From THE DAILY COLONIST, March 11.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Sachs' Scandal.

The suit for criminal libel, brought by Collector C. M. Bradshaw, of Port Townsend, against the proprietor of the Morning Leader, has been dismissed, Bradshaw being taxed with the costs.

Funeral of Mrs. Harbottle.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. F. Harbottle, which took place yesterday morning, was attended by many sympathetic friends. After the solemn services at the pro-cathedral, the burial took place at Ross Bay cemetery. The pall-bearers were: W. W. Clarke, J. H. Close, J. Cook, W. Wolff, Capt. Lundberg and F. Campbell, jr.

Sealers' Success.

The majority of the sealers now on the West Coast are reported to have secured 30 or 40, and in some cases, 50 skins apiece. An arrangement with the Indian hunters has been made, and all the schooners have been supplied with hunters. The Mary Taylor had the best catch of the fleet when last spoken, the pelts in her hold numbering 58.

At a Deadlock.

The Vancouver Aldermanic Board are enjoying all the delights of a well-developed deadlock. The mayor, at the last regular meeting, refused to sign the minutes of a former session, which he pronounced to be illegal, and after the discussion upon the mayor's action a number of aldermen arose and went, leaving no quorum to proceed to business.

Lost from the Lily L.

When the new sealing schooner Umbrina was nearing Victoria, on Friday evening, she sighted a ship's boat containing two men, who, when approached, proved to be a hunter and a boat puller, belonging to the sealing schooner Lily L. Their boat was taken in tow and brought to Victoria. The men stated that they had lost their schooner in a fog while out hunting, and had searched in vain for her for hours, then landed and spent some time ashore. They made several attempts to rejoin their ship, but could not find her, and so they determined to row to Victoria and communicate the facts to the schooner's owners. They had plenty of food in their boat, and had not suffered any from exposure.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Death.

Capt. Lewis, agent for the Marine Department of British Columbia, went over to Vancouver by the Islander on Sunday, and immediately went on to Westminster, whence he intended to go by steamer to the Sandhead lighthouse to take away the body of the late keeper, Mr. Weeks. A gentleman who was at Ladner's Landing on Saturday and who there conversed with Mr. Donelly, the other keeper at the lighthouse, says that the death of Weeks was very sudden and unexpected. Donelly had gone ashore on Monday while off watch and upon his return found Weeks dead. He was shut in by the ice and could obtain no assistance until Saturday, when he signalled the Princess Louise. They put a man ashore to take Weeks' place till the authorities should appoint some one.—Vancouver World.

The Report Denied.

A few days ago a rumor gained publicity, first through the Sound newspapers, that the C.P.R. company had purchased the Union Pacific's new steamer Victorian, which had been built expressly for the Victoria-Puget Sound service. At the time, Mr. M. J. Bissell, the agent of the U.P.R., stated that he was thoroughly convinced that the report contained no grain of truth, and he at once wrote to headquarters for confirmation of his opinion. Yesterday he received a reply from Capt. Troup, manager of the Union Pacific water lines, containing the information that no such sale as referred to had been even discussed, much less consummated. Capt. Troup added that it was his hope and intention, very shortly now, to bring the Victorian into Victoria harbor, where he feels sure that she will soon prove as great a favorite as the Olympian has been.

In Very Bad Shape.

Mr. A. R. Milne, collector of customs, received the following self explanatory letter yesterday, and communicated the contents to Capt Charles Spring, the owner of the sloop referred to. He will, in all probability sell her as she lies, as it would not be a profitable undertaking to bring her home, and repair her.

British Vice Consulate,
PORTLAND, Oregon, March 2, 1891.

SIR—I am advised by the collector of customs at Yakima, Oregon, that the sloop Loretta is ashore a few miles north of Cape Foulweather. The rudder, mast, bowsprit, sails, etc., are gone, and there is a big hole in her side. Nothing of value was found aboard of her, so far as he was able to learn, although the persons who discovered the wreck had several days to conceal any valuables, if any were on board, when she stranded. The collector of customs also informs me, that he learns this craft is owned by parties in Victoria, whom please notify;

Your obedient servant,
JAMES LAIDLAW,
British Vice-Consulate.

HATCHING A BIG SCHEME.

The English Brewery Syndicate Not Yet Fallen Through, Though Its Success is Doubtful.

The consolidation of the brewery interests of the four cities of British Columbia, and the absorption of the whole by an English syndicate with practically unlimited capital, has been referred to more than once in the local columns of THE COLONIST. On the last occasion, it was announced that the matter would be decided, either one way or the other, before the end of March. This prediction will of a certainty be verified. The principals in the syndicate, accompanied by Mr. Mahrer, the veteran brewer of Nanaimo, are now in Victoria, and have been for several days. They have interviewed the local brewers, had the city water analysed and tested in various ways, and enquired fully into the consumption of beer, and the quantity imported, by Victorians. During the past year this latter item was a very considerable factor in the total of the import trade. From Great Britain, 28,648 gallons of ale, beer and porter, in bottles, were brought, as well as 792 gallons, in wood. The import from the United States was 13,098 gallons in bottle, and 11,841 gallons in cask. From Germany, 280 gallons were brought in glass, and from several other countries, smaller quantities. In the consumption of ginger ale, which the syndicate would make a branch of manufacture, British Columbia, last year, led all the provinces of the Dominion, Quebec alone, excepted.

While several of the brewers here, when spoken to, state that the syndicate is almost sure to "go through," and their individual interests to be consolidated, Mr. Mahrer is not so sanguine. He thinks Victorians haven't enough get up-and-get to recognize a good thing, and therefore asserts that the syndicate may fall to the ground, after all. If not, it will come into existence before the close of the present week.

ADJOURNED FOR A DAY.

The Examination of the Sixteen Union Miners Opened Before Judge Bole.

When 10:30 o'clock arrived yesterday morning, several interested parties were in attendance at the provincial police court, in expectation of listening to the trial of the Union miners of Wellington, against whom a charge of intimidation had been preferred. They were disappointed, however, for a change had been made in the arrangements, and the examination did not open until 2:30 in the afternoon, when the Supreme Court room was called into requisition, and Judge Bole, of New Westminster, took his seat upon the bench.

The Crown was represented by the Attorney-General, while Mr. Charles Wilson appeared to look after the interests of the accused. The 16 men, by courtesy of the court, occupied one of the jury boxes. Their names having been duly called, the information of Officer David Stevenson was read, in which they were charged with unlawfully parading the streets of Wellington, with a view to compelling those engaged in mining at No. 5 shaft of the Wellington collieries to abstain from work.

David Stevenson, being sworn, said that he was a provincial police officer, on duty at Wellington. The information, to the best of his knowledge and belief, was true. There had been a strike going on at Wellington for some time. The defendants were among the men on strikes. Work was now going on in the No. 5 shaft, about 150 being employed there. There were in the Wellington collieries altogether, some 450 men at work. The processions were composed of from 80 to 120 of the strikers, and were held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The parade took place as usual on Monday, at about three o'clock, all of the defendants being in line. They marched through the camp at Wellington, and past the houses occupied by the families of the men at work.

Hon. Mr. Davie here announced that, having other witnesses to call who were not present in the city, he intended to move for an adjournment until Saturday.

Counsel for the defence stated that he would offer no opposition to this proposal, provided reasonable bail was accepted. The offence charged was of an extremely trifling character, in the extent of penalty attached, the maximum penalty provided being $100 fine or three months' imprisonment.

The attorney general remarked that, if he were given the assurance that the processions would stop, at least until the courts pronounced upon their legality, he would be content with merely nominal bail. There were about 150 union men at Wellington, and 400 or 450 non-union men at work. Complaint after complaint had been made by the latter, and, unless the processions which so much aggravated them were discontinued, it was only a question of time when serious trouble would occur.

Mr. Wilson, after consulting with his clients, said that they were not the keepers of their fellow-men, and could not give any assurance as to the others upon the question of parades.

Hon. Mr. Davie did not think the processions were arranged by the individuals composing them at all. They were directed by the Union, and the Union, if it liked, could very easily give the assurance that they would be discontinued. If things went on as they were going on, there would be bloodshed before the end of the week. Whether the defendants had violated the law or not, they were exciting the non-union men to acts of violence, and it was as much for the protection of their lives and the lives of their families as anything else, that their arrest had been ordered.

After commenting upon the serious responsibility resting upon him, in the event of an outbreak occurring while the men were released on bail, His Honor decided not to grant bail, the adjournment being made only to this (Wednesday) morning at 10 oclock. Messrs. Keith, Foster and McKenzie, M.P.Ps. for Nanaimo, watched the case yesterday with apparent interest, and it is understood that the men will decline any other trial than by jury.

ATHLETES AND ACROBATS.

Last Evening Pleasantly Whiled Away by Those Who Attended the Re-Union Of the V. A. C.

If every travelling company of professional athletes and acrobats visiting Victoria possessed the quality of material forming the Victoria Athletic Club, the public would be very much less inclined to grumble about "fakes" and "sells." When they give an entertainment for the benefit of their friends, they give them the full worth of their money. This fact is now well recognized, and in consequence, Philharmonic Hall, where "our boys" gave their annual exhibition, last evening, was crowded. The curtain went up "on time," upon an athletic tableau, all the apparatus of the gymnasium being brought into service. Then the spring board, and six or seven active members monopolized the stage, rousing the enthusiasm of the audience, before giving place to Mr. W. Braden, one of the lions of the night, who fully deserves each and all of his mysterious nicknames—"the boneless boy from Borneo," "the human snake," etc. His snake disposition does not manifest itself in treachery to friend or foe. It is simply a physical property. Braden can twist his body into almost inconceivable shapes, and untwist it with apparently as little concern as any ordinary mortal would manifest in lifting his hand to put on his hat. In dumb-bell work, as well as club swinging simple and artistic, Mr. I. Hamilton, of "C" battery, who does not claim to be a second Cyr, but really is a marvel of strength, excelled all others. He toys with dumb-bells of all weights from four to 103 pounds, going through all the one hand motions with the latter that are usually essayed by athletes of smaller calibre with the 50-pounders. Among the special features of last evening, was notably the brother act of the youngsters, L. Oliver and R. Bowles, who, though not so many years have passed over their heads, know all the brother tricks of many professionals, and a few specially interesting features in fine tumbling that are all their own. In the club tumbling also, new features were introduced, and in this, as well as in boxing and horizontal bar work, a fine performance was given. The boxing was spirited and yet friendly, and there was not an item in the show or the manner of its presentation that could give the slightest offence to any one of the many ladies attending. Mr. F. P. Gouge, the club's instructor, deserves a large proportion of the honor accruing from last evening's exhibition, which he not only directed but took a prominent part in.

After the performance, the floor was cleared for dancing, and Hermann's fine seven-piece orchestra, which had assisted in the opening performance, furnished dancing music for the benefit of upwards of 175 couples. The club looked carefully after the comfort and the pleasure of their guests, whose lively feet kept the floor occupied until night had passed into early morning, and to-morrow was merged into to-day.

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Passengers for Victoria per Umatilla.

Steamship Umatilla sailed from San Francisco, yesterday, with the following passengers for Victoria: T. Boyce, V. Smith, R. Nile, F. Raine, H. A. Lilley, J. Hendry and wife, Mrs. H. Fowler and daughter, R. Broderick, Mrs. Broderick, Mrs. Berry.

More Fire Needed.

Although the fire has done good work in cleansing Market Square, there are other parts of Chinatown which are in a continual state of stagnation. If some of the rookeries between Cormorant and Fisguard streets were also destroyed by fire or torn down, it would be a benefit to all concerned.

The Contract Awarded.

The contract for the erection of Mr. Jensen's new hotel and stores at the outer wharf, a full description of which has already been published, was let yesterday to Mr. Wm. Lorimer, who will commence work at once. The contract figure is in the near neighborhood of of $30,000.

Officers Elected.

The members of the Hebrew Ladies' Association have chosen the following officers for the current year: Mrs. P. A. Phillips, president; Mrs. H. Bornstein, vice-president; Mrs. H. E. Levy, secretary; and Mrs. Braverman, treasurer. A bazaar is to be held during May by the association.

His Little Joke.

Mr. I. B. Nason, the genial member for Cariboo, was peacefully presiding over a committee of the House yesterday afternoon, when the Premier remarked: "Mr. Chairman, can't you keep the House quiet."

The Chairman glanced around the House in mild reproval, and then directed his eyes towards the table that has the honor of upholding the mace, as he remarked warningly, "Where is that club."

Will Not Be the Last.

Mr. Aaron Lewis, whose establishment is one of the best known on Yates street, is not to be behind his business neighbors in the possession of complete and creditable premises. As soon as he can procure temporary quarters, it is his intention to tear down the building he now occupies, and build upon the site a handsome three storey brick, with thirty feet frontage, and to correspond in general style with the blocks on either side.

Trades and Labor Club.

The Trades and Labor Club propose giving an inaugural concert in the Victoria Theatre, on the evening of April 1st next. Some of the best local talent has kindly volunteered its services. The programme is varied and well selected. On Saturday evening a meeting of the members will be held in the club parlor, corner Johnson and Government streets. Among the orders of proceeding is the election of officers.

To Visit His Mother's Grave.

Mr. Bernard Dyllyn, only son of the late Mrs. Maria Condon, who resided at No. 52 Quadra street, arrived by the Kingston last evening, and is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Joseph Dwyer. Mr. Dyllyn is the leading baritone of the "Corinne" burlesque company, now filling an engagement at Seattle. He leaves to-night for Tacoma to re-join his company. His principal object in coming to Victoria is to visit his mother's grave at Ross Bay cemetery.

Still at Large.

Those who imagine the poundkeeper's life is a happy one, and his position one of ease, should have witnessed the acrobatic exhibition on Chatham street yesterday afternoon. The city official and the "widow's cow" were the participants, the animal manifesting a decidedly playful disposition, and a rooted objection to being impounded. After a stubborn struggle on the part of man and animal, the latter came off successful, and when last seen she was playfully cantering down Quadra street in the direction of the Work Estate.

The West Shore.

The picture on the first page of this lively and enterprising paper is entitled "A Day with the Ducks," the lower deck of a steamer being represented with the results of the hunt hung up along the sides. There is a portrait of the aged chief of the Umatilla Indians and his girl bride, as well as a picture of "The Driving of the Silver Spike at Blaine." The Columbian Exposition forms the subject of several capital sketches, and, with excellent reading matter and other pictures, a most readable and attractive edition is made up.

Fine Poultry.

It is satisfactory to learn that, as one result of the late exhibition of Poultry and Pet Stock, a number of poultry raisers, who in the past have paid but little attention to the question of breed so long as they had lots of eggs, chickens and poultry, are beginning to turn their attention to some of the better and—as experience has proved—more profitable varieties. Numerous settings of eggs have been already bespoken from some of the poultry fanciers, and the British Columbia "Biddy" if she does not become as influential a commercial factor as her namesake in Ontario, will ere long attain a name and a fame that will be peculiarly her own.

The Wings Were Plentiful.

Yesterday morning's police court was monopolized by the descendants of the great Wing family. Ah Wing came first, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. Mr. Hall, who represented the prosecution, said that the information had been laid before the wrong court, and the case was accordingly dismissed. Lee Wing, accused of supplying opium without a license, also escaped. Joseph Carthage, on remand from Monday, was charged with aggravated assault upon Sup Wing, otherwise known as Duck Wing, who had not washed his face since his first appearance in court, and had added a few more bandages in consideration of the fact that the information had been changed from simple to aggravated assault. The case was further adjourned until Friday. A case of fast driving over James Bay bridge was the only other item in the list.

More Litigation Over Valuable Mineral Claims.

The Nelson Miner says: A strong company has been organized at Victoria, with J. E. Boss as manager, to operate on Toad Mountain. One of the properties on which the company expects to begin work in the early spring is the Grizzly Bear. And already trouble begins. The Grizzly Bear is, or was, owned by the Frys. They have complied with the law, as they understood its provisions. The annual assessment work was faithfully performed and daily recorded; but owing to the re-recording, in 1890 being made before the expiration of the year of holding, the claim was held to be open for re-location at the expiration of the year from the date of the re-record, and was so re-located by M. Kealey and William Ryan. These parties have, so it is understood at Nelson, disposed of a half interest in the claim to Dan McGillivray of Vancouver, in consideration of the latter fighting the Fry application for a crown grant. Toad Mountain district seems to be out of luck, in that so many of its valuable claims are thrown into litigation as soon as they are in a fair way of being developed.

The Old Sore Re-opened.

Mr. James Bland, who, with his children, played so important a part in the anti-corporal punishment discussion a few months ago, was at the police court yesterday morning with one of his boys, who was crying bitterly. Blood was flowing from three cuts, two on one wrist and one on the other, which, Mr. Bland said, had been caused by a rawhide in the hand of one of the teachers at the Central school. A summons for the teacher's appearance in the police court has been issued.

Amorsen-Stevens.

A happy family party gathered at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Townsend, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church, on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Christian Amorsen and Miss Minnie Stevens were married, according to the form of the Baptist Church. Both bride and groom are natives of Scandinavia, and have made Victoria their home but a few months. After the wedding ceremony the bridal party enjoyed a tasty little dinner at the Elite, in celebration of the joyous event.

Rennie's Seed Catalogue.

We have just received a copy of "Rennie's Illustrated Guide," issued by Wm. Rennie, the well-known seedman of Toronto, and it is certainly the most complete publication of the kind which has reached us this season. Mr. Rennie offers a general list of vegetable, flower and agricultural seed, seed grain and potatoes, and in addition to a large collection of standard varieties, has a number of sterling novelties, which are worthy of a trial from our patrons. This handsome catalogue will be mailed free to all upon application to Wm. Rennie, Toronto.

Mr. Speaker's Dinner Party.

The following named gentlemen comprised the dinner party given by Mr. Speaker Higgins, at Regent's Park last, evening: Hon. Mr. Vernon, Hon. Mr. Turner, Mr. Kitchen, M.P.P.; Mr. Anderson, M.P.P.; Dr. Milne, M.P.P.; Mr. McKenzie, M.P.P.; Mr. Kellie, M.P.P.; Mr. Stoddart, M.P.P.; Mr. Keith, M.P.P.; Mr. Forster, M.P.P.; Mr. Rogers, M.P.P.; Mr. W. S. Gore, surveyor-general; Mr. E. C. Baker, Captain Wm. Power, Mr. A. B. Gray, Mr. W. F. Bullen, Mr. T. B. Hall, Mr. W. J. Taylor, Mr. H. B. W. Aikman, Mr. A. L. Belyea and Mr. Wm. Wilson.

Victoria Building Society.

The 17th drawing for an appropriation in connection with the above society, was held at the Sir William Wallace Society rooms, 30 Broad street, at 8 o'clock last evening, President W. D. McKillican in the chair. The drawing took place in the usual manner and resulted in No. 163 being successful. The following numbers were declared entitled to a loan of $1,000 each: Geo. D. Tite, 163A; C. F. Gardiner, 163B; Wm. Humphrey, 163C; W. H. Cullin, 163D. The following gentlemen were selected out of the members present to preside at the drawing: Messrs. W. W. Northcott, A. H. Maynard and Samuel Reid.

Fine Jersey Cattle.

Mr. William Dalby, who has recently returned from California, brought with him four Jersey cattle of Mr. Flood's celebrated Menlo Park stram. There are two three-year cows and two yearling heifers. They came up on the last steamer and are exceedingly handsome specimens of their race. Mr. Dalby says that since the advent of the rain the crop prospects are very much better in the State and the farmers and fruit-growers are in much better spirits. In San Francisco itself there is the usual amount of activity, but for his part he prefers to take his chances here, matters being on a much sounder basis. While away Mr. Dalby saw Dr. McSwain and Mr. J. K. Preston, the former of whom is very anxious to return if only his health would permit it, he being thoroughly convinced that there is no place like Victoria.

"The Clemenceau Case."

The much-talked of play, "The Clemenceau Case," which was adapted by William Floren from the French dramatization of Alexander Dumas' striking novel, has been secured by Manager Austin, at considerable expense, for performances here, and will have its production at the Victoria Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday, March 18th and 19th. The caste includes Sybil Johnstone and others of the participants in the New York Standard theatre production. Those who have not read Alexander Dumas' novel may be told that the incidents of the play grow out of the exploits of a banished Russian countess, who has come to Paris, destitute, with her pretty daughter, Iza, and who is forced to live in top-floor apartments till her daughter made a conquest of Pierre Clemenceau, a talented, but not rich, artist, who falls desperately in love with her. She becomes his wife, but soon finds a former lover, who was extremely wealthy. The liason is made known to the husband by a friend. A duel follows, in which the lover is wounded, and the artist husband goes to Rome to drown his trouble by devotion to his art. He fails in this, returns to Paris, declares his love to his wife, who says she responds to his passion. The husband finds that his wife has taken up with a duke, whereupon he kills her, and is ready to give himself to the police when the curtain falls. One scene in the play which has been talked about is where Iza poses as a model for a statue which her husband is making. The company is composed of well known players, viz: Gustavus Levick, Chas. Kent, Jennie Reiffarth and others of the original cast. An early application for reserved seats should be made, as the audience is sure to be large.

NANAIMO NEWS NOTES.

The City Wants to Own Electric Light and Gas Works—New Lodge K. of P. Shipping.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

NANAIMO, B.C., March 10.—The funeral of the late C. B. Croker took place to-day.

The by-laws to purchase the Electric Light and Gas Works passed their second reading last night.

A new lodge, Knights of Pythias, was instituted this evening.

Steamships Alki and Wellington and barks Highland Light and Carrolton arrived to-day.

Sailed—Str. Batavia and bark General Fairchild.

It is reported that the revivalists, Messrs Crosby and Hunter, who are now at New Westminster, will not come here till next fall. From Vancouver, they will go east nearly as far as Calgary, and then return west, visiting Victoria.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

Contained in an Affidavit Made Public at the Council Meeting Last Evening.

Actions for Criminal Libel Will at Once be Instituted—Other Business.

When the clock in the Council chamber announced the hour of eight last evening, Mayor Grant and Ald. Robertson were the only representatives of the aldermanic board present. The municipal timepiece was, however, a little fast; and a few minutes later a quorum was present, and the council commenced business, with the Mayor presiding, and Ald. Renouf, Munn, Robertson, Smith, Hunter, Holland and Richards in their respective places.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings having been confirmed, the following

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were duly considered:—

Park Commissioners—asking to have their official status defined.

ALD. RICHARDS could not see the necessity for having two committees—the Park committee and the commissioners. Either one of the bodies mentioned could deal with all the affairs of the park, and if the Council decided to retain the commissioners, the committee would resign.

The communication was tabled.

J. C. Blackett—applying for a box drain on Garbally road. Street committee.

J. B. Harrison—as follows:

42 MONTREAL STREET,
Victoria, March 9, 1891.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN:—From remarks in the COLONIST of Saturday and Sunday, I, in common with hundreds of others, am of opinion that some grave charge has been laid against myself and several other gentlemen in this city. I am continually asked on the streets what those charges are, and am unable to tell until I get a copy of them. I therefore ask your honorable body to give me a copy at once, as I think it but right that I ought to know what I am accused of. One of the gentlemen accused being now in 'Frisco, is, I consider, no excuse for holding a charge over my head, as a copy can be sent to his office here, which will be forwarded to him, for I understand that it will be several weeks before he returns, and as it is my intention to take legal proceedings in the matter, I hope you will be good enough to grant my request immediately.

Yours respectfully,
J. B. HARRISON.

Communication upon motion of Ald. Holland was received, and the request granted.

ALD. RICHARDS—The party who made the affidavit is now in Vancouver. I understand that he is prepared to come forward and give evidence in substantiation of his affidavit. I think action should be taken immediately by the parties interested, so that the matter may be brought to a focus.

ALD. RENOUF—Would it not be better, since things have taken this turn, to have the affidavit read in open Council?

The majority agreed, and on motion the affidavit referred to, was read as follows, Ald. Coughlan then being the only member of the board absent:

I, James Gregor McDonald, of the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that in December, 1889, I was agent and a tomey in fact for D. J. McDonald, a partner in the firm of H. J. Keefer & Co.; and during that period I was well acquainted with the general management of the business. During that month of December the said H. F. Keefer went to Victoria, and on his return to Vancouver he told me he had seen Mr. R. P. Rithet, who had recommended him to go in for the sewering of Victoria city, and to do all the engineering himself, but to adhere to the Pick-ring system, as that was the system that had been adopted by the council whilst he (Mr. Rithet) was mayor, and he (Mr. Rithet) wished to see it carried out. That he, the said H. F. Keefer, told me that Mr. Rithet had said to him, "You can offer to do the work and take city debentures for payment, and I will see that they are sold for cash." That later on I was informed by the said H. F. Keefer that G. A. Keefer was preparing plans for the sewerage of the City of Victoria, that Edward Mohun was helping in their preparation, and that the plans were on the separate system. He also told me that it was arranged that he was to have the contract, and he wished me to go in with him. I said I was willing to join him in a bid for the work in open competition. He also told me that they (meaning himself and the said G. A. Keefer could do anything with Mohun when he got the job. That I know Mr. J. W. McFarlane who acted as bookkeeper for H. F. Keefer & Co., and that I had several conversations with him, with reference to the Victoria sewerage. He also told me that G. A. Keefer was completing the plans for the sewering of the said city of Victoria, and the plans, when completed, were to go in in the name of Edward Mohun; that the said G. A. Keefer, was working the matter up with Mr. Rithe, and the aldermen; that the new incoming council had been arranged; that A. J. Smith and J. B. Harrison would be returned; that a majority of the council could be secured, but these two (meaning the said Smith and Harrison) they were certain of; that it was also arranged that the said J. B. Harrison was to be appointed inspector of the works; that on my pointing out that the said Harrison could not act as alderman and also be inspector, he (the said McFarlane) replied: "Oh, he won't be alderman when the time comes for appointing inspector." That the said McFarlane also informed me that Rudolph Hering of Chicago, would be appointed by the Council to report upon the plans submitted, and they would do their best to secure a favorable report upon and acceptance of the plans submitted by Edward Mohun. And, to make sure of the contract for the work, Mr. Rithet had undertaken to get commissioners appointed to carry out the matter successfully. And that the bills of quantities and specifications should be favorably prepared in Keefer's interest, and be cased off afterwards, or words to that effect. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the "Oath's Act."

Declared at Victoria, B. C., before me this 17th day of December, 1890.

(Signed) GEO. JAY, JR., Notary Public, Victoria, B.C.

(Signed) J. G. McDONALD.

All parties mentioned in the affidavit were ordered to be furnished with copies of it.

The Mayor suggested that the sewerage committee investigate the charges laid.

Ald. Richards thought that if such an investigation was to be held, it should be before the whole council.

Ald. Hunter concurred.

Ald. McKillican thought so, too.

Ald. Renouf remarked that Mr. Harrison was going to take action at once; thus the whole matter would be thoroughly investigated.

ALD. SMITH—It is immaterial to anyone mentioned in that document whether the Council consider the question or not, as they intend instituting proceedings for criminal libel in connection with it. That will settle the matter at once.

ALD. HOLLAND was in favor of an investigation by royal Commission, in justice to the rate payers and their representatives—the Council of 1890.

MAYOR GRANT thought that the whole thing was the frivolous emanation of the brain of a man disappointed in not getting the sewerage contract.

ALD. MUNN was of the opinion that a Committee of the Council would constitute a tribunal capable of dealing with the matter.

ALD. RICHARDS considered that Mr. Mohun should take steps to clear himself of the imputation contained in the affidavit, as soon as possible.

ALD. RICHARDS having withdrawn his motion, a second one was introduced and passed, referring the investigation of the contents of the affidavit read to a committee composed of Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., Mr. D. M. Eberts and Mr. Edwin Johnson, Q.C.

MAYOR GRANT—criticised the COLONIST for charging the council with Star-Chamberism. In certain instances it was advisable that matters coming before the council be not made public, and such occasions were contemplated and provided for in the Act.

COMMUNICATIONS—CONTINUED.

C. Gowan—complaining of stagnant water in the rear of the Bavaria brewery. Sanitary committee.

H. Saunders—offering to sell to the Board the steamer Cariboo Fly, for use as a fire boat in Victoria harbor. Fire wardens.

E. G. Prior & Co., Geo. Powell, McQuade & Co., E. B. Marvin & Co., Marvin & Tilton and Matthews, Richards & Tye—protesting against the hardware required by the city being supplied by tender. Tabled.

H. S. Fairall and others—asking for a police constable at Victoria West. Police committee.

C. Hayward—applying for the use of a portion of St. John's street for building purposes. Granted.

TENDERS

For the supply of water pipe were received from R. Ward & Co., Richardson & Heathorn, and James Mitchell, and referred to the Water committee and Commissioners for award.

For the supply of forage from Baker & Son, Brackman and Ker, and McLachlan Bros.—Finance committee.

For coal, wood and lumber from H. C. Macauley.—Rejected.

For hardware from A. T. Penwill.—Finance committee.

BY-LAWS.

ALD. RICHARDS introduced a by-law to amend the Fire by-law.—Read a first time.

REPORTS.

Street committee—Recommending that the grading of Hill street and Huron street be deferred; that the drains on Humboldt street be attended to at once; that $200 compensation be paid to H. E. Levy for damages to property on Work street; and that Messrs. Gore, Hargreaves and Deveereaux be appointed commissioners under the Victoria City Official Map Act.—Adopted.

Finance committee—advising the donation of $500 to the funds of the Jubilee Hospital. Adopted.

Ald. Richards reported verbally that the fire wardens had disposed of the buildings on the market site. The furniture in one residence on Douglas street had been slightly damaged by water, and $150 would be accepted in compensation by the house holder. The council agreed to grant this amount.

On motion, the city clerk was instructed to order five tons of brimstone for sewerage purposes from R. Ward & Co.

Ald. Hunter, chairman of the sewerage committee, said that that committee was considering a plan for the refund of the $15,000 deposit to the sewerage contractor.

The Council rose at 10 o'clock.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

First Session of the Sixth Parliament.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

March 11th.

After prayers by Rev. Dr. Reid,

MR. KELLIE presented the petition of residents of Nelson and vicinity, in favor of the Nelson and Fort Shepard R. R.

HON. MR. ROBSON rose and said that in the report of his remarks on the School bill, as published in the COLONIST yesterday, there were several verbial inacquracies, but in one part there was a mistake, which he deemed it absolutely necessary to correct. He had, he said, tried to say that as a matter of fact the first he had heard of the $5 voucher was when it had been sent to the department by the auditor with the memorandum. The report made it appear as if he had sent the account to the auditor and instructed him to disallow it. The account had, he would repeat, gone through the usual course, and the auditor had dealt with it in the ordinary manner and altogether without his knowledge.

COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

MR. CROFT moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, "That a select committee, composed of Messrs. Anderson, Hunter, Baker, Smith, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into all the circumstances connected with the attack made by a number of persons upon the funeral procession of the late Ellis Roberts, of Wellington, on the 4th inst., with power to call for persons, papers, and to examine witnesses in connection therewith, and to report to the House.

HON. MR. BEAVEN—Are none of the members of the Government going to say anything about this extraordinary motion?

HON MR. DAVIE did not think there was anything extraordinary in the resolution, which he thought should have received the unanimous support of the House. The enquiry suggested in the motion would give a satisfactory answer to a question put a few days ago by one of the hon. members for Nanaimo.

HON. MR. BEAVEN did not think the House had anything to do with an attack upon a funeral procession at Wellington; such an assault was for the Courts to deal with

HON. MR. ROBSON said it was interesting to note the elasticity of mind possessed by some members. The hon. leader of the opposition had offered no objection to the appointment of a committee to enquire into the causes leading up to the Wellington strike; he did not contend that that matter was one of private business—a dispute between employer and employees. It was true that this was an extraordinary resolution—it was an extraordinary circumstance that called for it. He (the premier) thought that a committee of enquiry in the Northfield incident was desirable in the interest of public decency, justice and morality.

MR. KEITH remarked that when Mr. McKenzie had refered to the arrest of the fifteen Union miners at Wellington, in the House on Monday evening, the Attorney-General had said that one reason for the step taken by the police, acting under his orders, was the gross outrage at Northfield. That incident in reality occurred two miles from Wellington, those taking part in it had no connection with the Union or the processionists, and the snowballing was indulged in when those attending the funeral were returning from the cemetery. He had not the slightest objection to the appointment of the committee, as all the facts would then come out.

HON. MR. DAVIE denied that he had justified the arrest of the fifteen Union processionists by the snowballing of the funeral procession at Northfield. The arrest would have been made in any event.

MR. SEMLIN could see no practical result to be obtained from the appointment of such a committee.

MR. FORSTER would offer no objection to the passage of the resolution. It was not a parallel case to the appointment of a commission to enquire into the causes of the strike. That was a business matter, one in a great manner concerning private interests, and it could not be examined into by police or detectives. The matter referred to in the motion now before the House could be, and should.

The resolution was adopted without a division.

MINERAL EXHIBITS.

MR. KELLIE asked the Provincial Secretary:

1. Would the Government be willing to expend the sum of $300 on each of the mining districts of East and West Kootenay, Cariboo, Lillooet, and Cassiar for the purpose of collecting specimens of from five to twenty pounds weight from each of the promising mines in such districts?

2. Would the Government be willing to pay the freight charges and duty (if any) incurred by sending such specimens to the provincial museum here, to London, to New York, to Amsterdam, to San Francisco, to Glasgow, and to Chicago?

HON. MR. ROBSON that it was the intention of the Government to take steps towards securing mineral specimens from each of the rich districts of the province, and exhibiting them where the most good could be done. He was not yet prepared to name the amount to be expended; or the places at which exhibits would be made.

FINALLY READ.

The Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway company, the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway company, and the Vernon and Okanagan Railway company passed their bills of incorporation through their third readings.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Stock Bill (Mr. Sword) was considered for a few minutes in committee, Mr. Hall in the chair. The committee rose reporting progress.

The House again went into committee, Mr. Nason in the chair, upon the Vancouver Water Works Bill. The committee rose at 5:45, reporting the bill complete with amendments.

The Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Bill passed its third reading, and the House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

BY DR. MILNE—To move for copies of correspondence respecting the opening of a Toll trail from the boundary line of Alaska at a point north of Lynn canal, known as the white Pass, to Tacho Lake, lying at the head waters of the Yukon River in B. C.

By HON. MR. DAVIE—To introduce a bill to amend the "Jurors' Act."

By HON. MR. DAVIE—To introduce a bill to amend the "County Court Act."

BIRTH.

HAYES—On the 9th inst., the wife of Jno. C. Hayes, of a daughter.

NICHOLLES—In this city, on the 7th inst., the wife of Major Nicholles, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

CROFT-HUNTINGTON—On February 2nd, in All Saint's Church, Windsor, Ontario, by the Rev. Canon Hinks, John Croft, of Victoria, B. C., to Belle Huntington, youngest daughter of Mr. James Huntington, of Rochester, N. Y.

DIED.

DEVIEULLE—At the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, on Monday, the 9th inst., Frederick Eugene De Vieulle, aged 46 years, a native of Saint Helliers, Island of Jersey.

HARBOTTLE—Mrs. Marion Harbottle, wife of J. F. Harbottle, of this city, Sunday, March 8th, at 5:15 a.m., aged 29 years. Deceased was a native of London, Eng. Seattle papers please copy.

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At the earnest solicitation of many friends both in my own neighborhood and in other parts of the District, I have consented at the eleventh hour to enter the field as a candidate for the representation of the District in the House of Commons.

I had intended to make a personal visit to the various settlements in the District, and with that object in view had secured a substitute and applied to the Hospital Board for leave of absence; but a partizan majority, acting apparently in the interest of Mr. Barnard, refused my very reasonable request, and I am therefore compelled to rely on the efforts and good offices of my friends, and to content myself with addressing the electors by circular.

In politics my attitude towards the Government of the day is that of a friendly but independent supporter, approving of its general policy, but free to differ where in my judgment the interests of the Dominion and of my own Province demand a diverg