time, in order to allow for more proposals to come in.

Ald. Brydon inquired whether there were legitimate, three schemes before the council. As far as he was aware there was no tangible information regarding the other two.

Mayor Hayward, however, considered

that when a firm of the standing of Tupper, Peters & Potts forwarded a scheme to the council and asked for 30 days' time, there must be something in it. The council had tacitly agreed on the 30 days' time question, and should certainly carry out their agreement.

Ald. Beckwith did not think the council made any such agreement, while Ald. Stewart said that even if the by-law passed the third reading, there was no necessity to fix the date of voting at once. If none of the other schemes matured between then and next Monday the council should fix the date of voting.

Ald. Cameron saw no harm in delaying the third reading for a week, for, if the by-law was passed, it would necessarily kill all the other mooted proposals. It was a serious question, and he advised that it be held over until Monday next, when the third reading could be held, and the date of voting decided upon.

The mayor thought it folly to shut the door in the face of other schemes, but Ald. Yates disclaimed, on his part, any such intention. All these schemes have been mooted because the by-law had been pushed so far. These reminded him of the actions of "cattle fish," which throw out a cloud of ink and confuse the people.

Finally, Ald. Beckwith withdrew his resolution on the condition that the third reading will be decided upon next Monday evening and the date of voting fixed. In reply to Mr. Brydon, the mayor stated that the 30 days' period required by Tupper & Potts would be up on February 19th.

Jubilee Hospital

Monthly Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary-Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. Bayward Recommends the Building of a Children's Ward.

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Jubilee hospital took place yesterday at the Diard Hotel. Those present were the president, two vice-presidents, twenty members of the society, and the secretary-treasurer. Prayers being said and the minutes of the last meeting read and adopted, the monthly report was read as follows:

Madame President and Ladies: In accordance with your directions at the last meeting, your committee on the reserve stock of linen wherewith to keep the hospital duly supplied, met on Thursday, January 11th, at the Y. W. C. A. The purchasing committee had furnished a certain amount of material, which was immediately appropriated. The meeting decided that the secretary should henceforth hold the supply of work for distribution, as renting a room for this purpose appeared to be an unnecessary expense.

Close upon one-half of the stock estimated has been duly undertaken by the following ladies: Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. B. M. Seabrooke, Mrs. Dixie Ross, Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. Wollaston, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. T. C. Boulton, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Maddock-Bendish, Mrs. W. Dalby, Mrs. Thomas Leigh, Mrs. Rykert, Mrs. Elsie, Mrs. Gladstone, Mrs. Preston-Wilson, Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Fred. Maitland-Dougall, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. T. J. Jones, Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Kocke Robertson, Mrs. Tiarks, Mrs. Thomas Brooker, Miss Harvey (Sturth), Miss Gladding, and the Daughters of Pitt. There is still as much again on hand to complete our stock, and the secretary will gratefully receive applications for the same on Friday, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. It is very desirable that the sewing be accomplished before the summer, and vacation season.

The "Daughters of Pitt" undertook, and accomplished during the past month, the re-covering of certain mattresses and cushions throughout the hospital, and have voted the funds for a generous purchase of garden seeds, etc., towards the beautifying of the grounds at the hospital during the coming season. This must be one of our next cares, and all contributions of roots, plants, etc., will be gratefully accepted.

I have great pleasure in mentioning a visit received from Mrs. Brooker on Feb. 27th at Institute hall, assisted by her pupils, and some of the best amateur talent in Victoria, and he has most kindly offered the proceeds towards some definite need in the hospital as recommended by the Women's Auxiliary. On being furnished with a list of the several funds, and present needs in the hospital, proper hospital beds for the female ward have been selected. By the professor as the officers preferred, and as these will be of great comfort, both to the sick and to those who tend them, I venture to beg that our members give their countenance and encouragement to our friend's generous effort on our behalf.

Before closing this report may I again urge the necessity of completing the canvass of the city. The cost of material has been heavy upon our present resources, but would present no difficulties if only our canvass for membership were complete.

This report being accepted, the secretary was directed to write the acknowledgements of the teachers to Professor Wickens, coupled with the assurance that they would unite in an effort to further the success of his undertaking.

The visiting committee for the month, Mrs. Charles Hayward and Mrs. Rykert, next presented a very interesting report. Mrs. Hayward stated that she had visited each bed in the hospital, and had found the patients content and well cared for. In the female ward there was a general complaint, owing to a child being there who was a disturbing element to other sufferers. Mrs. Hayward said that the necessity for a children's ward was very plainly demonstrated, and recommended that the building of such a ward should be urged by all interested in the perfect operation of the hospital.

Mrs. Hayward made some kind and encouraging remarks as to the management and general appearance of the hospital, both inside and out, which should tend to cheer and comfort those in charge, who only too often labor under much disloyalty and discouragement.

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ALBURNI NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times)

James Moir, who, with Capt. Hansen, was drowned at Kooquot early last month, was a resident of Alberni. He was one of the owners of the Regina mineral claims on Mt. Douglas, as well as several other properties. He came from Aberdeen, Scotland, about 25 years ago, and was mining in the States before he came to Alberni, four or five years ago. The chief of police at Aberdeen has been communicating with for the purpose of finding relatives of the deceased.

A meeting is called for Wednesday, February 7th, by the district health officer, A. Watson, M.D., to consider the advisability of having a permanent water supply in place of the wells. The scheme is to tap a creek about one mile from the town and bring the water down in pipes.

The Ven. Abbot deacon Scriven was unable to come for Sunday, but is expected at some future time.

An enjoyable magic lantern entertainment was given on Friday; a gentleman from Nanaimo gave some humorous Irish sketches, which were much appreciated.

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