Opposition At Metchosin

Messrs. Hayward, Higgins and Pooley Discuss Current Issues at Esquimalt.

Mr. Fraser Makes a Defence for Government--Mr. Higgins's Position.

One can scarcely imagine the turmoil of a political campaign disturbing the quietude of Metchosin. Situate as it is amid a scene of Sylvan beauty and overlooking the blue waters of the straits, a stranger can hardly realize its peaceful inhabitants being stirred out of the even tenor of their way by rabid politicians eager to secure seats in parliament. Mr. Higgins aptly described it as a place of "hospitable homes, smiling farms and bonnie brier bushes," and such is literally the case. That something unusual was astir could be seen from the little groups and ranchers and others gathered around the Mechanics' Hall, and upon enquiry one could find that it was something besides the weather and the crops that was being discussed amongst them. This friendly intercourse before the meeting commenced was just as much appreciated as the meeting itself, as one of them said: "Our minds are pretty well made up here, and we don't care whether we attend the meeting or not." Undoubtedly the opposition have it pretty much their own way here.

"Seven o'clock at Metchosin means eight o'clock" was Mr. Higgins's reply to Mr. Pooley's enquiry as to what was the matter with his horse," as the former gentleman drove up to the place of meeting on Saturday night. It was almost half-past eight when William Fisher was called upon to take the chair, and he immediately called upon Mr. Pooley to address the meeting.

Mr. Pooley said he had been travelling over the district for the past three weeks, but it took a long time to see all the electors. Coming to politics Mr. Pooley said this was the turning point in the history of the province, to stem the tide of ill luck that had set in against the prosperity that was so prevalent during the last 18 years. Referring to the meeting at Colwood he said Mr. Martin had simply choked the meeting so that those who were there could get no opportunity to reply. Mr. Martin had come here under the auspices of the C.P.R. the company to which he was now so hostile. The government ownership of railways was a losing institution from first to last. Mr. Martin with his $15,000 per mile was an absurdity; $40,000 was nearer the mark. If carried through this scheme would increase the debt of the province fourfold. Mr. Martin was Premier of British Columbia by the grace of Mr. McInnes, but we should soon see how long this was going to continue. Mr. Martin's railway scheme was too absurd for the serious consideration of any one. Where was the money to come from, but out of good hard taxes levied upon the farmers, and not from municipalities. Mr. Pooley next proceeded to give his history of the turning out of the Turner government and the manner in which they had been treated by the Lieut.-Governor. Referring to the blank warrants, Mr. Pooley said it was a false statement to say they were there for signature, if otherwise the committee on public accounts would soon have found it out. Besides an enquiry was ordered by the House and it was found that there was not the least cause for the Lieut.-Governor's statement and it thoroughly exonerated Mr. Turner. Mr. McInnes had not the manliness to come forward and acknowledge his mistake in public, although he does so in private.

Continuing, Mr. Pooley said the opposition would bring about the prosperity of the province, which they were all looking for. At present the stock of British Columbia had fallen from 105 to 95, ten points, our securities have fallen, and through the bad and reckless government capital has stopped coming in.

Mr. Pooley went into the eight-hour law, the Alien Act and the Placer Mining Act, pretty much repeating what he had told the electors at Sooke. Next taking up the Redistribution Bill, which he said, if carried, would have taken away one member from Esquimalt, Mr. Pooley told of how the Hon. Jos. Martin had schemed and tried all sorts of dodges with the opposition to induce them to ally themselves with him and turn down the Semlin-Cotton government, but they upset all his calculations. If returned the speaker said he would see that Esquimalt would never be deprived of one of its members. (Applause.) He concluded by saying the labors of last session were rendered valueless, because the Lieut.-Governor had prorogued the House without giving assent to a single bill. He asked the electors to again give him their vote and confidence on the 9th of June.

Mr. Higgins was next called upon and stepped upon the platform with quite a business-like appearance, the inevitable bundle of blue books and papers in his hand. But Mr. Higgins was in a very facetious mood, and kept his audience in good humor. He started by tearing the government's candidates' addresses to pieces, to the no small amusement of the audience. Mr. Higgins then went on to say that the pernicious legislation of last session was the worst that had ever been brought before any legislative assembly in the world, and taking a very pessimistic view of the present state of affairs, said there was to hope, no prospect, no future, nothing ahead of us but desolation and destruction. He gave credit to the Premier for the energy and ability displayed at the many meetings he had held throughout the province, but, he added, "that's where the danger comes in." We must spare no effort and leave no stone unturned to secure the overthrow of our political adversary. He was glad to see Mr. Fraser at the meeting. They had spent many pleasant hours together and hoped to do so again, but not at the government buildings; he would rather stay out himself.

Mr. Higgins next proceeded to give statistics, more particularly relating to Esquimalt district, and said how hard and faithfully Mr. Pooley and himself had worked in their interests and that they would still stand shoulder to shoulder in the coming struggle. He regretted that there should have been any difference of opinion amongst them regarding his severance from the Turner party, but, he said, the action of that government in so recklessly giving away an immense area of 700,000 acres of land, with all the minerals it contained, to the Cassiar Central Railway Co. was what he could not agree to. "I'm no follower of Mr. Turner," said Mr. Higgins, "in fact he is not our leader, although we are still strong personal friends and I am willing to shake hands upon our past differences and let bygones be bygones."

Mr. Higgins had still another explanation and that was as to his action in leaving the Semlin-Cotton government. The offer of a million dollars to the Dominion government for the Pacific cable was the start, and the climax was reached when the government went and offered the attorney-generalship to "our Harry," if he would bring two or three men into the government. It was a mean, treacherous, contemptible act, and he told Mr. Semlin he would never rest until they were turned out of office. Then exclaimed Mr. Higgins, "I went on the war path against the government and predicted just what occurred—their defeat and extinction." Governments decay, but principles never die, and it was principle he was fighting for. He hoped, and he said it in all solemnity, that the good Lord would help the electors to vote against the Martin government that it might be most ignominiously defeated and swept off the face of the earth. (Applause.)

Although an opposition meeting, Mr. Hayward asked the chairman to extend the same courtesy to Mr. Donald Fraser as they had done at the Sooke meeting. The chairman then called upon Mr. Fraser to address the meeting.

Mr. Fraser said he was glad to see ladies present and hoped they would soon have the franchise as well as the men. He next referred to the Cassiar Railway Bill, which, he said, was passed when Mr. Pooley was President of the Council, the measure which was of such an iniquitous nature that Mr. Higgins could not support it and stepped down out of the Speaker's chair and severed his allegiance to that party. Mr. Fraser said that the Lieut.-Governor was quite right in dismissing the Turner government, and went on to speak about the blank warrants which led to a lot of interruptions from Messrs. Pooley and Higgins and several others in the audience. Mr. Fraser got the Lieut.-Governor and the Governor-General hopelessly mixed up, which brought from Mr. Pooley the remark: "For anysake leave the Governor-General out." Mr. Fraser said: "Well I'm tired, and you're tired of hearing about the Lieut.-Governor's acts," and the audience quite agreed with him. Much of Mr. Fraser's address was interrupted by such cries as "You'll better take your money or you'll lose it," and "Time," so Mr. Fraser thought it was "time" and stopped.

W. H. Hayward next stepped onto the platform, amid rousing cheers. Referring to the Nanaimo coal lands and other matters, he said the Premier was utterly inconsistent in his statements.

Mr. Fraser here interjected some remarks.

Mr. Higgins—You're all mixed up, Fraser.

Mr. Hayward—You're talking about something else.

Mr. Hayward took up the Mongolian question, the railroad policy of the government and the eight-hour law, and said in regard to the latter that "Winchester" Brown was the only honest man in the government. He added, he should like to put himself on record as to the position he should take on the eight-hour law, viz., that it should be a legal law without being compulsory. If a man was able and wished to do so, let him work overtime. He, the speaker, was for principles not measures, and if elected would follow along those lines.

Mr. Helgesen, the late member for Cariboo, was asked by some to speak, but, not catching the chairman's eye, was not given an opportunity to do so.

Mr. Argyle, of Rocky Point, then read a somewhat lengthy and amusing address, consisting mainly of an attack upon the Lieut.-Governor and the Premier.

By this time the audience was gradually diminishing, and the meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Premier is spending to-day in North Victoria in the interests of J. J. White, the government candidate in that riding. He will speak at three points in the riding.

Last night Messrs. Pooley, Hayward and Higgins addressed meetings at Sooke, and to-night they will speak at Metchosin.

Monday night's meetings as far as announced are a government gathering at Parson's Bridge, an opposition rally at Esquimalt, and an opposition mass meeting in the Victoria theatre.

To-day Gilbert McKinnel, the Conservative candidate in Nanaimo City dropped out of the race, leaving the fight to Ralph Smith, Labor, and Hon. J. Stuart Yates, government. The withdrawal of Mr. McKinnel, it is expected, will have little influence on the result.

The Times correspondent at Vancouver telegraphs: "The Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver last night passed a strong resolution condemning the action of the alleged Labor party in Victoria deprecating the placing of independent labor candidates in nomination in this city and other places in the province."

A special to the Times from Nanaimo says: "F. Carter-Cotton spoke at a meeting held in Northfield last evening in the interests of John Dixon, the Labor candidate in North Nanaimo. The opposing candidates were at Parksville, where a Bryden meeting was held and addressed by Messrs. Bryden, McInnes, Turner and Lugrin. Messrs. Dunsmuir and McPhillips held meetings on Gabriola Island last evening. A meeting in the interests of the Conservative candidate will be held here this evening, in which some of the Victoria orators will speak."

Sick Of The Worry

W. W. B. McInnes Says That His Father is Anxious to Resign.

A Busy Week for the Politicians —Mr. Neill Squarely Anti-Martin.

A plethora of political meetings are set down for this evening. The opposition hold a mass meeting in the theatre; the government at Semple's Hall, Victoria West, and at Parson's Bridge; and the opposition also at Esquimalt.

All doubt as to the position of Mr. Neill in Alberni seems to be set at rest by the following, received this morning by the Times from the chairman and secretary of his committee: "The following statement appeared in the Times newspaper: 'Mr. Neill's position is represented as peculiar. It is said that he opposes Mr. Martin, and on a vote of confidence motion would vote against his government, but that if Mr. Martin is returned by a substantial majority he will support him, believing that Alberni should participate in the benefits of being represented by a government supporter.' Mr. Neill's central committee emphatically deny the above statements. Mr. Neill is against Martin now and always. On behalf of Mr. Neill's committee. (Signed) A. E. Waterhouse, chairman; R. P. Wood, secretary."

"Several surprises were sprung at a Bryden meeting in Northfield on Saturday evening," says a Nanaimo special to the Times, "and revelations were looked for that were not forthcoming. Walter Baker was chairman of the meeting, and the hall was filled to very near the suffocating point. For four hours the audience, many of whom were on their feet, listened to the eloquence of Messrs. Bryden, McInnes, Turner, Eberts and Lugrin, with good attention.

"Mr. Bryden went over his platform and gave reasons for supporting the different planks. In relation to road work he blamed Mr. Cotton and other members of the government for cutting down the wages. He said that he went to Mr. Cotton and protested against the reduction, and Mr. Cotton said that $2 a day was enough for road work.

"Mr. McInnes read a report of a meeting held at Alberni, in which Mr. Martin claimed him as a supporter. He said that report showed on the face of it that there was something left out. He most emphatically denied that he was a supporter of Mr. Martin and read two letters from that gentleman asking him to come out and support him. He had never authorized Mr. Martin to say that he would support him, nor had he authorized anyone else to communicate such a thing to Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin had claimed Mr. McPhee as a supporter and he had also claimed Mr. Ratcliffe in South Nanaimo. Indeed, up to within a very short time ago he had claimed Ralph Smith as a supporter. With reference to his father's position he would let the audience into a little family secret. For the past two years his father had been in communication with the authorities at Ottawa in relation to resigning, being sick and tired of the worry.

"Mr. Turner—That is untrue.

"Mr. McInnes—That is not an untruth, and the records at Ottawa will bear me out. Mr. McInnes spoke on different planks in his platform and was followed by Mr. Turner.

"If the audience expected to hear anything from Mr. Turner—and it certainly did—in regard to Mr. McInnes seeking to enter his cabinet they were disappointed, for the question was not even referred to. It was before practically the same audience that this matter was brought up two weeks ago, and Mr. Turner dealt with it at Spring Ridge on the Monday evening following. The greater part of Mr. Turner's address was devoted to the railway policy of the Turner government as compared with railway legislation proposed by the Premier.

"Mr. Eberts was well received. His address was along the lines of that at Saanichton.

"Mr. Lugrin spoke for a short time on responsible government."

To-morrow evening a government mass meeting will be held at Johns Bros.' Hall. Ladies are invited to be present. D. M. Eberts will speak at Royal Oak the same evening.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Eberts speaks at Tolmie school house, and Hon. Mr. Yates speaks at Nanaimo. Thursday night the government party hold a rally in the theatre.

UNDOUBTEDLY CANCER.

Another Case Where the Constitutional Remedy Made a Permanent Cure.

A well known lady recently wrote saying that our Vegetable Cancer Cure cured her of cancer of the breast five years ago, and there has never been any return of the disease since.

Her trouble was undoubtedly cancer, as many prominent physicians examined the lump, and all were agreed that it was a case of cancer.

Not one of them would give her any encouragement that an operation would cure her permanently. She read in the papers of our constitutional treatment for cancer, sent for our remedy, used it, was cured, and the result is that to-day she is hearty and strong and no evidence of her old trouble returning. Our remedy saved her from pain, saved her breast and saved her life.

Anyone who is interested can have the name of that lady and full particulars of her case, as well as our treatise on cancer, by sending two stamps. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

An effort is being made on the Sound to compel the vessels of the United States navy to use local instead of British Columbia coal, which is used now owing to its superior quality.

Provincial News.

KAMLOOPS.

P. Jenicola, an Italian, of Notch Hill, had the misfortune to be run over by three hand cars on Monday last, resulting in very severe injuries to the back. He is at present in the Royal Inland hospital in a very precarious condition.

KASLO.

Adam Baird and Harry Sutherland are missing, and it is feared they are dead. They left here some time ago to go into some claims above Baird's Landing, on the Upper Duncan river, and nothing has been heard of them. Search parties have failed to find any trace of them.

ROSSLAND.

John Maikson, a Swedish miner at the Le Roi mine, met his death suddenly there on Wednesday. He was engaged with his partner in tending an ore chute from a stope on the 600-foot level. The finer part of the debris caked together over the top of the chute forming a bridge. Maikson stepped upon it with both feet, and began stamping to break it down. His partner helped him in his endeavor, but was careful to keep one foot upon the collar brace. The bridge suddenly gave way. Maikson being in a stooping position, fell head foremost and was buried in the tumbling mass so that his feet alone were visible. His partner fell also, but with an arm stretched before him, and it was buried to the shoulder. Having the use of the other arm he was able by energetic scrambling to keep clear of the loose ore as it rapidly fell around him. He had, however, a very narrow escape for his life. When John Maikson was extricated, which was done with as litle delay as possible, it was found that the breath had left his body.

VERNON.

Constable Simmons made a capture last week of a siwash known as Coyote Paul, who was wanted for bringing 10 head of stolen horses across the line. He was summarily tried before Judge Spinks and sentenced to 18 months in jail, and on Monday the constable took him down to Kamloops.

A painful accident occured on Saturday to the eldest son of F. Bouvette, of Lumby, a lad about 11 years of age. A horse which he was riding fell with him, crushing his leg under the saddle and breaking it in two places. The boy had to crawl over half a mile, after the acident, dragging the shattered limb across rough ground, and must have suffered terrible pain before he reached the house. The leg was set on Sunday, and he is now doing well.

The death is announced of Annie, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robinson.

Rev. E. Robson preached his farewell sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday night. Mr. Robson left on Wednesday for the coast, having been appointed bursar of the Methodist College at New Westminster. His successor will be Rev. J. P. Westman, of Golden.

NELSON.

The Methodist church was the scene of a delightful social reunion on Tuesday evening, when the congregation and members of the Epworth League met to spend a pleasant hour with Rev. John Robson, B.A., and wife on the eve of their departure to their new home in Vancouver. J. Howell, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Robson with a purse containing a substantial sum in gold. The gift was gracefully acknowledged. One of the ladies of the church then presented Mrs. Robson with an address from the Ladies' Aid Society expressive of their appreciation of her services as president. The address was accompanied by a handsome silk dress, the receipt of which Mrs. Robson replied to in feeling terms.

A little son of William H. Davidson, blacksmith at the Granite mine, died on Wednesday under most unusual circumstances. The child, who was in his fourth year, was taken ill and Mr. Davidson came to the city to consult Doctors Hall and Rose, the mine physicians. The symptoms he recounted pointed to spinal trouble and the physicians recommended him to bring the child to the hospital at once. He returned to do this, but the boy died before he could be moved. The only theory as to the cause of death was that a woodtick had penetrated to the spinal canal at the back of the child's neck and set up an irritation which quickly resulted fatally. The insect was removed from the boy's neck but the damage had apparently been done before its presence was discovered.

VANCOUVER.

A young man named Deans was brought down on Thursday night from D. Esson's logging camp at Elk Bay and taken from the steamer Comox to the City Hospital. He is almost completely paralyzed, the ailment having come on very suddenly while he was at work.

The following vital returns are furnished by the registry department of the court house, for the month of May: Births, 37; marriages, 6; deaths, 25.

Charles Powell, a young Englishman well known in Vancouver and who joined the Strathcona Horse at Nelson, has written to a friend in this city, saying that the Strathcona Horse was attached to the Mafeking relief column. The letter was written while on the march to relieve the plucky citizens of that town.

Mrs. Jane Fletcher, an old and respected resident of the city, died on Friday at her residence, 619 Richards street, at the age of 79. Mrs. Fletcher leaves two daughters amongst other relatives to mourn her loss.

A meeting of pigeon fanciers of the city was held last week for the purpose of organization. An association was formed, of which Mr. Dixon was elected president and Mr. J. Dunsmuir secretary. The object of the club is to train birds and it is expected that the first races will be held on the 1st of July, over a course of 40 miles.

The total number of alarms responded to by the fire department during the month of May was 18; 5,750 feet of hose was laid and the loss, consequent upon fires, amounted to $4,940, of which sum the Royal City Mill fire was responsible for $4,500. One life was lost through fire during the month, Geo. Cunningham being fatally injured at the Dupont street fire on the morning of May 11th.

A total of 132 cases were tried by the police magistrate during the month of May.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of veterans was held in the Drill Hall on Saturday night, the occasion being the anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway, which was fought on Saturday, June 2nd, 1866. Many of those present were on active service at that date. Lieut.-Col. Worsnop occupied the chair. A constitution and by-laws were drawn up and adopted, and officers elected as follows: Honorary colonel, His Excellency Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada; honorary lieutenant-colonel, Lieut.-Col. Wainwright; lieutenant-colonel commanding, Col. Falk. Warren; major, W. J. McMaster; captain, O. L. Spencer; lieutenant, C. C. Eldridge; captain and adjutant, James Stark; sergeant-major, M. W. Hewke. Major Townley and Messrs. C. Nelson and W. Urquhart were elected to form, with the officers, an executive committee.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The death occured at Sapperton on Wednesday night, of Mrs. Emma Kendall, beloved wife of Mr. J. D. Campbell, in the 36th year of her age. The deceased lady, who was a native of Rockland, Ont., was married there 14 years ago, but had been a resident of this city for about nine years. She leaves four sons, one a baby of six weeks.

There is now lying at the city lockup, says the Columbian, an innocent-looking article which is believed to be some sort of a bomb or infernal machine, intended to destroy life or property, but about which no person, including the police, appears to know very much. The "thing" whatever it is, is in the form of an ordinary shot gun paper cartridge the cap of which has not been snapped. The shell is filled with a suspicious looking substance of a somewhat spongy elastic consistency, of a brown color, but if it was intended to be exploded by striking the cap, it is apparently not very susceptible to other influences, for a heavy wagon had passed over it and the charge was here and there exuding from the burst paper. This alleged bomb was picked up early on Thursday morning by Captain Rogers as he was crossing Front street on his way to the ferry, and he promptly turned it over to the police.

On Wednesday evening, Abbie Alice, only daughter of Captain Young, was married to W. H. Taylor, a popular employee of George Cunningham. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. H. McEwen, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church.

Mr. Vachon was convicted in the district court on Thursday of having in his possession a young sturgeon, less than four feet in length and contrary to the provisions of the Fisheries Act. The defendant pleaded ignorance of the law on this point, but Magistrate Pittendrigh told him that was no excuse, and fined him $20 and cost.

The "oilery," or fish guano factory, which was destroyed by fire last fall, is now almost ready again for this season's work, the plant having been considerably increased and made more efficient.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia was held on Friday night. The secretary reported having received a request from the provincial mineralogist, on behalf of the government, for the loan of the society's mineral exhibit, to be shown at the Winnipeg exhibition. As the government guarantees the safe return of the exhibit, and offers other considerations, the request was, on motion, granted. The secretary reported that, in connection with his efforts to secure a long list of "special premiums," he had written 200 letters, and from replies so far received, $1,000 had been promised in cash or kind, to stimulate competition in certain classes or to supplement the ordinary prizes. The secretary reported that Mr. J. S. C. Fraser, manager of the Bank of Montreal, Rossland, had offered $15 in cash, to be awarded at the discrepancy of the directors. Also, Mr. J. A. Lindsay, of Victoria, has offered $5 as a second prize to the $10 offered by Curator Fannin, of the provincial museum. These prizes are for the best essay by any female pupil of British Columbia public schools, on the killing of birds for millinery purposes, and the effect of this destruction of birds on the agriculture of the country.

A GOOD STOMACH

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Steamers Queen City and Willapa, of the C. P. N. fleet, will sail on their respective voyages this evening, the former for northern British Columbia ports and the latter for the West Coast. The Queen City will have a full load of passengers and freight, chiefly supplies and Chinese for the northern canneries. Her cabin list will include H. Bell-Irving, Rev. Mr. Barber, M. C. Kendall, G. Ranger, G. Moore, A. Johnson, A. Anderson, A. Blount, H. Dunn, C. Smith and Mrs. White and daughter. There have been few passengers booked as yet for the Willapa. Mr. Codish, a mining expert, who is going up to Bear river to inspect some properties there, will be among the passengers. The stranger is taking down to Ahousett the lumber to be used in the construction of a new residence for Mr. Russell, the missionary there living.

HOW TO CURE A SPRAIN.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store, and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic, and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. Wilson, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

The jury sitting on the case of the Hogan Minstrels vs. the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co. has returned a verdict awarding the plaintiffs $2,250 damages. The case of Hogan, the leader of the minstrels, is already pretty well known. The minstrels went from Vancouver to Australia on a vessel of the Canadian-Australian line. On their way back to Vancouver they stopped off at Honolulu, intending to resume their journey in a few weeks. Quarantine intervened, and when they finally applied for passage on the Miowera they were denied. The minstrels, by their attorneys, alleged they had been discriminated against. They said that the Miowera's captain and purser, though refusing them, had taken eight white passengers on the trip. They asked for damages in the sum of $20,000 each, or an aggregate of $586,000.

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BIRTHS.

ROWLANDS—At Ashcroft, on May 26th, Mrs. D. W. Rowlands, of a daughter.

CARLIN—At Kamloops, on the 28th inst., Mrs. Jas. Carlin, of Kualt, of a daughter.

BENEDUM—At Silverton, on the 25th inst., the wife of J. M. M. Benedum, of a son.

RALPH—At Vancouver, on May 27th, the wife of William Ralph, of a son.

MARRIED.

HENDERSON-BEECHER—At Rossland, on May 22nd, by Rev. G. H. Morden, John W. Henderson and Jenny Beecher.

COSAVELLO-GUIDOTTE—At Rossland, on May 27th, by Rev. G. H. Morden, Joseph Cosavello and Elmira Guidotte.

CROWE-JONES—At Nelson, on May 26th, by Rev. C. H. Sutherland, Fulton Daniel Crowe and Annie Jones, both of Kaslo.

SAWYER-BOONE—At Midway, on May 28th, by Rev. B. H. Balderston, Herbert Sawyer and Nellie Boone.

TAYLOR-YOUNG—At New Westminster, on May 31st, by Rev. P. H. McEwen, W. H. Taylor and Miss Abbie Alice, only daughter of Capt. Young.

DIED.

CAMPBELL—At the residence of the deceased at Sapperton, New Westminster, on the 30th May, Emma F. Kendall, wife of J. D. Campbell, aged 36 years.

FLETCHER—At Vancouver, on June 1st, Mrs. Fletcher, aged 79 years.

M'DOUGALL—At No. 227 Third avenue, New Westminster, on 30th May, Alexander McDougall, aged 80 years.

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