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LOCAL NEWS

(From Friday's Daily.)

Going to Ottawa.—Word has been received from Dawson that Governor McInnes will leave the first of next week for Ottawa to confer with members of the Canadian cabinet regarding the proposed five million dollar water system for Yukon placers. He will discuss the new Yukon mining code just finished, a lien law for Yukon miners and other important matters.

G. T. P. Townsites.—An Ottawa special of yesterday says: "F. W. Morse, manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, denies the report telegraphed from Victoria that the Pacific Coast Realty Co., of which Mr. James Anderson is manager, is to handle all the railway's townsites in British Columbia. As a matter of fact the Grand Trunk Pacific will have its own townsites management, and when it is ready to place them on the market the public will be formally notified from headquarters at Montreal."

Far North Mails.—The postoffice department has arranged for the dispatch of mail from Quesnel, B. C., to Fort St. James, between the 12th and 15th inst., and a return mail will leave Fort St. James between the 28th and 30th of the present month. Fort St. James, where a postoffice has recently been established, is one of the principal Hudson's Bay posts in the interior, and a number of men will spend the winter at that place and vicinity.

Late Arthur Davey.—General regret was expressed yesterday at the announcement in the Colonist of the death at Ottawa on Wednesday of Arthur Davey, the well known barrister. It was erroneously stated that Mr. Davey had married Miss Hall. His wife, who is accompanying the body west was formerly Miss Lilian Grant, second daughter of Gordon Grant of Douglas street. The body is expected to reach Victoria on Wednesday next, when the funeral arrangements will be announced.

Opposed to Hatcheries.—Some of the individual canserymen of Puget Sound are opposed to asking an appropriation of $100,000 from the federal government for the construction of salmon hatcheries in Washington, as proposed by Fish Commissioner Kershaw and the large canning interests on the Sound. Those opposing say there are sufficient hatcheries now constructed in the state for the propagation of the lower grades of salmon. Small operators will make a hard fight against the closed year. While satisfied with the weekly closed season they are opposed to any further restrictive measures. They declare the existing laws are sufficient for the protection of the salmon industry.

Cold in North.—A Dawson despatch dated Thursday says: "The past few days have been the coldest of the winter, the thermometer averaging 50 below zero. At Forty-Mile and Eagle many have suffered. Charles Wetzler, arriving from Forty-Mile district, reports the death of Frank Kubel by freezing. Edward Webster had his legs frozen, amputation being necessary. Webster and an unknown man were frozen on the north forks of Wade creek. Three United States signal corps men had their feet frozen near the summit of Telegraph station."

Farewell Reception.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coburn, upon their departure from Ladysmith to take up their residence in Nanaimo, were tendered a farewell reception in the Smelter City on Saturday night at which the following address was presented to them. "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Coburn:—The Ladies' Guild and managers of the Presbyterian church in Ladysmith, hearing that you might in the near future remove from our midst, cannot help expressing our deep regret at the expected change, and hope that you may see your way clear to remain with us. Since your coming to Ladysmith, you have identified yourselves in our congregational work by your liberality and help on all occasions. As a small token of our regard and esteem we ask you to accept the accompanying gift and pray that you and yours may have every blessing and prosperity during the coming year."

Death by Drowning.—William J. Sparkes, of Harbornee, Newfoundland, who spent some seven years in Victoria, and at Port Essington with (the late) Mr. Cunningham, was drowned on at Ohio river at Monaca, Penn., on the evening of the 22nd of December. The deceased had been working with a bridge-building company, and on the evening indicated, left with two companions to cross the river in a boat. When nearly across the boat was caught on a sand bar. The men left to wade ashore in the shallow water, but unfortunately, Sparkes fell into a hole which had been dredged out for a bridge abutment, and sank to the bottom. The body was recovered two hours afterwards, and interred at Monacca far from his native land. The deceased was 36 years of age, unmarried and leaves an aged father and mother, and three sisters in Harbor-hall, Nfld.

The Snow Storm.—A large majority of the citizens were somewhat surprised on arising from their feathery beds yesterday morning to find that during the night the city had been treated to a fall of what some people are pleased to call "the beautiful." The fall was not of long duration. Commencing about 5 o'clock, it continued for the greater part of the morning, but during the afternoon the snow turned to slush. Although the fall was quite heavy, very little inconvenience was caused thereby. The car service was running on its regular schedule and continued during the storm without interruption. Soon after the worst of the storm was past both the tram company and the city had shovellers out and during the afternoon they did good work clearing the crossings and before evening the greater number of them were free from slush. From those who arrived by the noon train it was learned that the storm was mostly confined to the near vicinity of the city, the storm belt not extending many miles out from the city.

Holiday Number.—Among the holiday numbers received by the Colonist that devoted to the Boundary Mines and smelters, issued by the Phoenix Pioneer, is without doubt the best. Contained within the 58 pages are a number of excellent cuts descriptive of the mineral industries of the Boundary district. Among the leading articles are descriptions of the Granby Cons M. S. & P. Co's big smelter at Grand Forks and mines at Phoenix; British Columbia Copper Co.'s smelter at Greenwood and Mother Lode mine in Deadwood camp; the development of the water power at Bonnington Falls to provide electrical energy for the Boundary mines and smelters and the Dominion Copper Company's undertaking. The high grade mines in Greenwood camp, the mines of Franklin camp and the North Fork and the West Fork camps are well described. Short sketches of the towns of Eholt, Midway, Phoenix, Greenwood and Grand Forks are also included. The publication issued by W. B. Wilcox the energetic manager and editor of the Pioneer, is a credit not only to himself but the whole district which he has so ably covered in this holiday issue.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Tyee Copper.—The Tyee Copper company has issued the following statement dated January 12th: "Smelter ran 11 days and treated 2,035 tons of Tyee ore giving a return, after deduction of freight and refining charges, of $33,460.10."

Favor Open Port.—A special Dawson despatch of yesterday says: "A fight is being made for an open port at the mouth of the Tanana river, or of the Chena, so that Dawson merchants and others can ship into the Tanana camp by the Upper Yukon route. The movement is on for lower freight rates over the White Pass line to Dawson. Dawson merchants have taken up with the minister of railways of Canada the fight against transportation rates from coast points to Dawson."

Northern Mails.—Word has been received by the local postoffice authorities of the despatch from Telegraph Creek, B. C., on the 11th inst., of the first mail for Wrangel under the new arrangements recently completed for the carrying of mail between those two points for the winter season with J. F. Callbreath. The distance is 100 miles, and a mail will be carried monthly by dog team. The despatch states the weather is cold and trail in fair condition. Correspondence from Victoria intended for Telegraph Creek, Elyenora, Dease Lake, Liard Post and other points in that district should be mailed here not later than 10th of February and March to afford connection with the carrier before leaving Wrangel on the return trip.

Vital Statistics.—Vital statistics for Newcastle, Nanaimo and Alberni districts, just compiled at the government office, show that during the year of 1905 there were 225 births, of which 115 were males and 110 females. There were 86 deaths divided into 50 males and 36 females. Twelve of these were from tuberculosis and 16 were fatalities in mining, drowning and other accidents. The remaining 70 were of ordinary diseases. Consumption formed 14 per cent of the total number of deaths which a lower mortality per thousand over other districts in the province. The population of these districts for which the figures are given as approximately 14,000 so that it is seen that the death rate ran 6 to every 1,000 people. This is regarded by medical men as a very low average and will compare more than favorably with any other district.

Timber Regulations.—H. R. Robertson, of Portland, the patentee of a system of rafting is in the city. A company is being formed in British Columbia, to be known as the Robertson Lumber & Transportation Company, with a capital of $200,000, which is to use the Robertson patent raft for transporting logs, small timber and sawed lumber from British Columbia to southern California and other foreign markets. Those interested are asking the legislature to remove the present export tax on logs and piling which may be shipped foreign by means of these rafts. The company proposes to construct these rafts in the Fraser river. They will be 1,000 feet in length, 75 feet in breadth, and draw 23 feet of water. The logs used will be from 8 inches to 2 feet in diameter at the top. A deck load of 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 feet of sawed lumber will be received on the raft also.

Mining at Texada.—According to statistics furnished by Government Agent Bray, mining on Texada Island is in a flourishing condition. The Marble Bay Co shipped 12,000 tons of dry ore this year. Last year they shipped 13,429 tons but the decrease is due to the time lost improving the mines. Six hundred and seventy-one feet is now the lowest level, which is 619 feet below the sea level. The shaft has been deepened a hundred feet and 340 feet of drifting has been done and 200 feet winzes. The company employed during the year 50 whites and 12 Chinese, about the same as last year. The company report that the gold values in the ore have been maintained and that greater the depth reached the greater are copper values.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

A Big Potlatch.—The Indians along the northern coast are preparing to hold a big potlatch at Alert Bay next month. According to the officers of the steamer Tees, Indians will be present from Hardy Bay, the West Coast, Bella Bella, Bella Coola and China Hat, and it is expected that there will be over 4,500 natives present at the celebration, which will be the largest ever held in the north and which will last for about six weeks. The Indians are desirous of continuing the potlatch for several months, but the Indian agent at Alert Bay has refused this request and states that the affair must not be continued over six weeks.

Municipal Campaign.—Very great interest is being taken in the municipal campaign, though it is conceded on all sides as far as the mayoralty contest is concerned that Mr. Chas. Hayward will have an easy victory over his opponent Mr. Morley. Two new candidates for municipal honors put in an appearance yesterday—J. S. H. Matson and George Snider, both of whom are running for positions on the school board. Tomorrow a meeting to discuss the issues will be held in Temple's hall, under the auspices of the Victoria West Municipal association. On Tuesday evening another public meeting will be held in the Oddfellow's hall, Spring Ridge, and on Wednesday evening, there will be a final rally in the city hall, when concluding campaign speeches will be made.

Locates in Vancouver.—Says the Vancouver News-Advertiser of yesterday: "Mr. Arthur Brenchley, who has for years been the manager of the Victoria branch of F. R. Stewart & Co., has arrived to take up his residence in Vancouver. Mr. Brenchley on the reorganization of the company some months ago became a member of the firm, but continued in the capacity of Victoria manager. Now, in the interests of the company's affairs, it has been decided that Mr. Brenchley shall take up his residence in Vancouver. He has been eminently successful in his conduct of the Victoria end of the business."

TOURIST WORK FOR THE CITY

Gratifying Reports Presented at Regular Meeting of Excutive of Local Association.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The regular meeting of the executive committee of the Tourist Association was held yesterday afternoon, when the following members were present: F. W. Vincent, J. L. Beckwith, J. E. Wilson, H. B. Thomson, Anton Henderson Aldermen Oddy and Hanna and the secretary.

The usual large batch of communications were considered, most of these being from persons who were desirous of settling in the city and were in answer to the advertising of the association.

Among those received was one from William Barlow of San Francisco, who stated that he was coming to Victoria to settle, and asked for information. Another was from F. Butcher of Waukegan, Ill., who stated that a number of residents of that section were expected to leave shortly for Victoria as a result of the advertising of the association.

A communication was received from E. Baynes Reed, stating that arrangements had been made to have the weather report of this city published in the Winnipeg and Northwest papers.

The meeting considered this to be very good news, as the association has worked for a considerable time to secure this, and now feel that a great deal of good may be done.

The principal item of business was arranging for the annual report. The draft was decided on, subject to the revision of the printing committee, who will report back to the general executive.

The report is of such a character that the executive are of the opinion that the public will be astonished at the great amount of work that has been accomplished.

It was decided that the association should be represented at the meeting in Salt Lake City which is being held to discuss means to divert the large amount of travel that now goes to Europe and of which Victoria expects to receive her share.

LARGE FORCE AT WORK.

Two Thousand Men Employed on the G. N. West of Midway.

James A Griffith, formerly, a merchant of Trout Lake, but now of Midway, is in the city on a business visit, says the Rossland Miner. Speaking about the progress that construction is making on the extension of the Great Northern west of Midway, he said that the construction forces are scattered from Midway to Keremeos, a distance of 60 miles, in which some 2,000 men are employed. It is difficult to obtain men for railroad work, and 2,000 or 3,000 more would be employed if they could be secured. The track is down as far west as Midway, and it will be May 1 before track laying will begin west of there. In the meantime work will be pushed with all possible speed on the roadbed, so as to have everything in readiness for track laying at that time. Mr. Griffith says the road when finished will be a great scenic route, the scenery in the vicinity of Anarchist mountain being more than ordinarily grand and beautiful.

Farmers' Institute.—The annual meeting the Metchosin Farmers' Institute was held in Metchosin hall, January 10 last. The financial report showed a balance in hand of $67.92. The report of the directors showed a membership during the past year of 226. Eighteen meetings were held during the year with a total attendance of 982, giving an average attendance of 54 at each meeting. The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: T .C. Oldershaw, prisedent; Thos. Parker, vice-president; J. H. Smart, secretary-treasurer; A. H. Peatt, A. E. Bannister, John Wallace, A. E. Wale, W. V. Harte, Gavin Weir, W. B. Charters, directors; H. Helgeesen, J. D. Reid, auditors; A. H. Peatt, delegate to Central Farmers' Institute.

THE RING

Ends in a Draw

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Willie Fitzgerald of Brooklyn and Willie Lewis of New York last night battled 25 rounds to a draw at Colma. The first ten rounds were slow and uninteresting, with the advantage with Fitzgerald. There was a hot rally in the eleventh, when Fitzgerald and Lewis apparently in the best shape. From that round on until the eighteenth Fitzgerald was very aggressive and had Lewis continually backing up. From the eighteenth until the end Lewis improved and was more aggressive and about evened up matters. Referee Graney called the fight a draw at the end of the twenty-fifth round.

Tragedy in A Restaurant

Fashionable Eating House in St. Petersburg Scene of Murder.

Eye Witness Describes Bloody Episode Which Happened Last Night.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—(4 a. m.)—A tragedy in which a student paid with his life the penalty of refusing to do honor to the old regime occurred in the famous restaurant "The Bear," shortly after midnight. The annual ceremony of watching the old year out was being observed with something like the old-time festivities. The great hall was crowded, and the orchestra of Mmle. Princess Chemay, upon the stroke of midnight burst forth with "God save the Emperor."

The guests with the exception of a student named Davidoff, a member of an aristocratic family, rose to their feet and the officers present demanded an encore, being determined to turn the celebration into a loyalist demonstration, Count Sherometieff, a relative of the notorious Moscow reactionary, applied an epithet to Davidoff for refusing to honor the national anthem and pulled his chair from under him. Hot words followed and suddenly the guests were startled by five shots in rapid succession and the corpse of the student lay on the floor.

Indescribable confusion followed. Sherometieff, in addition to killing Davidoff, wounded two women. Three companions of Davidoff, armed with champagne bottles attacked the murderer, who, with blood streaming from his face managed to fight his way to the door.

Women Shrieked and Fainted

The confusion culminated in a wonderful dramatic controversy across the body of the dead student. The impassioned spectators of the tragedy having ranged themselves according to their political opinions on either side of the corpse, crimination and re-crimination followed. A well known courtesan, her head high in the air, stamped her foot as from the side of the loyalists, she declared the student had received his due. The climax came when an aunt of Davidoff, who had fainted when the boy was shot, having regained consciousness rushed forward and threw herself between the disputants and upon the body, passionately kissing the cold, bloodstained face. A panic followed. The guests at the "bar" many of whom were the most prominent society leaders of St. Petersburg, including several diplomats, hastened away in order to avoid being summoned as witnesses. Meantime, Davidoff's body was covered by the waiters in order to conceal the ghastly sight, but it lay for more than two hours and until the police prosecutor arrived to draw up a formal complaint. A representative of the Associated Press who was present was informed that Sheromotieff is a retired officer of the Seminocsky regiment of the guards.

Davidoff, when he was attacked, attempted to draw a light rapier, which students carry, but he was dead before the blade left its scabbard.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

From 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1905.

REVENUE	1902-1903 1st July to 30th June.	1903-1904 1st July to 30th June.	1904-1905 1st July to 30th June.
Dominion of Canada—			
Annual payment of interest	$ 29,151 06	$ 29,151 06	$ 29,151 06
Annual payment of subsidy	35,000 00	35,000 00	35,000 00
Annual payment of grant per capita	144,033 60	142,925 60	142,925 60
Annual payment for lands conveyed	100,000 00	100,000 00	100,000 00
Land sales	64,834 06	118,276 89	141,510 83
Land revenue	70,614 15	55,574 60	159,412 55
Survey fees	1,160 85	1,231 60	1,062 80
Rents, exclusive of land	198 00	143 00	28 50
Timber leases	84,111 75	116,382 90	76,228 17
Timper royalty and licenses	214,106 56	289,366 93	410,288 29
Free miners' certificates	67,287 88	59,854 75	83,504 04
Mining receipts, general	148,722 24	108,276 55	105,192 21
Licenses	57,868 63	61,091 73	53,663 06
Licenses, commercial travelers	.....	.....	7,250 00
Fines and fees of court	12,611 85	13,554 45	12,594 25
Probate fees	8,743 95	12,352 33	10,613 53
Succession duty	12,293 74	29,625 58	31,073 08
Law stamps	11,094 00	11,946 65	12,607 90
Registry fees	75,044 66	80,037 93	93,012 24
Sale of government property	1,631 05	2,533 33	1,542 33
Marriage licenses	1,785 00	6,560 00	6,610 00
Revenue tax	142,737 00	148,725 00	157,821 00
Real property tax	205,492 08	287,497 88	286,226 16
Personal property tax	93,792 57	175,435 19	193,004 80
Wild land tax	71,340 50	112,233 35	101,607 29
Income tax	28,875 98	72,102 79	72,053 22
Mineral Tax	78,273 70	65,844 09	114,236 77
Royalty and tax on coal	75,826 94	95,600 50	94,682 45
Revenue service refunds	4,304 90	1,019 93	1,322 87
Tax sale deeds	10 00	20 00	1,580 00
Tax on unworked crown-granted mineral claims	.....	28,696 35	39,869 86
Commission and fees on sales for taxes	7,279 36	1,087 12	103 30
Printing office	27,466 84	23,096 10	21,875 76
Registered taxes (all denominations)	109 99	78 72	148 69
Bureau of mines	625 39	831 35	1,700 50
Hospital for the insane	11,211 70	15,761 62	14,159 53
Provincial home	1,098 31	1,771 32	188 37
Reimbursements for keep of prisoners	3,478 31	3,261 30	2,186 55
Chinese Restriction (Act, 1884, Dominion statutes)	86,287 50	258,050 00	225,000 00
Traffic tolls, New Westminster bridge	.....	.....	16,140 35
Interest	256 63	7,885 94	18,836 69
Miscellaneous receipts	26,646 32	25,048 90	28,706 33
	$2,009,412 05	$2,597,867 68	$2,874,554 76
Interest on investment of sinking fund	35,218 30	40,393 00	45,906 95
Net revenue	$2,044,630 35	$2,638,260 68	$2,920,461 71
Loan Act, 1902 (£721,000)	3,496,850 00	.....	.....
Loan Act, 1903	.....	1,000,000 00	.....
Deposits on account of intestate estates (receipts)	65,601 44	68,264 43	78,184 34
Deposits on account of suitors' fund (receipts)	49,804 34	29,133 84	26,986 11
Deposits on account of tax sales' surplus receipts)	.....	1,877 93	995 40
Shaswap & Okanagan Railway receipts (Act, 1890)	19,571 66	21,896 27	24,021 40
Nakusp & Slocan Railway receipts (Act, 1894)	6,976 37	9,429 66	6,301 48

EXPENDITURE	1902-1903 1st July to 30th June.	1903-1904 1st July to 30th June.	1904-1905 1st July to 30th June.
1.—Public Debt—			
Interest	$ 396,127 82	346,003 54	393,623 93
*Sinking funds (chargeable to investment account) as follows:			
Trustees' account, Loan Act, 1877	9,253 80	9,253 80	9,253 80
Trustees' account, interest invested, Loan Act, 1877	12,049 99	12,773 80	13,546 35
Trustees' account, Loan Act, 1877	8,577 22	8,577 22	8,577 22
Trustees' Account, interest invested, Loan Act, 1877	5,291 58	5,762 78	6,265 57
Trustees' account, Loan Acts, 1891, 1893, 1899 and 1902	99,219 36	99,219 36	99,219 36
Trustees' account, interest invested, Loan Acts, 1891, 1893, 1895, 1899 and 1902	17,876 73	21,856 42	26,095 03
Premium and exchange	8 00	2,980 90	3,909 28
Discount and commission	373,215 10	5,639 40	5,693 88
Incidental expenses of negotiating loan, 1902	3,042 43	.....	.....
‖ Redemption of debentures (Loan Act, 1897)	10,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00
‖ Redemption of debentures (Loan Act, 1903)	.....	.....	100,000 00
2.—Civil government (salaries)	265,459 62	260,566 28	230,568 89
3.—Administration of justice (salaries)	119,319 96	124,258 35	115,455 46
4.—Legislation	44,455 95	79,719 50	45,653 97
5.—Public Institutions (Maintenance)—			
Printing office	49,688 57	49,903 21	50,393 63
Hospital for the insane	63,443 38	67,796 98	77,893 99
Museum	3,747 69	3,614 90	3,388 36
Provincial home	12,343 67	13,106 74	12,745 83
Bureau of mines	3,670 96	2,811 96	4,000 00
Fish hatchery	.....	.....	12,219 99
6.—Hospitals and charities	82,970 34	123,875 01	96,466 83
7.—Administration of justice (other than salaries)	101,092 91	103,787 43	108,186 87
8.—Education	397,643 46	415,358 43	433,945 17
9.—Transport	27,226 95	28,644 60	27,748 92
10.—Rent	.....	.....	.....
11.—Revenue services	30,329 02	24,155 36	22,094 96
12.—Public Works—			
Works and buildings	232,240 11	142,291 40	104,129 99
Parliament buildings	.....	.....	2,500 00
Government House, Victoria	2,648 05	3,811 78	3,079 70
Roads, streets, bridges and wharves	509,089 86	406,612 92	296,319 76
Surveys	12,444 94	5,191 31	6,534 03
New Westminster bridge	501,501 86	470,743 50	45,293 46
13.—Miscellaneous	161,522 20	181,915 70	180,468 59
	$3,555,450 93	$3,030,237 47	$2,675,374 17
*Less amount of sinking funds as above chargeable against investment account	152,268 68	157,443 38	162,957 33
	$3,403,182 25	$2,872,794 09	$2,412,417 84
‖ Less redemption of debentures as above chargeable against Loans	10,000 00	10,000 00	110,000 00
Net expenditure	$3,393,182 25	$2,862,794 09	$2,302,417 84
Deposits on acct. intestate estates (repaid)	59,738 49	68,242 78	64,683 36
Deposits of acct. suitors' fund (repaid)	38,530 40	39,572 75	19,208 14
Deposits on acct. tax sales' surplus (repaid)	.....	419 26	705 63
Shuswap & Okanagan Railway payments (Act, 1890)	50,816 94	50,139 15	51,238 71
Nakusp & Slocan Railway payments (Act, 1894)	26,050 18	26,216 34	26,269 06

Note.—In expenditure for 1902-1903, discount and commission include $279,748 fordiscount on loan of £721,000, also commissions, stamp duty, etc., on same, $88,886.40.

A Talk to the Oakland Electors

Mayoralty Candidates Discuss Issues at Meeting Held Last Evening.

Convincing Speech by Charles Hayward the Popular Candidate.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The electors living in the vicinity of the Oaklands fire hall, to the number of a score and a half, had an opportunity last night to listen to the candidates for municipal honors, and for nearly three hours the audience that filled the little building gave an intelligent hearing to the numerous speakers.

J. W. Bolden occupied the chair and called upon the three North Ward representatives in the council to speak first.

In turn Aldermen Hall, Hanna and Fullerton told the assemblage of their efforts in the council during the past year, and replied to several questions asked by those present. Then followed ex-Alderman Bragg and Mr. Spragge, who advanced reasons why they sought civic honors. Regret was expressed that G. Penketh was unable to be present, and a plea for his candidacy was put in, as also for F. Davey, who was also running in the North Ward.

Mr. Morley then took the platform and in opening said he purposed making the campaign in a straightforward, manly fashion. He confessed that his chief reason in entering the mayoralty contest was his determination to do away with "corporate influence." He cited as cases where such insidious influence had hurt the city's best interest as the Songhees reserve, the refusal of the electric light company to place the wiring of Government street underground, the waterworks suit and in several other smaller matters. Then he went after the Victoria Property Owners' Association, which he described as a small clique of big land holders who had, to the detriment of the city, obtained certain amendments to the Municipal Act which had caused the disfranchisement of a number of citizens.

The waterworks question and its history was dealt with at some length. He told how he had collected certain data which had been filed at the city hall, but in spite of all the pressure he could bring and that of the ratepayers, nothing was ever done, and he declared that the city was still in the same relative position as it had been for years—lacking an adequate supply, both for residential and fire protection purposes. Mr. Morley stated that he had a scheme partially worked out on paper and in his head that, if elected mayor, he would see brought into play.

Next he touched on the question of municipal ownership of public utilities and said that results showed elsewhere that a better service was obtained and in addition a material reduction was had in taxes by reason of the revenue derived by the city from such utilities.

While admitting he had not been in the council, he had served, he said, in other large capacities, and thought himself well capable by such experience of being entrusted by the electors with the office of mayor to guide the destinies of Victoria.

Of the big corporations, he thought their intentions were all right, but once they became masters they were veritable tyrants. "No town can succeed under a monopoly, and no industries can be brought to a town until the public utilities are brought down to a reasonable basis of charges, and this can only be done by municipal ownership," he declared.

Taking up the lack of system at the city hall, he quoted Vancouver as saving $6,000 a year by installing a system of accounting in the city hall there, and he also favored having an independent audit for Victoria. In conclusion he said that if elected he would endeavor to serve the best interests of all the citizens and give a square deal all around.

Ex-Mayor Hayward was warmly greeted on hising to speak. Most of his address was devoted to tearing down the arguments of his opponent, in which he scored several times, and in replying, at the close, to questions propounded by two of Oaklands' electors.

Prefacing his remarks with an appeal to the electors on the services he had rendered to Victoria in the council and mayor's chair, on his personal character and integrity, which was well known, he proceeded to point out the fallacy of his opponent's contention on the matter of "corporate influence." Everything Mr. Morley had put his hand to had turned to grief and he had blamed it on an undefinable, intangible something which he (Morley) termed "corporate influence." The Victoria Times had called his opponent a Carrie Nation, and he amusingly pictured him remedying the Goldstream water litigation with an axe.

"What public utility can Mr. Morley acquire if you elect him mayor next week? Can he purchase the tramway system, the telephone franchise, the lighting system or any other utility without your consent?" asked the ex-mayor. "Mr. Morley is simply playing on high-sounding words and there is nothing in it."

Taking up the amendments to the Municipal Act by the Property Owners' Association, which Mr. Morley had at earlier meetings tried to lay to his door, the speaker pointed out that these very amendments had come before the four city members in the provincial legislature, who undoubtedly had investigated the amendments before allowing them to become law. He had been a member of the association, but was not now and had nothing to do with framing the amendment, but he candidly admitted that he was in favor with his opponent for an alteration to the clause regarding householders' suffrages.

"Is Mr. Morley's action in this campaign in connection with his arraignment of "corporate influence" likely to bring in capital for the upbuilding of the industrial life of Victoria?" the speaker next asked and proceeded to point out that Mr. Morley's every utterance was sufficient, in opposing corporations, to bring about a most harmful state to the city's interests in the employment of labor on any big undertakings. He reminded his listeners of the old adage that "A man is known by the company he keeps," and Mr. Morley's chief lieutenants in the campaign, he declared, were Socialists.

Here Mr. Morley took strong exceptions to the speaker's utterances on the Socialists, whom he declared he welcomed to his support as much as a Conservative, prince or workingman.

Mr. Hayward in reply stated that he had nothing personally against Socialists, and that Mr. Morley had endeavored to misconstrue his point—it was purely to show what appeared to him and every intelligent man that his opponent had himself strong leanings that way.

After answering several letters from the audience Mr. Hayward retired from the platform.

The meeting shortly afterwards adjourned.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

(Before Hon. Mr. Justice Martin)
Jan. 13, 1906.

Mellor vs. Mellor—In this action, which is one on the part of the wife for alimony, and which was decided in her favor, the question was raised as to what scale her costs should be allowed upon, and His Lordship has handed down the following judgment on the point:

If there is power to award them, this is a case where costs as between solicitor and client should be taxed—Lovell vs. Lovell (1905), Ont. Weekly Reporter, 621. But it is said that no provision for them is made in the new tariff authorized by section 33 of the Legal Professions Act, R. S. B. C., cap. 24. That section, however, does not repeal Rule 800, which established a tariff referred to as Appendix N. (intended for M.) to be used in taxing proceedings "as between party and party or solicitor and client," but simply substituted the new tariff for it. The power to direct a taxation of costs on a certain scale is not affected by that substitution. Therefore, it is ordered that the costs of the plaintiff herein be taxed as between solicitor and client.

NEW FISHING STEAMER.

Steamer Manhattan has been launched by the Neafie and Levt Shipbuilding Co., of Philadelphia for the New England Fish Co., and will be brought around the Horn to Vancouver shortly. The Manhattan will be the largest vessel in the fleet of halibut steamers on the coast. Her dimensions are: Length, 142 feet; width, to moulding, 24 feet; draft, 15 feet. She will have a speed of thirteen knots. She is a single-screw steamer driven by triple-expansion engines. Every appliance for the quick and easy handling of halibut will be installed, a feature being a complete electric light plant to furnish illumination in case the crew is forced to work at night and in dark weather, storing fish in the hold. The Manhattan will carry a crew of between thirty and forty men.

The Manhattan will replace the steamer Columbia which ran on a rock in Dixon entrance about a year ago and was a total loss.

Dominion News Notes

Forestry Congress Visits Booth's Timber Limits Accompanied by Vice Regal Party.

Application of Coast-Kootenay Railway Still Before the Department.

Toronto Merchant Purchases the St. Paul Mine in Rossland Camp.

OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Seventy members of the forestry congress today visited J. R. Booth's fine limit in Madawasca county. Their Excellencies and a Government House party were also present. The visitors were afforded an opportunity of seeing all branches of lumbering operations in the primeval forest, and were regaled to routine shanty lunch. The Governor-General paid a high tribute to Mr. Booth's energy. That veteran lumberman moderately replied that he purchased the limit in 1851 for $45,000, had worked it steadily since, had taken out timber to the value of millions of dollars, and that the limit today was as good as when he purchased it.

Writs for vacant by-elections probably will be issued next week.

While the revenue for December increased only $492,700, the expenditure increased $1,655,850.

The Coast-Kootenay Railway

The application of the Coast-Kootenay railway to have their route map approved is still before the department of railways. The deputy minister is obtaining information from the applicants as well as the opposition parties, the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern, as to a Hope Mountain pass, which is principally the subject under discussion and the real fighting point. The Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern say through Mr. Kennedy, their engineer and Mr. McGiverin, counsel, that the application ought not to be granted until it is seen if there is room for two roads. As the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern has now got its charter. Mr. Maclean for the Coast-Kootenay, says there is room for both roads if properly organized. It would not be possible for the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern to occupy all the ground.

The Vancouver & Yukon

The Vancouver, Western & Yukon railway will apply next session for leave to construct branch lines, one from between Anderson lake and Green lake running along Lillooet lake, etc., to the international boundary line, from a point on the main line at Lillooet and Quesnell easterly to Tete Jaune Cache; from a point between Collingwood and Willow rivers south to Barkerville; from a point on Willow river to Edmonton through the Yellowhead Pass. Bonding powers will be asked to be increased from $35,000,000 to $40,000,000 and capital stock from $12,000,000 to $25,000,000.

Rossland, B. C., Jan. 13.—J. E. Corbin has sold the St. Paul to W. R. Brock a wealthy drygoods manufacturer of Toronto. The company is to be organized with a view of resuming operations at an early date. The St. Paul is situated on the Red Mountain railway just to the west of the White Bear, it was owned by the St. Paul Mining company which operated it in 1896 under the superintendency of the late John Monyhan. About $15,000 was expended in driving three tunnels and sinking a shaft. The company got into difficulties of a financial nature, and neglected its property so that it was sold for taxes and the title became vested in J. E. Corbin who now sells it to W. R. Brock, the former president of the St. Paul Mining company. The consideration is withheld. The output for the week was Le Roi, 1,680; Centre Star, 1,950; War Eagle, 1,020; Le Roi, 420; Le Roi, two milled, 1,200; Jumbo, 200. Total for the week, 6,470 and for the year, 11,590 tons.