

VESSELS IN TROUBLE.

Bark "Melrose," the "Lorne" and the Steamer "Mischief" in Awkward Predicaments.

Damages Sustained by the Two Former-The "Miwera" Arrives From Australia.

The American bark Melrose, Capt. Kalb, bound to sea in tow of the tug Lorne with a heavy cargo of mining props from Maple Bay for Santa Rosalie, struck on a rock between Beechey bay and Secretary island at 11:45 o'clock on Sunday night, and had it not been for the promptness exercised in getting her off she would probably be hung up securely on the rocks to-day.

The Lorne was held fast until 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when, with the assistance of the Lorne and the advantage of high water, she floated. It is believed that she is not seriously damaged. Her cargo consists of all kinds of mining tools, and she is now in Esquimalt where the Lorne towed her immediately after she floated. The Melrose leaks a little, but how badly damaged she is no one knows nor will it be known until after the official survey, which will be held to-day.

The steamer Joan made two excursion trips last week, one from Union to Vancouver and another from Nanaimo to Tacoma. The latter was given by the Society of Druids.

A centrepiece which had come in a box of pineapples given by J. North a show when he discovered it in his hands yesterday. The creature is now on exhibition in a class jar.

On Sunday the members of the I.O.O.F., including the Daughters of Relief, beakah lodge, decorated the graves of their deceased brothers and sisters. The occasion was marked by a large attendance and pretty collections of flowers.

Mr. Virtue, of the Mount Baker hotel, is getting up some field sports to be held at Oak Bay on Saturday next, among the events being a tug-of-war for suitable prizes between teams of ten men from the companies of the Fifth Regiment.

The installation of the officers of Victoria lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., was conducted last evening by W. J. Hanna, D.D.G.M., assisted by A. Henderson, G.W., W. R. McIntosh, G.S., J. H. Meldrum, G.T. and R. A. Anderson, G.M. The officers elected were installed as follows: E. E. Leason, N.G.; Rumble, V.G.; Fried, D.V.; and P.S.; A. McKern, J. A. Graham, R.S.N.G.; J. York, L.S.N.G.; T. R. Mitchell, R.S.V.G.; J. E. Sabine, L.S.V.G.; A. G. Day, R.S.S.; J. Robertson, I.G.

A gold brick, the product of the first quartz milled on Vancouver Island, was turned out at the assay office yesterday by Mr. Carmichael, provincial assayer. The brick, which weighs 3.34 ounces, is worth about \$67.50. It is from a small lot of iron ore and a half of Alberni Consolidated ore, the testing being made at the Alberni Iron Works with the three-stamp pony mill which they have just completed. This mill is to be taken up to Mineral creek, Alberni, and used for testing the ore, as by that means the results obtained are more definite than by ordinary assays.

At the quarterly meeting of Court Vancouver, A.O.U.F., held last night the following officers were installed: P.O.R., Bro. P. J. Davies; C.R., Bro. W. Brown; S.C.R., Bro. F. Nelson; Sec., Bro. P. Wilson; Treas., Bro. W. B. Hall; P.M., Bro. E. Crompton; S.W., Bro. P. Smith; J.W., Bro. F. Gledhill; S.B., Bro. W. J. Gower; J.B., Bro. R. Goddard. The excursion committee reported on the Wellington celebration, where the business of the evening had been concluded the newly elected officers entertained their brothers to a sumptuous repast.

On invitation of Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken, the conductors and motormen of the Consolidated Railway Company were, on Saturday, given a reception at "Fairbanks," Esquimalt. Mr. Helmecken's summer residence. On the guests' arrival in Esquimalt a steam launch, with Mr. Helmecken on board, met them. A royal time was spent, and the boys in grey with silver buttons warmly appreciated the hospitality extended to them. During the afternoon they were shown over H. M. S. Imperieuse, Glasgow Island, and other places of interest, viewing the many beauties of the places. Under a tent on the pretty grounds refreshments were served, and a delightful afternoon was passed.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Influential Petition Asking for a Steel and Stone Bridge Across the Arm.

The Motion to Dismiss Dr. Duncan Lost on the Mayor's Casting Vote.

The rates and taxes by-law was the first thing taken up at last night's city council meeting, the rules being suspended for that purpose. In committee of the whole the Mayor stated that, including education, board of health, and an additional \$1,000 for electric light maintenance, the total estimated expenditure for the year would be about \$353,890.

A discussion arose as to how to meet the extra amount needed for roads and bridges to make up for the \$5,200 taken to build the pile bridge across the Arm. Ald. Tiarks pointed out that \$2,500 would have been quite enough for a temporary bridge instead of wasting \$5,200 on what he called a "trumpy structure."

Ald. Partridge moved that 12 mills be the general rate on improvements, and that the Equatorial be dissolved. The special rate for educational purposes was fixed at two mills upon land and the special rate for board of health purposes at one mill on land. The by-law was put through committee, read a third time, and passed. The qualification of electors by-law was reconsidered and finally passed. The council then went into committee on the bicycle by-law. Considerable objection was taken to the section requiring bicycles to carry lamps at night and it was struck out. The committee then rose and the report was adopted.

The bridge question came to the front again on the following petition being read: "Whereas on the 26th May, 1896, a span of Point Ellice bridge collapsed, and the same has since been replaced by a Victoria and Esquimalt bridge, and whereas it is desirable that any new bridge that may be constructed should be built with a view of providing not only for present needs but future contingencies and should be a substantial one of steel and stone, and that the provincial government and tramway company shall be requested to contribute to the expense of such structure: Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable body will at once introduce a by-law (under section 69, Municipal clauses act, 1896) and submit the same to the electors of the said city for authority to raise a sufficient sum to pay the proportion of the cost of the proposed steel bridge before mentioned which must be borne by the city ratepayers, in the event of the refusal of the provincial government and tramway company to assist in the work, then to raise a sufficient sum to carry out the whole cost of such bridge." The petition was signed by: W. J. Macdonald, F. B. Pemberton, Pemberton Estate, Amor de Cosmos (per F. B. Pemberton), C. T. Dupont (per F. B. Pemberton), William Grant (per F. B. Pemberton), John Grant (per F. B. Pemberton), John Smith (per F. B. Pemberton), W. H. Oliver (per H. F. Heisterman), Mrs. Arabela (per H. F. Heisterman), Mrs. D. Feizebaum (per H. F. Heisterman), F. H. Hartman, Redon & Hartman, C. J. V. Huet, Chas. E. Rafter, Sarah Hayward (per C. H.), Chas. E. Rafter, J. Pitts, Edgar Fawcett, Joseph Sommer, D. B. Harris, H. Dallas Helmecken (per Douglas Estate), J. O. Dunsmuir, H. S. Aikman, A. Carmichael, Thornton Fell, S. P. Perry, J. Langley, C. C. Pemberton, E. M. Pemberton, E. B. Blooming (per J. H. Seelig), Simon Leiser & Co., J. H. Turner, E. H. Ellis, E. Dickson, E. Eberts, A. J. McLellan, George Powell, D. Curral, D. R. Ker, Brackman-Ker Mill, J. H. Lawrence, Bank of B. N. A. (per G. H. Burrill), Bank of B. N. A. (per G. G. Galletly), Bank of B. C. (per A. Gillespie), A. W. Jones, Finlayson Estate, J. H. Lawrence, J. H. Beaton & Co., A. Kirk, R. A. L. Kirk (per G. H. Kirk), Jessie E. Kirk (per G. A. Kirk), Robert Day, C. MacCallum, J. R. Rithet (per R. Seabrook), J. H. Lawson, Estate W. Spring (per J. H. Lawson), E. H. Johnston, W. Jensen, Loewen & Erb, Joseph Loewen, J. Loewen, John Brewster Company (per J. Loewen), J. H. B. McKay, S. Chambers, R. F. Tolmie, Edward M. Fort, F. Elworthy, George C. Hinton, A. Carter, E. E. Jackson, E. Prince, W. B. Gordon, Arthur Martin, E. J. C. Co. (per G. F. Mathews), G. F. Mathews, Thos. E. Smith, E. H. John, C. A. Goffin, Percy Westwood, J. H. Satterall, A. Henderson, G. O. Shaw, J. F. Dickson, C. R. Nairne, Roland Brittain, Charles A. Vernon, H. Bandy, R. James, Thomas C. Sorby, Charles Weiler, B.C. Land & Investment Agency (per C. A. Holland), Canada Pacific Land & Mortgage Company (per C. A. Holland), Joshua Davies, T. R. Morrison, R. Borthwick, J. J. Austin, J. Hutcheson, A. G. Sargison, J. P. Hibben, E. E. Blanchard, Wm. Harrison, J. W. Dickson, Peter Steele, John Wilson agent for Johnston estate, L. E. Erb, F. Grathwohl, John Bryden, E. White, R. F. Johnson, S. Sargison, F. W. Thomas, A. G. Langley, S. A. Ker, W. J. Burmes, Ross Monro, Howard Chapman, A. H. Scaife, A. J. W. Bridgman, W. H. Phillips, E. Kelly, E. A. Dalrymple, W. H. Phillips, H. M. Yates, J. D. Warren, R. Goddard, C. B. T. Sherborne, W. G. Mackenzie, J. T. Orr, A. E. Ferguson, H. G. Galpin, C. F. W. Piper, H. J. Martin, Drago, Geo. Penketh, Hall, B. H. Tyrwhitt, Charles Beattie, H. Holmes, T. B. Pearson. In all 148 names, representing \$5,945,890.

Ald. Macmillan objected that the petition was really playing into the hands of the tramway company. THE MAYOR suggested that the first thing to do was to have a report from the assessor whether the amount of property represented was correct. Ald. Williams therefore moved that the petition be referred to the select committee already appointed to interview the government in regard to asking assistance; and also to the city assessor to report as to whether or not the petition complied with the requirements of

the municipal act as to the amount of property. This was carried. Ald. Tiarks then moved, seconded by Ald. Partridge, that the city engineer furnish an estimate for a steel and stone bridge across the Arm at Point Ellice. At Ald. Marchant's request it was embodied in the resolution that a similar estimate be made for a bridge across James Bay.

Ald. Williams thought that a steel and stone bridge across James Bay was a mistake, as he believed the best way there was to put up retaining walls and fill in a solid roadway. A further amendment was offered by Ald. Marchant to add that estimates be also obtained for a bridge at Telegraph street.

Ald. Williams was put and lost. Ald. Macmillan, seconded by Ald. Marchant, moved that the services of Dr. Geo. Duncan as medical health officer be dispensed with after the 10th inst. The motion was carried.

MINERAL HILL GOLD.

The Whole Slope of the Mountain a Series of Gold Quartz Veins.

Mr. Henry Saunders Tells What He Saw in a Visit to the Mines.

Mr. Henry Saunders, the father of the Alberni mining movement, returned on Sunday evening from a visit to the Mineral Hill group of mines. Mr. Saunders is enthusiastic over all the evidences there were present to show that Mineral Hill is sure to become a very rich mining camp. The weather was perfect during the trip and with the improvement in the road from the Duke of York hydraulic claim to De Beaux it is now an easy matter to reach the foot of Mineral Hill.

The Alberni Consolidated is the chief owner of work on the Hill at present, though Mr. Saunders' Alberni ore was a joint owner of a number of claims adjacent to it to have good and sufficient reasons why they should develop their several properties. Work is at present confined to running a tunnel to tap the shaft at a depth of sixty feet. It will require altogether one hundred feet of tunnelling to do this. Capt. Ross and a gang of miners go down on Thursday to reinforce the present staff of men working on the claim, and it is the management's intention to push the work until a point of bullion production is reached. The air compressor plant will be on the ground shortly, and the three-stamp mill now at the Alberni Iron Works will be sent in as soon as the road is completed to De Beaux, which will be in about ten days time. Only the bridges now remain to be constructed, and work was begun on these on Monday. The recent mill test of Alberni ore was satisfactory one. Besides the free gold to the amount of \$67.50 for the 2,800 pounds concentrates assayed \$200 per ton, or \$72 to the ton of ore. In this test, only the ore from the bottom of the shaft, where it is six feet wide, was crushed, none of the phenomenally rich rock being put through. The result was satisfactory to the company, as is evidenced by their desire to push work on the road and trail and on the mine night and day.

Adjoining the Alberni claim on the north is the Missing Link, which has the Alberni ledge. It shows on the surface two feet in width, and has the same character of free milling ore. The gold plainly visible through it. The owners of this claim, in Mr. Saunders' opinion, are allowing a very fine property remain undeveloped, when a little work would prove a valuable mine. Lying south of the Alberni claim and cut by Mineral creek is the Last Dollar. This claim has the extension of the Alberni ledge, which was shown to Mr. Saunders by a miner working in the Alberni.

The Ace of Spades claim, which lies to the extreme west of the Mineral Hill group, has on it a two-foot vein of white iron stained quartz, carrying gold and copper. The vein has been traced for two hundred feet and lies between well defined walls of slate. But little work has been done on it, but while Mr. Saunders was there a shot was put in and some samples brought back to Alberni. Several of these gave remarkably high assay returns in gold. A gang of men went to work on Monday and a shaft will be sunk. As soon as possible a mill sample will be sent to San Francisco or Tacoma for a test of its value.

The Mountain Rose claim is about 1,500 feet west of Mineral Creek. It is owned by Vancouver parties who have stocked it for \$250,000. On this claim is a well defined ledge of ore of the same character as that found in the Ace of Spades. The ledge is two feet wide and is in slate walls. It runs east and west, and is traced through the Minnie claim, which adjoins it on the west. Mr. Saunders also visited the Quadra company's group of mines, the Last Chance, Quadra and Ophir claims. The principal work has been done on the Last Chance, where there is a shaft forty feet in depth. Notwithstanding Mr. Carlyle's statement that the shaft was in country rock, Jack Merrifield, an old-time miner, who has the work in charge, believes it is a ledge of quartz, and is confident that further work will show an excellent ledge of quartz. Mr. Saunders has samples from the bottom of the shaft, with expert mining men pronounce an excellent quartz charged with iron pyrites. The work of sinking will be continued until fifty feet is attained, when drifting and crosscutting will be done.

On the Quadra claim a ledge of red and white quartz forty feet in width has been found, and is traceable for some distance. Although showing mineral, it has not as yet been assayed. On the Ophir claim is a vein of quartz four feet in width. A tunnel has been run into it a short distance. Assays made have returned from \$10 to \$100 per ton. One made by Pellet Harvey returned \$48.27 to the ton. The above were all the quartz claims visited by Mr. Saunders, the quartz of Mineral Hill, he says, seems to be intersected with quartz carrying gold, silver and copper. Some run north and south, while others lie easterly and westerly. Where the showings are good in Kootenay as on Mineral Hill, Mr. Saunders believes there would have been a great development long ago. However, he is confident the work now being done will demonstrate that on Mineral Hill are some of the richest mines in the province.

On the Duke of York hydraulic claim, on China creek, there is quite a little of the same character of free milling ore of the company. The mine was constructed, derrick erected, and everything else in readiness to begin washing to-day, Wednesday. All the work done has been completed the first-class manner, while the ground quartz has been thoroughly prospecting, and Mr. Saunders believes an excellent return in gold.

Mr. Saunders' advice to all interested in the progress of Victoria, and the island, is to visit the Alberni mining camps and see for themselves the great

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