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Fraud in Elections

Crooked Work Charged Against Liberals in the North Grey Contest.

Judge Says Ballots Were Tampered With After Being Deposited.

Investigation Committee of Le Roi Mining Company Sail Saturday.

Toronto, June 12.—(Special.)—The Mail and World this morning charge the Liberals with crooked work in North Grey election recount. It appears that the Liberal majority was reduced to one during the afternoon, but when the votes in No. 9 subdivision of the township of St. Vincent were reached, four ballots which had been counted for Boyd, Conservative, and were marked for him, were found on closer examination to have a small cross faintly marked for McKay, Liberal. Judge Morrison, Junior County court judge remarked that it was a case of the gravest suspicion, and after giving it the fullest consideration, he was clearly of the opinion that ballots had been tampered with since election night. He would allow them for Boyd, Conservative, if he were persuaded he had jurisdiction in the matter.

At the Anglican Synod today, a resolution was passed demanding elimination from the history used in the High schools of Ontario of the Roman Catholic contention that the Church of England dates from Henry 8th.

Rossland, B. C., June 12.—Word was received here today by cable, that Anthony J. McMillan and his colleagues on the special investigation committee appointed by the shareholders of the Le Roi Mining company, sail for New York on Saturday per the Cunard liner Umbria. They will prepare a report on conditions at the mine and smelter for presentation to the shareholders upon their return to London.

Quebec, June 12.—The steamship Sahara, from Rangoon for Montreal, with a cargo of rice, ashore at Bicquette Island, is in a dangerous position. She is on a shelf of rock and should she slide off would be in 100 feet of water. As the craft is taking water, fears are expressed that her cargo will swell and strain her hull.

Montreal, June 12.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Iron & Steel company, and of the Dominion Coal company took place here today, the old boards being in each case re-elected. The Coal company reported a surplus of $1,057,015, after meeting fixed charges, etc. Both meetings ratified the lease of the coal company property to the steel company, practically on a basis of an annual payment of $1,600,000, and a royalty of 75 cents per ton for each ton of coal mined in excess of 3,500,000 tons in any calendar year. It was announced that it would be some time yet before the steel company would be in a position to turn out the finished product. The rail mill could be put in a position to do business before November, but an account of the condition of the market, it had been deemed advisable to complete the other departments before finishing the rail mill.

The Dominion Coal company report announced that 600,000 tons of coal had been sold during the year and the surplus earnings of the company amounted to $937,681.44.

At a subsequent meeting of the steel company's directors, James Ross was elected president, replacing H. M. Whitney, who, however, remains on the board.

GERMAN WARSHIPS.

Several Ordered to Venezuela and West Indian Waters.

Berlin, June 12.—The foreign office here is without details of the reported bombardment of the sea port of La Guayara, Venezuela, by the Venezuela war ships in consequence of the revolutionary movement in the suburbs.

The foreign office, however, takes the occasion to say that the German cruisers Gazelle and Falke were ordered to La Guayara simply to safeguard German interests there, and that their presence in Venezuelan waters is in no way connected with Germany's long pending claims against Venezuela. As soon as order is restored, the cruisers in question will leave Venezuela. The directors of the great Venezuelan railroad, from Caracas to Valancia, held a meeting at Hamburg today and decided a dividend of one-half of one per cent. The great Venezuelan railroad is a German concern. The chairman of the company affirmed at today's meeting that the railroad had not been sold to a United States company.

Emperor William has ordered the training ships Charlotte and Stoschto to cruise in the West Indies, and the training ships Stein and Moltke to cruise in the North Atlantic.

MILL OWNER DROWNED.

John Sucksmith Loses Life in the Kettle River.

Grand Forks, June 12.—(Special)—John Sucksmith, saw mill owner of this city, was drowned yesterday evening in the Kettle river, seven miles below here. His two companions, John A. Keogh, his manager and A. Wicks, had a narrow escape from meeting the same fate. Wicks clung to the upturned boat until rescued, and Keogh, after a desperate struggle in the icy waters, reached shore in an exhausted condition. The body of Mr. Sucksmith has not yet been recovered. The trio left the city in the afternoon in search of a raft of logs which had broken loose further up the stream. At a point six miles below this city they took a row boat with the intention of overtaking the fugitive boom. A mile further on, while crossing a riffle, the boat upset, Keogh, although a good swimmer, was carried down stream 700 yards, and was about to sink. Men on the bank who witnessed the accident, reached out a pike pole and hauled him ashore. Mr. Keogh says there is no doubt of Mr. Sucksmith's fate. The mill owner could not swim a stroke, and Keogh says he saw Sucksmith go under once before he struck out for shore. Wicks was saved by clinging to the upturned boat.

Mr. Sucksmith owned mills here and at Nelson, Wash. He leaves a wife and four young children. He was one of the most esteemed citizens in the community.

CONSOLS IN LONDON.

London, June 12.—Consols for money, 96; for account, 97.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, June 12.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Exchange today: Wheat, June, 72⅝; July, 72 and 72¼; Sept., 70⅝; Dec., 71⅝. Corn, June, 62⅞; July, 63¼; Sept., 58⅝; Dec., 44⅝; May, 43½. Oats, June, 40; July, 37⅝; new, 33¾; Sept., 28⅝; new, 30⅝; Dec., 28⅝; and 28⅝; new, 30⅝.

DROPPED DEAD.

Judge McIsaacs of Antigonishe Dies Very Suddenly.

Halifax, N.S., June 12.—County Judge Angus McIsaacs, of Antigonishe county, brother of Hon. C. F. Isaacs, M. P., dropped dead this morning.

PRIEST DROWNED.

Rev. Father Mercer's Body Found in Red River.

Winnipeg, June 12.—The body of a man found in Red river near Emerson has been identified as that of Rev. M. J. Mercer, a Roman Catholic priest, from Armour, South Dakota. Father Mercer is thought to have been on his way to the Catholic Monastery of St. Michael, when he met his death.

RUSH FOR STOCK.

Many Applicants for Ogilvie Bonds and Preferred Stock.

Montreal, June 12.—The subscription list of the Ogilvie Flour Mills company's bonds and preferred stock, which was opened on the 10th, was closed at 3 o'clock today, and the final allotment will be made as soon as the Royal Trust company receive the detailed list of out-of-town applications from the branches of the Bank of Montreal and Royal Bank of Canada. No actual figures are yet obtainable, but it is understood that the applications for the $2,600,000 bonds and preferred stock have been over-subscribed several millions.

Ministers For Coronation

Sir Wilfred Laurier and Some of His Colleagues Leave For London.

General O'Grady Haly Says Farewell to Ottawa and Starts Homeward.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 12.—H. G. Carroll, solicitor-general, and Mrs. Carroll sailed this morning by the steamer Lake Manitoba for England.

Messrs. W. S. Fielding, Mrs. Fielding, W. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson and Miss Patterson and Hon. W. Mulock will sail on the Tunisian from New York on Saturday.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Lady Laurier left for New York today. Accompanying them are Rudolph Bourdeau, the Premier's secretary. The party sail from New York on the Etruria on June 14.

Gen. O'Grady Haly left Ottawa this afternoon en route to England. Many friends in military and social circles were at the depot to say farewell, and the 43rd Regiment furnished the guard of honor. The Major-General and Mrs. O'Grady Haly have been popular in Ottawa.

I. M. Sales, reported at the Militia department as dangerously ill of enteric fever at Klerksdorf, has been identified as W. Hales, Winnipeg, instead of G. I. M. Sales, Revelstoke.

DRUNKEN SPREE ENDS IN DEATH

Swedish Fisherman Too Intoxicated to Save Himself From Drowning—Burglars.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 12.—The body of a Swedish fisherman, J. B. Jonsen, was found near Robertson & Hackett's mill last night. Henry Daggett, John Peterson and an Indian woman named Kitty were in a boat with Jonsen. Some boys were watching the party, as they were all drunk. Jonsen was seen to stand up in the boat, lose his balance and tumble overboard. He was too drunk to help himself and the occupants of the boat were too drunk to help him. The other men have been arrested for supplying liquor to the Indian woman.

A large sized audience was present at the opera house last night to witness the production of "Beaucaire" by Richard Mansfield. The local press speak in high praise of the performance.

Burglars are operating in the city. Two dentists' offices were entered and gold foil used for filling teeth stolen. Residences have also been entered during the absence of the families.

The only successful burglary was at the residence of Rev. Dr. Grant, $700 worth of valuables being taken by thieves, who smashed in the kitchen door.

At A. Brignall's residence the burglar attempted to enter Mrs. Brignall's room, but that lady was awake and screamed, bringing Mr. Brignall and the neighbors on the scene in time to see the burglar escaping over the fence.

Bank clearings for the week today were $1,567,190.

Seattle city aldermen inspected the septic tank system here today and expressed themselves well pleased.

Another steamship will be on the Australian run for several trips to accommodate shippers, the present vessels not being able to handle the trade. A cable was received today that an additional steamship would sail from here August 25.

COPPER FIND.

Large Deposit Discovered in Algoma District.

Toronto, June 12.—J. S. Dobie, C.E., of Bruce Mines, has discovered, in the vicinity of Thessalon, a very large deposit of copper. The vein, which is nearly a mile in length, is about 15 feet wide and tests so far prove it to be very rich in copper ore.

RESORT TO BLOWS.

Members of Austrian House Box Each Other's Ears.

Vienna, June 12.—There was a scene of wild disorder in the Reichsrath today during the debate on the Danube Navigation agreement. Herr Schoenerer, a leader of the pan-German party, and Dr. Wolff, another leader of the same party, exchanging insults and finally boxed each other's ears. It was necessary for friends of the rival leaders to drag them apart, amid cheers and jeers from the galleries.

SIDI ALI DEAD.

And His Son Mohamed Reigns in His Stead.

Tunis, June 11.—Sidi Ali, the bey of Tunis, died this morning. Sidi Ali was born on October 5, 1817. He was the son of Sidi Hashin and succeeded his brother, Sidi Mohamed Sadok, on October 28, 1882. The deceased bey is succeeded by his son Mohamed, who was born in 1855. The reigning family of Tunis has occupied the throne since 1691.

Search For The Hatzic

Quadra Has Returned Bringing With Her Wreckage Found on the Coast.

But None of It Indentified as Belonging to Missing Vessel.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra returned to port yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the West Coast after her search for the missing sealing schooner Hatzic, which has now been given up as lost. The Quadra brought a large amount of miscellaneous wreckage from different points along the Vancouver Island coast, and from the seldom-visited islands of the Scott archipelago, where in some places the wreckage is piled up to a height of about eight feet, but, although some of the sealing captains who have inspected the wreckage, are of the opinion that some of it is evidently from a sealing vessel, there was nothing to show definitely that it had come from the missing sealer. At Cape Scott a wickerwork-covered bottle, such as those used by sealing schooners for carrying water, was picked up by an Indian who gave it to Capt. Walbran, and reported that there had been a paper inside the bottle when he picked it up, but being ignorant of the value of retaining this message, he had destroyed the paper, and what message the bottle bore from the mysterious sea must remain a matter of speculation. From other points a life buoy with a much obliterated name, only part of which could be distinguished, was found, and in another place a nameboard was picked up the letters on which could not be properly deciphered.

The Quadra left here on June 3 pursuant to orders received from Ottawa to search for the missing sealing schooner Hatzic, and she proceeded to Barkley Sound and thence to Clayoquot and to Nootka, at which point the search was commenced. From Nootka the Quadra proceeded to Tatchu point, thence to Kyuquot, from which port the Indians of the Hatzic sailed. There was weeping and wailing at Kyuquot when Capt. Walbran explained that the "hyas tyee" had sent the Quadra to search for the Hatzic, for among the 24 lost Indians there were no less than seven of the most prominent chiefs of the Kyuquots, including the head chief. The Indians were wailing loudly for the greater part of every night, and sorrow dances were being held. They had not yet burned down the houses of the lost Indians, although none were occupied.

From Kyuquot the steamer proceeded to Jeklissett, and from there to Cape Cook. Thence the Cox, Triangle and Lantz islands were visited. These uninhabited and seldom visited islands were found thickly strewn with wreckage, the greater portion of which was so badly chewed up by the washing of the surf and dashing against the rocky coast, that it was almost unrecognizable. On Triangle island the wreckage was piled up in places to a height of about eight feet, and it would have required a large force of men to sort it out. Included in the heap is flotsam from many wrecks, some known, others unknown. The Matteawan had contributed a teak rail, the Condor some racks which the northerly current has brought to the resting place of the wreckage, the Walla Walla has given of her planking, which has drifted for a thousand miles in the current, and there is a various unmarked amount of wreckage.

The Quadra lay at anchor off Triangle island on Sunday last in a howling southeast gale, while patrolling parties searched the beaches. White painted planks, boards, yards, all washed to pieces and so chewed up by the rocks that only the slings of the yards were intact. There were marks and footsteps in the sand to show that some prospectors had recently visited the island, and during the 18 hours the Quadra's crew searched the shore, nothing was found bearing the name or mark that would lead to identification. A hatch, similar to a thousand others, was found, and the skeleton of a sea lion was found in the sand, which was no doubt the ground of the foreman's feast of human remains having been found. Nothing of that kind was brought to light. There was much wreckage, which was possibly from a sealing schooner, and the broken canoes found would have made over a dozen, but whether these came from a schooner's decks or were washed from the coast rancheries and carried to the place of the wreckage by the Northerly currents, none can say.

At Bartlett Cove, Kyuquot, the sliding hatch of a schooner came ashore, and the finding of this had caused great consternation among the Indians of the village. At Tatchu point, where broken canoes were found, a board with the letters M on it was found, but it is hardly likely that this came from the Hatzic as her topmasts were white painted, whereas that found was scraped and varnished. Oak timbers of some vessel were scattered along the beaches near there for miles. Some white painted boards with electric light fittings, evidently from a steamer, were also found, and a piece of a teak rail, similar to that of steam vessels, was found. At Kyuquot one of the Walla Walla's oars was found.

Another find was a white painted lifebuoy which is from some steamer, but the name is so badly obliterated that it cannot be read satisfactorily. The letters S S can be identified as though preceding the first syllable of the steam's name, which cannot be read, other than the last two letters of five —TO, and the second syllable of the name, which can be read is "Mariscal." Another word was evidently painted in black letters similar to the others at the bottom, presumably the port, but this cannot be read at all. The Quadra brought down a large assortment of the wreckage, including panels of doors, planking, lifebuoys, name boards, parts of mirrors, gun racks, which are similar to those of the sealing schooners, rails, stanchions, and various other flotsam, none of which is identified as from the Hatzic.

There is no doubt though that some of the wreckage came from a Victoria sealing schooner. The wreckage brought by the Quadra from the Island coast includes a thermometer, which had been secured from Henderson Bros., the local druggists for this thermometer, which stands about 18 inches high, and is about four inches wide, bears the name of the local druggists. The gun rack, and other of the wreckage was also identified by local sealing captains as undoubtedly from a sealing schooner—but there is no mark to show positively that it came from the Hatzic.

Enquiries were made by the Quadra at Kyuquot regarding the weather prevalent at the time the Hatzic left there, and Mr. Feker, the storekeeper, said that southeast winds had raged continually, while Mr. Amos, another resident, said that for two days Northerly winds had prevailed, which would have carried the Hatzic down to the south of Cape Flattery, and many of the local sealers are inclined to look upon an Indian story—although Indian stories are often of little good—that a sealing schooner was seen drifting into the Quillayute river and broken up as having some bearing on the fate of the Hatzic. The story was carried to Neah Bay by the Quillayute Indians, and the Neah Bay Indians arriving here said that the schooner which had come ashore and broken up was the Viva, but as the Viva was in port, this was hardly true. The Quillayute Indians maintained, though, that they had seen a schooner drifting towards the shore—and there the matter rests. Some of the sealers are disposed to connect this story with the fate of the missing schooner, while others think that she may have struck some of the plentiful floating wreckage at sea and had a hole punched in her hull, which sank her with all on board. Nothing has been found, however, to show in what manner the schooner was lost, but she is missing and has been given up as lost.

The Indians of Kyuquot presented Capt. Walbran with a letter through the shipping master at Kyuquot telling of their great grief because of the loss of their tribesmen, and thanking the government for having sent the Quadra to search for the missing vessel.

MORE REVOLUTION.

German Warship Despatched to Laguaria, Venezuela.

Berlin, June 11.—The German cruisers Gazelle and Falke have been sent to Leguaria, Venezuela, at the special request of the German charge d'affaires, at Caracas, owing to a revolution having broken out in the suburbs of Laguaria, leading to the bombardment of the town by the forts and Venezuelan warships.

Good Progress Being Made

Full Court Disposes of Several More Appeals Set Down For Hearing.

Craigflower Road Injunction Case Stood Over For a Week —Law Notes.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The Full court is making very steady progress with the long list confronting them at their present session. Of the 38 cases, 13 have already been dealt with, six of which however being Vancouver appeals have been stood over for hearing when the court sits next time in that city.

Yesterday morning the argument in the Trowbridge vs. McMillan appeal was continued, the Chief Justice, with Justices Drake and Martin being again on the bench. The parties to this suit are the agents respectively for the Clipper, Mr. Trowbridge of Seattle representing the Pacific Clipper company and W. J. McMillan, of Vancouver, the White Horse Navigation company. In the suit, which is brought upon a note for $2,500, McMillan had his company added as co-defendants in order to bring in their counterclaim for $68,000, both transactions arising out of the Monsense's attempted Nome trip of last summer. The appeal was taken against Mr. Justice Irving's order, adding these parties, but on the conclusion of the argument yesterday, was dismissed with costs. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for plaintiff (appellant), and Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper, K. C., and Fred. Peters, K. C., for defendants.

The next appeal heard was one arising out of the estate of the late Scott McDonald, who died a couple of years ago in Spokane. The deceased was one of the best known mining men in the Slocan, having in his day been associated with the famous Payne mine and some others. From these properties he made his fortune, and it is over the attempt of the provincial government to collect the Succession's Duty Tax on a portion of the estate that the appeal is taken. Amongst the assets is a deposit slip of the Bank of Montreal for $375,000, the duty on which would amount to about $15,000. Its collection was resisted by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., and A. H. Macneill, K. C., of Rossland, on the grounds that the deceased had a foreign domicile at the time of his death, and also that the deposit slip was only evidence of a debt due by the bank, whose head office is without this province. Deputy Attorney-General McLean appeared for the Crown. After hearing the argument, Their Lordships reserved their judgment.

Oppenheimer vs. Sperling is an action brought by the trustees of the estate of the late David Oppenheimer of Vancouver against Sperling & Co., brokers of Victoria, and Morse-Payne and others connected with the B. C. Electric railway for some $68,000 of stock in the old consolidated company, of which the present company is the successor. The appeal was on a point of practice regarding the issuing of a writ against parties residing in London, England, without special leave of the court. Their Lordships ordered that Sperling & Co.'s name be struck off the writ. Mr. McPhillips, K. C., for defendants (appellants) and E. P. Davis, K. C., for the plaintiffs.

PEREMPTORY LIST.

This morning the list of cases to be called are:

Fry vs. Botsford (appellant.)

McCune vs. Botsford (appellant.)

Saunders (appellant) vs. Russell.

Re Assessment Act and Lot 1, Alberni.

The appeal in Nichol vs. Pooley (appellant), which is at the head of the daily list is being held over until the return of Mr. Justice Walkem as neither Justice Irving, from whose ruling the appeal is taken, or Justice Martin, who was at one time advising in this action, can very well sit.

CHAMBERS.

Chief Justice Hunter presided at Chambers at 10 a. m. yesterday, and granted Mr. Robertson's application for a probate order in the estate of S. L. Harris, deceased, and Mr. Higgins application for letters of administration to issue to the official administrator in the estate of Frederick Robinson. Several applications in the penalty cases being brought against the British Yukon company were stood over until this morning, while the hearing of the Craigflower road injunction was also postponed until the 19th instant.

In the County court the defence in the case of Okell & Morris vs. Dickson & Popham is still proceeding, not having been concluded when the Chief Justice adjourned the court last night at 6 o'clock.

FARMER-FRASER.

Pretty Home Wedding at the Residence of Mr. McDermott.

A pretty home wedding took place yesterday at the residence of Mr. Alex. McDermott on the Dallas road, where Rev. Father Althoff performed the ceremony which united the fortunes of Mr. Fred. A. Farmer, of the firm of Hope, Gravely & Farmer of Vancouver, to Miss Helen Fraser, second daughter of the late James A. Fraser. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The groom was supported by Mr. H. Bennet, and the bride, who was given away by Mr. Alex. McDermott, was supported by Miss Gertrude McDermott. A dainty wedding breakfast followed the ceremony, and Mr. and Mrs. Farmer left on the steamer Rosalie yesterday morning for California to spend their honeymoon in the Southern state. They were the recipients of a number of handsome presents and at the dock there was quite a bombardment of rice by the many who had gathered to wish them well, as they started on their tour.

The Chinese Enter A Protest

Segregation of School Children Once More Before the School Board.

Many Routine Mattets Disposed of at the Meeting Last Night.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Board of School Trustees met in monthly meeting in the Council chamber last evening, Chairman Dr. Lewis Hall presiding, and all the trustees being present, except Mr. Huggett, who is still out of town.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were adopted as read.

Communications were then read and disposed of as follows:

From Peter Hansen, offering earth filling from the sand pits for the new High school, at 50 cents per yard. Filed.

From janitor W. H. Huxtable, of the Central school, asking for two weeks' holidays to begin on July 1. Request granted.

From Charles Jenner, asking for appointment of janitor to new High school. Laid on table with other applications already in.

From City Clerk Dowler, stating that it was not thought advisable to move the sewer out onto Fernwood, but that proper man holes would be put in. Filed.

From Principal E. B. Paul, inclosing a letter from his pupils, asking that the field known as Blackburn's field be secured for their athletic sports, for which the present school grounds were unsuited. Mr. Levy's letter (the enclosure) occasioned considerable comment because of its literary worth, and the whole question was referred.

From the Superintendent of Education, asking if the board endorses the reasons and memorial of the Trades and Labor Council regarding the segregation of the Chinese and Japanese children. Laid on the table.

From Tai Yune and 10 other Chinese merchants, as follows:

Gentlemen: The undersigned Chinese merchants of Victoria, who are British subjects and the parents of children enjoying the education of the public schools of this city, desire to represent to your honorable board the views of themselves and other Chinese British subjects enjoying similar privileges upon the question recently under consideration of separating the Chinese children in the course of tuition from other pupils of the school.

It is desired to point out that the object of seeking the advantage of education is to enable the children to acquire the mode of expression and pronunciation of the English language, and the refinements of speech resulting from a teaching in the classes in the schools, and to enable the rising generation to obtain knowledge and form habits which will fit them for intercourse with their fellow-subjects under British rule.

It is further desired to point out that a separation would entail the loss of the spirit of emulation in the acquirement of knowledge and prevent any means of judging of the progress made by pupils denied the advantage of a fair and impartial competitive periodical examination on the knowledge gained during tuition.

The undersigned understand that it is under consideration to place Chinese children in one class. Seeing the differing ages of the children and the stages of school work at which they have arrived, this would entail a hardship upon the teachers and a serious diminution in the opportunities of progress of the children.

Again, it should be pointed out that no apprehension of the result of the education afforded being to educate future competitors in the different branches of industry need exist. The education is sought only by a class who would in no way compete in future life with their fellow pupils.

It may further be argued that no well-grounded complaint can be found with the children themselves, and the utmost care is taken to see that they comply with school rules, and they are at all times impressed by their parents with the necessity for good behaviour, cleanliness, obedience and diligence.

We trust these few observations, among other reasons we have for deprecating any change in the existing state of things, may meet with favorable consideration in your deliberations upon the question, and beg to remain,

Your obedient servants, Tim Kee, Tai Yuen & Co., Lee Woy, Wong Kow, Tai Soong & Co., Dong Tai, Quong Man Fung & Co., Lee Poik Gay, W. A. Lung, Kwong On Lung, Ying Chong Lung, Yuen Lung, Hang On Ling Kee, Wing Chong, Chu Lai.

This was laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Trustee Boggs presented the reports of the Financial committee, the total of which was $1,140.05. This was given the usual course.

Trustee Jay of the Building and Grounds committee, in reporting that the new High school had been completed, paid a nice tribute to Contractor Catterall for the work that he had put into it. From the architect and several others quite competent to give an opinion, he had understood that this was one of the best constructed buildings in the city.

Trustee Jay, for the Special committee, having the question of university affiliation in hand, reported that pending the gazetting of the letters patent by the government, no progress had been made.

Supt. Eaton reported an average daily attendance at the public schools of 2,348 pupils, out of a total enrollment of 2,710, or 86 per cent., with a punctuality percentage of 99.9, the High school punctuality being 99.1 per cent.

INQUIRIES.

In reply to Trustee Drury's question, Trustee Boggs explained that an item of $5 for a type writer had been incurred through one of the teachers taking up a small class in that work. To assist in this work a machine had been rented for $2.50 a month, and the $5 had been for two months' rental. This had been done by way of experiment, and as yet no report had been made of the progress which was being made.

Supt. Eaton reminded the board that when the expense had been incurred, the Finance committee had been notified that if it could not see its way to pass this item, it would be met otherwise, as the teachers were constantly getting little things with their own money to help in their departments.

Mrs. Jenkins asked if heating was still required in the schools, an item of $90 for coal being noticed in the budget of May accounts. In reply it was stated that several schools required some fire in the mornings on account of the damp.

MOTIONS.

Chairman Hall's motion regarding Chinese children then came up. This provided for the setting apart of a small room in the North Ward school for these children, if a teacher could be secured to take charge of this class. It had been ruled by the department that a separate school could not be established, and so a separate room in one of the schools was the nearest approach that could be made to the request of the Trades and Labor Council.

Trustees Boggs and Drury questioned whether this motion was within the right of the trustees. The latter, in seconding the motion, showed how this massing into one room would do away with all the grades at present required, while it did not keep the Chinese children apart in play hours.

Trustee Jay asked what should be done with the 50 odd Children at present occupying this room, if it was to be given to the exclusive use of the 15 Chinese children?

Supt. Eaton told the board that there was another small room just the same size, only upstairs, in the North Ward school.

Trustee Drury complained that the Department of Education would not give them a direct answer to the question as to whether the act allowed them thus to break up the grade system.

The further consideration of the matter was then postponed.

Trustee Boggs then offered a resolution appointing a standing committee of two upon athletics. This was seconded by Trustee Drury. Speaking to his motion, Trustee Boggs referred to the pleasant function of the afternoon at which the Lieutenant-Governor had presented the prizes to the school children. Athletics in the schools seemed to be on the mend generally, and he considered that the trustees should help it on so much as possible, as Sir Henri Joly himself was ready to do by the offer of several prizes for swimming.

The motion was carried, and Trustees Boggs and Drury were appointed the Sporting committee for the schools.

The question of swimming was then brought up by Trustee Jay, who paid Instructor St. Clair a well-deserved compliment for his work in this connection. To encourage this he would move that $25 be appropriated towards this project, and the council should be asked to contribute a like amount.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, who also gave Mr. St. Clair some praise, and it was carried unanimously.

Supt. Eaton, referring to the same matter, read a letter from Mr. St. Clair, in which his programme for the season now on was outlined. From this letter it appeared that in the grades higher than the third there are 186 boys and 237 girls who cannot swim, 110 of the latter being in the highest classes. Mr. St. Clair's efforts, which have been so successful in the past, have been in close following out of Capt. Webb's rules: (1) First learn to swim a few strokes; (2) swim on the breast alone, avoid all side and other strokes, and (3) keep at that stroke till it is performed automatically.

A year ago, Supt. Eaton added, it had been suggested that Mr. St. Clair's remuneration should have been increased, but nothing was done then, although he considered that none of the teachers so thoroughly earned their salaries as he did.

Supt. Eaton reported to the board that through the kindness of the management of the Colonist newspaper, a $25 cup had been offered to the schools (the High school being excluded), as a baseball trophy, of which he and the principals of the schools had been, with two others, made the trustees. This gift had at once stimulated the schools to more interest in the game, and a schedule had been arranged, the two first games of which were to be played on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the one at Beacon Hill, the other on Goodacre's field.

As the summer holidays are coming on, and with them the time for effecting repairs to the schools, Trustee Jay reported that he had gone over the schools with Supt. Eaton and Trustee Matson, and had prepared a list of necessary work which would be attended to, and he accordingly moved that the Building and Grounds committee be authorized to carry out these repairs and that $500 be appropriated to that purpose, which this year had already cost some $720. Carried.

Chairman Hall brought up the question of outside children in the city schools. With the present crowded schools it might be necessary to refuse schooling to these non-residents, as there was not accommodation now for all the city children in their own schools.

Supt. Eaton recommended that Miss B. Pope, of the North Ward school, and Miss M. Johnson, of Victoria West school, be placed upon the permanent staff and given leave of absence to attend the Normal school upon the usual terms, viz., that they pay their substitutes' salaries. On motion this leave was duly granted.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was moved that the usual advertisement for a janitor for the new High school at a salary of $50 per month be inserted in the daily newspapers of the cities. Passed.

As three new teachers are required for the staff after the holidays, the usual notice was instructed to be also advertised.

Trustee Jay urged that copies of the city school regulations should be completed with as little delay as possible.

Trustee Boggs asked permission of the board to give three prizes to "the most popular boy" in some of the departments of the Victoria West school, the prizes to be cricket bats. Granted.

Supt. Eaton reported the results of his investigation regarding the "moral menace" which the Chinese children were said to be to the white children in the schools. He had sent a series of questions to the teachers to be filled up in the case of each of these children, the questions being framed on the very reasons urged by the Trades and Labor Council, and in every instance the answers of the teachers had been in direct contradiction of the charge made against these children. As to the charges based on the grounds of health, he had notified the City council and had coupled with it the request for inspection of the various children in order that they might be investigated. To this as yet no reply beyond a bare acknowledgment had been received.

The board then adjourned to meet again on the 19th instant.

JAPANESE EXHIBITION.

An Estimate of What Foreigners Will Pay on a Visit.

From Engineering

Probably the National Industrial Exhibition, which is to be held in Osaka next year March 1 to July 31, may be the means of inducing considerable numbers, both from Europe and America, to visit Japan, and see for themselves some of the developments which have been made in recent years in engineering, industry, and the arts, as well as to enjoy the beautiful scenery which is one of the chief attractions of the country. We can now go round the world in such a short time and with such a degree of comfort, that it is a mere holiday recreation, and the improved facilities that are now being offered are certain to increase the numbers who will spend their holidays in this manner. The Osaka Asahi has been forming an estimate of how much it would cost a foreigner of position to visit Japan, and it states that its estimates are based on statistics of the past few years. It is calculated that every foreigner who landed at Yokohama, and who stayed in the country for five weeks, spent on an average about 2000 yen (the yen being about 2s.). This sum was divided as follows: 1050 yen for hotel and travelling expenses (30 yen per day), 750 yen outlay for purchases, and 200 yen miscellaneous expenses. Each person who landed at Kobe or Nagasaki could do well at 1600 yen in five weeks, the details being 875 yen hotel and travelling expenses, 600 yen purchases, and 125 yen miscellaneous. The Kobe authorities are more moderate in their estimates and put down the expenses of a foreigner who stays in Japan forty days at between 500 and 600 yen. This probably represents the amount which would be spent by those who were moderate in their ways of living and purchasing; but, of course, much larger sums could be spent by those of extravagant tastes. The amount spent on curios may be made as large as means will allow.

THE SNOWSHOE MINE.

From Phoenix Pioneer.

In order to keep up with the development of the property, and at the same time push the operations for the extensive improvements, the force of men employed at the Snowshoe has of late been materially increased. For a long time the average number was about 30, but lately this has been gradually increased, until at present there are between 65 and 70 men on the mine payroll.

The Order Flourishes

Reports of Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. Shows Satisfactory Condition of Affairs.

A. Graham of Victoria Elected Grand Master For the Year.

Next Annual Meeting to Be Held in Vancouver—Banquet Tonight.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, June 12.—At the election of officers of the Grand lodge, I. O. O. F., A. Graham, Victoria, was elected grand master; Dr. E. C. Arthur, Nelson, deputy grand master; Mayor Neelands, Vancouver, grand warden; Frederick Davey, Victoria, grand secretary (re-elected); D. E. Mackenzie, New Westminster, grand treasurer; G. R. Gordon, Vancouver, grand representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge.

During today's session $100 was voted in aid of the widows and orphans of Odd Fellows killed in the Fernie mine disaster.

The Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada was granted permission to do insurance business in this jurisdiction, and was recommended to the brethern. Vancouver was chosen as the place for the next meeting, Mayor Neelands having extended a cordial welcome.

The various reports presented show the affairs of the order to be in a flourishing condition. To December 31 the membership rose to 3,366, having increased 150 during last year among 41 lodges. Last year's revenue was $62,672.51, out of which was paid in sick benefits $20,512.92. The total assets of the order in British Columbia are $225,347.22, and since the institution of the Grand Lodge $295,290.14 has been disbursed in benefits.

The nine Rebekah degree lodges have a membership of 517.

This afternoon's session was devoted to discussion of amendments to the constitution looking to the reduction of representation at the Grand Lodge and economy in general. Business was pretty well wound up tonight in view of the excursion and banquet tomorrow.

The Westminster Board of Trade last night voted $50 for the relief fund, and also appointed C. G. Major and James Cunningham to co-operate with the Vancouver board and personally urge on the provincial government the necessity for action regarding dyked lands against which have accumulated arrears of dyking taxes, as settlement is being seriously impaired.

Strong memorials are also being forwarded to the government to have the cost of litigation reduced, legal charges being regarded as excessive.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED.

First Division Shows It Has a Large Majority.

Paris, June 12—In the discussion on the government's programme today, M. Buisseire urged the government to firmly carry out the radical programme and introduce measures tending to the separation of church and state, and a progressive income tax, and the partial purchase of the railroads by the state.

M. Jaures, on behalf of the Socialists, declared that they would collaborate with the Republican and Reform policy. The plan of the work promised by the government was fairly satisfactory to him. They wanted a reduction of the heavy burdens imposed by the maintenance of the army and navy.

The Minister of Finance, M. Rouviers, here interposed, saying: "We intend to make economies in all the services."

M. Jaures said he was pleased by the government's promise to vigorously enforce the law of associations, but he regretted that the powers of the clergy were not further curtailed, and hoped that the reduction of the period of military service to two years would be the first step in the formation of a militia system. M. Jaures suggested that France take the glorious initiative in disarmament. The question of Alsace-Lorraine, he asserted could not stand in the way.

The Rightists protested against these remarks of M. Jaures. There were repeated interruptions when he said that the Franco-Russian alliance, on which the patriots counted formerly for supporting the French claims to Alsace-Lorraine, had now become the principle instrument for the maintenance of the status quo.

The President, M. Bourgeois, thereupon intervened, and begged M. Jaures not to injure the patriotic and sacred feelings of his colleagues.

M. Jaures concluded, amid cheers by asserting that disarmament was the best means to assure social reform.

M. Jaures was followed by M. Sembat, who spoke of the uncompromising Socialists. He attacked the moderation of the government, and said he would vote against it.

M. Combes said that the recent elections had shown that the nation approved the policy of the last cabinet, desired its continuance, and that this was the purpose of the government. After entering upon details of his policy, M. Combes concluded by saying that the cabinet's attitude was of combatting nationalism and clericalism.

After listening to a speech by M. Ribot (Republican), in which the speaker dwelt upon the vagueness of the ministerial declaration, the chamber adopted a vote of confidence in the government by 329 to 124. The expression of confidence was worded as follows: "The Chamber expresses its confidence in the government to apply the policy of Laicism, fiscal reform and social solidarity."

The chamber then adjourned until next Monday.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Steamer Sails on Dominion Day to Look For Baldwin.

London, June 12.—W. S. Champ, secretary of the Baldwin-Zeigler Arctic expedition, will start tomorrow for Tromsoe, Norway, whence they will sail July 1 on the Frithjof, for Franz Josefland, to take coal to Mr. Baldwin's ship, the American, and obtain news of the Arctic explorers. Mr. Champ expects to find the America in about 82 degrees. If Mr. Baldwin has succeeded in his dash to the Pole, he will be brought back. Otherwise the Frithjof will leave a well-equipped sleigh party to search for Mr. Baldwin. The Frithjof will return October 1 at the latest.

SCOTTISH CURLERS.

Team Will Come to Canada Next Winter.

Montreal, Que., June 11.—Star's London cable says: There was representative meeting at Edinburgh today, at which 45 curlers agreed to go to Canada next winter. The subject was remitted to the Royal Caledonia Curling club's annual meeting for approval and selection of a team.