

To Exclude Japanese

Provincial Government Bring Into Operation a Statute to Regulate Immigration.

W. H. Ellis, of Victoria, One of the Officers Appointed Under It.

The anti-Japanese legislation inaugurated at the last session of the legislature on the initiative of Captain Tatlow is to have practical testing, the local government having on Monday night promulgated the regulations for the enforcement of the law to which reference has been made, and which comes into operation with the opening of the year.

The nature of these regulations will be readily recalled by those who followed the course of legislation in the last house. Those who were anxious to see more stringent laws framed for the exclusion of undesirable Oriental immigrants brought forward measure after measure, only to be met by the objection by the government that they would take no step which would expose the measure to disallowance by the Federal government.

Finally Captain Tatlow brought forward the bill which afterwards became law, and which eventually received the support of the whole house, with the exception perhaps of Mr. McPhillips.

The bill was framed under the provisions of the B. N. A. act, which delegates to provincial governments the power to regulate matters relating to immigration and agriculture, excepting where such legislation conflicts with or is repugnant to a Dominion statute.

The consensus of opinion expressed during the debate was that such a measure could not be brought into operation against the Chinese, because they are already specifically dealt with under a Dominion statute which prohibits their entry into the country on payment of a head tax. To exclude these people would therefore be a distinct interference with the Dominion prerogative. It was held, however, that no such objection can be urged against the operation of the law in the case of Japs, as they are not covered by any Dominion legislation at the present time. The act is practically prohibitive in their case, and the experiment of such drastic legislation will be watched with a great deal of interest.

The bill expressly provides, by means of the educational clause, that these people shall not be admitted. It stipulates:

The immigration into British Columbia of any person, who when asked to do so by the officer appointed under this act, shall fail himself to write out and sign in the characters of some language of Europe, an application to the provincial secretary of the province of British Columbia, to the effect of the form set out in section "B" of this act annexed, shall be unlawful.

Section "B" is as follows:

Province of British Columbia. Sir—I claim to be exempt from the operation of the "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900." My name is My place of abode for the past twelve months has been My business calling is I was born at in the year Yours, etc.

To prevent hardships resulting from the possible effect of this statute against Europeans, or even illiterate British subjects, exceptions are made in the cases of Persons having certificates from the provincial secretary, agent-general, or officer appointed for the purposes of the act; any person specially exempted by the provincial secretary; Her Majesty's land and sea forces; officers and crew of any ship of war of any government; any person duly accredited to British Columbia under the authority of the Imperial, Dominion or any other government; any person the terms of whose entry into Canada have been fixed or whose exclusion from Canada has been ordered by any act of the parliament of Canada.

The regulations as brought into force yesterday are as follows:

For the better carrying out of the provisions of the "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900."

For the purposes of the "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900," His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has been pleased to approve the division of the province into two immigration districts as follows:

(a) Island District.—To comprise Victoria City, South Victoria, North Victoria, Esquimaux, Nanaimo City, North Nanaimo, South Nanaimo, Cowichan and Alberni electoral districts situate on Vancouver Island;

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1. The immigration officers appointed for the said immigration districts under the provisions of the said act shall, as soon as possible after the publication of these regulations, recommend for the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, such persons as they may deem fit to act as deputy immigration officers for such portions of the said immigration districts as may be designated in such recommendations. Upon such recommendations being approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the persons so approved shall at once proceed to exercise the functions of immigration officers for such portions of the said immigration districts for which such appointments may be approved.

2. The immigration officers for the said Island and Mainland districts shall forthwith forward all transportation companies

that are known to engage in the business of bringing or transporting immigrants into the province of British Columbia, either by land or water, a copy of these regulations, and request such transportation companies to designate a person or persons from whom the said immigration officers may obtain notice of the arrival of immigrants into the province of British Columbia. All such transportation companies are hereby notified that the provisions of section 6 of the said act will, from the 1st day of January, 1901, be strictly enforced.

The said immigration officers shall, at all or any times they may consider advisable, meet any boat, train, or other vehicle purporting to carry immigrants into this province, and present to each and every such immigrant a copy of the form "B" set out in the schedule to the said act, and, upon the person refusing to comply with the provisions of section 4 of the said act, the said immigration officer shall proceed according to the provisions of the said section.

4. The said immigration officers shall forthwith report to the provincial secretary the names of all transportation companies who may assist in the immigration of persons unable to comply with the provisions of the said act.

THE SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

Part of a Bullet Struck Mr. Stark in the Groin—Notes From Alberni.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Alberni, Dec. 31.—A serious shooting accident occurred here early on Saturday morning, which several men, including Mr. Le Wan, the manager of the Monitor mine, and Mr. Stark, a well known mining man of Nanaimo, were out hunting Mr. Le Wan shot at wounded a grouse. The bullet from the rifle struck a rock, and part of it recoiled and hit Mr. Stark, entering the groin. Mr. Stark, who was in great pain, was taken to the New Alberni hotel. Dr. McKechnie and Dr. Watson performed an operation on Saturday, but failed to find the bullet. It is hoped, with good nursing, that Mr. Stark will pull through.

The Bachelors gave their annual dance on Wednesday, December 26th, which was well attended, over 100 sitting down to the excellent supper provided by Mr. Bishop.

George Smith, P. L. S., wife and family are leaving Alberni for Victoria on the next boat. They will be greatly missed by their numerous friends in Alberni.

An entertainment is being arranged for the purpose of purchasing a town clock.

Rev. W. Barber takes the Church of England services at Alberni on Sunday January 6th.

DUNREGGAN'S REPAIRS.

About \$30,000 Spent in the Work Done on Ship in Esquimaux.

There has been approximately \$30,000 spent in repairing the British ship Dunreggan on the Esquimaux marine railway, the work being one of the largest repair contracts executed here in several months. It involved the removal of 52 feet of the fore length of keel; the replacing of 15 plates on the port and starboard bow; the re-rolling and re-adjustment of about 25 plates, and the repair of 18 others; the use of 15,000 rivets, and the straightening of 16 of the frames. The vessel's stern post which was adrift of the after scarf of the keel has been repaired together with the lower part of the rudder steering gear. The rudder has been re-bushed, and about 18 beams repaired. The decks fore and aft have received attention, and all that now has to be done before the vessel is ready to leave here for Seattle or Tacoma to load wheat cargo for the United Kingdom is to make certain alterations in her rigging, the changes required for changing her into a bark. Captain Dixon has been greatly pleased with the manner in which the Albion Iron Works have fulfilled their contract. He says from 80 to 90 men were employed on the vessel every day, and not only was the work hurriedly pushed forward, but it was performed thoroughly, and to the complete satisfaction of the experts under whose supervision the contract is being carried out.

It was by accident that the Dunreggan came to Esquimaux, says Captain Dixon. Until he had made inquiries he had no idea of the splendid facilities which are here available for the repair of ships. Of course Puget Sound shipping men are not slow in representing to strangers that theirs is the only accommodation for damaged ships on the Pacific coast. How well this misrepresentation works it might be mentioned—and the incident is a capital illustration of the need of advertising if nothing more—that of the big fleet of British and American ships which returned to Port Angeles and points on the Sound in a damaged condition, Victoria will not get one for repair, that is so far as is at present known. The Carl, which it was supposed would come here, has gone to Tacoma, and there awaits her turn to go on the drydock.

The occupants of St. John, N. B., jail received a glad surprise when they were all brought before the police magistrate, who discharged all confined for drunkenness and minor offences, the first time the jail has been completely empty since 1877.

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Last of the Century

City Council Will Deliberate No More in 1900—Appropriate Solemnity.

Incoming Municipal Solons Will Have Something to Deal With.

The city council of the corporation of Victoria, in complete realization of the solemnity of the occasion, held their final session of the century in the council chamber on Monday evening. The business was of a comparatively light character, and the proceedings terminated early to allow the council to extend an appropriate welcome to the returning Victoria members of the Canadian contingent, Privates Smethurst, Brethour and Leeman. There were present: Mayor Hayward, Ald. Kinsman, Cameron, Brydon, Beckwith, Stewart and Cooley, and the officials, city clerk, solicitor and municipal engineer.

Several items were referred to the incoming council, and it was quite apparent that the advent of this body, whose proportions are not yet distinctly sketched, is considered quite a convenience.

Before the regular preliminaries, the mayor announced that he had telegraphed regrets at the council's inability to present at the demonstration at Vancouver in honor of the returning British Columbians from the front, in response to Mayor Hayden's invitation.

After the reading of minutes, communications were taken up. James Brooks asked for the abatement of an offensive sewer which emptied near Taylor mills, and which he characterized as a menace to health and a disgrace to the city. He pointed out that a petition on this subject had been forwarded to the city council previously, but that the council had referred it to the street and sewer committee.

The work, however, had not been done owing to paucity of funds. Ald. Beckwith wanted the communication referred to the city engineer. Mr. Brooks stated that the sewer was dangerous character of the sewer was an important one, and the matter should be investigated.

Ald. Kinsman explained that the matter had come from the brick surface drain which ran through the work estate. This, together with the drain from the Victoria brewery, made the place a sewer. Ald. Beckwith's motion, which was carried, and on the suggestion of Ald. Brydon the sanitary inspector will act with the city engineer in the matter.

The city engineer reported as follows: I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration: Communication from A. Calderwood re Corner of Niagara street between South and Taylor street and a large extension of the street in the vicinity of the large amount of gravel which has been used in the James Bay district lately has rendered Niagara street and one of the private streets a very bad road. I would therefore recommend that \$225 be expended on the streets mentioned at the earliest possible date.

Communication from Messrs. Kinworthy and Worthington re extension of south of Fisgard street between Government and Store streets. The north side of the street in question was surfaced with stone taken from Yates and Broad streets, which has become a very bad road. I would therefore recommend that \$200 be expended on the streets mentioned at the earliest possible date.

Improvement of Gore road between the fountain and the next bridge. Upon examining the above locality, I find the same very much in need of repair, and would therefore recommend the sum of \$100 be expended at an early date.

Petition from Thomas Shubert and many others, asking to have Yates street improved between Blanchard and Cook streets. After going over the ground, I find it will be necessary to lay several feet of concrete in connection with improvement, which, of course, should be done before the roadway is macadamized. The street in question is certainly in very bad condition, and I would therefore recommend the work to be carried out. Total estimated cost of macadam roadway, 40 feet wide, including all surface drainage, etc., \$5,347.

This was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

T. G. Moody and J. H. McMillan protested against paying more than a fair proportion of the expense entailed in the extension of Broad street. They expressed themselves willing to pay one-third the cost, incidentally going into the history of the situation.

Ald. Yates pointed out that the city council had proceeded as far as the law would allow on the subject. He would suggest that the petition be referred to the incoming council, for them to get power and if they deemed necessary to deal with it as required.

Ald. Beckwith, what Ald. Beckwith propose to do with the by-law dealing with the matter?

Ald. Yates—We can take it up next week. I don't want to rush the by-law. The petition was finally laid on the table.

Alfred Magnuson and others of Fourth street gave the council a last reminder of the subject of water connection with their premises. They petitioned that this be done, as, being ratepayers, they were entitled to it.

Ald. Beckwith advised the petition be handed to the incoming council with a recommendation for mercy.

It was pointed out that the cost of the work would be in the neighborhood of a couple of thousand dollars, and several of the aldermen were observed to turn pale.

The Mayor suggested that the petition be tabled for the present. This council could at least order the pipe.

Ald. Brydon wanted the city engineer's estimate of the cost of laying the pipe.

Ald. Kinsman opined that laying the

petition on the table was tantamount to referring it to the next council. It was ultimately decided to lay it on the table.

Mr. Hopper and others petitioned for a sidewalk and box drain on Hutton street. Referred to city engineer for report.

The cemetery committee reported on the matters connected with the Ross Bay cemetery extension and improvements as requested in a letter from Bishop Perrin, which was enclosed, and recommended that the work be proceeded with without delay.

Ald. Stewart contended that the city, according to agreement, was compelled to build that fence. The council should adopt the report. The agreement was not a fair one on behalf of the city. It was too one-sided, and this fence would be an expensive one.

After some further discussion it was decided, on motion of Ald. Stewart, to refer the report back to the committee to obtain an estimate of the required repairs from the city engineer.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$800.97 out of the current revenue for the payment of accounts. The report was adopted.

The same committee also recommended that Mr. Hanna be paid \$50 for the burial of Wm. Frost. Also that the sum of \$450 be appropriated for the purchase of 5,000 copies of the Times special number to be issued in the near future.

Furthermore the committee recommended that \$250 be appropriated towards the supplementary descriptive article, published in connection with the board of trade report. The committee's report was adopted.

At this juncture the Mayor announced that in all probability the returning Victoria members of the Canadian contingent would probably arrive in the course of half an hour. He suggested that after their reception the council attend the service of thanksgiving in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, where a collection would be taken up in aid of the Orphanage. The council could thus participate in two beneficent objects. Felicitous remarks on the subject were made by some of the aldermen, and the Mayor's suggestion was ultimately incorporated in the form of a resolution and carried.

Ald. Yates's resolution that the report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, which was adopted by the council on December 24th, be reconsidered by them, next came up. Ald. Yates explained that his object in introducing it was to give the necessary authority for the Craigflower road improvement to be inaugurated at once, the cost of which would be \$200.

Ald. Kinsman asked if this work would be prosecuted at once. The Mayor replied that he believed such was the intention.

Ald. Kinsman then warned the council against pursuing such a course. They should undertake the arbitration proceedings first, or otherwise an injunction would be issued, and litigation would ensue.

Ald. Yates believed it would facilitate matters if the council and owners go to the government and ask that these people be given a title to the property. Then they could be paid fairly, and he did not think any injunction would be issued, or ill-feeling result. He was sanguine of an adequate settlement.

Ald. Cameron remarked that the council was making a mistake and would irritate the people by pushing the matter. He believed the council had the right to expropriate the ground, and make the necessary settlement.

In response to a question the city solicitor replied that the council could not expropriate the property until they had paid for it. Expropriate merely meant the right to buy.

Ald. Beckwith understood that the council had the legal right to take possession of the ground in expropriating it. Ald. Yates's resolution was then passed, and the father of it then introduced his amendment to the report referred to, providing that clause 2 be struck out and the following inserted: "That the sum of \$500 be expended on the Craigflower and Esquimaux roads—\$200 on Craigflower and \$300 on Esquimaux road. Carried."

The Broad street prolongation by-law was then introduced, and Ald. Brydon suggested that it be "given a rest for a year." It was decided to defer the third reading of this old friend until the next meeting.

The council then adjourned until Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, when the consolidated by-laws will receive further consideration.

THE AMUR RETURNS.

Murray McDonald, an Eastern Canadian, Reported Missing—A Dawson News Budget.

At midnight last night the steamer Amur reached port from Skagway with a small number of passengers, of whom the following is a complete list: Mrs. G. Rees, Miss Rees, Miss Rose Rees, Master Rees, J. H. Moncrieff, H. J. Hunt, Jno. J. Hamilton, S. Brown, N. Schultz, D. B. Marshall, R. H. Marshall, H. E. Sharpe, M. Dunbar, Chas. Lambert, Gus. Stubbs and P. McMillan.

The steamer brings Dawson advices that the Yukon council has appointed a committee to investigate the Dominion mail service in response to a request from the board of trade. The committee will begin its work at once. Dawson received in one mail early last month 45,000 letters.

There are no good lemons in the Dawson market, and the old stock on hand is selling for \$40 per box.

A statement made by Postmaster Hartman, of Dawson, shows that money sent from Dawson by money order in the last twelve months amounted to in round numbers \$1,000,000, two-thirds of which went to the States and the remainder to Canada and foreign countries. A Dawson dispatch, dated December 10th, says Murray McDonald, a young man well known in this place, is missing. He left here the 23rd of last June for Skagway, en route to his home in Eastern Canada. He carried with him a gold brick worth several hundred dollars, a quantity of bills, and not a little currency. Most of the money was for parties in Vancouver.

Letters just received in this city show that he never reached Vancouver nor his home in Eastern Canada. McDonald was supposed to have gone south on the City of Seattle.

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Argyle square, King's Cross, London, declared he would go away from home and never return. When he last met the girl, he told her his fellow-clerks had been joking him, and asking if it was a case of "in memoriam." That night Smith drank strychnine and fell dying on the doorstep of Miss Shenton's home, which was also in Argyle square. He was taken into the house, but died in a few minutes. A jury accepted the view that deceased took the poison only with the intention of frightening the girl, and not intending suicide. There has been a renewal of the stormy weather on the northern coast of France, and several shipping casualties of minor importance have been reported.

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Another Experience. To Deal With China Who Sert Insults sages to All Negotiations With Chang and Prince Not Yet Open.

(Associated Press) Peking, Jan. 4.—The foot met almost daily but decided yet regarding the details of the demands of with the Chinese plenipot Colonel Tulloch, with includes a detachment of a company of Japanese, in from which place, on I shots were fired at a patri cials sent insulting messag ies. The sending of the looked upon as a serious step the acceptance of the joi Chinese.

Sir Ernest Satow, the ister, is convalescent and same his duties in a shor No Confirmation Berlin, Jan. 4.—With r report that Count von been killed by an officer troops, it is semi-officially a rumor to that effect ha for a week past, but th ment has no corroboratio on. The officer reviewed diers on January 1st.

Russia and Man New York, Jan. 4.—A the Herald from London sian's new agreement wic cepted here as proof that ing her pledge. The me means to abso Those who urge the part urge that England should control of the Yangtze wv seem to think Manchuria ing for. Whatever may of British influence in S they say, Russian influen inate in North China."

Story Contradi Berlin, Jan. 4.—The German foreign office ha the Paris rumor to the e Marshal Count von Wald murdered by an officer troops, and they absolu the story.

Praise For Am Washington, Jan. 4.—T bassard has communicated tary state a dispatche by him from the Ma down, commending the during the attacks on the ter in Peking, of Rev. F Mr. Herbert Method, se United States legation. The Marquis says that demand the British missi the time reports that Gamewell carried out of the of the British legation, defences have excited the officers and various n have inspected them. H. Squires acted in the Claude's chief of staff at Capt. Strouts, of the Roy Sir Claude is said to rep not speak too highly of ities."

The barricades on t were designed and carri out by the British. The plan for the entry, which was conveyed to a messenger let down fr London, Jan. 4.—The lishes a statement from correspondent in Peking. European and American using the military to different points of the sibly to protect native sale looting. He decla sionaries have had their powers of looting and defence of United States names has withhold, in charges.

Why China A St. Petersburg, Jan. 4. Vrenya characterizes t acceptance of the pos powers as being a tog China's inability to main armies. The paper ad catastrophe is probably and that it will far su occurred.

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