

THE CITY.

It is estimated that about 150 householders have qualified as municipal voters during the month just past.

CAPTAIN LUKER McGRATH, of Victoria, and Miss E. Buchanan, of Prospect, N.S., were joined in marriage at Boston on the 12th inst.

Private bills will be asked for at the next session of the Legislature for the revival of the Mt. Tolmie & Cordova Bay Railway Act of 1893, and the re-organization of the Vancouver Electric Railway & Lighting Company.

A VERY enjoyable and well-attended concert was given at Esquimalt on Wednesday evening in aid of the funds of St. Paul's Sunday school. The minstrel troupe of H.M.S. Phœnix contributed very acceptably to the programme.

The following appointments were officially gazetted yesterday: Gordon Hunter, Victoria; R. D. Irvine, Comptroller, C. W. H. Ballcock-Webster, Osoyoos, to be notaries public; Robert Lambly, of Enderby, to be a justice of the peace for Yale district.

The Canadian Pacific Railway's telegraph line is now open for business to the following points in the Kootenay district: Lardner, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Robson and Sayward. The rates are .90 and 6 for day and .60 and 4 night, for ten words, exclusive of address and signature.

ANOTHER party left Victoria last evening for the South African treasure fields. It was made up of Henry Miller, George Miller, Frank Walla, Percy Carter and James Reid. They take the Northern Pacific for the East, and from New York to Southampton, whence they take steamer for South Africa.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 17, K. of P. elected the following officers last night for the ensuing term: Chancellor, C. W. H. Ballcock-Webster; Vice-Chancellor, J. J. Randolph; President, A. S. Potts; Master of Works, F. O'Grady-Beaven; Master of Arms, G. K. Gilbert; Master of Exchequer, J. F. Pearce; Master of Finance, A. S. Potts; Keeper of Records and Seal, F. S. Findlay; Trustees—G. S. Russell, H. A. Munn and J. Roberts. The installation will take place the first meeting in January.

SUBSEQUENT cablegrams to those received in the city by local sailing firms on Wednesday regarding Lamson's big sale, came to hand yesterday. One of these was received by Hall, Goepel & Co., and states that the northwest coast skins sold at 20 per cent. less than last year. A cablegram to R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., announces that Calverwell Brooks & Co. disposed of a portion of their lot of skins at 25 per cent. less than last year's prices. It would leave the skins worth about \$11 here.

WORD was received here yesterday morning that Mrs. J. J. McNeill, of this city, is lying at death's door in Chicago. She is the eldest daughter of Thomas Shaw, manager of the Albion Iron Works, and has many friends in Victoria to whom the announcement will be a sad surprise. Mr. Kana was a member of the firm of Shaw & Kana until the amalgamation of their concern with the Albion Iron Works; after which he went to Chicago, and has since moved to Chicago several years ago.

Is the Gazette of yesterday, Messrs. Bodwell & Irvine, of the position of the notice that application will be made to the Legislature at the approaching session for a private bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railway connecting at Kaslo; these running up the main fork of Kaslo creek to Bear lake; and thence to the forks of Carpenter creek; with power to build branch lines to any mill or mine adjacent to the line of railway, and also with power to build wharves and docks and to erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines, and all necessary works in connection therewith.

A NOTICE appears in the Gazette of yesterday, that application will be made to the Legislature at its next session for a bill to incorporate a company "to construct, equip, maintain and operate a line of railway from some point at or near Garra Point, on the Fraser River, South Vancouver, to Burnaby by the most feasible direct route to the city of New Westminster, with power to construct a branch line from some point on the main line in a northerly direction to the city of Vancouver, with all such powers, rights and privileges as are incidental and necessary thereto." Messrs. Belyea & Gregory are acting for the promoters of the new line.

This Commissioner of Lands and Works and his deputy were very busily engaged yesterday afternoon in opening the tenders received for the construction of the new Parliament buildings. Their number is legion, and the tenders have not been all opened last evening, and the examination of them will be proceeded with to-day. It will probably take several days to arrive at the awards of the work.

THOMAS McNEILL, a New Brunswicker, has succeeded in establishing his claim, as next of kin to the deceased owner, to the sum of \$4,000 which has been lying in the Provincial treasury for more than ten years. In August, 1893, a Nanaimo miner named Samuel McNeill was sent here to be taken care of by the Provincial police, as he was developing signs of insanity. The then superintendent induced McNeill to deposit \$4,000 which he had with him, in the police safe, but allowed the man his liberty while his friends could be communicated with. McNeill started to Tacoma the steamer North Pacific and was drowned on the trip. It was only lately that an heir was discovered, and F. B. Gregory, of Belyea & Gregory, having been appointed administrator, has now disposed of the estate as above mentioned.

The second of the Diocesan Literary and Scientific Society's series of entertainments was given in the Temperance hall last evening and was well attended. Mr. A. H. Scalf, the society's honorary secretary, gave a most interesting lecture on "Wits and Humor," which was the chief feature of the evening's programme. His address was full of fun and kept the audience in smiles and laughter throughout its delivery. Two large programmes, which were creditably painted by Mr. T. B. Norgate in novel and characteristic style, were exhibited in the hall to take the place of the ordinary hand programmes. These announced, besides the lecture, a piano solo by Mr. G. Powell; song by Mr. Charles E. Redfern; comic song, Mr. Foulkes dialogue, "If I Were You," by Mr. and Mrs. Scalf; song, G. Bushby; song, Mr. Powell; comic song,

Mr. Wyman; song, Miss Rhodes, and song, Mr. Kingham. The programme proved highly entertaining. During a short interval refreshments were served, while the piano gave expression to a number of fine selections by a young lady volunteer. The next of these entertainments will be given on December 14, when there will be a debate and smoking concert.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The Dominion steamer Quadra returned to port yesterday afternoon, having been absent since Monday. While away the contractors for the new fog alarm building on Entrance Island were taken across from Vancouver and, with the agent of marine, selected a site for the alarm construction side. The buoy was found and returned to the Fraser. Very bad weather, thick with snow, was met with in the Gulf, and fog to this port. The Quadra went out of commission and into winter quarters on her return, and the crew were discharged.

The Moran brothers, who have been working on the wrecked San Pedro for the past six weeks, with this morning, if weather permits, make their final attempt to lift this unfortunate vessel. An effort to raise her was made the night before last, but the effort was unsuccessful. The vessel's deck was found to be defective and operations had to be suspended to allow of its being repaired. One of those interested said, yesterday, that the recent bad weather had seriously interfered with the work or the undertaking would have been decided by this time. It is believed the attempt this morning will prove a fruitless one, and in this case the vessel will be once more abandoned.

THE COAST METEOROLOGICAL. The saloon passengers from Victoria by the steamship Walla Walla for San Francisco yesterday were: Miss L. Cameron, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. B. Humphreys, C. H. Freeman, R. M. Mitchell, F. Sherwood, Miss Smith, Miss Ferris, Miss L. Shorter, Mrs. H. Berry, and song, W. D. Boyer, P. Almas, J. A. Bowker, C. H. Boyer, H. E. Findlay, Thos. Walsh, W. R. Gouin, B. Gouin, G. J. Platt, H. C. Plimpton and Mrs. Chas. Gordon.

THE NEW TIME TABLE of the steamer City of Kingston, operated in direct connection with the Northern Pacific railway, comes into effect Monday next, after which date the time of arrival and departure at the various points on the route will be as follows:

Arrive. Depart. Victoria, 8:30 a.m. Port Townsend, 12:30 a.m. Seattle, 1:45 p.m. Tacoma, 2:30 p.m. Tacoma, 8:30 p.m. Victoria, 7:30 p.m.

Mails from Victoria via the Sound will, under the new arrangement, close at 7 a.m. FROM THE NORTH. The steamer Danube arrived down from the North last evening, where she reports the weather very cold. At several places in the North snow lies two feet deep on the level, while on the Skeena and other Northern rivers ice is quite plentiful. The steamer Chieftrain ran ashore at a point two miles below Port Eslington last week, but succeeded in getting off at the next high water. She had a large hole stove in her bottom, but she was damaged can be easily repaired on the Skeena without putting the owners of the valuable tug to much expense. Among the passengers down from the North is Mr. R. T. Woods, manager of the cannery at Eslington, who brought down with him in custody a young Indian who is accused of burglarizing Mr. Donohoe's store at that place, and stealing considerable property. The Indian who was arrested a few Sundays ago while attending a Salvation Army meeting, was identified by the aid of a paper containing his name, which he had recently dropped in the store. The bulk of the Danube's cargo was salmon, 2,140 cases being from the Inverness cannery, and 40 cases being frozen salmon, which was landed at Vancouver before the steamer came down to Victoria. The following were the passengers: Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Stone and family, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Williscroft, C. M. B. Clifford, J. L. Alexander, S. S. Roberts, son, B. J. Woods, Rev. Stone, R. Cunningham, B. K. Muir, Mrs. Walsh, Dan. Morrison and J. A. Carthage.

AFTER making a complete circle of Vancouver Island, the tug Mystery returned to Victoria yesterday, loaded down with salmon from Alert Bay, of which she brought 23 cases, 22 barrels and 29 kits. On the West Coast the Mystery passed the schooner Masoot and Laborer on a trading expedition, the former being on her way home, having sold on the cargo, and the latter on her way North. The Mystery's crew were somewhat astonished to see the numerous new houses which dotted the shore here and there along the coast. The majority of the buildings are, they say, quite new looking little cottages, while many of them are two-story structures. Two Indian passengers who arrived down from the North on the steamer were badly frightened shortly before the vessel reached Victoria. The steamer ran into a very choppy sea off Discovery Island, which tossed her around pretty freely for a while, and the Indians, who were sleeping in the forward hold, were awakened by the noise of the salmon barrels knocking around on deck, broke open the hatchway and sticking out their heads and shoulders above deck, received the first look of a big sea, which soon sent them back into the hold.

EXPORTS OF COAL.

Foreign Shipments by the New Vancouver Coal Company for the Month of November.

The following is the list of the New Vancouver Coal Company's foreign shipments during the month just closed:

Tons.	Tons.
1—Str. Tyne, Port Townsend..... 53	1—Str. Tyne, Port Townsend..... 53
2—Str. Vancouver, Port Townsend..... 53	2—Str. Vancouver, Port Townsend..... 53
3—Str. Bonanza, Valparaiso..... 705	3—Str. Bonanza, Valparaiso..... 705
4—Str. Holyoke, Port Townsend..... 58	4—Str. Holyoke, Port Townsend..... 58
5—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend..... 61	5—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend..... 61
6—Str. Crown of England, San Diego..... 3,386	6—Str. Crown of England, San Diego..... 3,386
7—Str. Persimmon, Port Townsend..... 57	7—Str. Persimmon, Port Townsend..... 57
8—Str. Monterey, San Francisco..... 1,448	8—Str. Monterey, San Francisco..... 1,448
9—Str. San Leon, Port Townsend..... 64	9—Str. San Leon, Port Townsend..... 64
10—Str. Pioneer, Port Townsend..... 35	10—Str. Pioneer, Port Townsend..... 35
11—Str. Angeles, Port Townsend..... 35	11—Str. Angeles, Port Townsend..... 35
12—Str. Vancouver, Port Townsend..... 40	12—Str. Vancouver, Port Townsend..... 40
13—Str. Bark Ootana, Honolulu..... 1,726	13—Str. Bark Ootana, Honolulu..... 1,726
14—Ship John A. Briggs, San Francisco..... 3,340	14—Ship John A. Briggs, San Francisco..... 3,340
15—Str. San Leon, Port Townsend..... 17	15—Str. San Leon, Port Townsend..... 17
16—Str. Tyne, Port Townsend..... 53	16—Str. Tyne, Port Townsend..... 53
17—Str. Bark Carleton, San Francisco..... 1,778	17—Str. Bark Carleton, San Francisco..... 1,778
18—Str. Monterey, Port Townsend..... 40	18—Str. Monterey, Port Townsend..... 40
19—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend..... 61	19—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend..... 61
20—Str. Tyne, Port Townsend..... 49	20—Str. Tyne, Port Townsend..... 49
21—Str. Angeles, Port Townsend..... 35	21—Str. Angeles, Port Townsend..... 35
22—Str. Pioneer, Port Townsend..... 35	22—Str. Pioneer, Port Townsend..... 35
23—Str. Bark San King, San Francisco..... 2,978	23—Str. Bark San King, San Francisco..... 2,978
24—Str. Crown of England, San Diego..... 3,400	24—Str. Crown of England, San Diego..... 3,400
Total..... 26,937	Total..... 26,937

BEYOND DEPUTE.

THERE is no better, safer or more pleasant cough remedy made than Hagar's Peppermint Balsam. It cures hoarseness, sore throat, coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles.

THE CONVENTION CLOSED.

Interesting and Important Resolutions Adopted by the Provincial W. C. T. U. Annual Election of Officers—Vancouver the Scene of Next Year's Meeting.

The third day of the Provincial W. C. T. U. convention opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Scoullar, of New Westminster. Then the departmental reports were continued with that of the Juvenile and Kindergarten Work, which was read by Miss Fraser, of Vancouver, and called forth considerable discussion. The filing of committees and unions, and setting forth that the convention cannot fill any deficiencies in the ranks of delegates, was lost, as was also a negative amendment by Miss Brown, of Vancouver, the latter receiving 22 votes to 20, but requiring a two-thirds majority.

The election of officers was taken up late in the afternoon, the first ballot for president giving twenty-five votes to Mrs. Schofield, of Victoria; sixteen to Mrs. Cunningham; three to Mrs. Gordon Grant, Victoria; and one to Mrs. Schooley, Vancouver. On the second ballot Mrs. Schofield was elected with a majority of seven, the vote being: Mrs. Schofield, twenty-six; Mrs. Cunningham, nineteen.

Mrs. McGregor, Victoria, was chosen as corresponding secretary; Mrs. Barbara McDonald, New Westminster, as recording secretary, and Mrs. Cunningham, New Westminster, as treasurer.

The opening public meeting in the Metropolitan church school room opened with a prayer service led by Mrs. Cunningham, of New Westminster; in the other churches of the city the weekly prayer meetings were also conducted by the members of the Union, this fact adding considerably to their interest.

Mrs. Spofford, the new president, presided at the public meeting, when Rev. A. B. Winchester delivered an instructive and very interesting address. Another notable feature was a paper read by Mrs. Spofford, giving a synopsis of the work transacted during the year just closed.

After the public meeting an adjourned session was held in the Epworth League room for the purpose of closing up the unfinished business of the convention, and the appointment of superintendents of departments, the latter on nomination of the new executive, completed attention until 10 o'clock the meeting was as follows:

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an amendment to the Act of last session, making it illegal to sell tobacco in any form to a person under 21 years of age.

The report of the committee on Plan of Work, recommending the formation of a Women's Council in the near future, and advocating the election of women as school trustees, was adopted, and the convention next proceeded to the consideration of proposed amendments to the constitution.

It was decided that in future due notice must be given of all such contemplated changes. Mrs. Grant's resolution providing that delegates to the Provincial Convention must be regularly elected by their local unions, and setting forth that the convention cannot fill any deficiencies in the ranks of delegates, was lost, as was also a negative amendment by Miss Brown, of Vancouver, the latter receiving 22 votes to 20, but requiring a two-thirds majority.

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MIDWINTER FAIR.

Delegates of Provincial Boards of Trade Wait on the Governor.

Would Like an Appropriation to Exhibit at San Francisco.

Deputations representing the Boards of Trade of the four largest cities of the Province gathered in Victoria last evening with a view of obtaining, if possible, from the Provincial Government assistance for an exhibit of British Columbia's resources at the Midwinter Fair at San Francisco. The delegates from Vancouver were Dr. Lefevre and A. H. B. Macgowan, secretary of the Board of Trade; Westminster was represented by Mayor Curtis and T. J. Trapp, president of the Board of Trade, and Ald. Nightingale was Nanaimo's delegate.

At 8 o'clock the Council of the B. C. Board of Trade met in their rooms, for the purpose of choosing delegates, there being present A. C. Flimmerfelt, president; C. E. Renouf, Gustav Lester, D. R. Kar, T. E. Hall, H. D. Helmer, and the secretary, T. J. Trapp. It was decided that all the members present should wait upon the Governor, and the representatives of the other cities arriving soon afterwards, a general discussion on the objects of the meeting ensued.

After coming to order, with the President in the chair, the secretary read the resolution of the Board of Trade asking the Government to provide for the representation of the Province at the Midwinter Fair, together with the reply that the Government would take the matter into consideration.

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good exhibit could be secured, and advocating the utilization of the Provincial museum and mineral collection. The Mainland men were sure a good lumber display could be secured besides slate and agricultural products, helped out by the experimental farm exhibits.

Finally after further discussion the Premier thanked the delegation for their attendance, saying that the Government would carefully consider every argument put forward, and if they found that they could constitutionally and in the best interests of the country assist the project their first impressions would not be so indelible as not to be removed. To what extent those impressions might be removed he could not say, but he might remark that had it not been for the attendance of the delegation the subject might not have been reconsidered. The question was one of money, and the Finance Minister would have to be consulted. The wishes of the delegation would have careful consideration.

After thanking the Premier and the other Ministers, the delegation withdrew.

NOVEMBER STATISTICS.

The statistics for November, herewith presented, show plenty of work in all departments, with no special features, unless, perhaps, it be the lightness of the criminal calendar, which contains but one important case, that concerning the killing of Wes Don on the 6th of the month. Such of the returns as are at present available are given below:

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Exports. Produce of Canada.....\$441,151 00 Not produce of Canada..... 7,083 00 Grand total.....\$448,234 00 Imports. Free value of.....\$ 3,586 00 Dutiable value of..... 182,941 00 Total.....\$384,827 00 Duties collected.....\$ 57,648 16 Other revenues..... 1,837 77 Total.....\$ 59,485 93

THE FIRE RECORD.

During the month, a fire station has been equipped in the James Bay residential district, provided with awning harness and modern apparatus, two horses, a horse and 600 feet of hose, and in charge of a driver and call men. Box 6 has been moved to the new station, which is also supplied with telephones—No. 450. In the James Bay district there are twenty-four hydrants, while orders have just been given for the placing of seven new hydrants in Victoria West, two on the Oaklands Estate and eight elsewhere in the city. The record for the month is:

November 7-2:30 p.m.; box 61; crossed wires; no loss. The Premier, Hon. Col. Baker and Hon. Mr. Pooley received the deputations in the hall, and the delegates were then escorted to the Government building, where by appointment they were to meet members of the Government at 9 o'clock.

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