

Provincial News.

NELSON. The new school instituted by the Sisters of St. Joseph on Josephine street, opened yesterday. The building cost \$1,000.

CASCADE CITY. Work has been commenced on the new railway depot here by a gang of carpenters. The new building will be located just west of the present temporary affair.

PHOENIX. Peter Benson of Niagara has purchased a lot on Old Ironsides avenue and will immediately commence the erection of a hotel.

George Nurse of Columbia has started the excavation work on his property on Knob Hill avenue for a business block.

GRAND PRAIRIE. At a public meeting held at Jones Bros' store a building committee composed of G. Wright, G. A. Harding, Alex. Blackburn and F. C. Jones, appointed, retired and treasurer.

An entertainment was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Friday night, 26th inst., in aid of the Mansion House Fund. Total net receipts for the evening, after paying expenses, were \$31.75, which amount will be sent to the fund.

ASHCROFT. On Friday last Mrs. Robt. Carson and Miss Edith McGee, sisters of Mr. Geo. McGee, of Vancouver, while driving down a mountain grade near Ashcroft were thrown violently from the buggy.

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Mr. W. B. Wilson, superintendent of the Le Roi mine, who met with such a painful accident at the mine in the end of November last, fracturing his left knee cap, has considerably improved during the past fortnight.

The Masonic temple on Columbia avenue, which was built to replace the one destroyed by fire, will be occupied on the 1st of March. The occasion will be marked by appropriate exercises. It is the property of Corinthian Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M. It is a well constructed structure, was built by Mr. A. J. Raymer and cost \$6,000. There is a basement and a ground and first floor, the dimensions are 52x283 feet, the basement and located the furnace and fuel rooms. On the ground floor are a number of rooms. The largest is the main hall, which is 34x56-10. Then there are the council room, 15x42, sitting room, 15x16, preparation room, 8x12, chapel, 10x12, library room, 10x12, committee room, 15x15, blue lodge room, 8x10, and the banquet room, 24x32. The last named is on the first floor.

A Maxin gun for the Rocky Mountain Rangers arrived from Toronto by the C. P. R. Monday morning, having been sent by Col. Peters, acting D. O. of military district No. 2. It will be placed in the armory until a permanent abode can be found for it.

NEW WESTMINSTER. At the meeting of the City Council on Monday the fire committee suggested the adoption of the following: In accepting the resignation of Mr. McPhie as chief of the fire department, the council wishes to express its sense of the valuable services rendered by him during his term as chief, particularly with regard to his work in supervising the erection of buildings and promoting the alteration of those already erected, mainly in the Chinese quarter. Carried.

If Vancouver suffered to the extent of \$10,000 by the boisterous gale of Monday night, New Westminster did not by any means get off free. The most serious damage wrought by the elements was the B. C. penitentiary. About half-past nine a tall chimney blew down. Telephone wires on every trunk line connecting with the city were down on Tuesday morning, and in some cases gangs of men had to be sent to repair the breaks, which were numerous. This was especially the case on the line connecting this city and Blaine, Wash. The roads through all parts of the lumbered district are blocked by numerous logs, trees, which have fallen before the wind, to say nothing of the countless numbers of smaller trees.

On Monday night several young men made an assault on a number of Chinese near the corner of Columbia and McInnes streets, and the fight which followed was a fierce one. Sticks, stones, and other weapons were used by the aggressors in their work of laying out as many of the Celestials as possible. They were fairly successful in their assault, says the Columbian, and as a result of the encounter five of the loyal subjects of Kwong-Sai were badly used up. As a consequence three young men and also two Chinese are lying in the big buildings on the hill, reflecting over the results of the battle of Monday night, the former in the provincial jail, and the latter in St. Mary's hospital. The Chinaman who was probably used up, the worst had two ribs broken and was badly cut on the head. The second was badly cut on the head and face, and a third has a big gash across his face. The three assaulters were arrested on a charge of assault and lodged in jail, where they remained over night, and were brought up in the police court on Wednesday morning, but were remanded for a week's report to the court.

Mayor Scott has wired Sir Wilfrid Laurier endorsing the suggestion from Vancouver that a further Canadian contingent of 10,000 mounted infantry be offered to the Imperial authorities for service in South Africa. At Monday's council meeting the city fathers were unanimous in their endorsement of the

than at present; to construct a reservoir at a point considerably higher than the present one and of a capacity of at least 1,000,000 gallons, and furthermore agree to the taxation of their plant and property by the corporation.

ROSSLAND. Since the smallpox scare first came to notice, over 1,200 persons in Rossland have been vaccinated. Dr. Reddick, the medical health officer, has treated some 75, and the city physicians have treated the others between them. Dr. Reddick has been busy inspecting suspicious cases, but so far not a single case is even under suspicion. The isolation hospital has been completed and is now ready in case of emergency.

Among the arrivals on Monday night was Mr. C. S. Drummond, of London, Eng. Mr. Drummond is the managing director of the British Electric Company, the Dunsmuir Mines, Granite Mines, and other companies. His visit is for the purpose of looking into the possibilities of an electric street car system for this city and an extension to Sophie mountain, a distance of 15 miles. It is understood that Mr. Drummond comes prepared to have the company which he represents embark in this enterprise, provided he can secure a favorable franchise from the city.

Rev. Mr. Haslam, late rector of St. Barnabas, Victoria, arrived in the city on Friday evening. Mr. Haslam will take charge of St. George's parish until the arrival at Easter of Rev. Mr. Healey, the new rector. Mr. Haslam is a former preacher and excellent organizer.

Mr. H. W. O. Jackson, secretary of the Rossland Board of Trade, acting under instructions from the council, has obtained the offices over the postoffice, formerly used by Mr. Thomas Corsan as secretary of the Virginia and Monte Christo mines, for the use of the Board of Trade.

A meeting of the young ladies who organized the recent patriotic ball was held last week. After all expenses have been paid the fund will be enhanced by the handsome amount of about \$200.

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Health Inspector Marston thinks that the Chinamen of Dupont street have not the proper respect for the blue paper of the police court. On Tuesday morning he served summonses on four Chinamen and ordered one of them turned up at the police court. Each was given a baton and revolver.

The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women was held on Monday in the rooms of the Art, Historic and Scientific Association, Mrs. J. C. McLagan, the president, in the chair. This organization is composed of representatives of the fifteen principal associations, guilds, etc., conducted by the ladies of Vancouver. The affiliation of these various societies and their individual works into one central organization and under one representative executive body, enables their numerous good efforts to be carried out more effectively, assists in disseminating the knowledge of their objects, successes or difficulties, and secures a combined effort being made, without loss of time, in any case of emergency. Also, in the presentation of a petition or appeal for any desired or needed reform, far greater weight is secured through the already used effort than could be obtained by an individual society. The morning session was occupied by the election of officers and routine work. The officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. McLagan, re-elected for the fourth year; vice-presidents, 1st, Mrs. Macaulay, re-elected for the third year; 2nd, Madam F. X. Martin, re-elected for the second year; 3rd, Mrs. H. Haskett; 4th, Mrs. W. McCroney; 5th, Mrs. J. J. Bonfield; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Finch; recording secretary, Miss Edges, re-elected by acclamation; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Latour.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Eleventh avenue, on Wednesday night celebrated their golden wedding. They were warmly congratulated by a large number of friends who gathered at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are among the first residents of Mount Pleasant, and have been most respected members of that community ever since.

Further damage is reported by the storm of the other night in the out-districts. On the North Arm road, Burnaby, a falling tree there destroyed sixty feet of a comparatively new bridge. The damage will, however, be repaired and the bridge restored without unnecessary delay, in a few days, as the highway, which connects with the River road, South Vancouver, is an important one, much used.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. James's church, held on Wednesday evening, the plans of the proposed enlargement of the building were submitted and approved. To carry out these extensions \$2,500 will have to be raised, but arrangements have already been made to borrow this sum to prevent delay in carrying out the work. Mr. H. Mackay Prigg designed the plans, which will give the church an additional seating capacity of 100 besides raising the entire building on stone piers, adding a new vestry and erecting a flèche or bell tower, 30 feet high, on the west end.

In his monthly report to the health committee, the health inspector stated that during January there were 7 convictions for infraction of the health by-law, 50 notices were served for cleaning up premises, which have in nearly all cases been attended to; there were 12 cases of mild infections reported during the month, all of which are now recovered.

At a meeting held in the council chamber of the Vancouver Industrial and Commercial Association was formally organized. It was reported that there were over 40 members already enrolled. The election of officers resulted as follows:

and also that five times 10,000 Canadians were ready to go to Africa, or anywhere else, in the defence of the Empire, should their services be required.

CHILLIWACK. A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday morning at the residence of Mr. Harding, of Camp Slough, father of the bride. The happy couple are Mr. Chas. A. F. Gill and Miss Maude Harding, who left the same day for their future home in Clinton. The knot was tied by Rev. W. B. Allen.

Alex. Wallace died at Greenwood hospital on Monday. The deceased was a well known prospector, being one of the old-timers of this Boundary, having been in the district nine years. He was a man nearing 50 years of age, of Scotch descent and possessed of considerable mining property in Central camp and along the west fork of Kettle river, in both these sections he was one of the first locators.

News has been received here of the drowning of L. Sparrow, of Fulford Harbor. The fatal occurrence happened on the California coast, where he was gone on a sealing cruise from Victoria. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

A magic lantern entertainment was given at the Venusian school house on the 29th ult., by Rev. Mr. Osborne, of Duncan. Many scenes of Scotland pleased the visitors present.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., a grand concert and ball will be given in the Venusian public hall. There will be a programme of music, songs, dialogues, etc., also a gramophone. The amount collected is to purchase seats for the hall.

The newly appointed policemen, Messrs. Arthur Dalves and George Miller, were on Tuesday evening before Magistrate Russell, Mr. J. C. McLagan, at once. The usual oaths of office were read over to them, and the formal declaration was made. Then the chief took them down stairs and fitted out each with weapons that naturally belong to the ordinary policeman. Each was given a baton and revolver.

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President, W. J. McMillan, president, C. Woodward, secretary-treasurer, Jas. Clark. An advisory board of ten was also chosen.

The past week has been a quiet period at the general hospital, the only new patient being a typhoid case from Ymir. It is worthy of mention that out of some 40 typhoid cases treated during the last twelve months not a single patient died. Dr. Symons, staff surgeon, has been in constant attendance on Joe Sullivan, since the latter was removed to the provincial institution. The bullet wound has been dressed and Sullivan is now suffering but little pain. An operation for the removal of the ball will be made shortly.

The new wing of the general hospital is rapidly nearing completion, only a week or two being required to install the balance of the steam heating apparatus. The ground floor of the new building includes a reception room, kitchen, laundry and furnace room. The second floor includes a balcony, where patients who are able to sit up have a good view of lake and mountain landscape, the operating room, private wards and the female ward. The operating room is located at the front of the building, and its lofty windows are arranged to admit the maximum amount of light. The third floor consists of cheerful rooms intended for private wards and is furnished with conveniences similar to those on the other floor.

The Hums addition school was opened on Monday morning. Principal Clayton was on hand at an early hour, and when school time arrived 25 children had gathered in the assembly room.

At a meeting of journeymen tailors it was decided to form a union in Nelson to affiliate with the Journeymen Tailors of America. The officers elected were: D. H. M. Little, president; W. Pollard, secretary-treasurer; Sidney Foster, W. J. Boyd and Pollard, delegates to Trades and Labor Council.

On the conclusion of Monday night's council meeting the members resumed as a board of health. Ald. Arthur's opinion was that until a case of smallpox arose in the city it would not be necessary to order a general vaccination of school children, owing to the objections which some citizens had in regard to the matter.

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Sporting News.

Boxing rules revised to cover several new points in ring etiquette have been framed. They are framed on the lines laid down by the Marquis of Queensberry. Few of the old rules have been retained, but several have been added and some enlarged, says a Chicago dispatch.

The proposed rules are as follows: 1. To be a fair stand-up boxing match in twenty-four foot ring, or as near that size as practicable. 2. No wrestling, hogging, heeling, butting, or gouging allowed. 3. The rounds to be of three minutes duration, and one minute between rounds. 4. If either man is knocked down, he must get up unassisted inside of ten seconds, the other man meanwhile to move about ten feet away so as to give the man who is down a fair chance to arise. When the fallen man is on his feet the round is to be resumed and continued until the three minutes have expired. If the man who has been knocked down fails to be on his feet inside of ten seconds allowed, the referee shall give his decision in favor of the other man.

A man hanging on the ropes in a helpless state with his toes off the ground shall be considered down. 5. No second or any other person, except the physicians and referee, shall be allowed in the ring during the rounds. Any second or other person entering the ring during the rounds shall be ejected, and the contest shall continue and no foul allowed on that account. 6. Should the contest be stopped by any unavoidable interference, the referee has full power to render a decision. 7. Five ounce special gloves, furnished by the club, to be used in all contests. 8. Should a glove burst or come off, the referee shall order both men to their corners, where the glove or gloves must be replaced to the satisfaction of the referee. The time consumed in replacing such gloves shall not be counted as part of the time of the round. 9. A man on one knee is considered down, and if struck is entitled to the stakes. 10. Only boxing shoes, regulation style, with either canvas, chamois, or rubber soles, allowed. 11. Fighting in clinches is allowed, and means that a man may hit with one hand free, but must not hold his opponent's glove, arm, or neck. 12. Hitting in the breakaway is permitted, without stepping back by contestants to break, they must obey instantly and release each other at once. 13. Lying or leaning on an opponent, although not holding him, after the referee has ordered the men to break, is not allowed, and both men must push off together. 14. The official timekeeper of the club shall only time the rounds and the rests between the rounds, and the referee shall be the only one to time and count on knock-downs, in any manner deemed best by him. 15. If in the opinion of the referee, the contestants in a bout are "faking," he may declare the same "no contest," in which event the club need not pay the purse, or any part of it. 16. If a contestant commits a foul, which in the opinion of the referee is intentional, and does not inspectively his opponent from continuing, he shall be warned, but if he still inspectsively his opponent from continuing the contest, or in the opinion of the referee, endangers his chances of winning, he shall be disqualified. 17. If a man commits a deliberate foul he shall be immediately disqualified, and he is to receive no part of the purse. 18. If in the opinion of the referee, a bout becomes dangerous to one of the contestants, or an immediate knockout seems unavoidable, he may stop the contest, and render his decision. 19. Both contestants may be worn by the contestants, unless otherwise stipulated in the articles of agreement. 20. If a man is disqualified, or his seconds throw up the sponge, or the referee orders the contestants to separate, or in the opinion of the referee, he is unable to continue, it shall be considered the same as a knockout in less rounds than the number of the rounds in which this occurred, but the men in their records can state the exact occurrence. 21. If second throws up the sponge when it is apparent to the referee that the principal can continue and have a winning chance, the contest shall not be stopped, but the second so offending shall be ejected from the building, and may be allowed to act as second again in any future time before any club. 22. The foregoing rules will be considered part of the "articles of agreement" between the contestants with each other, and with the club before whom they are to box.

THE SORBY SCHEME. Discussed by the Board of Trade Council Yesterday Afternoon.

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon to discuss the attitude of the members on the proposed Sorby harbor improvement scheme.

In calling the meeting to order, the president, W. A. Ward, explained that the Sorby committee would recommend to the City Council on Monday the appropriation of \$3,000 to prosecute borings in Victoria harbor, and to allow of a probable visit by Mr. Sorby to Ottawa. He certainly did not think the scheme a practical one, or best calculated to advance the interests of the citizens of Victoria, and he was of the opinion that it should not be supported by the board.

Mr. D. R. Ker concurred in the opinion expressed by the president, and suggested by way of resolution that the council place on recommendation to a meeting of the board to-morrow the opinion that the scheme was impracticable. The question of harbor improvement was not strictly a matter for the civil authorities to deal with, but one within the sphere of the Dominion government. He considered that a general meeting would be a wise proceeding in order that a decided stand may be taken on the question.

Mr. Flumerfelt cautioned the council against making any arbitrary recommendations to the board, for should the Sorby scheme be accepted by the members at the general meeting the council would certainly be placed in an anomalous position. He suggested that the secretary be authorized to call the meeting of the board for the purpose of discussing the Sorby scheme.

Mr. McChesney considered that too much protestation should not be made. The City Council were better able to say how they shall dispose of their funds than the council of the Board of Trade. The question was one that required consideration by members of the board.

The president explained that he had taken upon himself the duty of calling a special general meeting of the board to-morrow afternoon (this afternoon), in view of the fact that the City Council would consider the recommendation of the Sorby committee for the appropriation on Monday evening, and he thought no time should be lost by the board in taking some action.

Mr. Shallock considered that the Board of Trade was fully competent to judge of the merits or demerits of the scheme, and he was of the opinion that a guarantee of \$6,000,000 was too much for Victoria to shoulder. The citizens of Victoria should say whether or no they intend to carry out the proposed works, in order that other and contemplated improvements may or may not go on.

After endorsing the action of the president in calling the meeting, the council adjourned to meet with the general board this afternoon.

TO PROTECT GAME. Association Formed in Montreal in the Interest of Fishing and Hunting.

A new organization has been formed at Montreal in the interests of hunting and fishing on the continent to be known as the North American Fish and Game Protection Association. The initiative in the matter was taken by Hon. S. N. Parent, commissioner of lands, forests and fisheries, who was at the meeting at the government offices, Montreal, on February 2nd. A large number of representatives from the provinces of Canada and some of the states were present. The afternoon session was taken up in the discussion of plans of the association, and it was decided to hold the next annual convention in Montreal next winter, Detroit, Buffalo, Quebec and Ottawa sent in applications for the convention. In the evening the delegates were entertained to dinner by Hon. S. N. Parent.

The officers of the association were elected as follows: Chairman—Hon. S. N. Parent. First Vice-President—G. W. Titcombe, St. Johnsbury, Vt., commissioner of fisheries, Vermont. Second Vice-President—S. T. Bastedo, Toronto, deputy commissioner of fisheries, Ontario. Third Vice-President—John Fottler, Jr., Boston, Mass. Fourth Vice-President—Hon. A. T. Dunn, St. John, N. B., surveyor-general, New Brunswick. Fifth Vice-President—Charles E. Oak, Carleton Place, fish and game commissioner. Sixth Vice-President—C. H. Wilson, Glens Falls, N. Y. Joint Secretaries—L. Z. Jonas and Rene Dupont, Quebec.

Sanitation has proved that the use of gas in bed rooms is unwise, as it consumes by far too much oxygen; if, therefore, it is lighted before the occupants retire, they will find the atmosphere vitiated. It is a great mistake to believe that the amount of the vitiation is of no consequence because the flame is small, perhaps barely visible until wanted.

More than 500,000 tenement dwellers are in Brooklyn, according to official figures just issued. The number of tenement houses is 31,687.

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Mr. D. R. Ker concurred in the opinion expressed by the president, and suggested by way of resolution that the council place on recommendation to a meeting of the board to-morrow the opinion that the scheme was impracticable. The question of harbor improvement was not strictly a matter for the civil authorities to deal with, but one within the sphere of the Dominion government. He considered that a general meeting would be a wise proceeding in order that a decided stand may be taken on the question.

Mr. Flumerfelt cautioned the council against making any arbitrary recommendations to the board, for should the Sorby scheme be accepted by the members at the general meeting the council would certainly be placed in an anomalous position. He suggested that the secretary be authorized to call the meeting of the board for the purpose of discussing the Sorby scheme.

Mr. McChesney considered that too much protestation should not be made. The City Council were better able to say how they shall dispose of their funds than the council of the Board of Trade. The question was one that required consideration by members of the board.

The president explained that he had taken upon himself the duty of calling a special general meeting of the board to-morrow afternoon (this afternoon), in view of the fact that the City Council would consider the recommendation of the Sorby committee for the appropriation on Monday evening, and he thought no time should be lost by the board in taking some action.

Mr. Shallock considered that the Board of Trade was fully competent to judge of the merits or demerits of the scheme, and he was of the opinion that a guarantee of \$6,000,000 was too much for Victoria to shoulder. The citizens of Victoria should say whether or no they intend to carry out the proposed works, in order that other and contemplated improvements may or may not go on.

After endorsing the action of the president in calling the meeting, the council adjourned to meet with the general board this afternoon.

TO PROTECT GAME. Association Formed in Montreal in the Interest of Fishing and Hunting.

A new organization has been formed at Montreal in the interests of hunting and fishing on the continent to be known as the North American Fish and Game Protection Association. The initiative in the matter was taken by Hon. S. N. Parent, commissioner of lands, forests and fisheries, who was at the meeting at the government offices, Montreal, on February 2nd. A large number of representatives from the provinces of Canada and some of the states were present. The afternoon session was taken up in the discussion of plans of the association, and it was decided to hold the next annual convention in Montreal next winter, Detroit, Buffalo, Quebec and Ottawa sent in applications for the convention. In the evening the delegates were entertained to dinner by Hon. S. N. Parent.

The officers of the association were elected as follows: Chairman—Hon. S. N. Parent. First Vice-President—G.