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een at Work in the Orient, cording to Recent Information.

Attacked Town of Taichu, mosa—Pekin Tragedy—Disastrous Exp sion.

eamship Olympia, which arrived Orient yesterday, brought addi- etails of the explosion of gun- which occurred in the neighbor- No. 4 fort at Shanhaikwan the rt of January, in which fifty officers and British and Japan- ps were injured. In a letter by one of the Japanese artillery- o were told off to destroy the which exploded, it appears that ps were ordered to burn 2,040 powder and 530 boxes of blank es, which were left by the Chin- iers when they evacuated Shan- . The powder was all conveyed of the powder magazine and 500 ere successfully destroyed. At on the 24th, Captain Murakami Light Artillery, with sergeants men of his company, and 33 men Forty-First Regiment of In- started to destroy the remainder. tish officer and a sergeant were the Japanese troops in the One lot of powder was destroyed o'clock without a hitch. Then der contained in about 250 more as spread out. Just then the officer suggested that 80 or 90 xes should be added to the lot t was set fire to. The suggestion opted, when in the afternoon the t caught fire and exploded with ous force. Nineteen of the in- men and nineteen of the artillery ere blown to pieces. Captain mi and one man were terribly and succumbed shortly after the . The British officer, a sergeant Japanese private were injured. plosion was caused by friction. e number of bandits invaded the Taichu, Formosa, on the night st Feb., at about 9 o'clock. Forty surprised a police box and killed nded the policemen. They burnt ourteen houses. Another company lits surprised the barracks of the y and the military hospital and to the former building, destroy- o rows. A few of the infantry tineers were wounded. The band- e driven off at 10.30. number of the bandits who sur- Taichu as reported in the previous h was 200. They entered the n three companies. One of them through Taiton street which is siness part of the town and at- the police box, setting fire to the t's quarters. Other parties at- the barracks and the military l at the same time. The casual- the Japanese side were 20. s was brought of a shocking which occurred in Pekin. It ap- that Captain Lindberg came to from Tientsin in search of his who was missing and was supposed e run away with a British officer. rg found her at the Hotel du with Lieutenant Denning, of the y Cavalry. Coming upon them to- in a room, the husband drew a r and fired several shots, killing e instantly, and seriously wound- lieutenant. Lindberg then shot , and expired a few minutes

FNESS OF 12 YEARS' STANDING. cted Catarrh produces deafness in ases. Capt. Ben. Connor, of Toron- nada, was deaf for 12 years from . All treatments failed to relieve. gnew's Catarrhal Powder gave him n one day, and in a very short while afness left him entirely. It will do ch for you. 50 cents. Sold by Dean ocks and Hall & Co.—33.

A GOOD SCORE.

York, March 2.—Roll E. Hicks, of , O., carried off the honors and the in the opening round of the Sports- Association championship shoot at e targets on the range of the Madi- quare Garden to-day by breaking 94 100. The conditions of the match targets at unknown angles.

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BIRTHS.

—At Nelson, on Feb. 20th, the wife A. W. McFee, of a daughter.

DS—At Nelson, on Feb. 18th, the wife David Wadds, of a daughter.

ERS—At Nelson, on Feb. 25th, the wife Lawrence Peters, of a son.

MARRIED.

USON-MUNDORF—At 20-Mile House, onaparte, on Feb. 22nd, by Rev. R. yle, Robert Ferguson and Miss Mun- rf.

K-EWING—At the residence of the ride's parents, Seattle, on the 20th eb., by Rev. Donald Ross, George J. ook, of Victoria, to Sarah Janet wing, of Seattle.

ROSE-CARLON—At Revelstoke, on eb. 14th, by Rev. Father Thayer, chael Penrose, of McGuigan, B. C., d Miss Lizzie Carlon, of Toronto.

OTT-WINGFIELD—At Fernie, on eb. 15th, by Rev. R. F. Stillman, Rob- t Elliott and Miss Alice M. Wingfield.

DIED.

IER—On the 25th inst., at Jubilee hos- tal, George W. Fisher, aged 72 years.

PLE—At the residence of Mr. Robert Ward, corner of Catherine and Lang- ford streets, Victoria West, on the 27th stant, Margaret Jean, youngest daugh- er of Mr. A. W. Semple, a native of Victoria, aged 7 years and 5 months.

Extradition Proceedings

In Connection With Frank Case, Now Being Conducted in Portland.

Authority of Joseph Martin For Instituting Them Questioned By Defendant's Counsel.

On Friday morning in the United States Circuit court at Portland, attorneys argued pro and con. regarding the authority presented by Jos. Martin to warrant him in bringing extradition proceedings against Eli Frank, charged with misappropriation of money from Messrs. Lenz & Leiser.

According to Portland information the authority offered by Mr. Martin is contained in a letter from the Deputy Attorney-General of the province of British Columbia, and gives him the authority to institute the proceedings.

D. J. Malarkey opened the argument for the defence on the demurrer to the complaint, in which it was held there was no authority shown on the part of the British government, it merely being a private prosecution. "The question raised at this time," said Mr. Malarkey, "is that it does not appear on the face of the complaint that the complainant has been authorized by the British government to institute these proceedings. By the treaty of 1842 between the United States and Great Britain it was agreed to give up all persons charged with crime, and it was provided that judges should have the power to issue warrants. The treaty also provides that the expense of apprehension and delivery of the person shall be borne by the party who makes the requisition. If this examination should be proceeded with and later a bill of expense handed to the British or Canadian government they might repudiate it and say they never authorized the arrest of this man.

"The prosecution claims to have authority from the province of British Columbia. We claim that authority is not sufficient. What is it? It is simply a letter from the Deputy Attorney-General, and there may be a hundred deputies. To give a parallel instance, what if I should go to the Deputy District Attorney of Multnomah county and ask for authority to have a man arrested in British Columbia. If I should appear there they would laugh me out of court. Moreover, the letter does not name the United States of America, and there is nothing to show that it represents the authority of Canada.

"As it does not name any particular country, the letter might be a roving commission to this man to go all over the world and arrest Eli Frank. We submit that the Canadian government should have Consul Laidlaw here to tell you if this proceeding is lawful and authorized.

"Again, your honor, this letter smacks largely of a civil action. Then this letter, as I take it, does not mean that Martin could come to this country, but simply that he was at liberty to institute an action in British Columbia. We urge at this time that the matter be dismissed and Mr. Frank be allowed to go."

The attorney held that in a number of cases, it has been decided that it was not important as to the authority for bringing such an action and cited cases which he claimed upheld his theory, that private persons could make complaints, the examination before the court being more a matter of substance than form.

"If that is held," interjected Judge Bellinger, "I should consider it a remarkable showing that any private person might make complaint and have a man extradited."

"Under the law," continued the attorney, "the province of British Columbia is compelled to take up such cases. One judge has held that the court must act solely upon the criminality, but I do not take this view, and believe some authority ought to be shown. We are able to do that. Counsel for the defendant asked why British Consul Laidlaw was not here. Because he could not be called upon to act in such a case. I further claim there is no ground for a demurrer in such proceeding."

John Gearin, who made the closing address for the defence, attacked many of the statements of the prosecution and declared they were wrong. He cited a case to show that the British consul could be called upon to act for one of the British colonies in matters of this kind.

"There is some reason for their bringing proof of authority as they have done," he declared. "Is it to evade the expense that would be attendant upon the filing of a civil action? I do not say it is, but ask the question. The proof they have offered is not sufficient. We have no treaties with private individuals, and Your Honor must have the authority of the Canadian government."

When the proceedings adjourned several more witnesses were to be examined.

The death of Alfred Dover, the baby of a laborer of 61 Oatlands Rise, Higham Hill, Walthamstow, Eng., was stated at the inquest to be the result of suffocation, caused, it was said, by a cat belonging to the house, which was in the habit of sleeping on the bed, and which was "prowling about" there when the child was found dead.

FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.

Savoy Company Gave a Delightful Programme on Saturday Afternoon —Thursday Night's Benefit.

The performance given by the Savoy company at the Victoria theatre on Saturday afternoon in aid of the sufferers from the Union disaster was enjoyed by a large audience. In fact there were few vacant seats in the entire building, and the children were in evidence in hundreds. That they were immensely delighted was demonstrated by the salvos of applause which greeted each performer. The first item on the programme was a farce "A Striking Resemblance," in which Jessie Forrester, Tom Rooney and Alf. James distinguished themselves. Then followed Clara Lewis in a song and dance, after which Marion Blake, the female baritone, rendered a selection for which she received an importunate encore. The Vernon sisters then gave a song and dance, and Dolly Grooms sang in good style the "Ghost of a Coon."

The Evans, Devees & Evans trio then delighted the audience, and received thunderous applause, Miss Devees winning her hearers by her sweet ways and graceful dancing. Master Evans also danced a sand jig in a manner which would make the minstrel kings turn green with envy. Another hit of the afternoon was Gus Leonard, the versatile musician, who was highly appreciated. Agnes Freed, the soprano, sang Gounod's "Ave Maria," and the "Queen of the Earth," in splendid style, her high notes in particular being excellent.

Minnie Jerome then followed with a Honolulu song and dance, making a great hit, after which Rooney and Forrester gave "Two Little Alabama Coons" in a way that caused sustained merriment. The wonderful trio of acrobats, the Velares, closed the performance with some marvellous feats. Much favorable comment has been passed on the commendable action of the company in so signally contributing to a worthy cause.

The proceeds from the entertainment amounted to $166.40, which brings the total amount up to $610.45.

The fund in aid of the sufferers from the Union mine disaster has been increased by $12.25 as a result of the entertainment given under the auspices of the Victoria School of Arms in Philharmonic hall on Thursday evening. The financial statement shows the receipts to have been $57.75, and expenditure $45.50. Prof. Foster has issued the following card: "I desire to thank the officers and men of H. M. navy, also of the R. C. A., for their very valuable assistance, also to Mr. Goward, for free car service to the men from H. M. ships. It was unfortunate that a very attractive performance was given at the Victoria theatre the same night, otherwise the proceeds from mine would have been much greater. But hope to do something more substantial in aid of the fund at a future time. ROBT. FOSTER."

INTERESTING PAPERS

Were Read at the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historical Society Yesterday.

At the regular monthly session of the Historical Society an excellent paper on the Quebec act and Constitutional act was read by Mrs. Duff. A paper on the war of 1812, prepared by Mrs. Renouf and Miss A. E. Fraser, was read by the latter. But probably the most interesting item on the programme was the paper on the early registers of Fort Vancouver, by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

The paper dealt with the first records of the early population of the northwest coast of this continent as set down in the brief details of marriages, baptisms and deaths recorded in the old registers, which covered a period of two years from 1836 to 1838, concurrent with the official tenure of the chaplaincy of the post by the first chaplain, whose name was Beaver. Canon Beanlands mentioned in passing that the original books were still in use as records, with the exception of the register of births and baptisms, which was filled and replaced by a new one only a year or so ago.

At the conclusion of the paper, a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Canon Beanlands, after which the proceedings terminated. Mrs. Wm. Angus presided at the meeting which was held in the room in the legislative buildings occupied by the Natural History Society.

The next session of the society will be held on March 29th.

"I would die for you!" she exclaimed, pillowing her head upon his shoulder.

"Oh, no, you needn't darling," was the quick reply; "I like red hair."

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Sealers Sail For South

All But Three or Four of Fleet Get Indians and Leave.

First Five at Quatsino—Barkentine's Narrow Escape—Steamer Olympia Arrives.

Not more than seven schooners remain in port along the coast. The steamer Queen City, which arrived yesterday morning from her long coast trip, reports that with the exception of these vessels all the sealing fleet have left for the sealing grounds. The Victoria was at Dodge's Cove, but had secured her crew, and was ready to sail. At San Juan the Ida Etta and Teresa lay at anchor, and they were also ready to sail, as was the Libbie, which was met at Encluelet. Three schooners were meeting difficulty in securing their hunters. The C. D. Rand was at Quatsino, and expected to get ten canoes, but her skipper was having trouble in dealing with the natives, because of last year's differences with them over wages, while the Sadie Turpel and Geneva at Village island have thus far been unsuccessful in signing any men.

The Queen City had a very rough voyage. As she was about to enter Nootka Sound on Saturday last a large four masted barkentine had just put to sea after a close call from destruction. In the thick weather of last week, she had been carried in by wind and currents to within a quarter of a mile from shore, where dropping her anchor she awaited a change in the wind. Her name was not learned. No new wreckage was reported to the Queen City's officers as having been found along the coast. On the 5th of last month two large Indian houses were burned to the ground at Winter Harbor. It was the first fire Quatsino has ever had, and the Indians were greatly excited over it, the excitement being intensified by the narrow escapes which two Indians had from being burned in it.

The mines at Southeast Arm are being continuously worked, and the strike on the Comstock is turning out well, according to Mr. Berg, the manager. Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer were Fred. Richardson and Fred. Hall, two commercial representatives, who have made the round trip on the steamer.

ALARMED THE CUSTOMS.

Schooner Carlotta G. Cox, on her way to the Japanese coast, has evidently aroused the suspicions of the Hawaiian customs officers, although pursuing a perfectly legitimate course in calling at the island for water, as has been the custom in years gone by. The Hawaiian Gazette of February 19th says: "It was reported by the steamer Noeau, which arrived from Kauai on Sunday, that a schooner, said to be the Abbie Cox, was at Waimea. It seems that there is some mystery attached to the movements of this vessel and there is considerable 'rubbering' on the part of the customs authorities as to her actions. The Cox arrived at Waimea last Thursday night and it was reported that she was after water. She is a British vessel. There is no customs official on the spot and there is nothing to prevent the schooner, providing her master felt so inclined, from smuggling or landing Chinese. The Abbie Cox is a sealer and is on her way to Japan, according to the account of her commander. She came from Victoria. Although the schooner is not more than a hundred tons, she carries a crew of about twenty-five men and a large number of boats for a vessel of her size. On Friday and Saturday these men made many trips ashore in the boats, and their actions were very suspicious. There is no custom house on the Island of Kauai, as it has no port of entry, and the opportunities for smuggling and landing Chinese are as great as could be desired by the most ambitious smuggler."

THE OLYMPIA ARRIVES.

Steamship Olympia, of Dodwell & Co.'s fleet, arrived from the Orient yesterday morning, and went on to the Sound early this morning, after landing considerable freight and a number of Chinese passengers. There were twenty-seven Japanese aboard, all of whom were destined for Sound points. But one European passenger arrived by the steamer, Capt. A. C. Arthur being the lone traveller. He landed here, and is to-day renewing old acquaintances. A few years ago the captain had command of one of the Canadian-Australian liners, in which capacity he was a most popular officer. The Olympia left Yokohama 18 days ago, having been 17 days on the voyage.

A ROUGH EXPERIENCE.

Referring to the three men lost from the sealing schooner Florence M. Smith, the San Francisco Chronicle of Tuesday last says their boat became separated from the schooner when ninety miles off Point Arena early Saturday morning, and after looking in vain for the vessel in the thick weather, rowed all night towards shore, finally reaching Point Arena. They were C. Clawson, Tony Jasper and a man named Baback. They were expected to arrive at San Francisco on Tuesday on the steamer Point Arena, and will remain under the direction of Donald Ross until their schooner is heard from.

who, several weeks ago, got lost in a The Chronicle says: "The sealing schooner Aritas is reported at Monterey, where she put in to get two of her crew fog off shore and rowed to Santa Cruz, later coming to this city to remain under the direction of the British consul until the Aritas was heard from. They will now board the schooner at Monterey."

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING.

Eli Frank Arrested in Portland on Charge of Misappropriating Thousands.

Eli Frank, formerly of Victoria, was placed under arrest in Portland last week by United States Deputy Marshals Roberts and Morse, charged with the embezzlement of $9,995.95 from Lenz & Leiser. The firm have secured the professional services of Joseph Martin, M. P. P., and the latter, in company with M. Lenz and A. G. Spence, left for Portland soon after the arrest, and are expected back to-day. News of the arrest has been kept pretty quiet, and all kinds of speculation has been indulged in regarding the continued absence of the leader of the opposition in the House. He had been particularly anxious and urgent about seeing the work of the House pushed forward without delay, and his political associates have been kept guessing on what has happened to occasion his absence. It has since been learned, however, that he has gone to Portland to see if the prisoner could not be brought back on extradition papers.

The case, it is said, was to have been up in the United States District court in Portland on Thursday, but the result of the proceedings then to be instituted was not learned this morning.

After Frank's arrest, application had been made for his release on bail, but this was denied. The prisoner himself refuses to make any statement in his defence, beyond that when the case comes before the court he will show to the public and his friends that he is not guilty of any charges made in the complaint.

He has been living in Portland for the past six months, where he was apprehended by the detectives of that city. The history of the Frank case is already pretty well known. The warrant on which he has now been arrested charges him with the misappropriation of the amount above stated. Lenz & Leiser, it is said, sent as its agents to Dawson City, A. G. Spence and Eli Frank, and dispatched to them a bill of dry goods, under the name of Spence & Co. According to the agreement between the firm and its agents, it is stated that Spence was to receive his regular salary and one-third of the profits, while Frank was to get one-half of the profits. It was stipulated that the proceeds of the sale should be returned to the Victoria firm. Goods were sold to the value of $9,995.50, and this amount is said to have been entrusted to Frank to return to Lenz & Leiser. It is alleged that Frank made no settlement on his return to Victoria in August.

He spent some time in Victoria, but no action was then taken against him. He has retained Portland attorneys to represent his case, and it is understood will fight extradition proceedings.

SCOTS CELEBRATE.

Brethren of Sir William Wallace Society Had a Fine Time Last Evening.

It is only those who attend the meetings of the Sir William Wallace Society who can realize the good the society is doing for their "Brither Scots" in providing first class entertainments every week. Last night witnessed one of the jolliest gatherings that have ever met in the hall, and there were present strangers from all parts of the province and the North.

The pipes were greatly in evidence, and were much appreciated by many who have not an opportunity of hearing them often. Recitations, songs, instrumental music and reminiscences of Scotland by some of the visitors were in such abundance that it was nearly midnight before the gathering broke up. The committee who were interested with the catering are to be congratulated for the dainty refreshments served. The meetings of this society deserve to be made popular as the members have for many years kept an open door to all sojourning Scotsmen, and besides providing for their entertainment have taken an interest in locating many in positions and supplying the information usually looked for by strangers in a strange land.

A police pensioner named George Winch, of Westbourne street, Pimlico, was sorely troubled by the fact that detectives watched his house because one of his lodgers had been connected with a robbery. This so preyed upon Winch's mind that he cut his throat. A coroner's jury found that he was insane at the time.

SALT RHEUM, TETTER, ECZEMA.—These distressing skin diseases relieved by one application. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a potent cure for all eruptions of the skin Jas. Gaston, Wilkesbarre, says: "For nine years I was disfigured with Tetter on my hands. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cured it." 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—31.

Provincial News.

CHILLIWACK.

Rev. Mr. Allen has reconsidered his resolve to resign the vicarage here. He will return to stay, after a six months' visit to England.

REVELSTOKE.

Chief Justice McColl and Mr. Justice Irving reached here last evening from the Kootenay Supreme court sittings, but the C. P. R. main line being snowblocked, they are detained here, and possibly the Full court at Vancouver may have to be adjourned.

LILLOOET.

The body of a dead Chinaman was found last Saturday morning close to the Fraser river bridge. A coroner's jury was impanelled and visited the spot. On investigation it was found that the Chinaman had been crazy for some time and that he had run outside early in the morning with insufficient clothing, thus bringing on his death by exposure.

ASHCROFT.

The marriage of Ric. A. Fraser, editor of the Lillooet Prospector, and Miss L. Wardell, took place in St. Alban's (Church of England) church on Tuesday evening at nine o'clock, Rev. A. A. Dorrell officiating. The wedding march was played by Mr. D. W. Rowlands and the church was filled with friends of the bride and groom.

KELOWNA.

At the annual meeting of the Osoyoos Farmers' Institute, held at Kelowna on the 18th inst., an excellent address was read by President Dilworth, followed by a comprehensive report from H. W. Raymer, the delegate to the central institute. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $97. The officers for the current year were elected as follows: President, J. Dilworth; vice-president, A. McLennan; secretary-treasurer, A. H. Crichton; directors, Messrs. Day, Crozier, Knox, Pridham and Raymer. H. Raymer was again appointed delegate to the central institute. The meeting closed after forming a branch of the Good Roads Association.

GREENWOOD.

About forty delegates will attend the annual convention of the associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia to be held here, opening yesterday. The meeting convened at 5 p.m. yesterday at the city hall. A programme of nine subjects, submitted by different boards, was discussed. To-day the visitors will be taken to adjacent mines and to the two local smelters. The afternoon will be devoted to business. In the evening an elaborate banquet will be tendered the delegates at the Windsor hotel. The morning of the 2nd will see the close of business, so as to enable the delegates to leave on the afternoon train. There are eleven boards in the association, each being entitled to three representatives.

NANAIMO.

The vital statistics for the month are: 17 births, 11 deaths, and 6 marriages.

James Pargeter, a famous Nanaimo poultry breeder, has filled an order from Australia for Buff Chocin bantams, the second order for Australia of the same kind.

Ernest A. Keene, a miner employed in Protection island shaft, was seriously injured there yesterday.

Three seamen of the British bark Senator, J. Kellescher, W. Mullin and J. Tobin, were sentenced to ten weeks' imprisonment at Chemainus on Saturday afternoon for persistently refusing duty at various places on the voyage, and actual mutiny at Chemainus. The men were brought here and put in jail.

The board of school trustees on Saturday night cut the salary of Principal Hunter of the High school from $120 to $110.

ROSSLAND.

In the Supreme court on Monday Chief Justice McColl, in the jury case of Wm. McBride against the corporation of the city of Rossland for $5,000 damages for the loss of McBride's five-year-old child by falling off the Second avenue bridge in September, 1899, ordered the action discontinued with costs.

Messrs. E. R. Bremner, of Vancouver, and Edward Williams, Dominion labor commissioners, have been here for about a week, looking into the matter of alien labor, and as a result of their labors, 16 of the men in the employ of Messrs. Winters, Parson & Boomer, who have a contract to do some work for the Red Mountain railway, were ordered deported. The contractors will pay the way of the men back to the United States, where they were engaged. This is the first time a case of this kind has come up in this province, and the penalty of $1,000 fine for each contract laborer brought in was not enforced. The commissioners stated, however, that in the future the law would be enforced to the letter, as the intention of the Dominion authorities is to protect Canadian workers from unfair competition.

KAMLOOPS.

At Saturday's meeting of the directors of the Kamloops Agricultural Association it was decided to purchase a site for exhibition grounds from the Hudson's Bay Co. on the north side of the Thompson river. It was also decided to proceed at once with arrangements for the provincial industrial exposition to be held in September in place of the customary district agricultural exhibition. In this connection the secretary pro tem, J. F. Smith was instructed to write to F. J. Fulton, M. P. P., requesting him to lay before the provincial government the plans of the Kamloops Agricultural Association, and ask for an appropriation of $5,000. A. G. Pemberton attended the meeting to report progress in the matter of the proposed flour mill. He was able to state that the farmers were actively co-operating in the movement, and he intimated that the time had now come for the business men of Kamloops to lend a hand.

Capt. Burstall, R. C. A., recruiting officer for Baden-Powell's Constabulary, was in town on Monday and gathered in 20 men for that force, who left on Tuesday morning for Ottawa, en route for South Africa. There were between 60 and 70 applicants, but for one reason or another only 20 men were picked. The following are the names of the men enlisted here: Eric W. Branford, Pender Island; P. E. Byrne, of Harper's Camp, and recently of Victoria, B.C.; T. S. Brearley, Vancouver; Herbert Callaway, Ducks; R. Cross, Kamloops; E. B. Drummond, Kamloops; G. H. Dyson, Kamloops; Jas. and Walter Goss, Ashcroft; R. A. Gordon, North River, W.; P. Greaves, Douglas Lake; A. W. Hall, Okanagan Mission; C. T. Haddock, Ashcroft; Jas. S. Ingram, Grand Prairie; A. T. Johnston, Kamloops; G. L. Levins, Armstrong; Alfred and Chas. McLean, North River, W.; G. O. K. Woods, Kamloops; W. P. Wood, Shuswap.

Wm. Gilmore, a resident of the province for the last 43 years, passed away on Friday afternoon at the Provincial Home. The deceased was nearly 86 years of age, and was born in Ireland.

NELSON.

Another change is to be made in connection with the C. P. R. on Friday, March 1st. The train dispatcher's office at Trail is to be done away with, and hereafter all trains for the Boundary, Slocan, Rossland and the Balfour extension will be dispatched from Nelson. A. H. Lewis and L. H. S. Armstrong, who are now stationed at Trail, will assist R. Armstrong, who is engaged at the local station.

G. W. Lillie was appointed chief of the Nelson fire department on Monday night at a salary of $115 a month. Mr. Lillie has been in the city for a couple of months, during which time he has made a large circle of friends.

H. F. McLeod, who has been appointed registrar at the local land registry office, and who has been at Victoria for the past three weeks, where he was becoming acquainted with the work, has returned to Nelson. The office, which is rapidly being put into shape, will be opened to-day. W. J. Fort, the chief clerk at the Victoria office, will assist Mr. McLeod for the first few weeks.

Samuel D. Howell, who has for some time past been employed as a driver for W. P. Tierney & Co., had two ribs broken and received other internal injuries by being mixed up in a runaway on Monday. It was at the C. P. R. yards where the accident occurred. Howell had given the team a drink at the creek, but forgot to put the bits back in the horses' mouths. He started the team in the uptown direction, when the horses soon became unmanageable and started on a lively run along the street. The wagon struck a post and Howell was thrown high in the air, lighting on the ground with much force. He was removed to his home on Kootenay street in a hack, where he was at once attended by Dr. Hall. He is now doing nicely.

The vacancies in the government service at Nelson have been filled by the appointment of Robert E. Lemon as warden of the provincial jail and of Jno. H. Nolan as chief clerk in the office of the district land registrar.

The Nelson fire brigade was reorganized on Tuesday, when Thomas W. Lillie, of Vancouver, was installed as chief. Six of the old members resigned. At the present time the brigade is composed of: Thomas W. Lillie, chief; Jas. J. Chambers, captain; J. R. Campbell, lieutenant, and Joseph Thompson, Kerby Douglass, Thomas L. Lillie, Harry Houston, Harry Stutter, J. McLeod, C. Londin, James Foote and William Boyd, driver.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the subscribers of the public library the old board, with a few changes, were re-elected. George Kydd, who has been officiating as treasurer, resigned, and Mrs. R. W. Hannington was the only new director added. The officers elected are as follows: President, E. A. Crease; vice-president, Dr. Isabel Arthur; treasurer, Herry Bird; secretary, Mrs. A. McCulloch; directors, Mrs. G. F. Beer, Mrs. H. Bird, Mrs. P. Lamont, Mrs. R. W. Hannington, Mrs. R. W. Day, G. V. Holt, R. R. Hedley, J. H. Bowes, Fred Irvine, G. Frank Beer and Mayor Fletcher. Reports that were read showed that the board had a successful year financially. In the report read by Librarian Miss A. N. Williamson, it was stated that the total number of books taken into homes was 3,696, making a monthly average of 307. During the year fifty-two were bought and one donated. The number of visitors during the year was 20,303, making a monthly average of 1,692, against 646 for the previous year.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Ald. Keary informed the council that as the result of a conference with the police commissioners, it was expedient to rescind a previous resolution of the council, cutting off all police salaries after March 1st. The commissioners say they require four policemen at least exclusive of the pound-keeper, and he would like the sense of the meeting on the subject. There was an impression abroad that the commissioners were opposed to the council being more strongly represented on the board of police commissioners. At the conference referred to, however, the commissioners had rather expressed pleasure at the suggestion as lightening their burden of responsibility for the management of the force. The motion rescinding the previous motion was then carried. It was pointed out that the estimates would have to be changed to provide for four instead of three policemen.

The executive committee of the recently formed Westminster Horticultural Society met on Tuesday night in the city hall. Vice-President P. Latham in the chair. The chief business of the meeting was the adoption of by-laws and preparing amendments to the constitution and the appointment of a secretary. W. A. D. Jones was chosen secretary of the society. A sub-committee was also appointed, consisting of Messrs. Tidy, Latham, Turnbull and Jones to collaborate with Messrs. Stride, of Burnaby, and Robinson, of Vancouver, in the revision of the prize list for the floral department of the Royal Agricultural & Industrial Society's exhibition.

During the last few days local lumber and shingle mills have shipped over the C. P. R. to Eastern points fifteen carloads of lumber and five of shingles.

Walter Dockrill has returned from Dawson, having disposed of his drug business there. He reported leaving all the old Westminster friends well and prosperous.

VANCOUVER.

The fire department had a small blaze to contend with on Tuesday evening, at the residence of A. M. Tyson, on the corner of Pacific and Thurlow streets. The fire originated in a defective pipe, connected with the furnace in the basement, and before the flames could be extinguished over $400 worth of damage by fire, smoke and water was estimated to have resulted.

It is almost an assured fact that the Goldsmith copper properties will pass into the hands of Messrs. Boewick and Moreing, of London, within 60 days. Mr. Scott, representing this syndicate, left for England on Tuesday, after completing the details of the purchasing option of the Britannia copper mines, but before leaving arranged a bond with the Goldsmith people. The terms of the option are learned from no less than three reliable sources, and are to the effect that the Moreing and Boewick syndicate may secure possession of the property within sixty days by the payment of $375,000, the sellers in addition to get 25 per cent. interest in the English company organized to work the mines.

The school board will ask the provincial legislature to amend the Scholl Act to provide that all school teachers be engaged for one year only; the year to terminate in July. This decision was arrived at during a meeting of the board, in spite of the fact that a letter was read from Secretary Eaton, of the Victoria school board, stating that the majority of Victoria school trustees did not approve of the suggestion, on the ground that instead of removing any existing evil, it would create greater evils.

The Hastings and Moodyville saw mill employees have demanded an increase of pay.

At a meeting of the city council a letter was received from Chief of Police Stewart, stating that the Seattle coal supplied by Crowder & Penzer was not satisfactory. A letter was received from the firm stating that satisfactory arrangements would be made or the contract given up. It was moved by Ald. Neelands, seconded by Ald. Wood, that the coal contract be reconsidered and awarded to Evans, Coleman & Evans, the lowest tenderers for British Columbia coal.

Capt. Johnson, the well known pilot, whose death was announced yesterday, leaves a widow and several children. He was 40 years of age, and one of the most experienced pilots in local waters. He brought the Empress liners from Victoria for many years.

Eighty-nine cases were tried by the police magistrate during the month of February.

There were 21 interments in the city cemetery during the month of February.

The report of the fire department for February shows a total of 16 alarms from boxes or telephones responded to during the month with an aggregate of loss of but $2,650. The most serious fire of the month was that at English Bay on February 6th, which destroyed the two dwellings owned by Major-General Twigge, together with a valuable library belonging to one of the tenants. The loss is estimated at $1,800 exclusive of the loss sustained by the destruction of the books.

According to the report of the Trades and Labor Council, out of 23 Japs who have applied for fishing licenses to date, 20 have been refused, as not qualified.

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