

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, December 7.

THE MILITARY COLLEGE.

Some discussion has been caused in the east by the case of young Plummer, who left the Kingston Military college on account of his ill treatment by the other cadets. General Cameron comes forward with a defence of the institution, blaming Cadet Plummer for taking steps to defend himself against and then leaving the college instead of appealing to the authorities for protection. The young man's father in reply points out that if he had made any such appeal life at the college would have been made intolerable, and there is no doubt about his being right in that. In the course of his reply Mr. Plummer says:—

"As to the treatment, I did not say that the authorities recognize any system of initiation; but I have General Cameron's own word for it, that they consider 'fagging' rather a good thing, though he deprecated anything menial being imposed. My complaint is that the things really exist, and that the system of authority among the cadets, recognized by the staff, makes that possible. Of what use is it to talk of physical coercion being forbidden, when we have the facts of the flogging, or of 'fagging' not being recognized, when we know what goes on?"

"As to my son's proper duty in the situation, I am content to leave that to others to judge. Theoretically, it may have been the duty of the recruits to have reported to the staff all the indignities put upon them; practically, the thing is absurd."

"When 'fagging' and flogging are allowed to go on in a public institution like the Royal Military college it is about time an attempt at reform was heard of. There is even now a large amount of opposition to the continuance of the college, and a few such incidents as that in which Cadet Plummer figured will be apt to bring about its abolition. It is of no great use to the public anyway."

A FEW ERRORS.

The Colonist has fallen into a few mistakes in regard to Sir Charles Tupper and the Forfarshire election. It quotes from the high commissioner's address at Edinburgh to show what he "really did say," whereas that Edinburgh address had nothing to do with the matter. It was Sir Charles's speech at Dundee that called forth the criticisms of English newspapers as constituting a breach of diplomatic rules. It was not the Liberal papers, but Sir Charles himself, who attributed the defeat of the government candidate in Forfarshire to the part Sir Charles took. He may have over-estimated his influence, for it is well known that excess of modesty is not a Tupperian fault, but the papers were only taking him at his own word. We are told that Sir Charles is quite within his rights in taking part in any political contest in Britain. So he is, perhaps, from his own point of view, but if the British government objects then its objection must necessarily be heeded. It is open to that government to refuse recognition to our representative as a "persona non grata," and even if it does not go so far there would be a distinct disadvantage to Canada in being represented at London by an individual who has rendered himself disagreeable to the home authorities. There is not a government in the world that would tolerate interference with its local politics by an outsider. It is surely the height of silliness to say that Liberal papers in pointing out this are "harassing Sir Charles Tupper." And we must remind the government organ that the Pall Mall Gazette, which criticized Tupper most severely, is not a Liberal paper at all.

THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT.

Proposed Changes Drafted by Council Committee on Legislation.

The legislative committee of the city council met on Saturday and framed a report upon proposed changes to the municipalities act. The report will be submitted at the meeting of the city council this evening. The committee will report unanimously in favor of the following changes in the act:

1. That the council be allowed to levy a special tax for school purposes.
2. That 7 per cent. interest be chargeable on over due taxes.
3. That the city have the same water privileges now being enjoyed by the strapping of wires, as they now have for water works purposes and the laying of pipes, both within and without the city limits.
4. To exempt militiamen from the provincial revenue tax, \$3.
5. Empowering the council to levy a special rate to pay the sinking fund and interest necessary for the re-payment of loans.
6. Make date for receiving declaration for householder December 1st instead of November 15th, as former is last day for paying licenses, revenue and road taxes, to enable householders to qualify as voters.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Nov. 30.—The case against Webster and Wilson, on a charge of manslaughter, was concluded yesterday, and every person who was acquainted

with the facts of the case admit that the verdict of not guilty is the correct thing. The case was of the greatest importance to the miners of this district, and they will be sure to profit by the lesson.

The case of Reg. v. McKinnon, without a jury, was taken up next. During Hoskin's examination his lordship severely criticized the part the witness had taken in the affair, and said he ought to have been indicted. Judgment in the case was deferred until to-day.

The grand jury was recalled to consider a case of abduction, in which Matt. Merritt was charged with abducting Hannah Ward, wife of H. E. Ward, of the Identical hotel, and detaining her against her will. The grand jury returned a true bill and a warrant was issued for Merritt's arrest.

The parties who are attempting to float a newspaper for one month to help them over the coming municipal elections claim they have received every encouragement, and it will be brought out twice each week and distributed among the citizens gratuitously.

A meeting of the temperance committees took place last evening and arrangements were made to co-operate with the Reform club in the selection of suitable candidates for the coming election.

It is reported that a crusade is being inaugurated against certain saloons where gambling is continually going on, and the man who obtains the position of chief of police will have to face this matter.

The general opinion of the public appears to favor the appointment of new acting constables. Both are well known and appear to be well adapted for their positions.

Nanaimo, Dec. 1.—The Caledonian Society celebrated the anniversary of St. Andrew's day by a grand ball and supper in their rooms last evening. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the costumes worn by the gentlemen were principally kilts. The event passed off successfully.

It is now definitely decided that Ald. A. Wilson will be requested to stand for the mayoralty. A requisition is being circulated requesting him to come out.

The candidates for aldermanic honors have not yet been decided upon.

The Reform Club has been informed from an authentic source that the Dominion election will probably take place about next February and preparations for the fight have already commenced.

The shipments of coal to foreign ports for the past month show a decrease of 9000 tons. The New Vancouver Coal Company shipped 21,579 tons; Wellington, 21,722 tons, and Union contributed 17,400 tons, making a total of 60,701 tons.

The customs returns for the past month were: Duty collected, \$5454.15; miscellaneous, \$97.48; total, \$5551.63. Imports, free, \$759; dutiable, \$14,634; total \$15,393.

Nanaimo, Dec. 3.—The return match between Cowichan and the second Hornets took place on the Caledonian ground on Saturday afternoon. The weather was particularly fine and resulted in a fairly good attendance of both ladies and gentlemen.

John Newton acted as referee. Nanaimo won the toss, and the ball was kicked into Cowichan's 25. A scrimmage followed and the ball was heeled out. Cassel got the leather and passed it to Marshall, who after a smart run secured a try for the home team in five minutes. Frank English by a clever kick converted it into a goal. Cowichan lost no time in kicking out to the centre, but the Hornets played a good combination, and it was all Cowichan could do to defend their goal, as the ball was kept within their 25 and close to their goal. Swanson succeeded in getting the leather and attempting to carry it through, but being closely pressed he passed to Drummond, who in turn to save himself passed to Marshall, who scored a second try. Again English kicked for a goal, but this time he failed to convert. The ball had only been in play a few minutes when Adam Thompson scored a try by a clever run. He failed, however, to convert it. Cowichan appeared careless, and only a couple of scrimmages took place in their 25 before J. McKinnon rushed the ball through Cowichan's scrum and placed it down between the posts. Marshall neatly converted it into a goal. At half time the score stood: Hornets, 16; Cowichan, 0.

The second half was more even, neither side scoring. Cowichan fought with desperation to save further defeat, and if they had more practice in passing and combination they would have done much better.

The visiting team was banqueted at the International hotel by the Hornets during the evening.

A meeting of the employees of the New Vancouver Coal company was held in Institute hall on Saturday evening, when a report from the medical committee was read in reference to the scale of indemnity to be paid to miners injured in the mines. On motion it was decided to pay \$500 in case of death, \$400 for the loss of a limb and \$300 for the loss of either eye. Also if any person having been permanently injured and having been paid the dollar per day allowance, the same to be deducted from the sum. Any one being incapacitated from work for four weeks that he be paid one dollar per day from the date of the injury. The meeting being a special one, no other business was done and the meeting adjourned.

The hundred yards dash between Mason and Watson took place on the Caledonian grounds on Saturday. The latter won.

Take a Little Money

And buy a lot of toys at Russell & McDonald's, 134 Douglas street. They have drums, guns, swords, pistols, express wags, velocipedes, doll carriages, toys, tea sets, dolls of all kinds, and every description of toys and fancy goods needed for the Xmas holidays. Their strong speciality is filling letter orders. Try them.

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READY FOR PEACE.

Report That Japan Has Replied Favorably to China's Offer for Settlement.

Supposed That the Japanese Will Now Abandon the March to Peking.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—An official in a position to know the facts says that Japan replied favorably to China's offer presented through U. S. Minister Denby. It still remains, however, for China to make plain that she can and will execute what she has proposed, and until that is done there will be no cessation of hostilities. What are the exact terms of the offer is not known, but they are said to be about \$125,000,000 cash indemnity and China's relinquishment of suzerainty over Corea. There is said to be no surrender of China's territory.

Japan has augmented her navy by the purchase of the crack Chilean cruiser Esmeralda. The deal was consummated at New York within the last few days, Chile first selling the ship to Ecuador and the latter to Japan, to disguise the fact. A report was given out that China had bought the ship to avert suspicion until the cruiser was out of danger of being apprehended on the high seas.

She is now on the way to Japan by way of Hawaii. The purchase price was over one million dollars in gold, cash. The sale violates no neutrality law, as Chile has no treaty with China or Japan, and, moreover, her sale was to Ecuador, also without a treaty with the belligerents.

The report that Minister Denby had applied for help in a cablegram from the department of state is now confirmed, but the dispatch instead of coming yesterday was received, as stated in these dispatches, on Monday.

To-day Secretary-Gresham learned from the American minister that protection was required, and the navy department immediately cabled to Admiral Carpenter directing him to deliver a letter to the Japanese minister at Peking.

As the Monocacy could not furnish accommodation for such an increase to her crew, it is presumed that the men were to be landed.

Admiral Carpenter, however, must have failed to receive the order for sailing on the morning of the 27th a cablegram was received from him announcing the departure of the Baltimore for Nagasaki, where her arrival was reported two days later.

To say that the authorities of the navy department are much chagrined over Admiral's Carpenter's action in this matter only mildly expresses the state of feeling. While it is well known here that the navy is safe on the coast, the departments are much chagrined over Admiral's Carpenter's action in this matter only mildly expresses the state of feeling.

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grabbed up, and to attempt to conceal the crime the employe took off his blood-stained clothes and made his accomplice tie his hands behind his back and to wound him in the head. After his accomplice had fled the employe set fire to the house by kicking over the lamp. Then the murderer and instigator of all these atrocious acts called for help, the neighbors came forth and an alarm was at once given. The police, however, soon sifted the truth of the whole circumstances and had the ex-employe and murderer arrested. The accomplice, Wada Katsuro, who is 29 years of age, is also captured.

ALABAMA'S TWO GOVERNORS

Both Kolb and Oates Sworn in at Noon To-Day.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 1.—Kolb took the oath of office at a lawyer's office down town and afterwards walked to the capitol. A few score farmers followed him. Kolb subsequently made a speech from a wagon opposite the capitol grounds, but was not permitted to enter the capitol building. Everything is quiet. A number of military companies took part in the inauguration procession. Governor Oates took the oath at noon at the capitol in the presence of the legislature.

POOR OLD TAMMANY.

May Have to Call on Boss Croker to Resume Command.

New York, Dec. 1.—Will Richard Croker resume the leadership of Tammany Hall? This question is now heard in all the Tammany Hall district clubs, and there are prominent members of the old organization who believe that Mr. Croker will be compelled to accede to the wishes of the rank and file. Within the past few days there has been a popular feeling aroused among the tigers for the return of Mr. Croker to the leadership. A member of the Tammany society, who is also very prominent in the political councils of the organization, said to-day: "Tammany Hall is at present like a steamship at sea with the rudder disabled. The old machine is drifting about and there is no captain aboard. The crew is all at sea and if no commander is agreed upon, Tammany Hall may strike a rock. If there is to be a reorganization of Tammany Hall why not begin the work at once."

A SMOOTH SWINDLER.

He Succeeds in Getting a Good-Sized Cheque from a Bishop.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 29.—Some time ago Bishop Lawrence received a letter dated "The Palace, Norwich, England," and signed "J. Norwich," which is the title of the Bishop of Norwich, in which the "Boston divine" was requested to interest himself in the welfare of Gerard Turnour, who had left England owing to the vagaries of a woman and might be in need of funds. Lady Russell, at whose suggestion the bishop had written, was desirous of assisting Turnour and would place one thousand dollars at his disposal. A few days afterwards Gerard Turnour made his appearance at the bishop's house and introduced himself. He was aristocratic looking, well educated and a smooth talker. He won the bishop over and was soon in possession of a cheque for \$250. Bishop Lawrence took his newly found friend to the Union club and made much of him, and made an engagement for the following Thursday to have him dine there. When Thursday came, however, the man did not appear, and then a doubt began to cross the bishop's mind that something was wrong. He wrote to the Bishop of

Norwich, and received the reply that no such person as Lady Russell had requested him to write to Massachusetts, and that he did not know Turnour. The swindler is described as an Englishman, thirty or thirty-five years old, weighing about two hundred pounds, blonde light on the stand, animated and rather nervous. When laughing he showed a coarse mouth and teeth. He was well dressed, wore a tall hat, with a tweed suit and a handsome overcoat.

THE TORONTO BOODLERS.

The Examination of Witnesses Being Proceeded With.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—At the boodle inquiry to-day Fred Nicholles, manager of the Canadian General Electric and Incandescent Light Company, of Toronto, was the first witness. He testified to the finding of a letter in the safe, which was supposed to be empty. The safe formerly belonged to the Edison Company. The letter had been opened by order of the court and placed in evidence, but the contents were not divulged. Ex-Alderman Maloney was placed on the stand. Maloney supplies soap-pans to the contractors and said that when in office he had no scruples about selling to the city contractors. Maloney denies the existence of a document whereby he was to get higher prices in case Guelch did not get the contract. Maloney was instructed to bring his books to the court. Ex-Alderman Hill, who held office during the Guelch affair, said Maloney came to his house and talked over the Guelch tenders. Maloney showed him the agreement referred to above. He called again and said there was money in the deal, and said he had got some of it. He told Maloney he had better give it back, and received the impression that Maloney would return it. The object in giving money to Maloney was to get him to vote for a change in the contract which he subsequently did. He had once told witness he was opposed to a change.

HAWAIIAN REPUBLIC.

Queen Victoria's Cordial Letter of Recognition.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Since the establishment of the republic in Hawaii official recognition of the following governments have been received: United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Belgium, Mexico, Guatemala and also notice of intent from Germany, Japan and Peru. The letter from Queen Victoria announcing the recognition of her government was most cordial. It closed as follows: "We thank you for this communication and we request you to accept our congratulations on this distinguished mark of the confidence of your fellow citizens and we offer you our best wishes for your health and welfare and for the prosperity of the republic over which you preside. And so we recommend you to the protection of Almighty God."

NEW WESTMINSTER EVENTS.

Accident to Mr. BRYMNER—Three Candidates for Mayor.

New Westminster, Dec. 3.—Geo. D. Brymner, manager of the Bank of Montreal, slipped on the icy sidewalk at Saturday evening and broke his right arm close to the shoulder.

Henry Hoy, B. W. Stiles and A. M. Herring were nominated for mayor to-day. The election will be a lively one.

The thermometer registered six degrees of frost last night; weather much milder to-day.

Two ships are due in port this week to load lumber, one at each mill.

Dr. Bentley, medical superintendent of the asylum, has been suspended pending an investigation into some charges regarding the treatment of patients by attendants, for which he is held responsible.

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PEACE

China Must

Japan Consider

London, Nov. 30.—The Japanese official confirmed that the Japanese had been a failure, but recognized the fact. The time, they can be settled by business, and the really desirable through negoti-

per of Japan. until China come condition under can be procured.

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