SOME INCONSISTENCIES.

To the Editor:—The Colonist says th Mr. Dunsmuir reluctantly took offic How does this square with the fact th he so hastened to take office that eve most of those he counted on followin him were not consulted. Later, wh challenged about his haste, he stated th he had used expedition to prevent J. Brown being called in. Later, agai we see him taking in J. Brown, no doubt with the idea of th hastening of his going out. At any rat this inconsistency and base betrayal his party has been passed upon by th people and their answer is clear. Dun nuir must go. The Colonist says M Dunsmuir should pay no attention to th representatives of the people. He shou look direct to the people. Are we understand that Mr. Dunsmuir is abo to inaugurate a new form of gover ment, i. e., an elective emperor? The according to the Colonist, the Dunsmu government was and is not a governme of office-seekers. No doubt it is made up of men who do not want office. T only retain office in the public intere Did Mr. McBride prove himself an offi seeker when he resigned office to te public opinion? What has this busine government of the Colonist done durin its tenure of office? Has the count prospered any or gone ahead any? Not ing can be pointed to. All that has bee done has been done in defiance of th wishes of the government. The railroa building that is going on in the southe portion of the province was objected t by the government, but public opinio was too strong for it. What railroad are being built under the famous Ra way Aid Bill? None, nor none ev will. It is rumored that the governme will shortly place a loan upon the Eng lish market. Should any such attem be made by a government utterly di credited and having lost the confiden of the House and the people, som prompt action will have to be taken, an it is possible that some constitution precedent may be found. The busine government has proved full well ho well it has been able to prevent busine being done. It has saved the business the country for the various interests r presented in the government, but locke ness. The people now see what the bus ness. The people now see what the bus ness government meant. It was th creation of a preserve for those interes that must be protected, and all other i terests and the people's interests mu suffer. BRITISH COLUMBIAN.

—The new pipe organ recently install in St. Saviour's church, Victoria We will be formally dedicated this evenin by Archdeacon Scriven. A capital pr gramme of music has been prepared f the occasion.

In Hungary, where duelling is very fr quent, a duel between two schoolboys h just taken place, with serious results. Lu wig Krusecz, fifteen years old, a schol of the Zborow Grammar school, was love with a girl one year younger tha himself, but had a rival in her affectio in his schoolfellow, Nicholas Litka, a b of sixteen. One day they quarrelled the girl's presence, and Litka struck t other in the face. Krusecz sent two se onds, chosen from his schoolfellows, wi a challenge to his rival, and a duel wi revolvers in regular form took place few days ago. Krusecz was shot in t abdomen, and is now lying between li and death.

Many curious instances of eccentric ne building have been recorded from time time, but perhaps one of the most remar able is that illustrated by an exhibit whi has just been placed in the Toll Hou museum at Great Yarmouth. This is t nest of a swallow containing four eg which was found in a pint mug of fol china on the shelf of a shepherd's hut the district. The nest was constructed hay and straw, and lined with feathe taken from a neighboring farmyard. Acce to this curious domicile was obtainable a hole in the roof, which served the pu poses of a chimney, and from this t parent birds might be seen emerging eve few minutes during the progress of buil ing operations.

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BIRTHS.

TREZISE—At Nelson, on Oct. 3rd, the wi of W. J. Trezise, of a son.

CLAYTON—On the 8th inst., at 5 Wh talee street, the wife of John Clayto of Bella Coola, of a daughter.

LEWIS—At Ashcroft, on Sept. 21st, t wife of H. P. Lewis, of a son.

BILLS—At Fernie, on Sept. 30th, the wi of Geo. Bills, of a daughter.

DUNN—At Nelson, on Oct. 4th, the wife Thos. B. Dunn, of a son.

CLARK—At Nelson, on Oct. 5th, the wi of P. J. Clark, of a son.

M'DERMID—At Nelson, on Oct. 5th, t wife of E. B. McDermid, of a son.

SWEENEY—At Revelstoke, on Sept. 30t the wife of T. Sweeney, of a son.

MARRIED.

PEEL-NEVINS—At Revelstoke, on Oc 2nd, by Rev. W. C. Calder, Robe Ernest Peel, of Alamo, B. C., t Mabel May Nevins, of Rosedale, Chil wack.

PENDRY-KENDRICK—At Nelson, on Oc 5th, by Rev. H. S. Akehurst, H. Pendry and Miss Alice Kendrick.

GAVIN-HUTCHINSON—At Agassiz, Oct. 5th, by Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D Alexander Strachan, youngest son the late Duncan Gavin, of 1344 Geor street, Vancouver, and Lilian Hop daughter of George H. Hutchinson, Sheffield, England.

DIED.

WOLLASTON—At the family residen McGregor avenue, this morning, Cath line, aged 75 years, the beloved wife Percy Wollaston, late of Fairmo Minn.

RICHARDS—At the Royal Jubilee hospit on the 7th inst., Peter B. Richar aged 57 years, a native of Troy, N York.

OWEN—At Fernie, on Sept. 30th, Arthu Bowen.

RALPH—At Vancouver, on Oct. 7th, W liam John Ralph, son of William a May Ralph.

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RUMORED PURCHASE OF NEW STEAMERS

BOUGHT FOR FERRY AND SKAGWAY RUNS

Fifteen Hundred Ton Ship For Vancouver-Victoria Service—Other Plans of the Big Company.

An unauthoritative report has reached this city that two steamers have been purchased by the C. P. R. Company for service on the Pacific coast, the one to replace the Charmer on the Vancouver run and the other for the Victoria-Skagway route to succeed the wrecked Islander. Confirmation of the news could not be learned this morning at either the local office of the company or at the old C. P. N. office on Wharf street. Captain Troup, manager of the C. P. N. Company, who went East some weeks ago to confer with the head officials of the company in regard to the matter, and to make the necessary purchases, is now believed to be in New York, and it has not yet been announced when he will return. The whole matter of selecting the ships or of contracting for their construction has been left with him, and until he is heard from no official statement can be made. The new craft for the Victoria-Vancouver route will be a 1,500-ton steamer, and in many respects will be similar to the Charmer now running. She will, however, be incomparably faster, and will be capable of making the trip in about four hours instead of five and a half, the time now taken.

As for the new Skagway liner, it is learned that she will be very like the Manitoba, which with the Athabasca and Alberta are operated by the C. P. R. Company on the Great Lakes. These ships are magnificent steamers, very palatial and very swift. The craft for the Skagway run will be 290 feet long. She will, according to a statement of Geo. McL. Brown to a Times representative a few days ago, make this her home port, while the Hating which is now operated exclusively from Vancouver will continue to run from that city. At present Victoria has a very unsatisfactory service with Skagway, and has to depend on but one direct steamer, the Danube, which carries passenger traffic almost wholly in the control of other cities. Of course the Cottage City of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's fleet calls here on its up and down trips, but this nocturnal visitor calls at all Alaskan ports, and through passengers usually patronize through steamers.

The indignation of the business men of the city over the retention of the Hating at Vancouver was strongly voiced at the meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday. The sudden withdrawal of the order bringing the Hating here as a home port was severely commented on and was attributed to the protests of Vancouver people.

"The company don't want to do any more for us than they can help," said one member.

"Well we can see, in that case, that they don't get any more business from us than we can help," rejoined another with heat, and he was one of the big northern shippers.

That it is the intention of the C. P. R. Company to be second to no company in its steamer service on this coast there can be no doubt. The company took over the C. P. N. Company's stock at a cost of $1,000,000. The fleet comprised fourteen vessels, and since the purchase the Hating was added at a cost of $175,000.

But it is not in the coasting business that the C. P. R. Company is preparing for competitive warfare, and it is with a view to making extensive improvements all along the line that the company has resolved to issue $480,000 in 4 per cent. terminable debentures, for the extension of its steamship line, the Royal Trust Company acting as trustees for the bonds. A new trans-Pacific steamer, larger, faster and finer than the Empresses, is contemplated, and it is probable that immediate steps towards securing this ship will be taken.

That Russia will dominate Northern China, and that there is a good field awaiting the enterprise of Canadian business men and manufacturers in the great Russian Empire, is the opinion of Mr. William Whyte, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who passed through Victoria a few weeks ago. Mr. Whyte has presented a voluminous report of his trip to President Shaughnessy.

This report was recently discussed by the board of directors, and whether they consider it sufficiently encouraging to justify the establishing of a line of steamers between British Columbia and Vladivostock the near future will tell.

This, in fact, was the main object of Mr. Whyte's confidential mission, to report on the trade requirements of Russia and discover what field there was open for Canadian commerce, and if it were sufficiently promising to establish the steamers and thereby encourage and develop Canada's commerce with Russia.

Vladivostock is the coming port on the Pacific. Russian enterprise is developing with strenuous efforts, and a line of Canadian steamers to that place would meet with the immense districts of Russian Asia with their millions of people, the possibilities of which are enormous.

Mr. Whyte makes a strong point of the heavy duties levied against all United States commodities excepting mining machinery, and agricultural implements, thus leaving open an immense field for Canadian enterprise. It is now, he says, a question whether our people will take advantage of this state of affairs, and endeavor to produce articles required in Russia.

THE COAL TRADE.

The following is the report of the San Francisco coal market for the week ending October 3rd, issued by J. W. Thomson, the coal and metal broker: Since the steamer Venturia left there have been but two arrivals of coal from Australia, viz.: S. P. Hitchcock, 3,279 tons; Enterpe, 1,678 tons; total, 4,957 tons. There is only one vessel due here from Newcastle during October, so that the colonial fuel here in yard will amount to very little for the next sixty days. There are named on the coal chartered list 28 vessels carrying over 80,000 tons. At this time last year there were 37 vessels carrying 110,000 tons. Latest freight quotations from Newcastle are higher, caused by a weakening here in outward grain freights and the detention in loading vessels at this end. The asking price for Australian coal cargoes for future loading do not leave much margin for profit, as competition is very keen from our coast collieries.

Besides, fuel oil is gaining new advocates monthly, and as a steam producer is acquiring supremacy over coal in all branches. Its general use may eventually cause an advance in price, and may check its consumption somewhat. A very serious fire is just reported in one of the Dunsmuir coal properties in British Columbia; full details are not yet at hand. This will minimize the shipment here of household fuel this winter, and may disturb values somewhat. There will be no change of prices of steam grades.

PLANS FOR COMING SEASON.

The directorate of the Victoria Sealing Association held an important meeting yesterday afternoon to consider plans for the ensuing year, action in this respect being now imperative in consequence of the fleet from Behring Sea being near at hand, and which a westerly wind should bring along now at any time.

One of the most important subjects discussed was the advisability of sending vessels to Cape Horn as an experiment. Down off the Falkland Islands seals have long been known to be plentiful, but Victoria sealers have always left them for hunters of the Eastern seaboard to kill. Interest in the venture now is believed to have been created by the luck of Captain Balcam's schooner last year, which was sent south from one of the Eastern provinces, securing a highly satisfactory catch. The Falkland Islands have long been known as a favorite haunt of the seal, and that the grounds in future will be more frequented than heretofore seems now reasonably certain. It was suggested at yesterday's meeting that two of the fleet should be sent south, but judging from the tenor of the discussion it is now considered very problematical. The risk was deemed too great by many in attendance, and there is a possibility, it is said, of the project falling through. From a local standpoint it has never been tried, and until it has been demonstrated a success or a failure it will always remain in the contemplation of many. The Falklands, as is well known, are in the Atlantic, and to reach them from this coast, one of the most dangerous waters known to navigators, viz., those in rounding the Horn, have to be traversed. The islands are a British possession, after successively belonging to France and Spain. They number about two hundred, and are noted principally for their fish, which teem along their coast. At certain seasons of the year seal have been killed for their oil. The islands lie about 300 miles from the Straits of Magellan, and to travel thence and return it would take a good portion of the year.

In addition to discussing this subject the sealers at yesterday's meeting decided on what course they would pursue this coming season. It was agreed to send as many of the fleet away before Christmas as there were offering white crews to man them. The white hunters in preference to Indians will be in demand, the troubles of the season just ended having taught the association the moral to depend but as little as possible on the natives. The schooners leaving early will make preparations for another year's hunting on their return, which, as stated, may be expected at any time now, and will be dispatched south, down off the coast of California, from which point they cruise, as is their custom, northward in pursuit of the little fur-bearing animal, either returning to the west coast of this Island or crossing to the Asiatic side, when the seals have reached a point beyond the Fairweather grounds in their migration to Behring Sea.

The fact of the association deciding that as many of the fleet shall be manned with white hunters as possible is a matter of great interest, as it will give lucrative employment to a large number of men.

So far nothing has been learned of the schooners which put in an appearance in the Straits at the beginning of the week, but they, like many others, are believed to be only waiting now for a fair wind to bring them home.

WORK OF THE DREDGE.

The captain of the Dominion government dredge Mud Lark has received instructions to dismantle the craft to-morrow, preparatory to leaving this port. It is understood that her destination is Fulford harbor, Salt Spring Island, where some dredging is required. Telegraphic communication has been instituted with the department of public works, Ottawa, with a view to having the dredge remain here until the work in the upper harbor has been further advanced. It is claimed by sealing men that unless this is done the upper harbor from their standpoint will be worse than before, as the bar has been removed without sufficient depth being obtained for mooring the vessels. Some reply will in all probability be forthcoming from Ottawa to-night.

Since the return of Ralph Smith, M.P., from Ottawa, says the Nanaimo Herald, he has received a telegram assuring him that certain dredging work off Pender Island will be proceeded with at once and that as soon as that is done the dredger will begin work in Nanaimo harbor. While at Ottawa Mr. Smith made representations in the matter of the necessity of blasting out the falls at Courtenay so as to allow the fish to ascend the river. This will be done immediately, $300 having been appropriated for that purpose.

SEALERS HEADING UP STRAITS.

Again yesterday sealers were sighted in the Straits. The tug Lorne, which returned last evening from having towed the lumber laden ship Fort George to sea from Chemainus, reported passing two schooners heading up the Straits, which were at once identified as sealers but were not seen at sufficiently close range for further recognition. The whole fleet have probably left Behring Sea ere this. They are being anxiously looked for, little being known as to what luck they have had during the season. Last year and the year before the first schooner to reach port from the Sea arrived on the 9th of October, and only a few had remained late in the Sea. Therefore it is thought that the first favorable weather now will bring a good fleet into port. Those now, with one exception, come from the Copper island coast, and brought no news of the fleet in the Sea. In fact, beyond a few meagre reports no information whatever has been received from the fleet from the time they sailed from the West Coast. The vessels in the Straits yesterday afternoon were probably carried back to San Juan by the southeasterly wind prevailing.

LEAVE FOR ALBERNI.

A C. P. R. party composed of J. Wilson, superintendent of the company's telegraph at Vancouver; Mr. Cambie, chief engineer; Mr. Cartwright, assistant engineer of the Lulu Island railway; Mr. Lockwood, Capt. Tatlow and Mr. Purvis, were passengers for the West Coast, leaving on the steamer Queen City last evening. They go to Alberni to prepare for the landing of the Pacific cable, the laying of the southern end of which is to commence in January next. Arrangements will be made for the construction of wharves and other buildings, and as soon as the respective sites have been selected a force of men will, it is stated, be engaged at the construction work. Other passengers leaving on the Queen City were G. H. Meldrum and wife, H. C. Newton, Mrs. Grady, Miss Drummond, H. Newsen, W. Lynch, E. Symond, J. Robbilard, M. Anderson, J. McCarty, Father Brabant, who is one of the pioneer missionaries on the coast; Mrs. Grahame, A. Young, Capt. Thompson, Mrs. Cox and Provincial Constable Spain, of Clayoquot.

NO SEALERS IN SIGHT.

Some little disappointment was felt yesterday afternoon when the steamer Queen City came in from the West Coast reporting no sealers down the Straits, for it was supposed that on her arrival the name of the schooner mentioned in the message from Carmanah on Sunday as being then bound in would be learned. At no points along the coast as far down as Ahousett, the most remote point of call, was any of the sealing fleet sighted. From Alberni news is brought by the Queen City that the Monitor mine has been closed down temporarily. The Huff sawmill, however, is now in operation, and has a contract ahead for 300,000 feet of lumber for the Hayes mine. The passengers brought by the steamer were as follows: W. T. Horn, T. V. Hobbs, Rev. Ellison, H. E. Newton, G. M. Maynard, J. E. Sutton, J. H. Bird, Mrs. King and child, James Beek, A. Norris, W. and J. Pascoe, W. D. Sinclair Snider, J. F. Boggs, E. Lee, T. Wilson, W. J. Ledingham, wife and family, J. Parker and J. Sunderland. The steamer sails again for the Coast tonight.

KVARVEN'S COASTWISE TRIPS.

The steamer Kvarven, of the California & Oriental line, after having gone from Puget Sound to Portland to load freight for the Orient, returned to British Columbia to take on coal, having found no cargo at Portland, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Besides this retracing of her steps along the northern coast, the Kvarven is to call at this port and at San Diego before starting across the Pacific. It is reported that the steamer was crowded out at Portland by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which had taken all the business in sight for its line of freighters across the Pacific. At San Diego the Kvarven will take on considerable freight.

ON A SPEED TRIAL.

The new cruiser built by the Victoria Machinery Depot for the fishery protective service of this province had another trial trip this morning, Capt. Gaudin, of the marine and fisheries department, and his assistant, A. J. Dallain, being on board. The former was in charge. The vessel was taken out for a speed demonstration and was run over a measured mile between the entrance to the harbor and Peddar bay. It was found that she attained a speed of eight miles an hour. Sixteen miles were covered in a little over one hour and 57 minutes. The trip was made when the tide offered the influence to the performance of the craft.

CRUSADER ARRIVES.

The sugar ship Crusader, whose long voyage from Labuan was beginning to cause some uneasiness, has at last arrived. She got into William Head yesterday evening, and after undergoing quarantine inspection passed on to Vancouver. The Crusader is a brand new ship. Her registered tonnage is 2,744 tons. She left Labuan on August 29th, and called at Moji as usual for coal. Her passage was uneventful and not tempestuous, as was supposed, the vessel making the entire passage under slow speed.

FOUR-MASTED BARKENTINE.

Koko Head will be the name of a big four-masted barkentine soon to be launched at Boole & Son's shipyard in Oakland for Hind, Rolph & Co., of San Francisco. The vessel is named after a well known rock on the eastern shore of the island of Oahu, which is generally the first part of Oahu to be sighted from steamers running to Honolulu. The barkentine will have a length of 240 feet, beam of 41 feet and depth of 17 feet, tonnage of 1,200, and is to have bilge keels—an innovation in the construction of sailing vessels on this coast.

IT HAPPENED IN A DRUG STORE.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin, the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy." It is for sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

The United States post office department has decided to place the late President McKinley's head on the new issue of postage cards, which will appear shortly after December 1st next.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT HEAVY HOME WORK

THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL INVESTIGATE

School Board Had Fruitful Subject of Debate Before Them Last Night—The New Appointees.

The school board did not have much before them in the way of communications at their regular session last night, but one fruitful subject cropped up which engendered a debate lasting nearly an hour. This was the question of home work assigned by teachers in the schools. Trustees Huggett, Mrs. Grant and Jay wanted the superintendent to make an investigation, as they had heard that some of the teachers were assigning excessive home work. A resolution was submitted authorizing the superintendent to obtain reports from the various principals, the result of his observations to be reported to the board. Trustee Belyea marshalled all his oratorical ability in a determined onslaught on the resolution, and was a fone but vigorous oppositionist. There were present Trustees Drury, Mrs. Grant, Jay and Huggett. Mrs. Grant resumed her seat after a long absence in the East. In the absence of the chairman, Dr. Lewis Hall, Trustee Drury was voted to the chair.

Communications accepting appointments to the teaching staff were read from Misses Davey, Johnston and Chapman. Received and filed.

The other pedagogues and the janitress of Kingston street school, whose salaries were recently increased, communicated their thanks. Filed.

Miss A. Spragge tendered her resignation from the teaching staff of the schools. Laid on the table until later in the evening.

Applications for positions on the teaching staff were read from Donald A. Fraser and Miss Bernice Pope, holders of second class grade A certificates. These were also tabled.

The finance committee recommended the payment of $146.50 incurred in connection with the High School Building By-law, also general accounts amounting to $266.60. Adopted.

The superintendent's monthly attendance report, which was published in these columns last evening, was read and adopted.

In reference to the congestion in the schools, the superintendent pointed out that in some of the classes in the Central school there were fifty-five children to a teacher, which had not been equalled in school history for eight or ten years. He favored the renting of another room and one or two more teachers appointed. He also drew attention to the fact that in September there were three hundred children enrolled in the schools who were absent for some reason or other—some for no reason at all.

Trustee Huggett asked for information on the subject of home work. Some parents had told him that an excessive amount was given their children, who found it so burdensome that they were unable to attend school.

Trustee Drury had investigated this matter, and had found that in some instances the complaint was well founded.

The superintendent explained that it was a difficult task to ascertain who of the fifty-five teachers in the city schools were giving overburdensome home work. If a specific charge was made against some teacher he would be enabled to investigate and see whether it could be substantiated.

Trustee Huggett put in a strong plea in favor of less onerous home work. He held that the children were brighter and more capable of taking up their studies at school with fewer home lessons.

The superintendent did not consider that as a rule the home work was overburdensome.

Trustee Jay was also under the impression that the home work was excessive. He held that the matter should be investigated, and reported upon. The city superintendent should receive reports from the various principals, and the board must see that the home lessons were not burdensome enough to enervate the pupils.

Trustee Belyea did not think complaints from one or two parents out of about 1,200 amounted to much. He contended that the board should not legislate for a few exceptions. If these pupils could not maintain the standard in the schools they must fall behind. That was their place. The whole school curriculum was not to be modelled on what the dullest could do. It was established according to the capabilities of the average.

Trustee Jay moved, seconded by Trustee Huggett, that the city superintendent be instructed to obtain from each of the principals a report on the home work assigned the pupils and report the result of his investigation to the board.

Trustee Belyea said that this was a standard motion. The matter had been before the board in various forms many times. Out of several thousand parents, how many were complaining, and who were they? He wanted this question answered before he voted. If there were ten no attention should be paid it.

Trustee Jay contended that if this matter had come up many times, as Trustee Belyea had stated, it showed that there was a standing grievance which required remedying.

Trustee Huggett advised that the result of the investigation be announced in the public press, which should afford satisfaction to all concerned.

Trustee Belyea submitted that no action should be taken. It would be fatal to the discipline in the schools, and unfair to the teachers. If Trustee Huggett had heard any complaints it was his duty to investigate, and if he found the charge substantiated, then he should bring it before the board. Otherwise he should say nothing about it. The speaker had been on the board six years, and had never lodged a complaint against any teacher. He characterized the proceeding as absurd.

Trustee Jay pointed out to the last speaker that the object was to obtain information, and Trustee Mrs. Grant saw no reason why a report would not prove of advantage. She also had heard of excessive home work being assigned, and believed the board should be informed on the matter.

Trustee Drury did not think that the resolution should be construed as a reflection on the teachers. It was rather a compliment to their zeal. He believed, however, that the superintendent should report as to whether or no there was ground for the complaint. The speaker mentioned instances in which an over amount of home work had been assigned to pupils, who were unable to accomplish it.

Just before the motion was put the superintendent suggested that the resolution be somewhat more specific. It did not designate the nature of the report required. He could in fact give his own impressions now. He could name teachers whom he knew to habitually assign heavier home work than necessary, but he wanted to know what he should report. He also pointed out that the regulation governing this matter did not come within the purview of the board, but nevertheless the members for their own private gratification might obtain the information, and he would be pleased to secure it.

Trustee Drury wanted to know what the board was for, if not to see that the rules and regulations were carried out.

Trustee Belyea objected to the motion, contending that it was out of order, but the chairman held that the matter affected the general policy of the board, and was in order. The motion was then passed. Trustee Belyea registering an emphatic negative.

He announced that he would report the proceeding to the superintendent of education.

Several vacancies in the teaching staff having occurred, the board decided to appoint successors. Before doing so Trustee Belyea, seconded by Trustee Jay, moved "that in the opinion of this board no teacher be employed who will not agree that after one month's employment three months' notice shall be necessary to terminate his or her engagement with this board; such notice to terminate with their current term."

The father of the motion pointed out that this motion was to act as a safeguard against teachers resigning whenever they wanted to, exercising a very detrimental effect on the school work.

The subject was discussed at length, and finally Trustee Belyea consented to let his resolution stand over until the next meeting.

D. A. Fraser and Miss E. Shrapnel were then appointed to the vacancies on the teaching staff until the end of the term.

The question of fixing salaries for the appointees was another poser. During the discussion Trustee Belyea forcibly said that as long as he was on the school board he would never favor any teacher being paid less than $900 per year. If they were not worth that they were not worth engaging.

Mr. Fraser's salary was fixed at $50 per month and Miss Shrapnel's at $45. Miss Spragge's resignation was accepted.

The securing of blackboards for the new high school was left in the hands of the building and grounds committee for report.

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDDED LAST EVENING.

Mr. Colin Blain and Miss Annabelle Russell Joined in Matrimony—Pretty Event.

Two popular young people were united in the bonds of matrimony last night, the contracting parties being Mr. Colin McKinley Blain and Miss Annabelle Russell, both of this city. Rev. D. MacRae, of Victoria West, officiated.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Russell, Rock Bay avenue, the apartment in which the wedding took place being tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. W. H. Wilson, and the bride was attended by Miss E. R. Milne, her young sister being a maid of honor. The bride was dressed in white organdie over silk, with tucked flounce, and trimmed with roses and transparent yoke of lace, with veil and orange blossoms. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a beautiful gold chain bracelet.

The popularity of the bride and bridegroom was strikingly demonstrated by the large number of presents, both valuable and useful, which were received, including a handsome silver tea service from the Victoria lacrosse club, and a valuable bronze vase from the fire brigade, of which the bridegroom is a member.

Mr. Blain has been identified with the lacrosse club in this city ever since he came here in the early nineties. He is one of the most popular members of the present club, in which he fills the post of secretary. He is a prominent fire fighter, belonging to the James Bay department.

The bride is well known in musical circles, having delighted many an audience by her vocal talent. They left on this morning's boat for the Sound cities, accompanied by the congratulations of a host of well wishers. Returning, they will make their home in Victoria.

ONE BETTER EVERY TIME.

It seems to matter not what other newspapers may offer as premiums, the Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, can always go them one better, and this year they have again clearly outclassed all competitors. Subscribers to that great family paper will this season receive the biggest value ever offered. In addition to a very much improved paper, each subscriber will receive no less than three valuable and seasonable premium pictures. The pictures are large portraits of our new King, Edward VII., and the beautiful Queen Alexandra, each 18x24 inches, on beautiful paper, making a lovely pair of pictures ready for framing, and which should be found in every Canadian home. The third picture is a grand surprise. We have all heard of the renowned Gainsborough picture, the Duchess of Devonshire, the picture stolen and recovered after 25 years and recently purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan for $75,000 cash. The publishers of the Family Herald are giving each subscriber this season a beautiful copy of this historical picture (22x28 inches) in ten rich colors, same as the original, along with the pictures of the King and Queen. All three pictures and a year's subscription to the best Family paper on the continent for one dollar is certainly a big dollar's worth. The plates for the King and Queen will be a surprise. No such plates were ever given with a newspaper.

PROSPECTOR'S SUICIDE.

G. H. Andrews Placed Dynamite in His Mouth and Blew His Head Off.

As briefly announced in these columns on Monday, G. H. Andrews, an old prospector and miner, committed suicide at Nelson on Friday, by blowing himself up with dynamite. The Nelson Miner gives the following particulars of the affair:

"On Friday morning about 9 o'clock, Andrews, who has been living with the family of Mrs. J. Stewart, for the past couple of years, left the house telling Mrs. Stewart that he was going down town and would not be back to dinner. As he frequently took his dinner down town nothing was thought of the occurrence until towards evening, when noticing that Andrews had not returned Mrs. Stewart became uneasy, and enquired of the neighbors as to whether any one had seen him, and finally notified the police by whom enquiries were made and a search kept up till midnight. It was thought that the old man might have gone up to his property, the Goodenough, just below the Athabasca. A telephone message was sent to the manager, who sent down to the shack on the claim that Andrews used to occupy when he was working it, but without any trace of him being found.

"On Saturday morning the following letter was found by Mrs. Stewart, lying on the bed between the mattress and the clothing:

Mr. Frank Fletcher, Mayor of the City of Nelson, B. C.:

Dear Sir:—I write to you concerning the burial of the remains of a pauper in the Potters' Field at the cemetery in the city of Nelson, B. C., said pauper being myself, G. H. Andrews. I have not means to buy a lot in the cemetery, but it will be necessary to put me in the ground. Let it be done with as little expense and trouble as possible. Put me in any old rough box or sack, just as I am found, as I shall use giant powder. It will make no difference to me as I have no relatives or close friends to disgrace. Am formerly of the Goodenough mining property, Toad and Morning mountain. You will do me a kindness by allowing my request. Good-bye.

G. H. ANDREWS.

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Now, Mayor, I desire you to know that I have given this matter a great deal of thought and have come to the conclusion that for me it is the best thing to do under the circumstances, as it will be a long time before I will be able to work and earn my living, although I am getting better all the time. But as winter will soon be here with its changeable weather I am fearful of taking the la grippe and I feel that I won't be able to stand much more of it, and to avoid another spell of sickness and causing more trouble and expense I am induced to take this step. I dislike to give Mrs. Stewart's folk any more trouble, as they have been very kind to me and helped me in every possible way. Please have my remains put underground in the Potters' Field, it will make no difference to me.

An old note book was also found on the first page of which was written:

Nelson, B. C., October 1.

To explain the manner that I intend to use to put myself out of the way so that there will be no need of an inquest. I will state that I intend to use three sticks of giant powder placed on the top of my head, with a couple of flat stones on top of same, and hope it will make a good job.

G. H. ANDREWS.

"Mrs. Stewart at once notified P. J. Clark, who lives close by. Mr. Clark notified the police and then set to work to look for Andrews on the unoccupied land at the east end of Houston street and after a long and arduous search found a trail which had been left by the old man to direct the searchers. It consisted of rags tied to bushes and little twigs broken and pointing the direction he had gone. At 10.30 he found the body and immediately went down town and notified Dr. Arthur and the provincial police. Chief of Police Jarvis, Constable Heabener, W. H. Bullock-Webster, Provincial Constable Young, Dr. Arthur and a Miner reporter, with Mr. Clark, then proceeded to Houston street and along to the bluff, where the object of their search was quickly located by Clark. The body lay up against an immense boulder on the edge of the bluff, overlooking Cottonwood valley and the city, with every vestige of the head gone, it having been blown to atoms. A box of detonators and a coil of fuse lay on the ground near-by, while a short piece of fuse on the chest showed how he had arranged the dynamite with a cap in the end and attached the fuse and then leaning back evidently touched a match to the fuse, and in a few seconds all had been over.

"Andrews at the time of his death was 72 years of age. He came West from his home in St. John, New Brunswick, to Nelson about eleven years ago. He had been a hard-working, steady man. Some years ago he staked the Goodenough claim on Morning mountain and ever since has worked hard on it, developing it to the best of his ability while his strength lasted. Three years ago he had a severe attack of la grippe, which had left him very liable to cold. For the last two years he has stayed with the Stewarts, to whom he bequeathed the claim and two silver dollars, all that he possessed. On the face of the letters of which he had made three copies, he had written: "This was prepared July 28th, 1901."

ANNUAL REPORT.

An Interesting Compilation Issued by the Vancouver Board of Trade.

The fourteenth annual report of the Vancouver board of trade has just been issued. The report is a comprehensive document of 113 pages, suitably illustrated with pictures of scenes contiguous to the Terminal City. The membership of the board now numbers 183, while the balance at the end of the financial year was $923.76.

The lumber shipments from Vancouver during 1900 to foreign ports was 43,000,000 feet, as against 22,000,000 feet the previous year. Complaint is made, however, of the anomalous conditions of the tariff regulations affecting the interchange of the shingle commodity between Canada and the United States.

The mining industry in British Columbia, agriculture, fruit growing, the establishment of a mint and the construction of the Yukon telegraph line also receive attention.

INTERESTING SESSION.

Trades and Labor Council Met Last Evening—Would Not Accept President's Resignation.

President Logg presided at the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council in the Pioneer hall last evening. After the usual preliminaries the question of securing a permanent hall, after some discussion, was referred to a committee for report. A committee was appointed to award the prizes offered for the greatest percentage of attendance among the various unions in the Labor Day procession.

Among the communications was one from the San Francisco Trades and Labor Council requesting metal workers and ship caulkers to keep away from the Bay City as trouble among the metal, iron and steel workers' and ship caulkers' unions still existed. Delegates will bring this matter before their respective unions.

The Berlin, Ont., Broom Workers' Association requested the support of all union men on behalf of the union-made broom. Referred to the label committee.

A letter was received from Rev. R. B. Blyth regarding a proposed lecture by W. A. Vrooman on "Rip Van Winkle, or the Old and the New," to be delivered in this city on a date to be subsequently arranged. The communication was referred to the various delegates with the recommendation that the lecturer be accorded the heartiest support, as Mr. Vrooman is a strong friend to labor.

An interesting letter was read from a well known citizen advocating an earnest effort on the part of organized labor to secure the passage by parliament of the initiative and referendum. The secretary was instructed to thank the author for his excellent suggestions.

Accounts were presented and ordered paid, if found correct.

President Logg tendered his resignation, a step rendered necessary by changes in his business connections. A motion was unanimously passed, however, declining the acceptance of the president's resignation.

The secretary reported that he had received replies to a large number of requisitions sent out to the different unions throughout the province for signatures intended to accompany the address to H. R. H. the Duke of Cornwall and York on H. R. H.'s visit to Victoria, re the injustice to white labor by the influx of Asiatic cheap coolie labor. There were between 6,000 and 7,000 signatures (all union men). The matter was referred to the committee to secure publication of address and requisition as fully as possible.

After unanimously deciding to grant $25 to the sufferers from the Extension disaster the council adjourned till Wednesday evening, October 16th at 7.30 o'clock.

INSTITUTE MEETING.

Scheduled List of Farmers' Gatherings to Be Held.

The following programme has been arranged by J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, superintendent of Institutes:

Wednesday, 9th October, Port Haney; Thursday, 10th October, Wharnock; Saturday, 12th October, Royal Oak, Victoria; Monday, 14th October, Duncans; Tuesday, 15th October, Nanaimo; Wednesday, 16th October, Comox; Friday, 18th October, Parksville; Saturday, 19th October, Alberni; Tuesday, 22nd October, Metchosin; Wednesday, 23rd October, Plumpers Pass; Thursday, 24th October, Ladner; Saturday, 26th October, Surrey Centre; Monday, 28th October, Langley; Tuesday, 29th October, Matsqui; Wednesday, 30th October, Richmond; Thursday, 31st October, Mission; Saturday, 2nd November, Chilliwack; Monday, 4th November, Agassiz; Thursday, 7th October, Lower Nicola; Saturday, 9th November, Kamloops; Monday, 11th November, Armstrong; Tuesday, 12th October, Vernon; Wednesday, 13th October, Kelowna; Saturday, 16th November, Salmon Arm.

The services of two of the Institute speakers who gave such satisfaction last spring, and who acted as stock judges at some of the recent shows, have been secured, viz.: Duncan C. Anderson, of Rugby, Ont., and Andrew Elliott, of Galt, Ont. These gentlemen, who are successful farmers and experienced Farmers' Institute delegates, will each address the meetings on any of the subjects enumerated below which may be selected, viz:

Mr. Anderson: 1, crop rotation and soil cultivation; 2, cultivation of field roots and potatoes; 3, clover and its value as a stock food also as a fertilizer; 4, cattle breeding and raising for beef; 5, farm buildings; 6, feeding and breeding hogs; 7, how to get a farm home; 8, advantages of farm life.

Mr. Elliott: 1, cultivation of and maintaining the fertility of the soil; 2, feeds and feeding; 3, dairying and the dairy cow; 4, pig breeding and feeding; 5, the profitableness of sheep; 6, possibilities of British Columbia; 7, home.

The meeting at Lower Nicola is the fourth which has been held in the Institute district of Lillooet. This district has not yet organized under the Institute Act, and is for the purpose of instructing the people of the district in the Institute system that the superintendent has arranged these meetings, with the hope that organization will follow when the district will be included in the regular itinerary and the literature distributed by the department sent to the members.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Proposed Change of Name to Be Considered To-Morrow.

The quarterly general meeting of the board of trade will be held at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. On the motion of Messrs. Lindley Crease and J. J. Shallcross, the following resolution will be voted upon:

1. That the name of this board be changed to the Vic[illegible] British Columbia, Board of Trade, [illegible] the proper steps be