

Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 1889.

OUR VINDICATION.

The admissions which Mayor Grant made at the meeting on Tuesday evening justified all that we have said respecting his official conduct.

The Mayor's attempt to draw a comparison between his position as head of the Corporation and that of the Speaker of the House of Assembly is a piece of nonsensical pedantry.

When he did what he could to oppose the publication of the first of the auditors' reports they would see that he was only acting consistently.

We could not expect a more complete vindication of the course we have taken with respect to Mr. Grant than he himself afforded in his speech to the ratemakers.

The Mayor admits that he opposed a re-audit, and that the auditors were appointed in spite of his objections.

The next admission would be almost incredible if the Mayor did not make it himself. He says "Mr. Bales, on a subsequent occasion, showed him irregularities on the books, and had stated that civic monies were being stolen."

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the examination of the treasurer's books he had been the wrong. Yet he deliberately shut his eyes to it and took no action.

Mr. Grant's hearers were prepared to hear anything after he made the admission that he took no steps to get an explanation from Mr. Russell after it had been shown the falsified books.

We were sincerely pleased to learn that the Duke of the Wellington mines was off. When we read the interview between Mr. Dunsmuir and the miners' deputation we saw that the grievances—if they could be called grievances—at all between the Company and the miners were not sufficiently serious to justify men in leaving work and exposing those dependent on them to the suffering and misery consequent upon a long period of voluntary idleness.

We are morally certain that if the well-disposed and sensible miners had made their influence felt from the beginning of this agitation there would have been no lock-out and no strike and much unpleasantness and some suffering would have been avoided.

RETURNED TO WORK.

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THE SUNDAY QUESTION.

To THE EDITOR:—I think it will be clear to the minds of your readers, who discern between assertion and argument, that the seventh day was blessed and hallowed at the creation, and that the commandment till the time of the twentieth century of Exodus, and then only to the Jewish nation. It will be noticed that the number of your correspondents advanced a single testimony as proof that the Sabbath was observed by man before it became part of the Mosaic law, called the moral law.

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from THE DAILY COLONIST, JAN. 18. THE PUBLIC MEETING.

Mayor Grant and Mr. Robert Ward discussed Civic Matters. The Aldermanic Candidates Submit Their Views—The City Hall Crowded, and a Fair Hearing Accorded all Speakers.

The city hall was crowded to the doors last evening by ratepayers and citizens anxious to attend the various candidates' public meetings on municipal matters.

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present himself before the electors as a candidate for the mayoralty. He has not been elected, and he is only fair to infer that they were the published comments of a portion of the press on his public acts while filling the office of the chief magistrate.

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CONCERNING NOISE. One of the Most Injurious Influences of the City.

"I can bear the heat very well," said a student forced to spend a summer in the city, "but I can not endure the noise."

Soberness exceeds almost all lovers of quiet in the extravagance of his denunciation of noise.

THE ALDERMEN. An opportunity was next given the aldermen candidates to express their views on the Pacific port of the Dominion.

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TO OUR FAITHFUL MEMBERS ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF OUR PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, AND SUMMONED AND COME TO A MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE OR PARLIAMENT OF OUR SAID PROVINCE, AT OUR CITY OF VICTORIA, ON THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1889, TO HAVE BEFORE US, COME AND HOLD, AND EVERY OF YOU, GREETING.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have signed these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, The Honourable HUGH NELSON, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this twenty-seventh day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and in the fifty-second year of Our Reign.

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