

## THE CITY COUNCIL.

Devotes an Evening to the Consideration of a By-Law Regulating Its Own Proceedings.

Can the Assessor Sit as an Arbitrator?—The Electric Light Wharf.

The new by-law for the regulation of the proceedings of the city council was the chief item of business discussed at a special meeting of that body held yesterday evening. Mayor Tague being absent through illness, the chair was taken by Ald. Munn, his associates at the board being Ald. Viglius (who has almost entirely recovered his health), Ald. Humphrey, Keith-Wilson, Ledingham and Dwyer. The meeting had been called for 7.30, but it was after 8 o'clock before the first order of business was taken up.

This was in the form of a suggestion by Ald. Dwyer that inasmuch as there had been some slight irregularity in regard to the final reading of the Tax Sale by-law at the last regular meeting, this matter should be brought before the council and the by-law reconsidered and finally passed.

Water Commissioner James L. Raymur was asked to acknowledge the recommendation of the council respecting the expropriation of lands required for the betterment of the city's water supply. He raised the point also as to whether, being a servant of the corporation, Mr. W. W. Northcott, the city assessor, could be empowered to act as arbitrator upon the prior to be paid for these lands. It was a question in his mind also if the arbitrator proposed by the council (Mr. Northcott) could be asked to sit in a judicial capacity upon his own valuations. Having pointed out the possibility of a misapprehension in this direction, the Water Commissioner asked for definite information from the council as to what lands it was their wish to have expropriated—on receipt of directions in this regard he will proceed to business.

The eligibility of the City Assessor to act as arbitrator for the city was debated at some length, the general opinion of the council apparently being that there could be little objection, though perhaps it would be advisable to have a legal opinion on the point. The decision was terminated by the adoption of a resolution, instructing Mr. Northcott to proceed with the valuation of the lands in question, the Water Commissioner to be subsequently instructed as to whether or not Mr. Northcott will act as arbitrator. The Mayor and Finance Committee were by a show of resolution, empowered and requested to give the Water Commissioner such directions as they might consider necessary, in regard to the lands to be expropriated.

Contractor Robert Dunsdale wrote that the extension of the stone wharf, additional light station wharf, the additional 20 feet recently decided upon by the council, would involve an increase of cost of \$454.50. He enclosed the architect's plans showing how the work was proposed to be carried out. Another long discussion ensued, the point in debate this time being whether it would not be better and cheaper eventually to construct a solid stone wall. This discussion was at last pronounced irregular by the chair, coming too late. The council then went on motion received and the proposition of the contractor (which Mayor Tague had pronounced a good one for the city) accepted.

Then the new by-law to regulate the proceedings of the council was taken up. Ald. Dwyer explained that he had recently been found to exist for clear and concise rules of procedure and a thorough definition of the duties, powers and privileges of the various officers and committees. The by-law at present existing had been found of little use, failing to give the desired information on many a disputed point, even after long and wearisome research. It was the intention after the passage of the by-law to have it printed and bound in pocket form for the convenience of members of the council.

The first reading of the by-law passed, and the council then went into committee, when the by-law was considered serialim. The first 39 sections were duly passed, the majority without amendment. On section 40, dealing with a manner of voting in council, the committee struck a little snag which it was decided should be investigated. The committee accordingly rose, reporting progress, and the council adjourned.

## THE CITY.

DR. HUGH WATT of the 150-Mile House has been appointed coroner for Cariboo.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER W. S. Gore has been appointed a gold commissioner for the province.

MR. H. DALLAS HOLMSTROM, of this city, and Mr. E. P. Davis, of Vancouver, have been raised to the dignity of Queen's Counsel by the Dominion government.

JUDGE ELLI HARRISON of the County Court of Nanaimo has been named as judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal for Nanaimo City, North Nanaimo and South Nanaimo electoral districts.

In Chambers yesterday Mr. Justice Drake granted an order for the examination of defendant in *Sui v. Conlin*. Mr. G. A. Morphy (Schultz & Morphy) for plaintiff; Mr. Alkan (Drake, Jackson & Helmcken) for defendant.

AFTER a quick trip North the steamship Islander, Capt. John Irving, returned to port last evening with a large cargo of salmon, consisting of 12,000 cases, from River's Inlet. Fine weather accompanied the ship since leaving here on Sunday evening.

AMONG the private bills which will be sought at the approaching session of the legislature is one to amend the City of Nanaimo official map act, another to exonerate Harrison Hot Springs park from the municipality of Kent, and still others to extend the time for the commencement of operations under the Pacific Telephone and Cable act of 1894 and the North Vancouver Electric Co.'s act.

THE second entertainment, given last evening in Institute hall, by the choir of St. Andrew's cathedral, under the direction of Mr. C. A. Lombard, proved even more successful than the first, the attendance being larger and the performers having what advantage there might be gained by constant practice in the interval. The programme as published in yesterday's *Colonist* was well carried out. The choir can justly boast of a number of fine voices, well trained, which harmonize well together. Misses S. McNiff, M. Stewart, A. Dolan, C. Goddard, and Mrs. Lane, Messrs. Lang, Schell, C. A. Lombard, C. A. White and W.

Jackson were heard to good advantage. Miss A. Fox and Mrs. C. A. Lombard's piano duet and the Misses E. Schell, D. Schell and E. Styles' mandolin and piano trio were noteworthy features of the programme, and were received in a hearty manner. Concluding the entertainment a most laughable farce was given, the cast throughout being well sustained.

JOHN KELLY, otherwise known as "Mad-die-nose Kelly," whose domestic troubles have driven him on more than one occasion to the jail haven of the city lock-up, was yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment for the theft of a step-ladder belonging to Charles Tull. The offence was the first of a serious nature of which Kelly has been guilty, and it was deliberately committed. Kelly having expressed the intention of "doing something right away" that would send him to jail until after Christmas.

BAILEY, the Pacheena Indian who was shot in the leg by Sergeant Levin a few nights ago during the scrimmage on the reserve, is reported to be progressing favorably at the hospital. The bullet was removed by Dr. Richardson without difficulty, and though the bone was found to be broken it was set promptly and is now mending well. Strange to say, this Indian is a constable and tribesman of the Indian wash when Officer Allen accidentally sent a bullet into a couple of years ago, and the tribe in consequence do not feel any special friendliness for the city police.

ABOUT three months ago a headless body was discovered on the beach at Clover Point, several speculations being made as to its identity. One that the remains were those of Mr. William Henley, who a few weeks previously had been drowned in the Sooke river, was to a certain extent borne out by the clothing worn by the corpse, but one party who made the most positive statement on this point failed to appear at the inquest on account of a misunderstanding, and though every endeavor was made to secure positive testimony, it was not forthcoming. Mr. William Henley, however, drew the special attention of the police to this case and their investigations have served to substantiate the ideas which were formed at the time, that on his way from Goldstream to Sooke river Mr. Henley had fallen into the stream at a point about eight miles from its mouth where it is crossed by the trail.

In his lecture upon "Marion Crawford, novelist," at St. Ann's academy yesterday, Mrs. Watt predicted that this comparatively new star on the literary horizon would shine to other ages with the same luminosity as Dickens, Scott, Thackeray, George Eliot, Bulwer, Lytton, and other masters of the pen. His clear-cut style, keen analysis of character, observation and accurate transcription were touched upon. He is valuable, as a historian, since he can summarize epochs into paragraphs, valuable as a sociologist because he has faithfully described the social conditions of many different peoples. His graphic descriptions of his sympathetic and knowing touch in applying local color, his satiric humor usually penetrating to the depths, his bantering and his master of dialogue and the greater of charming cultivated men and women.

## FRASER RIVER RECLAMATION.

(From the Chilliwack Progress.)

Among the matters which will demand the careful and serious consideration of the government during the coming session will be the reclamation of the low lands along the Fraser river. There is no more pressing question at the present moment, as we sit, than this one. The outcome of it will not only affect the settlers who now occupy the lands, but future generations as well. The very existence of the best agricultural lands in the province—and for what matter in the Dominion—demands that they shall in some way be protected from the overflow of the Fraser and other streams. It is within the recollection of our readers that, during the election campaign, the dyking question was a prominent feature. The calamity of the flooded districts was fresh in the minds of all, and prominent government officials and the political camp followed, expressed themselves in strong sympathy with the people, and with this scheme which they favored.

It is now well-known that the government is in favor of a comprehensive dyking measure—one that will deal with all exposed lands. The question is not what we might expect. Reasonable men do not ask for a government to do legislation to do for one constituent what they would not do for another—to protect one part of the Fraser valley and leave the rest to take care of itself. The larger scheme is the more feasible, the more practicable. What the people want is that this scheme shall be launched at the earliest possible moment.

Every year the very existence of ranching in the valley is imperilled. If two such experiences of high water should occur in succession, poverty and starvation for the people is all that would be left. It is well known that at the present time the outlook is anything but cheering for the twelve months before us. If this front could be begun in the dyking scheme, it would be a boon to all. Not only would it afford money to those who have now no means of earning it, but it would restore confidence to the ranchers, as well as to those who may have been contemplating a residence in these parts of our Province. It would also remove the fear, which hangs like a pall over the country, of a similar catastrophe during the incoming season. We look forward confidently in the hope that the government, with their wonted energy and desire for the development of the country, will hasten to float a scheme which will make these lands what nature intended them—the great agricultural garden of the Western Coast.

This matter is one to which we will expect not only government supporters, but all our legislators to give their attention and support. It is not a question of mere policy. On it there is but one opinion, but one thing to do. The duty of an Opposition is not simply to oppose. The Opposition members are the representatives of the people—to assist in measures for their welfare, and carry out their wishes. That the inhabitants of the Fraser valley desire their lands dyked is well known. It goes without saying. Personalities and party spirit should sink in the presence of such an important question, and we look forward to a united House when such an important measure is introduced. Let our politicians show that they are not ruled by mere sentimentality, but that they are the being and well-being of our land is far above all personal piques or petty considerations.

## PERUVIAN REBELS DEFEATED.

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 18.—The government announces the recapture of Payta and the defeat of the rebel forces advancing on Trujillo. The government claims that the rebels are now dispersed into small bands and live by plundering the country.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder.

World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

## CRAZED BY MEMORY.

Where Once He Had Met With an Accident, a Chinaman Goes Temporarily Mad.

With Difficulty He Is Prevented From Jumping Off a Rapidly Moving Train.

A peculiar incident showing the effect of suddenly awakening memories of a terrible experience developed on the E. & N. train on Thursday. Two years ago a section foreman named Finnigan was riding on a handcar with some of his section hands, among them a Chinaman named Cum. Some misadventure the car came into collision with a locomotive at bridge 5, a short distance north of Requisite, with the result that Finnigan was killed and Cum badly hurt.

Since that time Cum has been employed as a section hand up the line and never until Thursday did he seem to care to visit Victoria. However, he then started by the regular train for this city. He was admiring the scenery the train sped along, but suddenly bridge 5 came in view.

In a moment the accident of two years ago flashed into his mind and the whole horrible scene seemed to re-enact itself to him as fresh as when it happened. He took the train and jumped from his seat. With a bound Cum jumped from the car. The man seemed suddenly to have become mad and, howling with terror, he rushed to the platform of the car and tried to jump overboard. The conductor luckily was at hand and seized Cum, and with a strong effort prevented his falling under the wheels of the car. Cum fought and yelled, in his struggles tearing the conductor's watch-chain into fragments, but other people coming to the conductor's assistance, the crazy Chinaman was hauled back into the car and held in spite of his frantic efforts to get free.

All the way to town he shouted and fought, but gradually the spell worked itself off, and when the train drew up at the station Cum, calm and apparently in his normal senses, and walked away as calmly as if nothing had happened. Strange as this story may appear it is vouched for by quite a number of people who were on the train and witnessed the whole scene.

## THE CITY.

The funeral of the late William Rothwell takes place from St. Paul's church, Requisite, on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

A big block of New Vancouver coal recently exhibited at the exhibition at the central show here, has been presented to the Protestant Orphan's Home.

About fifty Victorians took advantage of the special rate on the City of Kingston last evening and went over to Tacoma to witness the close of the Interstate fair to-day.

The Independent Order of Foresters met in the St. Andrew's and Cathedral hall, Blanchard street, this evening, to welcome the Supreme Secretary (J. A. McGillivray), who arrives here on the Kingston at 4.30 o'clock.

The members of the Songhees tribe will be held yesterday afternoon for the selection of their new chief, in the case of the late Chief Frezette, until Indian Agent Lomas reaches the city. He is now in Comox and expected to arrive down in about a week.

When returning from the Spanish agricultural show last evening, a man picked up a bag containing eight loaves of bread and a quantity of meat. The bag was brought into town and the owner can secure it by applying at the *Colonist* office.

The funeral of the late Robert Williams, M.A., took place yesterday afternoon, the services being held at the Reformed Episcopal church, Eighth Ave. Bishop Bridge and Rev. G. G. King officiating. The funeral was given by Messrs. Thomas Stobell, C. E. Redfern, Geo. Jay, P. Leech, J. B. Lovell and E. Mallandaine.

A MEETING of the creditors of G. L. Simpson was held yesterday afternoon, when the report of stock taking was given, showing the assets to be \$4,667.33 in hand, \$300 outstanding accounts, \$800, making a total of \$5,867.33. Instructions were given to close the business out before the end of the month. The liabilities, secured and unsecured, total but little more than \$4,000.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS LUSCOMBE, of Carey road, were the victims of a serious accident while driving home from the city with a young and spirited horse yesterday evening. The animal took fright and bolted on one of the hills, both Mr. and Mrs. Luscombe sustaining serious injury in being thrown out. Dr. John A. Duncan is in attendance upon the sufferers, and in the case of Mrs. Luscombe grave fears are entertained.

MR. W. S. GOODWIN, of Fuller & Goodwin, 8 Queen's, has been away on a tour of duty on Thursday evening, while returning from the Royal Arthur in a sloop. He was rowing at the time, sitting on the gunwale, the accident being precipitated by the heaving of the oar. It was dark at the time and Mr. Goodwin's boat was unable to render assistance otherwise than by shouting for help. Mr. Goodwin struck out for the steamer Florence which he reached in safety though very much exhausted. There he clung to the paddle wheel until taken off by two boys who had been brought to the spot by the cries for aid—George Francis and S. Young.

THOMAS died at the Jubilee hospital yesterday. Matthew T. Oren, a native of Sweden, 80 years of age, who came to this country over fifty years ago. The deceased was one of the earliest pioneers of British Columbia, and was known to the San Francisco Bulletin as "The Big Van Winkle of '74." It was in that year that he addressed the following note to the editor of the Bulletin:

VICTORIA, B.C., August 10, 1874.  
EDITOR S. F. BULLITT.—Sir, In the year 1833 I had \$400 invested with Adams & Co.'s Express. Since that time I have been in the possession of this money and have never lost anything of it. I am now 80 years of age and have been anything but too much. I would like to have you let me know whether there has been anything saved for the depositors, and you will oblige an old prospector.  
Yours, etc.,  
M. T. OREN.

## THE SCOTT MYSTERY.

NANAIMO, Oct. 18.—Another effort is about to be made to clear up the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. R. Scott. By to-morrow's train the contents of the deceased's stomach will be sent to Victoria for analysis. Though the general opinion is that death resulted from natural causes, the brothers of Mrs. Scott insist on having the recommendation of the coroner's jury carried out.

## MARINE MOVEMENTS.

A Revenue Cutter to Search for the Missing "Ivanhoe"—Oriental Steamer About Due.

U. S. Sealers Covet Indian Crews—Return of the "Beatrice" With Good Catch.

Captain John B. Libbey, manager of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company, gives it as his opinion that the ship *Ivanhoe* is undoubtedly at the bottom of the Pacific. He says that the vessel is over 25 years old and not at all seaworthy. Captain Libbey on Tuesday telegraphed to Port Townsend from Seattle ordering the tug *Sea Lion* to proceed at once and cruise at least 100 miles off shore from Cape Flattery in the hope that the fate of the *Ivanhoe* may be definitely known. If the *Sea Lion* was not available then some other tug was to make the cruise. Hon. John Collins, of Seattle, on the other hand, thinks that the *Ivanhoe* may and probably will turn up all right. Mr. Collins says that the *Ivanhoe* was on her way from San Francisco to Seattle by mail, once in 20 days and at another time in 24 days. He says that the trip down sometimes, although not very frequently, takes just as long. The *Ivanhoe* is an American ship, 1610.80 tons gross burden and 1563.10 tons net. Her length is 202.3 feet, her breadth 39.3 feet, and her depth 27.6 feet. She was built in 1865 at Belfast, Maine. Her registry port at present is San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 19.—Secretary Carlisle to-day ordered the revenue cutter *Carle* to proceed at once to Cape Flattery to hunt for any boats or wreckage of the missing vessel *Ivanhoe*, supposed to have foundered there. On this vessel was Mr. Fred J. Grant, editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Senator Squires, of Washington, this afternoon made the request, which was at once complied with by Secretary Carlisle. The grant will probably be ready to start to-morrow.

THE "IDAEITA'S" INTENTIONS.  
The Seattle Telegraph has the following: "Captain B. E. Whitney, of the sealing schooner *Idaetta*, states that he has not yet been determined whether or not the *Idaetta* will make a winter trip to the sealing grounds off the coast of Alaska. He is now in British Columbia, and owners cannot hope for two or three years, under the present treaty with Great Britain, to make any large profit. The trouble is that white men have not yet become sufficiently experienced with seals to compete with the Indians, and it will take much practice for them to become so. American vessels are privileged to employ Indians on American soil, but cannot employ them from English soil. All the Indian sealers make their headquarters in British Columbia, so that it is practically out of the question for the Americans to seal in the interest of Great Britain."

THE INBOUND "NAOMIA."  
The steamer *Naomia* is expected from the Orient any time after Tuesday. Her schedule calls for arrival at this port on Sunday, according to her big cargo she left Yokohama one day late. When she reaches here she will pull out of this harbor she will be so full of freight that there will scarcely be room on board of her for fuel. The company operating the line of which the *Naomia* is a part, has been refusing freight for several days. The *Naomia* paid no freight for her cargo, a contract from the Japanese imperial government to supply the Japanese army with 8,000 cases of corned beef. The stuff is coming from Chicago and will be shipped to the Orient via Vancouver and Pacific Steamship Company. It goes to Yokohama.

THE "BEATRICE" HOME.  
The sealing schooner *Beatrice* got home from her Bohring sea cruise last evening with all well aboard and a catch of 1,518 fish. Capt. Macaulay had no news to report, the cruise having been uneventful. The greater part of the catch was made in August; only some 300 skins were taken in September. The *Beatrice* left Olanak on September 24, and on her way down landed most of her Indian crew on the West Coast. A report was current among the Indians at Clayquot that a schooner had been wrecked but there was no confirmation of it.

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OF INTEREST TO VANCOUVER.  
VANCOUVER, Oct. 19.—(Special).—It was suggested by Col. Baker in his interview with the trustees of the schools last night at Vancouver that, in addition to the girls learning needlework and domestic economy, the boys learn carpentering, joining and applied mechanics. An American company, at the behest of the Governor-General's hall, to be held at the Hotel Vancouver on November 1, promises to be the most pronounced social success of the season. The Lieut. Governor will be present.

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## CHILLIWACK VALLEY.

(From the Chilliwack Progress.)  
A large band of fast cattle passed through here Monday, we presume from the Similkameen valley, and were shipped by the Transfer.

Frank Devlin, Indian Inspector, went out to visit the Indians at Cultus Lake. He thinks the Indians will feel disposed to rebuild the bridge at the crossing of Vedder creek.

The manse was the scene of a happy gathering on Thursday evening in the shape of a surprise party. It is just two years since Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Logan came to Chilliwack, and the members of the Presbyterian congregation wished to show their appreciation of their pastor and his lady by a visit and sumptuous treat. So carefully were the arrangements made that the occupants of the manse were taken completely by surprise. Upwards of fifty persons were present who enjoyed a beautiful treat and spent a most delightful and enjoyable evening.

A good deal of interest and speculation has been associated with the attempt to hold our annual exhibition this year. We think that, taking all things into consideration, the agricultural society did the wise thing in deciding to hold it. It will be remembered by all the people of the valley only too well that, as late as the 10th of June the whole valley was under water, and what a few weeks since were fields of grain and vegetables, were then the scenes of boating excursions. Bearing this in mind, it will be seen at once the difficulties that our farmers have had to contend with in securing a crop for this year, and it can easily be seen with what timidity the association attempted a fair for this season. The result has exceeded universal expectation. The show could not get together, and the drawings is only another evidence of the possibilities of this section as a farming, stock and fruit-growing region. Upwards of 1,200 entries have been made, while vegetable and fruit have attained a wonderful growth.

## NANAIMO NOTES.

NANAIMO, Oct. 19.—(Special).—The search for John Allen, James Allen and Thomas Millburn has been renewed. To-day a party consisting of C. Jackson, W. Blank, J. Howard and L. Page left for that purpose in a sail boat and are prepared to carefully search the beach from the lagoon to Jarvis inlet before returning.

The big diamond drill belonging to the New Vancouver Coal Company is being prepared for shipment to Port Angeles, where it will be used to prospect some supposed coal fields in the vicinity.

The new gasometer is rapidly nearing completion at the Nanaimo works. With the exception of the heavy columns the tank has been entirely constructed in Nanaimo. W. Godfrey, of the City Iron Works, Victoria, being the contractor. The new tank is 20 feet high and 45 feet in diameter.

The case of John W. Laag came up to-day. The charge of having sent a letter inclosed in a parcel, contrary to the postal regulations, was sustained and a fine of \$15 imposed. Inspector Fletcher presented the case. The expressed determination of the postal authorities is to rigorously prosecute the frequent petty infractions of the regulations.

## ACCUSED OF MURDER.

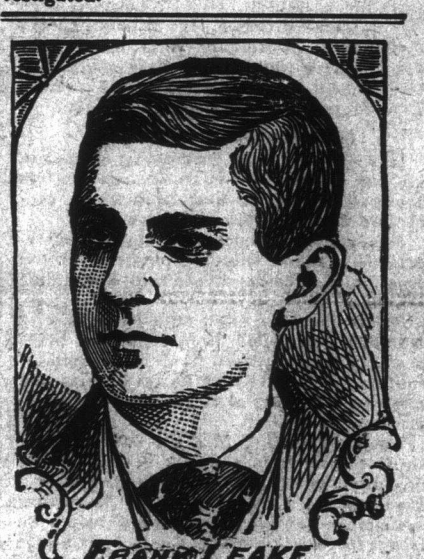
VANCOUVER, Oct. 19.—(Special).—Responsible Indians say that "Whiskey Charlie" killed his kiooth and threw her body into the river. Whiskey Charlie returned to the rancherie and when he was charged with the murder skipped out again.

F. G. Turner is to appear in the Westminster court on Saturday to accuse Grace Irving of attempting to murder her husband's maid. Turner's recent recovery is considered almost miraculous.

A number of Chinamen went to Ladner's yesterday by steamer *Edgar*. One of them soon became drowsy and lay down; another paid for him when the fares were taken up. At Ladner's all got off and left their porters to accompany them. The captain, thinking him drunk, wheeled him into the warehouse and laid him on a pile of hay. A few hours later a man was found dead. His name was Ah Lee. He was an opium fiend; so it was said at the coroner's inquest.

## SUSPECTED POOL PLAY.

NANAIMO, Oct. 19.—(Special).—A woman's dress and other clothing has been picked up in the bush near the town. The clothing was plentifully spotted with blood, apparently from a wound in the head or throat. The indications are that the clothing belonged to a kioothman. The case is being investigated.



OSAWA, ONT.

## Pains in the Joints

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