

LICENSING BOARD.

Transfers Sought—The Record Transfers and Re-licensing Board.

Owner's Peculiar Position—Possessing an Application.

A business occupied the attention of the Licensing Board on Friday. The Board considered the applications of several licensees.

Transfers.—The following transfers were granted: Mr. J. F. Foulkes, H. B. Haines and A. D. Crease, three oyster licenses.

Renewals.—The following renewals were granted: Mr. J. F. Foulkes, H. B. Haines and A. D. Crease, three oyster licenses.

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THE CITY.

The first meeting of the trustees of the Victoria Chemical Co., Ltd., is to be held on the 23rd inst.

The Hornets vs. Cowichan rugby match has been indefinitely postponed. The Cowichan team has become disorganized and several of the best players have left.

The C.P.R. telegraph office on Tuesday had 1857 orders of going press dispatches and 400 ordinary telegrams, by far the heaviest day's telegraphing in the history of the office.

Rev. O. B. Read, of California, has commenced a series of evangelistic meetings in Emmanuel Baptist church, Spring Ridge. The first meeting, Tuesday evening, was very interesting, and the interest deepens as the work goes on.

John Hinton, the occupant of a water-gate cabin, who is believed to have no friends in the Province, is awaiting medical examination for insanity, having been arrested by Officer Hutchinson on Tuesday evening.

The following have been selected to represent Victoria in the match against Vancouver, at Beacon Hill, on Saturday afternoon: H. Pettifore, back; J. F. Foulkes, H. B. Haines and A. D. Crease, three oyster backs; E. Stronach and G. W. White, half backs; H. F. M. Jones (captain), I. Crease, W. H. Langley, J. Fraser, G. H. Warden, F. Wollaston, E. A. C. Gibson, D. O'Sullivan and W. Scott, forwards.

A report of an incident of the recent labor conference the Sydney papers which arrived on Tuesday brings an interesting report. This is a report of a political conference of delegates of labor leagues and trade unions of New South Wales, at which there were nearly 250 persons present.

The new schoolroom in connection with St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, was formally opened last evening with an address by the Bishop of Victoria, who presided at the concert, the programme for which was published yesterday. The new school, which will comfortably accommodate about 150 pupils, is situated in the rear of the church on Henry street, and is a neat, unpresumptive building, thoroughly fitted for its requirements.

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mao, with Miss Jamison, afterwards received an ovation for a well rendered trio, "The Gypsy's Laughing Song." Brown was treated to a liberal allowance of compliments for his number, "The Wonders of the Deep," sung in his usual excellent style. Mr. Erskine Wolf, L.C.M., had to respond to a general demand for an encore for his execution of "Elegie," given with a degree of sweetness and taste for which he is so well known.

While others have talked, the proprietors of the New England bakery have been at work, and the result is that a fine cold storage warehouse is now in operation in the basement of their building on Government street. The test made has proved highly satisfactory, the temperature being easily kept at 28 degrees above zero or four below freezing point.

"FARM AND ORCHARD ECHOES," a neat twelve-page publication devoted to the farming and fruit growing interests of British Columbia, has made its appearance in the Fraser valley. Mr. W. H. Lewis being the editor and proprietor.

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VICTORIA CHORAL SOCIETY.

For some considerable time Victoria has been without a choral society, but steps have now been taken, as one enthusiastic lover of good music puts it, "to roll away the reproach." At a well attended meeting held recently in Pioneer Hall, Mr. J. J. Austin presiding, it was resolved "that all persons, together with other singers as may be desired, who are willing to join, form what in future will be known as the "Victoria Choral Society."

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THE HUNTINGDON TRAGEDY.

Presentation of Evidence for the Defence—Counsel Emphasizes Absence of Motive.

Witnesses Request the Protection of the Court—A Generally Re-puted Report.

The Assize court, Mr. Justice Walkem presiding, entered yesterday upon the hearing of the evidence for the defence of Albert Stroebel, on the indictment for the murder of John Marshall, this being the seventh day of the trial. It will take nearly all of to-day and to-morrow to present the defence.

When the court assembled at 10:30 o'clock the judge, jury, counsel and prisoner paid a visit to the adjoining room where the lamp had been left burning on the previous evening, and the seal being broken the door was opened, and the lamp, still burning, was brought into the court.

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The witness had applied for an injunction to restrain Marshall from making improvements, but failed to obtain it as the land was not then in the market, being part of the mining reserve. After this it was agreed between them that when the land was thrown upon the Government should settle between them. Witness did not think the matter between them and the railway was impossible at any time, but he admitted having stated at the last trial, when endeavoring to show that Stroebel and Eyerley would not get access at night to the mine, that the mine might be crossed with the only entry in the daytime, but that to cross would be almost an impossibility.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Getting in Readiness to Wind Up the Business of Their Term.

A Motion to Raise Salaries is Lost—To Call in Outstanding Bills.

A meeting of the School Board was held last evening with the Chairman Charles Hayward presiding, the others present being Trustees Lovell, Bishop, Yates, Saunders, Marchant, and the Secretary K. Williams.

The usual opening routine business being finished, invitations were read from the various schools asking the Board to attend the public examinations. The invitations were accepted with thanks.

Several requests from teachers to be allowed leave of absence were granted, the applicants arranging for substitutes. Miss Bradley of the James Bay school, Miss F. A. Smith of the Spring Ridge school, and Miss Northcott of Victoria West school sent in their resignations as they intended to give up teaching. The resignations were accepted with regret.

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THE TRADE CONFERENCE.

It appears from the Sydney newspaper just to hand that the report of the business of the conference proposed to be held at Ottawa next season between delegates representing the governments and boards of trade of Australia and the Dominion respectively, had its origin in the objections made to the sending by the government of Victoria of other than ministers to represent the colonies at the conference.

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