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THE CITY.

A Prospecting Party.

J. G. Richards and a prospecting party went up on a small steamer to the Cowper Mines, Sooke, yesterday morning.

They Met Late.

A special committee meeting of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association was held late last night to take steps for the representation of British Columbia, as a fruit growing country, at the World's Fair.

Certificates of Incorporation.

To-day's issue of the British Columbia Gazette, contains the declaration of incorporation of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. Also, the certificate of registration of the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company (foreign.)

Picnic at the Gorge.

The Guild of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, have made arrangements for giving a picnic on July 1st. Boats will be the principal source of conveyance from the city, up the Arm, it being the intention of the picnickers to spend most of the day on the water.

The Grand Lodge.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A. M., will be held at Nanaimo on Thursday. The Victoria lodges will be largely represented. There is some very important business to be transacted, and it is expected that the project for the establishment of a Masonic orphanage will be dealt with.

What's in a Name?

Mr. Robt. Dudgeon, bookkeeper at A. Lewis & Co.'s, was, yesterday, congratulated by a number of friends on having been acquitted on a charge of shooting at a woman. The shooting case has figured in police court, but Mr. Dudgeon is anxious that it should be known that he is not the man—in fact, he has never handled a firearm since he left the army.

A Runaway.

Harry Randall, painter and decorator, sustained serious injuries, yesterday afternoon, by the upsetting of his wagon. He was driving past Douglas street as a charge of dynamite was being fired in the sewerage works. His horse took fright and darted off, upsetting the wagon, and throwing Randall to the ground. When picked up, it was found that he had sustained serious injuries to the shoulder blade.

Central School Exercises.

The School Trustees have awarded the contract for the erection of a platform to seat the children during the closing exercises of the Central School, which will accommodate 1,000 pupils. Ample seating facilities will also be provided for the parents of the scholars and friends of the school. The exercises promise to be unusually fine, and no doubt will be largely attended.

A Number of Sites Offered.

The committee on the selection of a site for the Orphan's Home have been very busy for the past five days. A large number of sites have been offered for consideration; two of them are offered free and others at low prices. The committee have taken no action up to date, as they wish to make a selection only after careful inspection and comparison. A list of the properties offered will be given soon, and the public will be invited to aid the committee by suggestions in the final selection.

New Methodist College.

The committee in charge of the location of the proposed new Methodist College, are still on the look out for an eligible site. No other offer that possesses the necessary qualification has been handed in since the one of Mr. C. T. W. Piper, tendering the Cadboro' Bay property. The committee say that it is possible that the people of Vancouver or Westminster may prove more generous in the way of help, and thus secure the College, but it is to be hoped that such will not be the case.

"Gazette" Announcements.

To-day's issue of the British Columbia Gazette, announces the appointment of the following notaries public, viz: J. F. Galbraith, of Coverdale, for the corporation of the district of Surrey; E. C. Carpenter, of Nelson, for West Kootenay district, and S. Redgrave, of Donald, for and within the province.

Robert T. F. Granger and Geo. A. Miller, of New Westminster, are appointed clerks in the Land Registry office, New Westminster district.

The North Thompson Coal Find.

Mr. Slavin, one of Kamloop's leading merchants, came over, yesterday, and will return, to-morrow, with Mrs. Slavin, who has been spending some time with friends in Victoria. He reports that the discovery of coal on the North Thompson has created quite a stir in the inland capital, and that the prospects are very encouraging. Mr. Bellamy, who inspected the newly-found coal field in the interests of the C. P. R., reports very favorably. The coal is semi-bituminous and is present in immense quantity. It is found on the surface, and then there is a stratum of sand. Below this again another seam, and lower more sand. Practical miners—and there are four of them engaged in prospecting and development work at the place—declare that the bed is solid coal, overlaid with sand. The mine is situated about 55 miles from Kamloops, on the North Thompson, and some fifteen miles further up are situated the Lone Prospect and the Iron Blade—two silver claims of great promise.

Waived Extradition Proceedings.

W. Jameson of Tacoma has cause to regret the lending of himself as a tool for a company of unscrupulous Sound speculators. This company some time ago sold a large tract of valuable land in Washington, a plan was concocted to swindle the buyers out of the tract, and W. Jameson, who had been in the employ of the company as a surveyor, was persuaded to carry out the plan. The company promised to back him in all he did and see that his family were provided for in case of trouble. Jameson accordingly proceeded to Washington, D. C., and there succeeded in abstracting the papers relating to the lands sold from the United States Registry office. The object was to so tamper with the papers as to render a successful suit possible for the recovery of the land. The plot was discovered in time to prevent the fraud. Those who tempted Jameson to do the work went back on him when he failed to accomplish their ends. Hard pressed by the authorities, he was forced to leave his family and cross the line. Coming to Victoria some time ago he has remained here most of the time since. On Tuesday U. S. Marshal T. R. Brown arrived from Tacoma for the purpose of arresting Jameson. The man was located in a cabin on Humboldt street and placed under arrest. The prisoner asserted his willingness to go back and have the matter over with by standing trial. With this important witness secured, it will be possible to bring the ring of speculators who were back of the scheme to justice. Marshal Brown departed the same evening with his prisoner.

To Banquet at Vancouver.

The banquet to be given by the Provincial Underwriters in Vancouver, on Saturday next, will be attended by a great many of their contemporaries in this city, who will go over on the Yosemite to-morrow morning.

Frohman's "Jane."

At the Victoria Theatre, Monday and Tuesday nights, the amusement public of Victoria will have the pleasure of sitting in judgment upon New York's endorsement of the English comedy "Jane," which has but recently closed a most prosperous run of 150 nights at the Madison Square Theatre, after a season of 400 nights in London. The amusement going public of the Eastern metropolis often condemn plays which make a success in other cities, and sometimes applaud performances that are received elsewhere with apathy, but in the incidents of "Jane," New Yorkers seem to have done the proper thing in applauding. Boston and Philadelphia have each done the same and both places have had the opportunity for judging at 50 different performances in each respective place. Its humor is of the bright laconic quality and ludicrous situations follow each other in swift sequence. Each night in New York was a fashionable affair and the prospect is that "Jane" will have the most brilliant audiences of the season at the theatre here.

CANON BEANLANDS WELCOMED.

A Reception Tendered by the Parishioners on His Return to Victoria.

Rev. Canon Beanlands was tendered a reception, yesterday evening, by the members of Christ's Church Cathedral.

The reception was held in the school of the church, and Rev. J. B. Hewetson made an address of welcome in behalf of the parish. They desired, he said, to extend a cordial welcome to Canon Beanlands on his return to the city of Victoria. Those who had been associated with him in his work here, had missed him very much. The members of the church and parish desired to extend their congratulations on his safe journey, which they hoped had been a pleasant one, and to renew expressions of pleasure at having their beloved pastor with them once more.

Venerable Archdeacon Scriven followed with a welcome on behalf of the people of Victoria in general. Not only were the people of Christ's Church Cathedral glad to welcome Canon Beanlands on his return, but his other friends wished to join very heartily in an expression of pleasure at the safe conclusion of his trip.

Canon Beanlands replied that this expression of good-will on the part of his parish and friends was a source of the greatest pleasure. It was doubly grateful after the long trip which he had just concluded. He hoped that the friendly relations of pastor and parish would continue in the future as they had in the past. He was glad to be back again, more so than he could express. The Canon closed by again thanking those present for the reception.

The more formal part of the reception over, those present proceeded to enjoy themselves in a social way. The orchestra of Mr. Pauline, organist of the Cathedral, furnished music for the occasion. The rooms were prettily decorated with flowers and banners, and refreshments—ice cream, cake and other good things—were provided by the ladies. The evening was spent in social converse, the whole affair being of an informal nature.

THEIR FIRST MEETING.

The B. C. Board of Trade Building Association Complete Organization.

The B. C. Board of Trade Building Association met yesterday afternoon in the Board rooms. The meeting was called to order at 3 o'clock, shareholders representing about one-third of the subscribed stock being present. Mr. T. B. Hall read a report of what had been done by the trustees for the three months passed since the association was incorporated, and concluded by stating that the contract for the building to be erected had been placed on Tuesday last. The contract calls for the delivery of the building complete by December 14, 1892. The total cost of the ground and building will be between $55,000 and $60,000. On motion the report was adopted. In this report the provisional trustees formally handed over the business intrusted to their charge. Mr. Hall was continued in the chair.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a board of directors pursuant to the notice to that effect. The old trustees were elected, and the following is the board as it now stands:

T. B. Hall, president.

A. C. Flumerfelt, R. P. Rithet, R. Ward, A. B. Gray, C. E. Renouf.

Mr. E. Crow Baker was elected representative of the shareholders who are not members of the board.

The draft by-laws were then presented, and on motion were provisionally adopted and referred to the new board of directors for action. If necessary they will be referred to a special general meeting to be held on the 28th inst. The meeting then adjourned to that date.

A POINT OF LAW.

The case of Arthur Poole, charged with an infraction of the Revenue By-Law of 1889, and amendment 1891, was heard in the Police Court yesterday morning, Mr. Gregory appearing for the defendant.

A plea of not guilty was entered, and the Police Magistrate was asked to determine the case upon the facts as admitted by the informant and defendant. The Magistrate held that he had no authority to do so, and unless a plea of guilty was entered, the prosecution would have to call witnesses and prove the case regularly.

Mr. Gregory then said that he did not wish the city to be put to the expense and trouble of calling witnesses, and would ask leave to withdraw the plea of "not guilty," and plead "guilty," and the question of the constitutionality of the by-law could be argued afterward. This was granted.

Mr. Gregory made several objections to the by-law, but relied chiefly upon the fact that the by-law was passed under the authority of the Municipality Act of 1889, which has been repealed by the Municipality Act of 1892 and sub-section 13 of sec. 204, in the new act differ materially from that in the repealed act in the substitution of the word "Municipality" for Province, and the by-law did not conform to that new subsection. The by-law being a taxing one and the action one to enforce a penalty, the by-law must be strictly construed and the procedure given by it accurately followed.

It was held that the by-law was intervires of the City Council, and did not loose its force by virtue of the saving clause in Sec. 8 of the Act of '92. Mr. Poole was adjudged to pay the license fee of $50 and a fine of $50 additional.

The decision will be appealed from.

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THE CITY.

A Pleasure in Prospective.

The ladies of St. James' Episcopal Church, James Bay, are arranging for a strawberry festival to be given Wednesday evening, June 29.

Old People's Home.

The supplies for the Home for Aged and Infirm will in future be furnished by tender. The time for receiving separate tenders at the office of the City Clerk will be up on Monday next.

What's in a Name.

The unaccountable mistake of an intelligent compositor made the name of Ald. McKillican in the report of Wednesday evening's meeting of the Council, read "Ald. McMillan" in a couple of places. The mistake in the name does not however elect a new alderman.

Angeles on the Fourth.

Extensive preparations are being made in Port Angeles for the above date. Sports of various kinds will be carried out; it is anticipated that a large number will go from here. The place is very conveniently situated for visitors from this side, and doubtless a large number of Victorians will avail themselves of the opportunity for a pleasant day's outing.

No Appointment Made Yet.

There has been as yet no official announcement made of the appointment of a coroner for the city and district of Victoria, vice Dr. Morrison resigned, although it is understood Dr. Hasel, of this city, will be named. Should any event occur in the interim requiring the services of a coroner it would be necessary for special instructions to issue before an inquest could be held.

A Knighted Visitor.

Amongst the guests at the Hotel Dallas, yesterday, was Sir T. C. Alcock, of county Lennox, Scotland, who is touring Canada on a combined sight-seeing and speculation visit. While in Vancouver he purchased a large lot on the corner of Granville and Dunsmuir streets, opposite the new building being erected for the Bank of Montreal. It is understood he has some idea of investing capital in this city also.

New Government Buildings.

Several of the leading local architects have signified their intention of sending in competitive plans for the new Provincial Government buildings to be erected on the grounds across James Bay, and the necessary information required to enable them to begin work is being obtained from Mr. W. S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works. The time allowed, to September 30, will give ample time for the preparation of designs.

The Kaslo Boom.

Mr. Geo. T. Kane, of Kaslo City, B. C., a mining and real estate man, is in the city accompanied by Mrs. Kane. Speaking of the upper country, Mr. Kane said: "Yes, we have had a very brisk time so far, this year, and there is no indication yet of any abatement in the excitement. A large number of prospectors are out, and some of them have already made splendid strikes. The Slocan district still continues to be highly thought of, and when a little more development work has been done will be more heard of."

Distances are Deceptive.

Several ladies and gentlemen who were walking along the Dallas road at about 12:15, yesterday afternoon, were somewhat alarmed by the passage over their heads of a shell thrown from a "C" battery gun, and which fell where it was intended to—into the sea. One gentleman, Mr. Henry Fell, of 46 Quebec street, is authority for the statement that it passed within two feet of a ladies head, to her very natural discomfort. Col. Holmes, who in person superintended the firing, is inclined to laugh at the report. He says that the shell endangered no one, and that Mr. Fell's eye must have deceived him as to the elevation. To any but one trained in matters military it is a very difficult thing to accurately locate a missile in its passage through the air.

Port Angeles Realty.

In item appearing in the evening paper on the 16th, referring to Port Angeles, is anything but truthful. Instead of 999 Victoria holders of real estate in Port Angeles wishing to dispose of their holdings, there are only fifteen holders of valuable Angeles real estate living in Victoria, and not one of these holders can be bought out at anthing approaching the prices they paid for their holdings. As a fact, during the last week, 500 per cent. advance was offered for a lot in the business centre of Port Angeles, and refused; and what is more, the lot in question is owned by a Victorian who has unlimited faith in both Victoria and Port Angeles.

Prospecting Expedition.

According to the Nelson Miner, one of the best equipped prospecting expeditions that ever left Spokane for the north was fitted out by Mr. Rudolph Gorbow, proprietor of the New York brewery, and Mr. Leo Sutor, of Spokane, in co-operation with an eastern capitalist, and started for British Columbia about the beginning of this month. The expedition is in charge of a gentleman who is familiar with every foot of ground for 100 miles north and south of the boundary line, who is furthermore a geologist and mineralogist of repute, assisted by an experienced prespector. The expedition is working its way up one of the tributaries of the Pend d'Oreille river, and has discovered some rich placer grounds, the working of which, on a large scale, it is intended to take at once in hand, while the "discoverers" are pushing ahead up into the lofty mountains in search of the golden ledges from which these placer grounds must of necessity have received their supply of nuggets. The enterprise is backed by energy and unlimited financial resources.

Saved a Child's Life.

On Wednesday, just as the Nanaimo train was rounding in from Russel's Station to the E. & N. depot on Store street, Mr. Francis Bourchier, by a piece of plucky athletic work, saved a little girl from almost certain death. He was walking over the track towards Russel's, and as he got to the big curve in the rocks, heard the engine bell of the train, and clambered up the hill at the side of the rails to get out of its way. As he did so, he saw for the first time, right on the bend, a little girl, who, unconscious of any danger, sat playing in the very centre of the track. Quick as a flash he jumped down, seized the child by her dress and leapt with her back again. So imminent was the risk that when the startled girl was lifted from her perilous situation the front wheels of the big engine were not five feet away. It was a plucky and quick-witted piece of work, and Mr. Bourchier deserves the greatest credit. Had he delayed acting for even a moment the child would have been crushed to death. It will be remembered that once before, three years ago, Mr. Bourchier distinguished himself in a like manner, and, as at the present time, instead of seeking any publicity for his meritorious act, he did his best to hide it.

Appointed Moderator.

Rev. D. MacRae, of St. Paul's, Victoria West, has been appointed moderator of the first Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia.

The Loss Adjusted.

The loss by the recent fire at Tedd & Yelland's canoe factory has been adjusted at $2,504.77, on which the insurance company will pay $1,616.27.

A Combination of Attractions.

The members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian Church will give a social in the new hall at Stanley Avenue, Spring Ridge, next Tuesday evening, when ice cream, strawberries and a musical and literary programme will be provided—all "under one tent."

For Thriving Sidney.

A more enjoyable arrangement for Saturday afternoon could not be made than that placed within the reach of all by the Islander's excursion to Sidney, North Saanich, this afternoon. The steamer will leave here at 4 o'clock, and return by moonlight, good music and substantial as well as light refreshments being furnished on board.

The Fraser Valley Crops.

A gentleman who has been farming on the Fraser River for several years past was in the city yesterday, and says the crops along the river are looking splendid, and if the water does not come too high this year, the returns will be very large. The hay is about ready for cutting, and the grain is in a very healthy condition.

The Season for 'Em.

The picnic season may now be properly considered in full blast. There will be an exodus, to-day, to the Gorge and Oak Bay, a Sunday school party going to the latter resort, while the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and the Victoria West lodge I. O. G. T. will enjoy the afternoon up the Arm.

The Canada Western.

There is nothing new to report in the Canada Western, further than that negotiations are progressing satisfactorily. So soon as all details between the Canada Western Company and the Chicago syndicate are completed, all necessary papers will be signed. The deal with the Government was virtually closed when the money was put up.

Fruits for the Big Fair.

The committee of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, who are arranging for the representation of the fruits of the province at the great World's Fair, sat until after 2 o'clock, yesterday morning, arranging preliminaries, concerning which the public are not interested. Messrs. Okell & Morris will receive any fruits for the great exhibition, and prepare them free of charge.

Benevolent Society Excursion.

The steamer Islander has been chartered by the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral, who have arranged for an excursion to Seattle. The steamer will leave here at 7 a.m., Saturday June 25, and will return the same evening. A band has been engaged for the occasion, and those who wish to "Trip the light fantastic" will be given an opportunity on the way back. A very enjoyable trip is promised.

May Lose an Eye.

An unfortunate case of cruelty to a helpless infant came to the notice of a COLONIST reporter, yesterday morning. A year-old baby was being wheeled along Fort street in a perambulator, when an elder brother, about four years of age, becoming annoyed at its crying, inflicted a punishment at once dangerous and severe. He pushed the forefinger of his right hand into one of the baby's eyes, holding his left hand behind the little one's head to give more force to his punishment. It is feared that the baby's eye is so badly injured that it will be lost. The little lad was too small to realize fully the serious nature of his offence, but some of these days will realize and regret it.

Orange Association.

Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 1,610, met and opened in due form, last night, there being a very large attendance with a long list of business. Only a few members were initiated in the blue degree. The adjourned meeting of the Royal Scarlet Chapter met and advanced three brethren. There was a numerous attendance of Knight Companions. The committee for the Orange Celebration on the 12th of July in Vancouver met and appointed sub-committees to make final arrangements for their excursion on the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Yosemite, which will call in at Saanich and take on the Saanich Lodge. The latest reports to the District Secretary say they will turn out 75 or 100 members along with a large number of the fair sex and children.

Strawberry Festival.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church gave a strawberry festival in the school rooms adjoining the church, yesterday evening, Rev. D. McRae acting as chairman for the occasion. The opening portion of the evening was occupied by a concert, the programme of which was as follows: Opening number, Instrumental duet, by the Hall brothers; Vocal solo, entitled "Jessie's Dream," by Miss Field; Recitation, Mrs. Walt; Solo, Mr. Watson; Instrumental duet, Mrs. Hall and Miss Munsie; Solo, Mr. Galt; Recitation, Mr. Mellon; Solo, Mr. Kinnaid. The various numbers were liberally applauded.

After the set programme had been rendered, refreshments, consisting of strawberries and cream, cake, etc., were served, and the remainder of the evening passed in social chat. The attendance was very large, the hall being crowded to the doors. The ladies propose to give a series of these festivals in place of the sales of work, which they have held heretofore.

The Electric Tramway Service.

Several very acceptable changes have been made in the tramway service, and under the supervision of the new superintendent, Mr. F. C. Heath, an electrician and manager of considerable experience, greater facilities may be looked for. Upon entering on his duties, Mr. Heath came to an understanding with the employes of the company, calling them together and outlining the changes which he intended to make, and expressed at the same time the hope that the best of feeling would exist between all parties. According to the new time table there will be five cars placed on the Douglas street route, and regular twelve-minute trips made. On the Esquimalt trip there will also be five cars placed, and with this number the service will be a twenty-minute one. The Pandora avenue service will also be improved by the addition of a couple of cars, while from the Driving Park to Oak Bay junction the cars will run every twenty minutes. The new extension from Superior street to the park will be operated about the fourth July.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ABROAD.

The Exhibit Association Will See the Province Represented at Eastern Shows.

Chicago's Great Fair will be Looked After by the Government.

British Columbia's wonderful and varied resources will be conspicuously displayed at the great Toronto exposition and at all the other big Eastern shows this fall; and the prospects are bright for an equally creditable exhibition, upon a more magnificent scale than ever before attempted at the World's Columbian Exposition, which will make Chicago next year the Mecca of all nations.

It was to complete arrangements for the eastern shows this year, and to arrange preliminaries for the World's Fair, that the B. C. Exhibit Association met at the City Hall last evening. Mayor Cope, of Vancouver, president of the association, filled the chair, supported by Mayor Beaven, vice-president, and Hon. J. H. Turner, Minister of Finance and Agriculture. Mr. H. G. Ross, of New Westminster, secretary-treasurer, was in his usual place, while filling the semicircle of seats were Messrs. John Campbell, Vancouver; R. E. Gosnell, Vancouver; W. H. Ladner, ex-M. P. P., Ladner's Landing; M. Sinclair, New Westminster; D. S. Curtis, New Westminster; W. J. Henry, Port Hammond; E. Hutcherson, Ladner's Landing; A. H. B. Macgowan, Vancouver; D. R. Ker, Victoria; Wm. Prout, Victoria; John Kirkland, Delta; John Edwards, Chilliwhack; G. A. McTavish, S. M. Okell, Ald. Munn, Wm. Dalby and Wm. Templeman, Victoria.

The minutes of a meeting of the association held about a fortnight ago at New Westminster were duly confirmed and Mr. John Kirkland rose to enquire if the meeting was to confine itself to arrangements for the Eastern exhibitions. Or would the preparations for the Chicago World's Fair be included in the business of the night? He had understood that the representation of the province at the Eastern shows was to be an annual affair, and if so, he thought it should be kept distinct and separate from the Chicago exposition. The latter, in his opinion, should be made a special feature.

Mr. W. H. Ladner advised that the cream of the Dominion exhibits be selected for the Chicago World's Fair, with, of course, many desirable additions, wherever they could be secured.

Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, speaking for the Fruit Growers' Association, said that their best efforts would be directed toward securing a creditable exhibit for the World's Fair. They had already ordered a line of bottles, in all sizes, from half-pints up to several gallons, and he hoped to have them well filled. If it could be done, the Association would no doubt willingly assist the Exhibit Association in preparing for the Eastern shows, but they would have their hands full in preparing for the World's Fair.

Mr. Curtis advised that the Association confine its endeavors to preparing for the provincial exhibitions; if too much were undertaken nothing would be well done. He considered that the Government should alone deal with the representation of the province at Chicago. To put this matter fairly before the meeting, he moved to dismiss the consideration of representation at the World's Fair.

Before entering upon a discussion of this resolution, Mr. D. R. Ker enquired what the Government were going to do in regard to the World's Fair.

Hon. Mr. Turner thought this was a very pointed question to come so early in the evening. It required a direct answer, and he would reply as directly as possible. It would be remembered that in the estimates laid before the Legislature at the last session, a sum of $5,000 was provided for the representation of B. C. at Chicago. This amount it was contemplated to increase by a second grant next year, if necessary—which it would no doubt be. The Government would make a special effort in the first place to have the mineral wealth of the province fairly represented, and the constant services of one good man would be required for this. Already a fine collection had been prepared in Kootenay, and the work was only just begun. Forestry would also make a strong showing—British Columbia timber in all its forms of preparation and manufacture. This branch would require thorough organization, and the outlay of a considerable sum in freights alone. Prof. Saunders, the Dominion World's Fair Commissioner now being *en route* to the province, full information would be obtainable upon his arrival. Fruits would come next, and in this department the Government would depend very much on the Fruit Growers' Association for assistance. An exhaustive and thoroughly representative display was looked for, and the fruits would no doubt form one of the best features of the British Columbia court. Grains and other agricultural products could be depended on—a good collection had already been secured for the Imperial Institute. Great care would have to be taken not to weaken the representation of the Province where it would do the most good by too much division of forces. The Imperial Institute would be a permanent advertisement of the industries of all British Colonies and dependencies, and its value to British Columbia could not easily be over-estimated.

Mr. Ker expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the explanation of the Minister of Agriculture, and hoped to see the Government and the Province Exhibit Association work together. There should be but little difficulty in getting duplicate or triplicate exhibits—for Toronto, for the World's Fair and for the Imperial Institute.

Hon. Mr. Turner referred to the appointment of Mr. Hutcherson as Government Inspector of Fruits and Fruit Pests. He would also look after specimens, in fruit especially, for Chicago and the World's Fair.

Mr. Curtis hoped that Hon. Mr. Turner would represent to the Government that British Columbians as private individuals had dropped all thought of representation at the World's Fair, depending on the Government's promise that the province will be well represented.

Secretary Ross explained the manner in which the World's Fair question came to be brought in, in connection with the Provincial Exhibit Association—entries for the big Chicago show had to be made before the end of July of this year. This was stated in the circular sent out by Prof. Saunders, as World's Fair Commissioner for Canada. The closing time for entering for the Columbian Exposition was so in touch with the Eastern fairs that it was contemplated to use the exhibits at both. The Fruit Growers' Association intended to take special pains in preparing for the World's Fair, and they had therefore been asked to prepare duplicate collections. If this was done, the work could be very much consolidated.

Mr. Macgowan, in order to test the feeling of the meeting, seconded Mr. Curtis' motion—that the British Columbia Exhibit Association only undertake the preparation for the provincial exhibition. He thought the World's Fair was perfectly safe in the hands of the Government.

This motion carried, and the discussion of ways and means then occupied the attention of the meeting for considerable time. It being evident that enough money would be available to prepare an exhibit for Eastern display, Mr. Macgowan moved, seconded by Mr. McTavish:

"That this association prepare an exhibit for the Eastern fairs."

This motion carried, and an hour's desultory discussion followed upon the method of collecting and preparing exhibits, the debate seeming to confuse rather than expedite the object in view.

It was finally moved by Mr. Gosnell that a committee of four be appointed to confer with Mr. Hutcherson, representing the Government, and Mr. Macgowan, the Fruit Growers' Association, and decide upon a line of action.

Mr. D. R. Ker seconded the resolution, which after discussion was withdrawn, Mr. Ross being by a subsequent motion appointed a committee of one to prepare the Eastern exhibit, working in harmoney with Mr. Hutcherson and Mr. Macgowan.

The meeting dispersed at 11 o'clock.

A STRIKE PROBABLE.

Union Plasterers Demand the Recognition of an Eight-Hour Day.

Employers Given Until Monday Next to Accept the Situation.

There is a very strong probability that next week will see the Union Plasterers of Victoria on strike for an eight-hour workday.

This is the outcome of a meeting of the incorporated Association of Union Plasterers held last night in the Trades and Labor Hall, with President Smith in the chair. After a brief discussion it was decided to demand the recognition of eight, instead of nine hours, as a working day, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with employing plasterers, notifying them of the decision arrived at.

The new arrangement is to come into operation on Monday next, or else—a strike will be declared.

There are 25 members of the association of Incorporated Union Plasterers in this city, the scale of wages on which they are working, being $5 per day. On this they will hear of no reduction.

The plasterers were "out" for three months about a year ago when they struck against the employment of Chinese helpers. They were then a merely local organization. They are now strengthened by international associations. Other branches of the building trade are not joining in the 8-hour movement. The "bosses" are organized, and presumably will resist.

FISHERY REGULATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR:—In your Ottawa dispatches, it is stated that Mr. Wilmot takes great credit to himself for the new fishery regulations, this year. This is not strange. Consider, Mr. Editor, the profound and statesmanlike regulation that all British subjects who are *bona fide* fishermen should, upon payment in advance of two dollars, be given a fishing license entitling him to earn a living out of the waters of B. C., and, further, that masterly stroke in finance, to collect $20 for every fishing license all over the province, whereas, in northern rivers, formerly they were only $5 each. These, in effect, are the changes this year, and surely they are evidence of great intellect, considering that they are deductions from various experiments on these matters for five years past.

It should be generally understood that the Department gave instructions, last season, that the offal law should be strictly enforced. By a providential interposition it is said that the present Fisheries Inspector for the province never received them. But, ye canners now beware! Samuel Wilmot, Esq., says it will be enforced this year, and of course he loves the canners as well as Victoria. Will not Sheriff Armstrong, Mr. Wilmot's fellow-commissioner, get great credit also? That brainy man who asked so many sensible questions during the sitting of the Fisheries Commission, and "there is only a few of them left," even in New Westminster. Surely, the only original "minister of short bits and cabbages," when "me and Beaven" ran the Government of British Columbia, will be given some credit with Mr. Wilmot for the marvelous wisdom displayed in the above-named new regulations. As for Mr. Higgins, well, he is from Victoria, and as Mr. Armstrong said, "I won't have any Victoria in mine." Speaker Higgins in this connection does not deserve Knighthood, but who is there, Mr. Editor, who can gainsay that Commissioner Wilmot, sitting in judgment upon his own case and Sheriff Armstrong, that "brainy" man, are not deserving birthday honors as well as Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir John Abbott?

A CLOSE OBSERVER.

Westminster, June 15, 1892.

CALVARY CHURCH.

The Call to Rev. Mr. Coombs Made Unanimous—Officers Elected.

At the adjourned business meeting of Calvary Baptist Church, last night, the following officers were declared elected:

Deacons—D. McLellan, D. G. Walker, M. E. Cleveland, J. D. Beckwith, W. Cullin, J. B. Clarke and C. H. King.

Treasurer—J. L. Beckwith.

Clerk—C. H. King.

The election of ushers was deferred, and the officers asked to make recommendations at the next business meeting, and the election of organist and choirister was referred for a report at the same time, to the newly elected music committee, Messrs. Cleveland, McNeill and Marchant.

The church then voted a unanimous call to its pastorate to the Rev. J. E. Coombs, of La Conner, Wash, one of the most eloquent, energetic and successful young ministers on the Pacific coast. The members of the church confidently hope that he will accept the invitation.

Under the Coercion Act.

LONDON, June 16.—In the House of Commons, to-day, the Attorney-General for Ireland stated that the total number of persons imprisoned under the Coercion Act, was 1,893.

REFORM THEIR WATCHWORD

The Temperance and Moral Reform League Reorganized for Aggressive Work.

Plans Discussed in Private Session—An Appeal from the Pulpits.

The Temperance and Moral Reform Association, which played an active part in municipal politics, a year or so ago, reorganized last evening for an energetic campaign, at a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

It was decided not to admit the press to the deliberations, so what transpired is only known of as it filtered through the closed doors. Officers were elected, and a small but efficient executive committee was appointed, with a legal adviser, to act in behalf of the association.

The social evil and the gambling, at present carried on in the city, were discussed at length, many of those present speaking of things in point that had come under their personal observation, and the administration of city police affairs coming in for a merciless scorching.

It was resolved to have the articles of the Association's constitution printed, and the pastors of the various city churches asked to request the members of their congregations from the pulpits next Sunday to subscribe to the constitution, and become members of the Association.

All present at the meeting were also bound to assist the work undertaken, by adding to the membership of the league, and obtaining reliable facts of evils existing in the city at the present time.

It was thought a good method would be to obtain a plan of the city, and mark each place of evil resort in red, and present this map to the city authorities, so that they might be made acquainted with the number of houses in the city devoted to vice.

Before the adjournment it was decided that the association meet again next Friday at the same place and hour.

FIRST OF THE N. P. LINE.

The Steamship Phra Nang Arrives in Victoria, Sixteen Days from Yokohama.

Other Vessels that are to Follow—News of Upton Line Steamers.

Shortly after six o'clock last night the steamship Phra Nang, the pioneer vessel of the new Northern Pacific line from the Orient, arrived at Victoria, her first port of call on this side of the Pacific, and docked at the outer wharf. There were quite a large number of spectators down to see the ship, the interest excited being more due to the fact that it was the first ship of a new line than to any special feature of the vessel herself.

The Phra Nang left Hong Kong May 21, and Yokohama June 1, at 6:40 a.m. On June 2 out of Yokohama she encountered a fierce southeast gale, accompanied by a tremendous sea, and hove to for three hours. From there to the meridian the weather was fair with light east wind, dense fogs and a moderate head sea. From the meridian to port wind was light east and southeast, thick rainy weather and head sea. There was no sickness on board or any incident of special note.

It was reported that there were 125 first saloon passengers on board and a good many people here expected to see some visitors, but when the Phra Nang came close to the dock it was seen they were doomed to disappointment. There was only one European passenger, he a second cabin one and bound for Port Townsend. There were 61 Chinese for this port and 13 for Tacoma, besides some 162 Japanese for the United States. The freight for Victoria was 84 tons, besides a full cargo for Tacoma, principally tea and rice.

The Phra Nang is a steel steamer of 1,603 tons gross measurement, registered at Glasgow. Her officers are Capt. Watton, First Officer Laurie, Chief Engineer Tod, Purser Edgar, and Dr. H. Miller. The last named gentleman is known in this city, having previously been here with the s.s. Zambesi. He leaves the ship at Tacoma and returns to England for a trip. As soon as the freight for Victoria is discharged, the steamer leaves for Tacoma, where she will discharge the balance of her freight to go East over the Northern Pacific railway.

As has been stated, the Phra Nang is the first ship of the new Northern Pacific line, but it must not be supposed she is a representative ship, having only been put on temporarily while other ships are secured. Already arrangements have been made for the Batavia and the Parthia, two vessels well known here as formerly in the service of the C.P.R. S.S. Co.

The Parthia is now in the hands of Messrs John Elder & Co., Glasgow, by whom she is being completely overhauled. Internally she is being practically made a new vessel with excellent accommodation for passengers and all the modern requirements of a large ocean going steamship. While carrying the mails in connection with the Canadian Pacific Company, she made the run from Hong Kong to Victoria in twenty-two days, and from Yokohama to Victoria in fourteen days, steaming fourteen knots per hour all the way. The other steamers to go in this service are not yet announced, but it is thought some three new ships, now building, will be arranged for, so that by the time the summer season is about over the fleet will be the equal and competitor of the other trans-Pacific lines.

The Phra Nang brings news that the steamship Zambesi, of the Upton line was libelled in Hong Kong, at the suit of the Oriental Bank, for $115,000, and on being released, was immediately rearrested at the suit of another banking concern for $76,000. These two sums aggregate more than double the value of the ship, and it was for a time thought to be doubtful if she would cross the Pacific again. Another steamer chartered for the Upton line was the Palmas, which was in Kobe when the Phra Nang left, and was expected to sail for Victoria about the 3rd of June. She is a slow boat, her best speed being somewhere about nine knots per hour. The s.s. Mascotte is also under charter by the same company, and will be here this summer.

There was some talk in Hongkong of Captain Edwards of the Zambesi being appointed master of another vessel, but up to the time the Phra Nang left no change had been made.