Provincial Gazette

The Weekly Government News as Chronicled in the Official Organ.

A Number of Appointments Made --Several Applications for Railway Charters.

The Provincial Gazette, which was issued last night, makes the following announcements:

The Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Company will apply at the next session of the House for an act declaring that road to be for the general benefit of Canada.

Incorporation will be sought at the next session for a company to build a railway from Grand Forks along the north fork of Kettle river for 30 miles, to the mouth of the east fork of the north fork of the Kettle river, thence along the valley of the west fork of the north fork for 40 miles to Summit creek, and thence for five miles to the headwaters of Eagle creek, and thence to its mouth, with power to build branch lines to Franklin and other camps.

A company will also seek incorporation for the excavation of a tunnel between Silverton and Sandon from a point on the north side of Four-Mile creek, near which it enters Slocan lake, to Sandon.

The Cowichan Improvement Company, Limited, has been re-incorporated with a capital of $24,000. The objects of the company are to improve the navigation of Cowichan lake and Cowichan river from Cowichan lake to the ocean.

The "Winnipeg Mines, Limited," has been incorporated with a capital of $1,250,000.

The "Emily Edith Mines, Limited," has been licensed as an extra-provincial company, with a capital of £75,000. The head offices are in England, the local offices in Vancouver, and O. E. Hope, attorney for the company.

La Franco-Canadienne has also been licensed as an extra-provincial company with a capitalization of 300,000 francs. The head office is in Doual, France, and the local office at Kaslo, with J. J. Fleutot attorney.

Application will be made to the legislature at its next sitting for the incorporation of a company from Victoria and surrounding districts to carry on a general trust business.

The government has accepted the resignation of J. E. Knight, J.P., of Ashcroft.

Bodwell & Duff file their application for a charter for a railway and ferry from Victoria to Chilliwack. The streets over which the road will run in Victoria are set out as A, Bay, First, Blanchard, Fisguard, Cormorant and Store.

A highway has been opened in Cowichan as follows: Commencing at the point where the present road to McCallum's leaves the Cowichan Lake trunk road; thence southerly along the centre line of the existing road to Cowichan lake, a distance of about 300 yards, and having a width of 33 feet on each side of the said line.

The following appointments have been made: To be justices of the peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay: Eli Harrison, of Victoria, and James Fyffe Harris, of Nicomen; to be commissioners for taking affidavits in and for the Supreme Court of British Columbia: Thomas Percival Galt, of the city of Toronto; to be police commissioners at Phoenix: James Marshall and James Plunet; to be a license commissioner at Phoenix: James Marshall, vice W. R. Williams; and to be a notary public for the province: Harry Bird, of Nelson.

The sittings of the courts of revision and appeal (under the Assessment Act) in North Yale will be held as follows: Kamloops, on December 28th; Nicola Lake, January 4th; Princeton, January 11th, 1901.

MEETING OF SOCIETIES.

Proposal of Federated Board to Be Discussed To-morrow Afternoon.

The proposal of the Federated Board to erect a ward at the Jubilee hospital for the use of members of secret societies has been taken up and discussed by almost all the lodges of the city. In most cases the plan has been very favorably received, and a meeting of the societies of Victoria has been called for to-morrow afternoon in the A. O. U. W. hall, for the purpose of discussing and making further arrangements for the carrying out of the scheme. Members of the different lodges will deliver speeches explaining the proposal, and the opinions of the various orders in regard to the plan will be received.

It is proposed by the Federated Board to erect a ward adjoining the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, the cost of which will amount to about $7,000. Half of this amount the societies will have to contribute. It will contain about 17 or 18 beds, and be divided into private rooms and a semi-ward. There are in the city about 2,200 members of lodges. About 1,000, it is estimated, will contribute 25 cents a month until the amount required has been subscribed. The institution will be maintained after its erection by the contribution by members of 10 cents monthly. This will enable the members contributing to use the ward free of charge. The physicians' services, however, will be charged for unless the physician be one employed by the lodge to attend its members. Suggestions have been received by the Federated Board that all the lodges of the province be allowed to contribute towards the erection of the building. Members of lodges outside Victoria would then come to this city when ill to enjoy the privileges of the free use of the society ward. It would also take some of the weight of the cost of the erection of the building off the shoulders of the lodges of this city.

The meeting will commence at 2.30 o'clock sharp, and all members of societies are requested to attend.

IMMENSE INCREASE in the sale of the D. & L. Menthol Plaster evidences the fact that it is useful for all rheumatic pains, lumbago and lame back, pain in the sides, etc. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., manufacturers.

MISSIONARY'S FAREWELL.

Chinese Bid Good-Bye to Rev. A. B. Winchester.

At the Presbyterian Mission hall last night the Christian Chinese bade farewell to Rev. A. B. Winchester, who, during his ministrations among them, seems to have endeared himself to the Orientals as much as to the Anglo-Saxon portion of the community. Addresses were presented to the departing missionary, together with many souvenirs expressive of the regard felt by the Chinese to one who has always manifested the deepest interest in them.

Speaking of Mr. Winchester's assumption of the pastorate of Knox church, Toronto, the Presbyterian Review pays a warm tribute to his worth. It says:

"The intimation that Rev. A. B. Winchester had decided to accept the call of the Knox church congregation, Toronto, came so late last week that we could but announce it to our readers. In this issue we give a fuller sketch of one who has already shown himself to be a workman needing not to be ashamed, and who has courageously taken up a work second to none in importance and responsibility in Toronto.

"Mr. Winchester is a strong preacher in the prime of life. He was one of the first graduates in Maintoba College under the late Principal King. Even as a student he took a strong interest in work among the Chinese, and on graduating, though he was offered the position of superintendent of their work in India by the A. B. C. F. M., his desire to work among the Chinese led him to accept an inferior position in order that he might preach to them.

"In China he worked for two years, acquiring even in that limited time a good command of the language. Then on account of Mrs. Winchester's failing health he was obliged to return to Canada. Shortly after his return he was called to St. Andrew's, Berlin, where he remained till the Foreign Mission committee decided to appoint one to superintend the work among the Chinese in British Columbia. For this work Mr. Winchester was chosen, and has been successfully carrying it on ever since.

"Mr. Winchester is an exceptionally strong preacher, and during the period of his work in British Columbia he has received several calls to take charge of congregations of white people, these he has refused. He had, however, decided to tender his resignation of the Chinese work, and it would have been accepted early in January. So, without any respite in his work, he will step at once into the arduous work of a great city congregation. In all probability Mr. Winchester will be inducted early in the new century."

PNEUMONIA PREVENTED.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

TELEGRAPHIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Edison's System of Setting the Elements at Defiance Adopted in Victoria.

A very successful test of the Phonoplex was made at the office of the Great Northwestern Telegraph company last night, where a set of these instruments has been installed under the direction of Assistant Superintendent McKisick. As has already been described, this system was devised by Edison, the Electrical Wizard, to overcome interruptions to the successful working of wires between any two stated points. The elements had a hand in the test last night, for the severe storm which has been raging for two days on the Gulf and Sound somewhat damaged the wires to the extent that Manager Dee of the Western Union had but one wire to Seattle, and that was crossed and grounded with other wires. These were ideal conditions for a practical test of the "Phone," and it did not fail, in fact the test was a perfect success, messages being transmitted over a wire which under ordinary circumstances would have been considered absolutely dead. With these instruments nothing short of a break in all the wires at the same point can prove a hindrance to handling messages, a condition of things hitherto unobtainable, at any rate for Victorians.

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Slow growth of hair comes from lack of hairfood.

The hair has no life. It is starved. It keeps coming out, gets thinner and thinner, bald spots appear, then actual baldness. The only good hairfood you can buy is—

Ayers Hair Vigor

It feeds the roots, stops starvation, and the hair grows thick and long. It cures dandruff also. Keep a bottle of it on your dressing table. It's a splendid dressing.

It always restores color to faded or gray hair. Mind, we say "always."

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"I have found your Hair Vigor to be the best remedy I have ever tried for the hair. My hair was falling out very bad, so I thought I would try a bottle of it. I had used only one bottle, and my hair stopped falling out, and it is now real thick and long."

NANCY J. MOUNTCASTLE,
July 26, 1898. Yonkers, N. Y.

Write the Doctor.

He will send you his book on The Hair and Scalp. Ask him any question you wish about your hair. You will receive a prompt answer free. Address,

DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

The School Term Ended

Boys of Collegiate Academy Relieved From Their Labors Last Evening.

Eulogistic Comments Made by Visitors on High Standing of Pupils.

Last evening the closing exercises were held in connection with the Collegiate school. Unfortunately the Lieut.-Governor, who was to have presided, was unable to be present, and in his absence the chair was occupied by Bishop Perrin.

Among those in attendance were the following: The Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Hanington, Sir Henry and Miss Crease, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Langmaid, W. H. Lobb, Mrs. Caufield, Miss Boswell, S. J. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Patton, Mrs. J. B. Hastings, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook, Miss Lawson, H. Bostock, Mr. and Mrs. Raymur, Dr., Mrs. and Miss Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. and Miss Prior, Mrs. and Miss Keefer, Mrs. and Miss Leiser, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Goodacre and many others.

The report of J. W. Laug, M.A., Oxon., headmaster of the school, was submitted as follows

Christmas, 1900.

To the Visitor of the School:

My Lord:—I have the honor to submit the report of the school during the past year:

I am pleased to announce a steady increase in our numbers. In September, 1897, when the school was removed from the Esquimalt road to the buildings we at present occupy, our roll was 18; now it is 56. As we are growing term by term, a serious question arises as to our accommodation, which is by no means adequate to our requirements, either in class rooms or in dormitories for boarders. I am most thankful to report that this has been an unbroken term as regards work, and that we have been free from any cases of illness whatever. Our examiners this term have been Rev. H. H. Gowen, of Seattle; the Rev. W. D. Barber, M. A., rural dean, and Mr. A. J. Parish, M. A., R. N., naval instructor of H. M. S. Warspite, to all of whom we are much indebted for their valuable assistance.

Your Lordship has given us an entrance scholarship for the fifth year, which will be competed for, all being well, on the first day of the Easter term, Jan. 27th, 1901. Entries for this will be received by me up to the morning of the examination.

Your Lordship has also given us two divinity prizes, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin an arithmetic prize for the third year, Mr. B. R. Seabrook has supplemented his handsome prize at the athletic sports in June last by giving us a recitation prize and a boarders' prize, and Bishop Dart, of New Westminster, whose two sons are at the school., has given a moral conduct prize for the lower school, and the Messrs. Hibben one for the best map in the school. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, whose absence through illness we all deplore this evening, has shown his interest in the school by donating a moral conduct prize for the upper school.

I am pleased to report a sound moral tone throughout the school, and that the discipline is thoroughly good.

Thoroughness is our aim, and the fact that we have boys from Honolulu, the Sound cities and distant points of British Columbia, testifies to our being known beyond Victoria.

This term's prizes have been gained as follows: The scholarship, open to the whole school, has been gained by Patton, in Form VI, with an average of 79.8, closely followed by Holden, in the upper second form, with 79.4. I sincerely congratulate Holden, a boy of 11 years of age, competing so closely with a boy of 17.

Form VI prize has been gained by Patton; Form V by Cornwall; Form IV by Newcombe I; Form III by Houghton; upper second by Holden; lower second by Drake; Form I by Stoddart.

Divinity prize for the upper school has fallen to Dart I, and in the lower school to Bendrodt. The arithmetic prize has been gained by Newcombe I, with 85 per cent., Wilmot being second with 80. The map prizes are awarded to Dart II for the upper school, and Houghton for the lower school, Pitts I being awarded an extra prize for his painstaking map of China. The moral conduct prize for the upper school has been gained by Kay; that for the lower school by Benson. The boarders' prize has fallen to Kerfoot, and the music prize, presented by Miss Arehbutt, to Dart II. The recitation prizes have been gained by Geoffrey Armytage and Campbell.

In conclusion, I must heartily thank my friends and colleagues, the Rev. C. Ensor Sharp, M. A., and Mr. H. J. S. Mushett, for their loyal and unvarying support and co-operation in assisting me to carry on the work of the school, which, by God's blessing, is in such a prosperous condition.

J. W. LAING, M. A.

Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A., one of the examiners, submitted the following report

December 13, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—I enclose my report of the examination of the lower school, and the English subjects in the upper school:

Dictation.

Form VI.—Hanington and Wilmot obtain full marks. The lowest mark in this subject was 80 per cent.

Form V.—Bell obtains 98 per cent., the lowest mark being 74 per cent.

Form IV.—The marking ranges from 90 (Goodacre) to 68.

Form III.—Houghton obtains 96 Harrison 91, Spencer I and Marshall ranging between 80 and 90. The other work in this form was not up to the general standard of excellence shown in the upper forms.

Spelling.

Form IV.—Underhill and Newcombe I obtain 95 and 94 marks respectively, the lowest marking being 69.

Form III.—Houghton 94, Marshall, Harrison II, Spencer I and Hastings I come first, all doing excellent work.

Literature and English Recitation.

Form IV.—Armytage obtains full marks in this subject, and is deserving of special mention, for careful memorizing and clearness of enunciation. Kerfoot, Campbell and Kay are also marked excellent.

Form III.—Houghton 96, Marshall, Garrett, Harrison II, and Spencer I are worthy of commendation for their intelligent rendering of their work and knowledge of the subjects.

THE LOWER SCHOOL.

Lower Second Form.

Divinity.—Bendrodt takes first place, obtaining full marks in the questions set.

Arithmetic.—Benson 79, and Martin 71, come first, the general average being 50 per cent. for the form.

Reading, Writing and Spelling.—Drake obtained an average of 81 per cent., Bendrodt 70, Pinder 68.

Geography and History.—In these subjects Pinder comes first, with 85, and Bendrodt 80, on the average.

The results as a whole are satisfactory, showing systematic and methodical teaching. The general percentage is above the average. I especially commend Armytage and Houghton for high average of marking.

A thorough grounding in English being an essential of modern education, so far as my observation goes, I can testify to the standard of excellence which the Collegiate school has reached in these subjects.

W. D. BARBER, M. A.

Mr. Parish's report was next received. He said:

Esquimalt, Dec. 11, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—In accordance with your request, I have examined the boys of the Collegiate school in mathematics. I enclose the marks gained by the boys in the following papers, namely, arithmetic, algebra, and Euclid.

Arithmetic.—The whole school took the same arithmetic paper, and with three or four exceptions, it was well done. Patton obtained full marks; Wilmot, Dart I, Houghton, Leiser and Newcombe I gained over 90 per cent., which is a very creditable performance. Nineteen out of 34 boys examined obtained over 50 per cent.

Algebra.—The boys were examined in this subject in three divisions, a separate paper being given to each division. In Division I Wilmot did a very good paper, and obtained 79 per cent. The rest did fairly well, and averaged about half marks, though in this division there seemed rather a weakness in the definitions of the subject.

In Division II a very good knowledge of the subject was shown, the division only contains six boys and only one boy failed to get over 90 per cent. Bell and Patton both obtained full marks. Leiser, Johnson, Tod I obtained over 90 per cent.

In Division III Houghton obtains full marks, and Kerfoot is only one mark behind him, while Dart 11 and Newcombe I obtained over 90 per cent.

Euclid.—The boys were examined in this subject in three divisions, a separate paper being set to each division.

In Division I Patton is first with 90 per cent., Dart I and Potts obtained over 50 per cent.

Perhaps the paper may have been a little long for the time at their disposal, but there were very few attempts at the riders; the propositions, however, were carefully and well done.

In Division II Leiser is first, with 90 per cent., and Campbell obtains over half marks.

In Division III Kerfoot obtains 83 per cent., Johnson and Newcombe I, the only other two taking up Euclid in this division, over 50 per cent.

On the whole, the style in which the papers were done shows that there has been careful and sound instruction.

A. J. PARISH, M. A.

Rev. H. H. Gowen's report was as follows

Victoria, Dec. 12, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—I enclose herewith the list of marks obtained by the boys of the Collegiate school in the recent Christmas examinations, and I feel that I sincerely congratulate you on the results arrived at. The subjects all show signs of having been very carefully taught, and the average of marks obtained is encouragingly high.

According to the showing of the actual figures, Holden comes out with the best average in the whole school, so far as my examination goes, having obtained 76 per cent. of the total possible, but as I have only examined him in five subjects as compared with eight given in the other forms, I feel it would hardly be fair to prefer him to Patton who, in eight subjects, comes out with an average of 75 per cent. I therefore adjudge to him the highest honor of the examination just concluded. Not far behind Patton comes Potts, of Form V, with an average of 74, and Houghton, in Form III, has done exceedingly well, with an average of 69. The highest average in Form IV has been obtained by Johnson, with 65. Of the individual subjects, I would like to say that all the Greek papers are exceedingly good, Patton and Dart I running each other close for the highest marks.

In Latin, Hanington's was the best paper in the school, and deserves special mention.

The best French papers were done by Wilmot and Houghton. Divinity produced good papers in every form, Dart I, Potts, Kerfoot, Houghton and Holden deserving special mention.

The English history paper of Newcombe I comes near to gaining full marks, while Patton and Potts did almost equally well.

The geography was good all through, Ending its best expression in the papers of Wilmot, Potts, Newcombe II and Holden.

In general knowledge, Potts easily outdistanced all competitors. The essay work shows some good compositions, with results as follows:

Form VI.—Dart I 1st, Hanington 2nd. Form V.—Potts 1st, Dorrell 2nd. Form IV.—Armytage 1st, Kerfoot 2nd. Form III.—Houghton 1st, Pitts I 2nd.

The best essay on the whole is that by Potts. Reviewing the papers as a whole, I am able to express my general appreciation of the work shown. Spelling and writing were not always up to the mark, the questions are not always understood, and there were many gleams of the unconscious humor of the schoolboy in the answers given, such as the idea that Maunday Thursday was so called from the mourning which followed the execution of Charles I, or that the father and mother of St. John were Mr. and Mrs. Zebedee, but these are things always to be expected.

The amount of solid work exhibited counterbalances all defects, and has made the task of an examiner a very pleasant one.

In conclusion, I would say that you and your colleagues are to be heartily congratulated on the work accomplished during the past term.

H. H. GOWEN.

A short musical programme followed the submission of the reports, Masters Hanington, Wilmot, Keefer, Harrison, Potts and Kay taking part in a couple of theatricals. Approving remarks on the work of the school were made by Bishop Perrin and Mr. Justice Martin, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

SUCCESSFUL SALE OF WORK.

Under Auspices of King's Daughters Circle at Metchosin—Enjoyable Concert.

On Friday evening a successful sale of work and concert was held in Metchosin hall under the auspices of the King's Daughters Circle in aid of their piano fund. There were three stalls containing useful and fancy articles for sale, one decorated prettily and patriotically in red, white and blue, was presided over by Miss Fisher, assisted by Mrs. Weir and the children of the Little King's Daughters Circle, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Another artistic stall draped in yellow and white was provided by Mrs. Watt and Miss Wallace. The third was a most dainty blue and white booth arranged by Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Trenchard. The buying was brisk all evening, almost none of the articles remaining at the close, the Metchosin people proving themselves as generous buyers as providers. The highly satisfactory sum of $200 was the result of the evening's entertainment and work.

At intervals during the evening there was dancing and music, Mrs. Demers and Mr. Smart, Mrs. Oldershaw, Mr. Helgesen, Mr. Argyle and Mr. Cartwright being the vocalists. Much merriment was caused, by Mr. Argyle's auction of left over articles. There were also several articles raffled; a screen, kindly donated by Weiler Bros., won by Mr. T. Kermode; a prize doll, won by Mr. J. Wallace; a picture of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, won by Mrs. Sweatman; a cushion, won by Mr. J. Ford. The new Dominion piano, purchased by the King's Daughters, was in use most of the evening, and received many encomiums. It is proposed to allow the piano to be used in the district school, so that the children may be properly taught calisthenics and patriotic songs, etc. It is already much appreciated. The treasurer's report reads:

Receipts from sale of work, Dec. 7, 1900, held under the auspices of King's Daughters Circle, Metchosin, at Metchosin hall.

Mrs. Watt's stall and private subscription	$148 35
Mrs. Trenchard's stall and private subscription	38 30
Mrs. Fisher's stall and private subscription	27 80
Sale of tickets for concert	25 00
Total	$239 45

Expenditure.

Mrs. Watt's stall	$18 35
Mrs. Trenchard's stall	2 00
Mrs. Fisher's stall	6 80
Supper expenses	6 80
Musicians	15 00
Total	$ 48 95

On hand—	
Proceeds of tea	$ 3 00
Per Mrs. Foster	1 50
Rental of piano for dance, Nov. 23	5 00
Receipts from sale of work	239 45
Total receipts	$248 95
Total expenditure	48 95
Balance on hand	$200 00

(Signed) A. S. WEIR,
Treasurer.

The ladies of the King's Daughters Circle wish to thank most heartily the following Victoria firms, who gave liberal donations to the fund, in articles for sale and money: Weiler Bros., R. Porter & Sons, Speed Bros., Mowat & Wallace, Dixi Ross & Co., Lenz & Leiser, The Hutcheson Co., E. B. Marvin & Co., D. E. Campbell, Geo. Morison & Co., Victoria Machinery Depot, H. Mansell & Co., Thos. Shotbolt, Victoria News Co., John Cochrane, G. H. Maynard, Nicholles & Renouf, Hastie's Fair, L. Dickenson, Henderson Bros., Sea & Gowen, S. Reid Co., Ltd., Fell & Co., Ltd.

Help was also received from the Victoria Ministering Circle of King's Daughters, and individually from many members of it and other Victoria ladies, and to these all also Metchosin Circle gives its grateful thanks. A handsome donation of $40 was received from the quarantined passengers of the City of Seattle, the proceeds of various entertainments organized by them, and handed over to the Metchosin Circle, in aid of the piano fund.

CANCER OF THE BREAST

One of the Commonest and Most Fatal Diseases Among the Women of Canada—A New and Painless Treatment That is Saving Many Lives.

Cancer of the breast is one of the diseases that has of late years been on the rapid increase in this country. In many cases, it may be of hereditary origin, while in others it may result from a blow, bruise or wound. There is the hard lump, enlargement of the glands in the armpit, retraction of the nipple, puckering of the skin, discharge of a glary, white fluid which is often blood tinged, sometimes pain that shoots into the armpit and down the arm. As soon as the ordinary physician sees the growth, he says: "Operate, remove the breast." Most women shrink from the surgeon's knife with its pain, danger and mutilation, especially when they know that in by far the greater number of cases operated on, the growth returns within a year. The new treatment for cancer, does away with the necessity of dangerous operations. It is a constitutional remedy that can be taken by the most delicate lady as its constituents are purely vegetable. It operates by neutralizing and destroying the cancer poison in the system, and building up the health. By its use, the lump gradually disappears till not a trace remains. Even after operations failed, we have cases on record where our constitutional remedy effected permanent cures. Some of these are given in our new book, "Cancer, the Cause and Cure." Sent to anyone in plain sealed wrapper, on receipt of two stamps. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont. All correspondence regarded as strictly confidential.

Gordon Gets Ten Weeks

Alpha's Engineer Sentenced by Magistrate Hall for Deserting the Ship.

A Curious Bit of Marine Life Disclosed by the Evidence.

The troubles which have arisen between the owners of the steamer Alpha and the chief engineer terminated yesterday, when Chief Engineer Gordon was arraigned in the provincial police court for desertion, and sentenced to ten weeks' imprisonment. The owners had as counsel Thornton Fell, while Gordon was unrepresented.

As Gordon admitted the charge of desertion, the proceedings did not occupy very long. However, he got an opportunity, under the plea of extenuating circumstances, of explaining some of the reasons which he alleges led him to turn his back forever on the vessel upon her reaching dock in Victoria.

These charges were of a very sweeping character, and were generally embraced under the one statement that the vessel was unseaworthy. Gordon alleged that one of the owners, Mr. Barber, succeeded in getting him drunk, and that while intoxicated he signed a paper whereby he acknowledged himself the cause of the three days' detention of the vessel in Vancouver, and subscribed himself as liable to the extent of $150, half the cost entailed on the ship by said detention. His firemen, he alleged, were taken on by the owners and were green men, having never fired before in their lives, and one of them had to be brought aboard in irons. This man, he says, disappeared during the night but the matter was not reported to the police.

Continuing, Gordon asserted that the vessel was not fit for sea, and that he had been warned by an engineer who went in her to Nome not to ship on her until she had been docked. She had no load line or Plimsoll mark, and, being too deep for her connections, her pumps were not able to discharge the water. In fact, to Gordon, the vessel was anathema maranatha, and his opinion of the owners was summed up in the statement that they packed aboard the "halt, the maimed, and the blind." In fact, he said they had put a lot of Japs aboard, and that even the stewards were practically working their way out.

The owners, on the other hand, had put in the log, in which entries were made, stating that Gordon was drunk when they left the wharf at Vancouver; that the skipper telephoned to the engine room and asked if he was all ready; that a reply came back in the affirmative; but that when he gave the signal "full speed ahead" the engines were reversed and the Alpha went full steam astern. Collision with the Warrimoo was avoided only by throwing out the anchor.

Counsel Fell had no hesitation in voicing his suspicions regarding the prisoner in the dock, and the means he employed to get even with the owners. He said that Messrs. Hardie and Thompson had surveyed the vessel, and stated that the water must have come in through a sea connection and also that no cement was broken. "The inference is," commented the counsel, "that the man who opened the sea connection, shut it again before the surveyors came into the ship."

This imputation Gordon strenuously denied, adding that the vessel had been in trouble in Steveston, and probably started a plate, and that while lying at the wharf something had in all probability been drawn into the fracture, stopping the influx of water.

Magistrate Hall, in summing up, told the prisoner that he had nothing whatever to do with the seaworthiness or otherwise of the ship. If he regarded her as unfit for sea there was a course open for him under the shipping law. He had only to deal with the charge of desertion. He therefore sentenced him to ten weeks' imprisonment with hard labor.

HOW TO CURE CROUP.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup, and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

ONLY HALF A DOZEN

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 14.—Later returns indicate that only six Conservatives were returned in the provincial elections.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company, for the City and Districts surrounding Victoria, with power to act as executors, administrators, assignees, for benefit of creditors, receivers, financial and investment agent, estate managers, trustees of wills, mortgages, bonds, stocks, shares for companies and individuals, establish safe deposit vaults, and to carry on a general trust business, and for such other rights, powers or privileges as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Dated December 13th, 1900.

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