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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, May 8.

LADIES VOLUNTEER RELIEF SOCIETY.

An Organization Effected Yesterday.

About 50 ladies responded to the call of His Worship the Mayor and met at the city hall yesterday afternoon for the purpose of forming an association for the relief of sick and disabled soldiers should war break out between Great Britain and Russia.

His worship occupied the chair. The gentlemen present were Captains Crosadaile and Prior, Mr. Jos. Wolf, Mr. D. W. Higgins, Mr. Munn and Mr. Templeman.

The mayor having called the meeting to order said that no doubt the meeting would have been larger but for the changed character of the more recent telegrams. The danger had by no means passed away and it would be wrong to rely too much on the hopes of peace lest if war came it should find us unprepared. The object of the meeting was a most commendable one and, whether war came or not, the movement would be appreciated. Steps should now be taken to strengthen the movement so that in case of a conflict all things might be in readiness for an organized effort. (Hear, hear.)

The minutes of a recent preliminary meeting having been read, the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. D. W. Higgins.
Secretary—Miss M. R. Lawson.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Loewen.

Committee — Mrs. Oridge, Mrs. Robotham, Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Aikman, Mrs. Hibben, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Crosadaile, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Ella, Mrs. Prager, Mrs. Ofner, Mrs. Nuttall, Miss Higgins.

The following ladies signified their desire to become members: Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Prevost, Mrs. Malcolm, Mrs. Flatt, Miss Ella, Miss E. A. Woods, Miss Mouatt, Mrs. Duck, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Driscoll, Miss Jones, Miss Christie, and Miss Nelson.

The mayor read from a report in the Winnipeg Free Press to show how the ladies of every religious denomination had formed an association for the purpose of nursing the sick and disabled and providing for the wants of the soldiers in the field. A meeting of the committee would be held to-morrow and a scheme would be laid before it for the defence of Victoria. Part of that scheme would be a recommendation to the ladies to attend a series of lectures by the medical officer of the volunteer corps. His worship also stated that a room at the rear of the hall would be set apart for the use of the ladies. There they might meet and perfect their organization as circumstances arose. The business was now at an end.

Mr. Joseph Wolf said he was heartily glad that this movement had been commenced, and the business for which the ladies had met having been disposed of, he would ask the ladies to remember the sufferings of the brave volunteers who were now encountering a savage foe in the Northwest. Aid was flowing in from all points, and the ladies in all the large cities were making lint and bandages and providing necessaries and comforts for the poor fellows. He hoped Victoria would do her share. [Applause.]

Mrs. A. W. Ross, having been referred to by the previous speaker, said she would gladly receive all contributions at her residence and would forward them as soon as received. Clothing, cotton, linen—anything would be acceptable.

Mr. H. Crosadaile said the object just referred to was a most laudable one; but the purpose of this meeting should be adhered to, which was to provide nurses and necessaries for our own people when in the field of battle. Although the tenor of the news was more peaceful, the danger was by no means over. He had seen something of war, and had seen a town which war had suddenly visited and in which there was not a single woman who knew anything about nursing sick or wounded soldiers. The Mayor's suggestion for a course of lectures should be adopted. The ladies should know how to bandage legs and arms and to dress wounds; for even if the ships only were engaged there would surely be many sick and wounded sailors and the officers would be only too grateful for the help of the ladies.

Mr. Wolf explained that the business of the meeting was closed. He had merely referred to the distress in the Northwest in the hope that something could be done to help the volunteers there.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the president.

Findlay, Durham & Brodie vs. The Hudson Bay Company.

This case, which for the last twelve months has engaged much commercial interest, has at last come to a conclusion. The action was for the value of 565 boxes of tinplate, which were landed from the Prince Robert in an unmerchantable state, being covered with a filthy substance, which the plaintiffs alleged were the remains of the cargo carried home on the previous voyage. The plaintiffs claimed that the vessel had not been properly cleaned before the tinplates were received and stored, and that as the tinplates were rendered unmerchantable by the substance with which the boxes were covered, the vessel was liable. The defendants, on the other hand, contended that the damage resulted from the perils of the seas.

The case was tried in the first place before the chief-justice without a jury; and he found for the defendants; but on an appeal to the full court judgment was reversed, with costs in both actions against the Hudson Bay Company. Notice of appeal to the supreme court of Canada was given; but after consideration of the judgments and evidence in London this course was not pursued, and the long-pending case has been settled in a manner satisfactory to the plaintiffs.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken appeared for the Hudson Bay Company, and Messrs. Davie & Pooley for Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

Personal.

Mr. E. Musgrave, wife, four sons and two daughters arrived yesterday from Ireland, direct. The young ladies are the guests of Mr. P. Ness, the remainder of the family putting up at the Driard. It is understood that the family have leased Mr. F. W. Foster's residence for the summer.

Mr. R. A. Gerrett and J. H. Liddell, of Montreal, are at the Driard.

Mr. Gordon Gamble is in town.

A fair quality of artificial stone is made of equal parts of lime and sand. It costs about the same as brick.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, May 6th.

The regular meeting of the council was held last evening.

Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Earle, Teague, Braden, Grant and Warner.

PRIVILEGE.

Coun. Grant then rose to a question of privilege. As the minutes had been adopted he presumed they were correct. He had been reported as having seconded a resolution to refuse the use of the hall to the citizens. He had not seconded such a resolution. He had expressed himself on the subject, but he had not seconded any such motion.

Coun. Robertson said that the "yeas" and "nays" had not been called on the electric light question at the past meeting. He moved that the vote be now taken and recorded.

Coun. Teague seconded the motion.

The clerk being appealed to said the vote had been taken in committee, but had not been asked for in council.

The mayor said the minutes had been adopted and the names had not been asked for. He wished the council to grant him one week in order to look up the matter. This was granted.

In reference to Coun. Grant's complaint Coun. Robertson said he saw the councillors hands up, and of course thought they had voted that way.

COMMUNICATIONS

Were read from W. K. Bull, giving the official vote on the bylaw, as 205 against, 179 for—majority against, 26. Spoiled ballots, 4. Received and filed.

From Lee Sam, applying for a license to carry on a business as pawnbroker, promising to keep his books in English and to assist the police. A communication from Chinese merchants certifying to his character was read.

On application of Councillors Grant and Robertson the application was refused.

From J. D. Ronald, Brussels, Ont., offering to sell the city a fire engine for $3,800, and giving full particulars of the engine.

Referred to fire wardens to report.

From Coun. Robert Ward, stating that he had divided No. 28, Fairfield estate, and asking that the street on south side be named "Oscar street." Received and name adopted.

From Jos. H. McLaughlin, asking that a sum be expended on Fernwood road so as to make it passable from Yates street.

Referred to street committee with power to act.

From Geo. Blackwell, stating that he had been at work breaking rock for the corporation for some time at $1 per yard, and was only able to make 75 cents a day and asked for an advance of 30 cents. Received and filed.

From W. R Sellick, applying for parts of Pioneer and Quadra streets for building purposes. Granted, subject to usual conditions.

From John Redmond, stating that owing to the greater number of streets to be sprinkled he was obliged to make a new tank, costing $70, and a wagon costing $100, and asking for full amount of his tender.

Councillor Earle explained that the contract with the present man was temporary and advised that the future tenders be called for and the limits defined.

Councillor Braden thought the streets should not be sprinkled with filtered water when people were needing it.

The mayor explained that a contract had been signed and bonds given. Laid on the table.

From M. Humber, complaining that the water had been turned off from his brickyard and asking that it be turned on again. Also one from A. Fox on the same subject.

Coun. McKillican said M. Humber had been compelled to sign a contract allowing the water to be shut off on certain conditions, whereas others near his property were allowed to have it. He considered it an injustice, as if one was shut off all must be.

Coun. Smith said M. Humber had two yards and it was the second yard that the arrangement had been made for. The water would not be turned off the lower yard.

Coun. Braden explained that it was for his second yard that Mr. Humber applied and it was granted and to-day the water was turned off. He had a tank at the other yard. If water were turned off one it should be from all.

Coun. Grant thought if the city could sell water outside the limits during the night when it was not needed in the city, it was a matter of business and should be sold.

Couns. McKillican and Robertson moved that the water be supplied to the brickyards during the night, subject to regulations of the council.

Mr. Russel, water commissioner, explained that he had been ordered by the water works committee to turn on the water to Mr. Humber's yard until the vote on the bylaw had been taken, and if defeated the water was to be turned off on the 6th. This had been done. The motion was carried.

From Heisterman & Co., calling attention to the fact that the contractor for the Kings road was depositing rubbish on private property.

The surveyor ordered to have the matter remedied.

From H. C. Wilson, complaining of the state of the drain on Johnson street near Blanchard. Referred to city surveyor and street committee with power to act.

From R. T. Finlayson, certifying that Mr. Jas. Baker had performed his contract on Quadra street, and was entitled to the price, $200. Referred to finance committee to be paid if correct.

TENDERS FOR BLASTING.

The following tenders for blasting rock on Putnam street were read: W.H. Snider, $3.25 per yard; James Baker, $3; John Berryman, $2.62; and for blasting on Blanchard street, W. H. Snider, $3.25; James Baker, $3; John Berryman, $2.75.

Contract on motion awarded to J. Berryman.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

for April, amounting to $3,943.50, were read and referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.

SANITARY OFFICER'S REPORT.

J. Flewin reported concerning certain sanitary matters.

The usual notices were ordered to be served, and the matter of extending the Yates street drain was referred to the street committee and city surveyor with power to act.

SIDEWALKS.

Couns. Smith and McKillican moved that a 4-foot sidewalk be laid on Montreal street from Dallas road to Simoce street.

Coun. Smith explained that it would be 1,310 feet long, and would cost about $288.

The motion was ordered to stand as a notice of motion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coun. Robertson called attention to an uncovered well near the gravel pit.

Coun. Grant complained of a sidewalk on View street. It was in a dangerous condition, as accidents might happen.

Coun. Braden asked if anything had been done about the drain on Government street? It had been referred to them with power to act.

Coun. Grant called attention to the well at Beacon Hill park. It was explained that the matter would be attended to.

Coun. Warner moved that tenders be called for brushing Rock Bay avenue from John street. Carried.

Couns. Robertson and Braden moved that a committee be appointed to report the necessary steps to be taken to regulate washhouses.

The mayor named Couns. Robertson, Braden and Teague as a committee.

THE STREET SPRINKLER.

Coun. Braden said there were a great many complaints about the street sprinkler, as a number of the citizens were not benefitted and still had to pay for it. The water supply also deficient, and the sprinkler should not be allowed to use water from the mains.

Coun. Grant explained that Mr. Hendry had informed him that the cart used about 25,000 gallons of water per day, which was about one-tenth of the supply. Another cart would consume the same amount. The matter was worthy of serious attention.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Coun. Grant read a report from the Electric Light Committee. He was willing to accept $2500 cash and $2500 per month, with interest, until the $12,000 were paid. He was also willing to provide the labor for attending the lights for $150 per month, and provide labor, fuel and everything necessary for $240 per month.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Coun. Braden said it had been customary to give a donation for prizes, etc., and he would give notice that he would move that $100 be donated for that purpose.

THE WATER QUESTION.

Coun. McKillican moved that a committee consisting of Couns. Teague, Grant and the mover be appointed to try and devise some scheme for a better supply of water.

Coun. Smith thought that was equivalent to a vote of censure on the Water Committee, and as chairman he did not think it advisable for him to hold the office.

The matter was, after discussion, referred to the Water Works Committee.

Coun. Smith moved that the Water Supply Bylaw be brought up first after the regular business at next meeting. Carried.

The Council adjourned at 10:30 o'clock.

What Some People Say.

That on Monday last in Portland the thermometer registered 85° in the shade.

That wild strawberries were picked in Victoria district on May 1st.

That 450 children have died from measles in New York city since January.

That "Wheat take the cake when we cereal war," said a punning grain dealer, as he attempted Russian affairs on the Produce Exchange.

That the crane for lady barbers is dying out. After a man has had his face cut bias, his throat shirred, and his hair pompadoured, and been talked to death, he naturally returns to the male barber and takes chloroform or laughing gas.

That a Western paper speaks of girls at the rink as "Angels on Casters." We have observed that when one of the angelic creatures gets upon rollers for the first time they are very apt to caster.

That they are moving for an ordinance in Indianapolis to prohibit any female from driving a horse or mule on the public streets without at least one day's notice to get ready for a collision.

That "Say, Wilkins, I saw your best girl out sliding with Sam Peters. What are you going to do about it?" Wilkins (apathetically)—"Let her slide."

That when a contribution box came back to him empty a clergyman said solemnly: "Experience may be a dear teacher, but the members of this particular flock who have experienced religion have accomplished it at a very slight cost. The choir will sing the 79th hymn, omitting the first, third and fourth verses, in order to save unnecessary wear on the organ."

That the ice bridge at Niagara is said to be over sixty feet thick. If an iceman were to get into financial difficulties next summer such a bridge would carry him safely over.

That it is an open secret that Madame Bernhardt's infancy was a wretched one; but what is not quite so well known is that her parents belonged to a family of circus-riders in Amsterdam—Kingsbergen by name.

That a new dictionary of the Chinese language comprises forty volumes, and that when a Chinese editor gets stuck on the spelling of a word he has to delay publication for a week or two in order to consult the lexicon.

That a little fellow was eating some bread and milk, when he turned around to his mother and said, "Oh, mother, I'm full of glory! There was a sunbeam on my spoon and I swallowed it."

That never before in English history has the eldest son of the Prince of Wales attained his majority while his father was still only heir apparent.

That Oregon and California are suffering from the drought.

That the South African diamond fields are not paying, and nearly all the mining companies, merchants and bankers are bankrupt.

That a company of Eastern capitalists has been formed in the East to manufacture beer at Coal Harbor—not brew capitalists, as stated by the Times.

That the shoe-blacking business must be a profitable one, judging from the number of stationary and itinerant "shiners" there are in town.

That in the Russian town of Syzran there is now living a man whose age is 127, a fact of which there is said to exist indubitable proof. He was wounded in the battle of Borodino and afterwards entered Paris with the allied army. He is supported by charity.

That an Illinois philanthropist wished to benefit the poor by teaching them to eat their bread with the buttered side down. The sense of taste, he insists, is more acute on the tongue, and that a very small amount of butter is necessary, if put in the obviously right spot.

That a flea one sixteenth of an inch in length can jump a distance of 20 inches. This is 320 times its length. The indicator on a gas meter is about an inch in length and it can jump a distance of——. But on consideration we'll postpone the calculation until time hangs heavily on our hands.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—At the half yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway, held in London, Eng., on the 27th of April, a full half-year's dividend was declared on the 6-per cent. guaranteed stock, and a dividend of 1¼ per cent. on the first preference stock, leaving a small balance to be carried forward. There is a large falling off in the revenue, the half-year ending Dec. 31st, 1883, being £3,054,248, while that of the half-year ending 31st Dec., 1882, amounted to only £1,821,747. This was attributed to the greatly increased competition, mainly, no doubt, with the Canadian Pacific.

BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED.—The auction mart of Messrs. Wolf & Scoones was brilliantly illuminated last evening by the improved 56 candle power electric lamp just introduced by Messrs. Friend & McCleary of Winnipeg. The lamp is a great improvement over previous inventions. It emits a steady and far reaching flame and the consumption of oil is not greater than in an ordinary lamp. The illumination will be continued for a few nights.

MAIL SERVICE FOR THE NORTH.—The owners of the steamer Barbara Boscowitz have been awarded the contract for carrying the mails to all points north to Fort Simpson, commencing on Saturday next. The contract is for four years for a monthly mail. This will be welcome news to miners and canners in the northern waters, as they are now assured of a regular mail. Previously, they had to depend altogether on the courtesy of the steamer proprietors.

AGENTS' HERALD.—Mr. Lum Smith of the Agents' Herald, Philadelphia, is doing a good work in exposing business and medical quacks who take in publishers and the public with spurious advertisements. He has a score of libel suits always on hand; but continues his good work undeterred.

RELIEF FOR THE NORTHWEST VOLUNTEERS.—With respect to a notice appearing in another column we are requested to state in addition that Messrs. Ferguson & Co., Government street, will receive any contributions which may be left at their store. Donors are requested to leave their names with the articles.

THE Teaser, with forty passengers, arrived from Fraser river last night. The river is rising rapidly.

CITY BOARDERS.—There are fifty-two prisoners undergoing sentence in the city gaol at the present time.

Marine.

The Alexander leaves to-day with the barge Taylor for Salt Spring, and will tow down the ship Dixon, coal laden at Nanaimo, for San Francisco.

THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE.—The first meeting of the Defence Committee will be held at the city hall at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. The mayor will preside.

CELEBRITIES.—Messrs. Hall & Lowe have a case of Northwest Indian celebrities and also a photo of the rebel Riel on view in front of Denny's store. The Indian photos are specially good.

IMPROVED.—The sidewalk along Douglas and Courtenay streets has been completed. The street in front of the Club is being cleared of all rubbish, and the quarter presents a substantial and handsome appearance.

DOWN.—The line went down at seven o'clock last night.

From the Daily Colonist, May 8.

THE TRANSFER COMPANY'S STABLES.

A Thoroughly Equipped and Modern Establishment.

The extensive stables for the Victoria Transfer Company, facing on Broughton and Courtenay streets, are about completed and will be ready for occupation the latter part of next week. They are composed of two buildings 90x57 feet, 22½ stories in height, and are most complete, compact and convenient for the purposes intended. The main entrance is on Broughton street immediately at the foot of Broad.

On the right are several offices to be occupied by the British Columbia Express Co., extending 30 feet in depth. In these is built a large vault, 6x6 feet, by 8 feet in the clear, furnished with double brick walls and iron fire-proof doors.

To the left are the offices of the Transfer Company. The main room is intended for a carriage house, with harness rooms at side. Immediately above the offices are ten sleeping apartments for the use of employés. The balance of the first floor is also intended for carriage room, the vehicles being hoisted by a large elevator in the centre of the floor. The attic will be utilized as a store room for condemned plant, etc.

Between the two buildings is a space of 15 feet with Portland cement floor sloping to ends. This will be devoted to washing purposes, the water draining into the street sewers.

The entrance to the second building, the stable proper, is from Courtenay street. The ground floor is altogether filled with stalls for horses, there being a large passage-way in the centre and rows of ten stalls on each side, at each end being six box stalls for fancy stock. The stalls other than box are arranged with lifting doors to allow of horses being fed without entering the stalls. Grain is brought from the upper floor by hoppers into a box at end of passage way between the stalls. Feeding stock is thus rendered quick and easy. The accommodation is for about 100 horses.

The upper floor is partly devoted to stalls for horses, there being 33, reached by runways at either side. The floors of these stalls are caulked like the deck of a ship and arrangements are in place to be run will drain to gutters at the end, and thence to street sewers. They are also arranged for feeding similar to those on the ground floor. The balance of the flat is used as a storehouse for hay and grain, the feed being lifted by rope and tackle from outside. There is a repair shop located on this floor, provided with requisite tools for repairing vehicles. The upper floors of the buildings are connected by a gangway for conveying vehicles to and from either.

The company is under the general management of Mr. S. Tingley, Mr. Frank S. Barnard being president, and Mr. A. Henderson superintendent of the stables.

The cost of the buildings complete will be in the neighborhood of $10,000, and have been built by day labor under the superintendence of Mr. C. T. Penwell. They are built entirely of Douglas pine, the outside walls and roof being coated with fire-proof paint.

Meeting of the Victoria Defence Committee.

The Victoria defence committee met yesterday afternoon. His Worship Mayor Rithet presided, Mr. J. D. Robinson acted as secretary. There were also present Col. Holmes, Capt. Crosadaile, Hon. S. Duck, Mr. E. Harrison, Mr. C. Booth, Mr. E. C. Johnson, Couns. Grant and Braden, Mr. R. Offerhaus, Mr. D. R. Harris, Mr. J. Fell, Mr. T. Gowen, Mr. J. R. Anderson and Mr. D. W. Higgins

After some remarks a motion to adjourn *sine die* was not seconded and a resolution to proceed to business was carried unanimously.

Correspondence from a pensioner of the British army, now at Chemainus, offering his services; and from a gentleman at San Francisco offering to rifle cannon and mount them and submit a new system of fortifications, was read.

The mayor read two schemes for defence and Mr. E. C. Johnson moved that both schemes be submitted to a committee for revision.

Mr. Higgins seconded and the motion was carried.

A lengthy discussion arose as to the cause of lukewarmness on the part of young men in joining the artillery.

One speaker said that dissatisfaction with the commanding officer was the cause.

Another denied that such was the reason.

In reply to a question, Col. Holmes said that no arms could be issued unless to enrolled militiamen, except in case of the formation of a home guard, when a departure from the rule might be made.

Mr. Crossdaile moved that the mayor be authorized to telegraph to the minister of militia to obtain permission to use the arms and to drill a militia company.

The motion, which was seconded by Mr. C. Booth, was carried.

Messrs. Crossdaile, Harrison and Grant were appointed to draft a scheme for defence and the plans submitted were referred to those gentlemen.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

War News!—False Alarm!

The railway company's steamer Skuzzy, Captain Keiphoff, with a full cargo of liquor aboard. No passengers. Passed Boston Bar at 6:30 p. m. May 2d, downward bound for the Gulf of Georgia. On her unheralded approach the inhabitants mistook the vessel for a Russian ram, and very prudently and expeditiously moved to a more strategic and less exposed position on the mountain. Major ——, telegraphist, alone remained in town, in command of his splendidly mounted local battery "B." To the honor of our provincial defenders, be it said, this gallant soldier of the "line" manfully and fearlessly held his "ground." General —— will be proud to learn of this act of heroism on the part of one of his valiant officers. After passing the Bar the hull reached an eddy two miles below, when the Indians took possession.—COM.

Cowichan Notes.

A number of roads are being located in the district, one up the Koksailah valley, and to interior points generally, to meet the requirements of the large number of settlers that have lately gone in, and are taking up locations. Quite a number have located a considerable distance up the Cowichan river.

The government are putting up two new school houses, one at Somenos and the other at Quamichan.

The crops generally are looking well and apparently have not been the least affected by the late drouth. The fruit crop promises to be a large yield.

Railway work is progressing favorably, Messrs. Bell & Patterson having recently received a large plant and a number of fine horses. The work is being rapidly prosecuted.

The Chinese Regulation Act.

Circulars were issued yesterday to the Chinese collectors recently appointed under the provisions of the "Chinese Regulation Act, 1884," instructing them to proceed at once in enforcing the act. This provides that every Chinese resident of the province not a British subject, shall contribute the

SUM OF TEN DOLLARS

to the provincial treasury each year for the privilege of being allowed to live in this province. Any Chinese found in the province not in possession of a receipt of having paid the $10 tax will be subject to a fine not exceeding $40. Employers of Chinese are compelled to furnish a list of those in their employ, and in each case of default are subject to a fine not exceeding $100 or two months imprisonment. The collector may seize goods of Chinese in default of their not paying the license. Employers will also retain license while Chinese are in his service. Toll gate collectors are instructed to demand that such license be shown before allowing them to pass.

Chinese are required to pay $15 for a

FREE MINER'S CERTIFICATE,

and any found mining gold or other precious metals without a license are subject to a fine not exceeding $40.

The use of opium is prohibited except for the purposes of medicine and surgery and a penalty not exceeding $100 is imposed for every infraction of this section of the act.

Section 25 provides that it will be unlawful to occupy as a dwelling any room unless there is at least

384 CUBIC FEET OF SPACE

for each occupant. Any person who lets or occupies contrary to this provision will be subject to a penalty not exceeding $50.

From the above it will be seen that we have a most stringent Chinese regulation act, and if its provisions are properly carried out it will go a long way toward preventing the incoming of any more celestials, and will also dampen the ambition of those already here, and probably induce large numbers of them to flee the country.

The bill was passed 18th February, 1884, its provisions to come into force one year from that date. Its proper enforcement will determine the fact that our government and people are

THOROUGHLY IN EARNEST

in their efforts to counteract the evils that the Chinese exercise in the advancement of the province. It will also add a snug sum to the provincial coffers, there being fully 10,000 in the country. At $10 per head it means $100,000.

County Court.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

THURSDAY, May 7th, 1885.

There was a large list at the sitting of the County Court yesterday, thirty in all. Many of these were settled by consent of the parties. The cases occupied the court from morning until about 6.30 p. m. The following are the main cases disposed of:

Amos Westwood *v.* C. E. Apponyi.—This was a case in which the plaintiff who is an artist, sued the defendant for $125 for painting a portrait in oil of the defendant's son. The case took considerable time, judgment being given for the plaintiff for $50 and one of the pictures to be returned to plaintiff. Mr. Mills for plaintiff. Mr. Yates for defendant.

Selleck *v.* Dare.—The plaintiff sued for $21 for liquor and drinks supplied by him to the defendant, but only recovered $6.75, the price of bottles of whisky he sold.

Hilliard *v.* Fish.—This was a summons taken out on a writ of replevin for the sum of $17.75, the value of a cooking stove, and $5 for detention of the stove. Judgment was given for the defendant. Mr. Blanchard for plaintiff, and Mr. Pooley for defendant.

W. C. Price *v.* Baker & Son.—This was a case where the plaintiff supplied the defendants with 450 dozen eggs at a cost of $96, which defendants refused to pay claiming eggs were rotten. Judgment for defendants. Mr. Mills for plaintiff, Mr. Pollard for defendants.

English & Anderson *v.* R. Price & H. Price.—Contract; sued for $193. Judgment for plaintiff for $146 30.

Court adjourned until Wednesday, 20th May.

What Some People Say.

That Gen. Grant's health continues to improve and several thousand newspaper offices have begun to distribute his obituary notices which have been in type for some time.

That a citizen of Ottawa having suffered in health from a defective drain has sued the city and recovered damages.

That everyone has heard of the newspaper that was edited by an oyster can. The can dangled at the end of a rope, the other end of which was in the composing room, and whatever anybody chanced to put into the oyster can went into the paper. It remained, however, for the Philadelphia Press to scoop a Chicago contemporary of being edited with a scoop shovel.

That it costs $10,275 to build a good 80-ton gun.

That the entire literature of Abyssinia, it is said, does not include more than 100 volumes.

That mosquitoes are making things lively at New Westminster.

That there is no truth in the report that the smallpox has broken out in the Indian Railway camps.

That a deal of what passes for the milk of human kindness would not bear skimming.

That all the observatories in the world and many of the railroads now number the hours of the day from 1 to 24.

That it is said to have been a rule with Ninon de l'Enclos, whose skin was the admiration of beholders, to use rain water exclusively.

That Sir Erasmus Williams states that, all exaggerations or contradictions to the contrary, the human hair can turn white in a very few hours.

That the person who wants to find out how long he can go without eating, generally meets with success, but he has to enjoy his knowledge in another world.

New Westminster.

(Special to The Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., May 7.—At the assizes to-day in the case of William Perkins of St. Mary's Mission, charged with arson, the grand jury found "no bill."

The steamer Idaho, from Tacoma, arrived at 8 p. m.

A light rain started in this morning and still continues.

Personal.

Mr. T. Fawcett, late of London, Ont., is at the Driard.

Hon. Mr. Smithe, Mr. R. Dunsmuir, M. P. P., president of the Island Railway, and Mr. Hunter, chief engineer of the same, came down from Nanaimo yesterday.

Marine.

Bark Majestic is loading coal at Nanaimo.

Steamship Wellington and bark C. O. Whitmore are loading Wellington coal.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Arrived—Str. Geo. W. Elder, Victoria. Cleared—Bark Julia Foard, Nanaimo. Sailed—Schooner Corona, Puget Sound.

THE YOSEMITE.—The steamer Yosemite, which has been moored near the Custom House all winter, has recently received a thorough overhauling, and is now in No. 1 shape. On Monday next she will be placed on the New Westminster route. The time of sailing has been changed from that date to 12 noon instead of 7 a. m. as formerly. This will enable passengers to make quick connection with the railway at Port Hammond, and no doubt the extra nap in the morning will be thoroughly appreciated. Capt. John Irving will command the Yosemite.

CANNERIES.—The following canneries will be operated this season:—Ewen & Co., British Columbia, Richmond, Delta, Dominion, British American, Wellington, English's, Alert Bay, Cunnigham's and Inverness.

Interior Notes.

(Inland Sentinel.)

Mr. G. B. Wright, Officer Kirkup and others were among the passengers last trip down. Mr. W. has been ailing somewhat, and came partly for his health. A difficulty having arisen at the Columbia in consequence of the officer occupying Capt. Steele's place declining to acknowledge the provincial authorities, Mr. Kirkup returned for instructions, etc. Three Dominion officials at Farwell and vicinity are unable to control the "free and easy" liquor traffic.

Died at the residence of his son Joseph, east of Kamloops, on the 27th inst., James Todd, at a ripe old age, having been born in Northumberland, England, in 1800. He came to Canada in '31, and resided for many years in the county of Hastings, and as two of his sons had come to this province in early days, upon the death of his wife, the now deceased arrived in British Columbia in '74 and has resided with his son Joseph nearly ever since.

STEAM SEALING SCHOONER.—The small screw schooner Clyde is just about ready to start for the northern waters to engage in seal fishing. She is a prettily-built boat of thirty tons register, well arranged for the business to be engaged in, and is commanded by Capt. J. Blake. The engines are rotary marine of a new pattern, and the speed attained will be from eight to ten knots per hour. On Wednesday next she will leave for Queen Charlotte Islands, whne the sealing boats will be ready. The staunch little craft was built by Mr. J. Caldwell, for Mr. H. R. Troup, the wood-work being entirely of Douglas pine. She is a credit to her builder and owner.

NAVAL.—The steel man-of-war Howe was launched at Pembroke, Wales, April 29. This new addition to the navy carries ten guns and has a crew of 440 men. The Howe is a twin screw steel-armor plated barbette ship of 9700 tons burden, and 7500 horse power engines. Secretary Whitney and John Roach have agreed that the U. S. warship Dolphin shall have another trip before her final acceptance by the government. The trial will take place in the Sound, and will be a six hour run.

THE BUOYS.—The Columbian says: It is said that the buoys at the mouth of the river are out of place, and no person seems to care whether they are or not. The snag boat, which is supposed to look after these buoys, still lies at the wharf because the federal authorities don't seem to have the least concern whether the Fraser is navigable or not. The treatment we are receiving is shameful.

ACCIDENT.—Wednesday morning a miner named A. Maloney was severely injured by a fall from the roof in his stall at the No. 1 Esplanade shaft. It is feared that he is seriously injured in the spine and back, as his legs are partially paralyzed. The left arm is badly broken in two places, and the leg just above the knee is deeply cut.—*Free Press.*

WILY CHINESE.—A number of cabins are being constructed immediately in the rear of Kwong Lee's cabins and adjoining Commercial hotel. These were commenced the day after the publishing of the new fire limits by-law, and as it requires seven days' publication before its provisions came in force, the cunning celestial may erect his fire-traps without becoming amenable to the by-law.

ISLAND RAILWAY.—The work is being rapidly pushed forward by Messrs. Bell, Larkin & Patterson, the contractors for the northern section. A short branch is being made from the main line at Chemainus to the wharves of Messrs. Croft & Angus, where the rails, locomotives and supplies will be landed.

THE SQUATTER'S CLAIMS—ARREST OF S. GREER.—Last evening Samuel Greer, of Chilliwhack, was arrested under a warrant charging him with forgery and lodged in the city prison, Sir M. B. Begbie, who sat as commissioner in the Squatters' claims, having reported that in his opinion Greer has been guilty of forgery, in having attached certain names to a deed to an Indian claim at English Bay.

CHANGES.—The steamer Otter will be taken off the Burrard Inlet route next week, and the steamer Western Slope will take her place under command of Capt. Meyer. Mr. E. H. Dickinson, formerly in the C. P. N. offices, will assume the duties of purser.

LARGE FREIGHT.—The steamer Princess Louise to-day takes up a very large freight for mainland points. For A. Onderdonk there are 2000 mats of rice and 400 sacks of blacksmith coal, ex Queen of the Pacific; 350 boxes of tin are billed to the Richmond cannery, and a large lot of general merchandise for various consignees.

THE RAIN.—The welcome rain of yesterday will prove a great benefit to the growing crops. It has brightened vegetation in and about the city, laid the dust, and slightly relieved the atmosphere of the many foul stenches that unfortunately are so numerous in the city.

BRITISH IMMIGRANTS.—A large number of English, Scotch and Irish immigrants have arrived in the province during the past week, intending to make it their home. Mr. Jessop, immigrant agent, has paid $100 in bonuses so far this month to immigrants who have applied for it.

TWIN OAK FARM SALE.—Dufour & Co. will hold an important sale at Twin Oak Farm, Cedar Hill district, to-morrow, at 2 p. m. The property includes all the farming implements, buggy, live stock, crops, furniture, etc.

YORK & LENZ.—This well known and successful dry goods house has dissolved, Mr. Jos. York going home to England with his family to reside henceforth. The business will be continued by Mr. M. Lenz at the present premises, Government street.

THE MILITIA.—It was stated at the meeting of the defence committee yesterday that Major Dupont—a wise, efficient and able officer—had resigned; but the statement was afterwards contradicted.

FROM THE INLET.—The steamer Otter is due this evening from Burrard Inlet, via Nanaimo, whence she will tow down the barge Maude, loaded with Wellington coal.

THE high railway bridge at Chase river, near Nanaimo, is nearly completed. It is two stories in height and is said to be a substantial structure.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Over one million and a quarter feet of lumber will be required for the construction of Peter Donahue's new building, corner of First and Mission streets.

Local fire insurance stocks are quite dull as three of the companies passed their dividends for the quarter ending March 31st.

Twenty vessels are now engaged to load wheat, with an aggregate carrying capacity of 45,000 tons. At this time last year San Francisco had vessels aggregating 18,000 in port under engagement for wheat. There is now 76,000 tons of disengaged tonnage in port against 121,000 tons a year ago, and 170,000 tons on the way or engaged to come against 175,000 tons at this date last year.

The new crop of potatoes has about taken possession of the market. Shipments are now coming from all quarters whence early consignments are usually received.

Eggs—Constant arrivals from the east keep prices down. They are quotable at 16@17½c per dozen for California and 16@17½c for eastern.

ACID STOMACH, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN AND INDIGESTION are quickly cured by using Perry Davis' Pain-Killer. Bathing the head freely in Pain-Killer will usually relieve the most severe attacks of Headache. 29

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

THE NORTHWEST REBELLION.

Preparations for the Battle at Batouche.

Terrible Depredations by the Indians.

The Whole Indian Population on the War Path.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, May 7.—A wild rumor here to-night that Middleton's force had had a severe battle with the rebels at Batouche induced great excitement. The rumor, however, has been pronounced entirely baseless. It is not known that Middleton has yet moved from his camp at South Gabriel's.

Advices from Clarke's Crossing say the steamer Northcote will be strengthened to-day and her vulnerable parts rendered bullet proof. She will go down stream simultaneously with the troops and attack Batouche from the river.

Edmonton advices say the region north and east of there is full of hostiles. In fact, all Indians west of Battleford are in war paint. Settlers have all fled. John Walkinshaw and Albert Harkness, both from Ontario, were killed by Big Bear's band over a week ago. Their wives and the wives of the two missionaries are prisoners. All four women are being frightfully maltreated. Scouts from the northeast say that Col. Otter will have a fearful time of it. Poundmaker, Little Child and all other chiefs are on the war path. A number of half-breeds are directing them. Major Steel was to send word back when he reached Edmonton, but nothing has been heard from him. There is a perfect panic in the Eleanor district, and scores of homesteads have been burned.

CABLE NEWS.

Unveiling the Bust of the Poet Coleridge.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, May 7.—Previous to the ceremony of unveiling the b