Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 1888.

From the DAILY COLONIST Jan. 7.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Dominion Parliament.

Mr. E. Crow Baker, M. P., on Thursday received a telegram from Sir John A. Macdonald, announcing that parliament would assemble on February 23d next.

Spratt's Ark.

The work of unloading this famous craft is progressing with great rapidity at Seattle, as those in charge managed to run the wagons on to the Ark, which greatly facilitates the work. The vessel is an object of much curiosity.

The Umatilla's Passengers.

Among the passengers who left San Francisco on the Umatilla for this port yesterday are: Mr. H. S. Manson, J. W. Bell, W. F. Anderson, S. E. Field, D. Roberts and wife, G. Wurth, W. Gravely, Miss E. Carmichal, P. Herman, Miss A. Faway, Daniel Crimmins and wife.

Gone Home.

Mr. Patrick Murphy, a native of Ireland, aged 72 years, died in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday morning. He was an expressman in Victoria some years and resided on the Esquimalt road. He has been farming at Comox for about four years. The funeral will take place on Wednesday next at 8:45 o'clock a. m. from St. Joseph's Hospital, and 9 o'clock from St. Andrew's pro-Cathedral, View street.

Canadian Copyrights.

From William Bryce's publishing house, Toronto, we are in receipt of several most interesting works of fiction. G. Manville Fenn, a familiar name in the world of novels, excels himself in "One Maid's Mischief," while Edmund Downey's "A House of Tears" is worthy of that writer's "In Our Town." Mr. Bryce is publishing some excellent works very cheaply, and his Canadian copyright editions deserve popular support.

The Yosemite.

The steamer Yosemite arrived from Vancouver at 12:30 o'clock yesterday with only three passengers, Capt. Irving, C. Woods and C. D. Rand. As before stated she was unable to go to New Westminster owing to the ice-jam at Ewen's cannery. At Vancouver, all the up-country and part of the New Westminster freight was landed. It is stated that the weather at New Westminster and all along the river is very severe.

Her Dress Caught Fire.

Says the Vancouver *News*: Yesterday afternoon, shortly after 1 o'clock, Mrs. Lloyd, who lives on Oppenheimer street, was engaged in her household duties, when her dress caught fire and she was instantly enveloped in flames. The window curtains also caught fire. Her husband extinguished the flames, but in the meantime an alarm of fire had been given and the department turned out in short order.

An "Iron Grasp."

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* has a startling third head over Victoria news, as follows: DUNSMUIR PREPARING TO TIGHTEN THE IRON GRASP OF AMERICAN RAILWAY SCHEMES ON THE UNHAPPY ISLAND. Our esteemed "terminal city" contemporary is beginning to get mad. We thought he would, as he watched developments in the new railway system. After all, that is a trite proverb: "They laugh best who laugh last." The announcement in THE COLONIST of an application to the Dominion Government for power to operate a transfer ferry to connect with the American railway system at Port Angeles serves as a red rag to the *News* bull.

Wad El Ward.

When Wad el Ward, says the *Oregonian*, was in this city, endeavoring to acquire money by false pretenses, he stated to a gentleman here that he had met Capt. Burton, the celebrated traveler at Mecca. It is well known that Capt. Burton did succeed in visiting Mecca, and is believed to be the only white man who ever succeeded in visiting that city and gaining access to the true inwardness of the place and the mysterious religious rites performed there by the pilgrims. This was many years ago, and other Christians may have visited the Holy City since, but one who attempted it before Capt. Burton was detected and, with what the pious Musselmen considered poetic justice, was crucified. The gentleman to whom this fraud, Wad el Ward, which, by the way, signifies "Valley of Roses," told the crammer about meeting Capt. Burton in Mecca, did not believe the statement, but, being personally acquainted with Capt. Burton, now British consul general at Trieste, Austria, wrote to him concerning the matter. The answer came a few days since, and Capt. Burton says he never saw or heard of Wad el Ward, whom he correctly judged to be a Syrian, "on the make." It may be a satisfaction to those who were duped by this pretender to know that he was a fraud.

Advice to Chinese Murderers.

During the recent trials of Chee Gong, Fong Long Dick and Chung Ling for the murder of Lee Yick, the prosecution attempted to introduce the following letter in evidence, but was not permitted, on the ground that the prisoners were not responsible for the acts of another. The document bears the seals of the Suey Sing Tong Society, and, translated, it reads as follows:

To you three who are the members of the society: Now Lee Yick is dead; he is in the undertakers, and to-morrow morning will have you three to be there to get some testimony from you. You be sure and do not confess. On the night of the fighting you must tell that you have not been out until you were arrested by the police. You staid in the house, were sitting and sleeping. Don't you be discouraged. The members of the society will help you out.

When you look through this you must burn it in the fire.

FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.—*Oregonian*.

Perry Creek Mines.

Owing to the non-arrival of the machinery the work at the shaft has ceased, and will be resumed early in the spring. At the Mount Cenis Tunnel two shifts of miners are busy in widening and straightening it out so as to conform with the lines recently surveyed by Mr. Aylmer. These eight men are under the able supervision of Mr. Alex. Bilsland, who up to the 14th inst. directed all the work personally, but on that day, getting down logs from the mountain for timbering the tunnel, was struck by a tree so unfortunately as to have his leg broken below the knee. Surgical assistance was expected to reach him in a few days in the person of the doctor at the police barracks, Steele's Fort, near the Galbraith Ferry. Mr. Bilsland is in good spirits, hoping as he does, that when the doctor comes he will approve of the setting of the leg. Pack-animals are now sent from Cranbrook (Col. James Baker's place) to bring such portions of the shaft plant as are available for the tunnel, namely, car wheels and iron, candles, etc., from where they have been left on the road by the McKay brothers, who claim that the road was not in condition to be travelled over by team. The tunnel is in about thirty feet, and the work is proceeding in a very satisfactory manner.

A Vancouver "Skipper."

John Blake, the stevedore, has disappeared, and the evidence seems to show that he has gone to join the Vancouver colony in Seattle. It appears that yesterday morning he obtained a cheque from Capt. Webber for about $800, to pay off the men who had been at work on the steamship Batavia discharging and loading her. He was last seen about 11 o'clock in the morning, and since then no traces of him have been found. We understand that Mr. Blake has been greatly worried lately over some law suits and this may account for his leaving the country. He has always been looked upon as a very straight man and has always paid his men off promptly. He certainly has always given the greatest satisfaction to Capt. Webber, the manager of the steamship line, for the way in which he has discharged and loaded the steamers. We trust that the rumors are unfounded and that he will return and square up with his men.—Vancouver *News*.

The "Army Dance."

This is how "Mag," the S. F. *News-Letter's* racy and rare correspondent, has to say of the ball given to the officers of the Triumph at the Presidio: But my gracious! if I ain't most forgot to tell you about the Army dance out to the Presidio; such a blaze o' buttons 'n gold lace you never saw. [Ned whispered that brass was in the ascendant.] You know the party was given to the English navy off'cers o' the Triumph, 'n o' course all the sailor follahs 's well 's the soldier chaps was in uniform. There was the usual set t' affect the Army—the muchly married blonde matron, the Eastern frisky, the old dowager in black velvet 'n the daisy daughter, the two girls from the rural districts 't appear so forlorn since their boss patroness has left. Ned asked why they'd be a good family to marry into, 'n when Mag asked him what he meant, he said 'cause they were known to be the best sisters-in-law goin'. Gracious! The two heiresses o' the house o' Bonanza was surrounded by the buttons all evenin', makin' the black coats sort o' glum (Ed.'ll give 'm return liks when the next cotillion comes off, you bet). You should a seen the Britishers go for the girls with coin! To my taste the two prettiest girls was the cousins; one so stately 'n the other so fresh and joyous (they didn't appear like they was relations, though, a single bit). Poh'tah, with his two good-looking sisters along, filled in the time mashin' a frisky. There was the sweetest thing in middies 't ever was seen, 'n he most died laughin' when I told him that the army chap dancin' corners to us was named Oyster. He thought 't I was "chawfin' him," he said. But I reckon that's enough 'bout the army racket.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. D. W. McLelan Expires Suddenly on Board the E. & N. Railway Train.

Mr. D. W. McLelan, who has been for a number of months postal clerk on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, died very suddenly yesterday morning. Two weeks since deceased was thrown from the mail carriage and received injuries which at the time were not considered serious. He has, however, since complained of pains which are now supposed to have been caused by this mishap. He evidently felt unwell on the northward trip, became dizzy on the southward and finally insensible. On the arrival of the train at Koksilah station Conductor Weldon wired Mr. G. A. Carleton, his most intimate friend, that he was in a critical condition. When the train reached here Mr. Carleton, accompanied by Mrs. McLelan and Dr. Milne, were awaiting it with a suitable conveyance, and every necessary preparation for the invalid's comfort, but it was found that life had fled—that the silvery cord was broken. Death resulted from hemorrhage of the brain. Deceased was a nephew of Hon. A. W. McLelan, postmaster-general, a native of St. John, N. B., and aged 36 years, Mrs. McLelan being a daughter of the Hon. George Reading, prothonotary, of Truro, N. S. Mr. McLelan carried a policy in the Great Western Accident Company of Denver, Col., and it is understood that his life was insured in an eastern company. The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of Mr. Chas. Hayward, and will be embalmed. It has not yet been decided whether the remains will be taken east or interred in this city. Mr. McLelan was personally a most lovable gentleman and endeared himself to all in this city with whom he was brought in contact. His untimely cutting off is deeply lamented and sympathy for his bereaved widow is universal. A true Christian, ever mindful of the Golden Rule, by which he seemed to guide his life, we may well believe that he only left the earth to take his place beside the great White Throne, which is the aspiration of all good men. Never was better instanced the truth of the Scriptural injunction that "In the midst of life we are in death." The writer, from the same province, and intimate with many of his friends, bade him "A Happy New Year," only a few nights ago. Though he was privileged to enjoy the dawn of 1888 in the bosom of his family, he has been called home by the hands of the Omnipotent to spend an eternity in the land of the Blessed.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Mayor Fell and Robt. Ward, J. P.]

J. B. Shaw, on remand, did not appear and his bail was estreated.

The case of Leu Hils, charged with conspiracy, was remanded again until Monday.

Ah Foeh was fined $5 and $2 costs for allowing a chimney to burn.

R. Nightingale, on remand, charged with attempting to shoot an Indian woman, was discharged. He was however fined $5 for firing a pistol within the city limits.

Henry Barnum was charged with stealing a coat. Mr. J. P. Walls appeared for the prosecutor and his evidence being taken the case was remanded.

MARINE.

Ship Ottolina will go to sea to-day in tow of the Alexander.

Tug Alexander arrived from Moodyville last evening with the ship General Picton.

Reports to the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, tell of the wreck at Bowen's Landing on Tuesday night of the schooner California. The crew were saved. It is thought that the schooner Julia G. Marks, which sailed from San Pedro December 7th for Humboldt, is also lost.

The steamer Arago, from Coos Bay, brought to San Francisco the first news of the wreck of the schooner John Hancock, off the Mendocino coast. She had a cargo of lumber from Humboldt Bay for Liverpool. The crew, the captain and his wife and children were picked up by the Arago.

Schooner Garfield, with lumber from Port Gamble, arrived at San Francisco on Wednesday. The crew report that nine days ago while they were all on the jibboom furling sail, an immense sea swept over the schooner, carrying every screed from the boom and on to the deck with the greatest violence. The second mate's leg was broken and one sailor had his hand crushed. The escape of the vessel was miraculous, and with great difficulty she was brought to port, experiencing continual rough weather and baffling and violent gales.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Late Mr. McLelan.

The late Mr. D. T. McLelan had $8,000 insurance on his life in the North American Life Assurance Co., which will be paid over in a few days; also $3,000 in the Great Western.

I. O. O. F.

Grand Master Davies and other Grand Officers will install the officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., on Monday, of Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, on Tuesday, of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, on Wednesday, and Dominion Lodge, No. 4, on Wednesday evening.

Coal Shipments.

The total shipments of the Wellington collieries of R. Dunsmuir & Sons, for the month of December, amount to 23,965 tons. Of this large output 17,773 tons were shipped to foreign ports, and 6,192 tons for local and provincial trade.

Cameron-Atwood.

Yesterday morning, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. C. N. Cameron and Miss E. P. Atwood were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Reid. The happy couple left at one o'clock in the afternoon for San Francisco, where they will pass their honeymoon.

Passengers for San Francisco.

The following passengers left for San Francisco on the Mexico yesterday: George H. Garesche, Miss. Bushby, C. N. Cameron and bride, H. Pridham, L. W. Jones, P. J. Davies, F. Gough, Mrs. Thain, J. Mahoney, J. M. S. James, James Percy, A. Vigero, S. J. Latham, R. Gray, T. Christie.

Snow.

There was a light dropping at San Francisco on Wednesday, and it commenced to fall at Portland on the evening of Tuesday and continued through most of the night. About four inches lay on the ground on Wednesday morning, but considerable melted during the day. A great many sleighs were flying through the streets.

Down to the Rock.

The bore being placed by Mr. John Dick, near Diver lake, for Messrs. Dunsmuir & Sons, has reached the rock, after passing through 180 feet of loam, gravel and sand.

The same may be said of the bore being put down by Mr. T. D. Jones with his diamond drill for the Vancouver Coal company, on what is known as the "West Estate." This is contiguous to the properties of Dunsmuir & Sons and the East Wellington Coal company.—*Free Press*.

Skating.

Crowds of merry skaters glided over the ice on Skinner's yesterday afternoon, and a most enjoyable time was had. The fair sex were well represented, and the graceful skating by many ladies was very noticeable. Several gentlemen performed difficult and fancy figures, but owing to the ice being cut up considerably only a few tried their skill in that line. Swan Lake was well patronized also, and it is said the ice there is smooth and much superior to that on Skinner's.

East Wellington Coal Co.

The East Wellington Coal Company (R. D. Chandler), says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, is progressing rapidly with the second shaft they are sinking on their coal property at East Wellington. It is expected that the shaft will reach the coal in six weeks or two months' time. As soon as this shaft is down the company will be able to put on a larger number of miners and greatly increase the output. At present the company have only one shaft or outlet to the mine, and the number of men to be employed is limited by the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Thomas L. Kempster.

The Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* devotes about a quarter of a column to Thomas L. Kempster, well and unfavorably known in these parts. It gives a full description of him, after which it goes on to say that some days ago one of his employees had him arrested on a criminal charge of grand larceny, and yesterday (Thursday) his case came on for hearing before Justice H. F. Jones. The defendant waived examination, and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury at its February term. He gave bonds for his appearance in the sum of $400, with E. Franklin and M. C. Quinn as securities.

A Struggle for Life.

A fine retriever dog walked out on the ice of James Bay yesterday morning and when thirty feet from the shore broke through. The water was freezing cold, and the poor brute made a gallant struggle for life; but as he placed his paws on the ice it would break and throw him back into the bay. After a struggle that lasted three-quarters of an hour, an humane man managed to push a plank out so that the dog got a firm resting place for his foot and scrambled out. He was nearly exhausted when he reached the shore and the termination of the gallant struggle was greeted by the warm plaudits of a crowd that lined the bridge.

Labouchere and Heneage.

Rear-Admiral Heneage, who has just been appointed to the command of the Pacific station, appears to have a most exalted idea of his own importance. It is stated that he has given orders that the poop of the "Trinmph," his flagship, is to be set apart for his exclusive use, and that whenever he appears on deck the men are to take off their hats and remain uncovered until he thinks fit to dismiss them. Midshipmen on board are desired to provide themselves with new dirks, which is rather hard upon their parents, seeing that the "Triumph" will be paid off in a few months. "My Lords" would do well to take steps to restrain these extravagant caperings.—*Truth*.

What a "Highbinder" Is.

This term "highbinder" was first applied to Chinese ruffians by Special Officer Woodruff, of the San Francisco Police department. Some twelve or fifteen years ago he was on the witness stand in the police court during the trial of a noted Chinese criminal, when he was asked if he knew the defendant. "Yes," replied Woodruff, "he is a highbinder." The question next put to him was: "What is a highbinder?" Woodruff replied that the term applied to any Chinese who robs, steals, levies blackmail on his countrymen, who will commit murder to avenge a wrong done to himself or to a member of his society. The explanation was accepted, and from that time the word "highbinder" has been adopted in the language.

The Railroads.

Absence of wind has enabled the Northern railroads to keep their lines in order. Cold weather makes a solid roadbed. It is rain and drifting snow that give trouble. The switchback is now wide open and freight trains are running regularly. The O. R. & N. has had no trouble at all. The O. & C. is O. K. to Ashland, but the Southern Pacific is still somewhat embarassed in the Siskiyous. Two through trains arrived here from San Francisco yesterday, one at 6 a. m., the other at 4 p. m. The train due this morning was reported about nine hours late in the mountains and is expected here about 7 this evening. There is from twelve inches to three feet of snow in the Cow Creek canyon, but the track has been kept clear. The slide of last Sunday was cleared out Tuesday noon.—*Oregonian*.

From Vancouver.

The Louise left Vancouver at 1 o'clock sharp yesterday and arrived here at 8 o'clock with the passengers and mails that were due at Vancouver on Friday.

From Portland.

The steamer Sardonyx arrived from Portland at 2:30 o'clock p. m. yesterday with 107 tons of freight, divided in the ports of Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver, and consisting of flour, bran, apples and wheat. A pleasant trip was experienced.

Not Removed and Removed.

The statement in the *Times* that the Hon. Jos. Trutch had removed his office to the post office building is incorrect and has caused much annoyance. He remains in his old quarters, while the department of public works has its *habital* above the post office.

Skating.

Good skating at Swan Lake, and the Victoria Transfer Co. will send the 'bus Young America there to-day at 11 a. m. sharp, and again at 1 p. m., starting from the office of the company. Fare 25 cents each way. 'Buses will also run to Skinner's every half hour, commencing at 11 a. m.

Coal.

Coal is selling at $10 per ton in this city, a rise of $2 per ton since the cold weather commenced.—*Times*.

In an interview with Mr. Dunsmuir that gentleman informed a reporter of THE COLONIST that coal is selling at the Wellington mines for the same price as during the last nine years, viz: $4 per ton. He added, too, that he has no intention of raising the price.

Deep Sea Fishing Establishment.

The Vancouver *News* says: Arrangements have just been completed for the establishment of an extensive deep sea fishing establishment at Plumper's Pass. The gentleman who is arranging the matter is now in Victoria, and expects to have everything in running order within a week or so. A market for the daily supply of fresh fish will be opened in this city and large quantities will be frozen and shipped to the east.

The Cold Snap.

The following are the weather records for Friday night: Quesnelle, 34 below zero; Bridge Creek, 28; Clinton, 28; Soda Creek, 24; Ashcroft 14; New Westminster, 12 above zero. Ice in the river is three inches thick, but still moving up and down with the tide. At 2:30 the thermometer was standing at 23. Weather cloudy with falling barometer. At 2:30 p. m. the thermometer was at zero at Kamloops.

Sabbath School Anniversary.

The anniversary services of the Sabbath school in connection with the Pandora street Methodist church will take place on Sabbath and Monday evenings. On Sabbath morning Rev. Mr. Wadman, will preach. In the afternoon at half past two Rev. Mr. Starr will preach especially to the children. Mr. Starr will occupy the pulpit in the evening, and at all the services the music will be furnished by the children under the direction of Prof. Sharpe. The anniversary entertainment will take place on Monday evening, when a most interesting programme will be rendered, including a "Marching Song" composed by Prof. Sharpe especially for the occasion. Admission to the entertainment, 25 cents.

Children's Annual Treat.

The New Year's treat of the Reformed Episcopal Church Sunday school was given to the scholars on Friday evening in the church hall, Humbolt street. There was a large attendance of scholars, teachers and friends. A bountiful tea was provided and relished after the manner of young people; prizes were distributed by Bishop Cridge to quite a number for regular attendance and good conduct; after that several recitations were given by the scholars, which were much appreciated and *encored*. Then a large Christmas tree, beautifully ornamented, had the glittering presents taken from its branches by Santa Claus, in costume, and handed them, amid much rejoicing, to the youthful recipients. At a rather late hour the entertainment was brought to a close by a capital exhibition of Punch and Judy, made racy by local hits. "God Save the Queen" concluded the evening, cakes and fruit being distributed to the children as they retired, giving noisy demonstrations of their appreciation of the efforts made to please them by the teachers and the friends who generously assisted them in giving the treat.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Civic nominations to-morrow.

The funeral of the late Patrick Murphy will take place on Monday morning.

The funeral of the late David T. McLelan will take place on Monday afternoon.

"A Night in Venice" at The Victoria on Monday, given by the Pyke Opera Company.

The Yosemite proceeds to Vancouver at 11 o'clock this morning. Ice in the river prevents her getting to Westminster.

The Fraser is frozen across at Ladner's and the steamer Rainbow had all it could do to get away safely from that point on Friday night.

Ex-Coun. Humber has decided not to contest Johnson street ward in the forthcoming municipal elections and will try his luck in James Bay ward.

The evening paper reports the sale of a thousand acres of coal lands in the neighborhood of Comox for a figure somewhere between $50,000 and $100,000.

The Vancouver post office has been opened in its new quarters in the Lady Stephen block on Hasting street. The easterly store has been secured and has been fitted up in the best style.

The remains of the late Joseph Harrod were removed from St. Joseph's hospital yesterday to Mr. T. Storey's undertaking rooms, where the inquest will be held.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Joseph Harrod Wounded by the Charge From a Shot Gun and Dies From the Effects—Frightful Injuries.

Yesterday afternoon Joseph Harrod, a brickmaker by trade, but lately employed by the Victoria Gas Co., was shot and fatally wounded. He was standing on Finlaison's bridge, having been attracted there by an accident which had happened to a corporation horse and waggon. He had a double-barrelled shot gun in his hand, the stock of which was resting on the boards, with the muzzle against his left side just above the hip. Mr. Wm. Luney, the contractor, was with him, and Harrod was talking about certain matters when in a most unaccountable manner the charge in the gun suddenly exploded and with a cry of "Oh! Bill, I'm done for," he fell, but was caught by Mr. Luney, who carried him to a hack which was standing on the bridge. The wounded man was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where Drs. J. S. and J. D. Helmcken examined his wounds, which were found to be of a fatal nature, and Harrod expired in less than half an hour. He was unconscious up to the time of his death. The surgical examination disclosed the fact that the shot entered the abdomen, passing upward underneath the ribs, five of which were literally broken to pieces. The shot then passed out below the third rib, making a large hole, tearing open the pleural cavity, injuring the left lung and also the pericordium and heart. All that mortal man could do to save the poor man's life was done. Harrod was a native of England, but came to this city only a short time ago from London, Ont., where he leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. His age, it is said, was 53 years. An inquest will be held by Coronor Jackson on Monday morning at 11 o'clock a.m.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

Nomination on the 23rd January and Voting on the 25th.

Yesterday evening Sheriff McMillan posted the proclamation calling upon the electors of Victoria to meet at his office in Commercial alley on the 23rd instant for the purpose of nominating candidates for the vacancy in the Provincial Legislature caused by the resignation of Major Prior. Polling day is fixed for January 25th inst.

THE SAN FRANCISCO MAILS.

Dispatch from the Postmaster General—No Summary Change Contemplated—He Desires Improved Modes of Mail Service.

Mr. E. Crow Baker, M. P., yesterday received the following telegram from the Postmaster General in reply to the one sent him on Friday and republished in our columns yesterday:

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.

To E. C. Baker, Esq., M. P., Victoria:

The San Francisco mails continue by the same route as for months past. There has been no summary change. The wish of the government is that British Columbia shall have the benefit of improved modes of mail service, both *via* Vancouver and San Francisco.

A. W. MCLELAN.

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Is Called for the Dispatch of Business on the 27th January.

Mr. Theo. Davie, Q.C., M.P.P., is Appointed Member of the Cabinet Without Portfolio.

A special issue of the *Gazette* yesterday afternoon contained the proclamation calling the Legislative Assembly for the dispatch of business on the 27th January.

It also contained the appointment of Mr. Theo. Davie, Q.C., M.P.P., as a member of the provincial Executive. The hon. gentleman was sworn in yesterday afternoon, and accepts office without portfolio. It will, therefore, not be necessary for him to go before the electors.

PRESENTATION.

Prior to leaving New Westminster for Empire City, Or., Miss Annie Davidson painted a banner for the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society of the former city, of which mention was made in these columns at the time. Recently Miss Davidson has been the pleased recipient from Chief Bonson, on behalf of the society, of the following

ADDRESS.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 21st, 1887.

My Dear Miss Davidson:

On behalf of the officers and members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, it gives me the greatest pleasure to send you the accompanying bracelet in token of the esteem and kindly feeling of our society towards you; and as an assurance that your great kindness in painting for us such a handsome banner, which we greatly prize, is not unappreciated.

I am, my dear Miss Davidson, very sincerely yours,

LEWIS F. BONSON, Chief.

The bracelet, which Miss Davidson will, it is needless to say, always prize dearly, was the work of W. H. Pennock of this city, and is a magnificent one. Engraved on the inside of the bracelet are the words: "Miss Davidson, from her friends of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, New Westminster." On the back, extending from the centre both ways is the "Scotch Thistle" in green gold leaves, tips of flowers of deep red gold, and in the centre of the back where the stems of the thistles begin are the initials "A. D." in the form of a raised monogram. Miss Davidson sent the following

REPLY.

EMPIRE CITY, Or., 31st December, 1887.

Lewis F. Bonson, Esq., Chief of Caledonian and St. Andrew's Society.

DEAR SIR.—Please accept and convey to the officers and members of the Caledonian and St. Andrew's Society of New Westminster my sincere thanks for the very unexpected and handsome remembrance, which I do and always shall treasure.

It was a great pleasure to me to know that I could by painting the banner show my appreciation of the many happy evenings spent in being entertained by your society.

Hoping that the year 1888 may prove a very prosperous and happy one to each and all,

I am

Very Sincerely Yours,

ANNIE DAVIDSON.

WEATHER REPORT.

Away Below Zero at All Interior Points—Cottonwood Shows Fifty, Followed Closely by Quesnelle, Soda Creek, and Bridge Creek.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 6.—The following weather record was received this morning: Ashcroft, 14° below zero; Clinton, 32° below zero; Bridge Creek, 38° below zero; Soda Creek, 40° below zero; Quesnelle, 40° below zero; Cottonwood, 50° below zero; Barkerville, 32° below zero; Donald, 23° below zero; Kamloops, 10° below zero; Rogers Pass, 10° below zero; Illicillewaet, 15° below zero.

PERSONAL.

Miss D. Bushby has returned to San Francisco.

Hon. Justice McCreight arrived from the Mainland last evening.

Geo. H. Garesche left for San Francisco on the Mexico yesterday.

C. N. Cameron and bride left on their honeymoon trip to San Francisco yesterday.

T. S. Gore, who has been ill with inflammation of the lungs, is recovering rapidly.

Miss Mattie Young, daughter of Mr. H. Young of the White House, left for San Francisco yesterday on a visit.

Mrs. Edward Neufelder, of Victoria, who has been visiting Mrs. John Leary at Seattle, spends next week with Mrs. B. Gatzert.

Rev. J. C. Paterson arrived on the Louise last night and will preach both morning and evening in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-day.

MARINE.

Steamer Mexico went south yesterday.

Steamer Yosemite will leave at 11 o'clock to-day for Vancouver.

Steamer Umatilla will be due from San Francisco to-morrow morning.

Bktn. Malay, with lumber from Chemainus, has arrived at San Francisco.

Ger. bark Anna Bertha sailed from San Francisco for Burrard Inlet on the 4th.

Ship John A. Briggs, coal laden from Departure Bay, arrived at San Francisco on Thursday.

Br. ship Earl of Dalhouse, with coal from Nanaimo, arrived at San Francisco on Thursday.

Bark Cassandra Adams completed her cargo of 1,900 tons of Nanaimo coal on Friday and awaits a tug.

Collier Antonio, Capt. Crawford, sailed from Wellington on Friday with 2,550 tons of coal for San Francisco.

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THE PUBLIC MEETING.

Couns. Grant and Higgins Address the Electors on Municipal Matters.

Mayor Fell Makes a Double-Barrelled Attack—The Speakers Accorded a Fair Hearing by a Very Large Audience—The Dry Subject of Water the Principal Topic.

There was a full house at the city hall last Saturday evening to listen to the remarks of the two candidates for the mayoralty chair, and the numerous aspirants for seats at the council board. There was a fair representation of the intelligent electorate of Victoria at eight o'clock, the hour set for opening the ball.

On motion of Coun. Pearse, seconded by Coun. Higgins, his worship Mayor Fell was voted to the chair.

After an invitation had been extended to the audience to fill the empty seats within the rail, his worship said that they had met to-night for the purpose discussing municipal questions, and it was the duty of all to take a lively interest in matters appertaining to the city's welfare. He trusted that a fair hearing would be accorded each speaker, and that some pertinent questions would be put to the candidates.

A ratepayer—But suppose they won't answer them?

His worship—Well if they don't you will know how to deal with them at the polls. Get the best men for the places. He could not take an active part himself. He would not detain them, but as this was Coun. Grant's meeting he would call on him first.

COUN. GRANT, after stating that if he spoke first he would request that he again be allowed a few minutes in which to reply. He trusted that a fair hearing would be accorded all, as he desired that fair play should be given to all. He had come to-night prepared with facts to place before them, and if he stated anything in error, he did so unintentionally, and was subject to correction. He thought to-night nothing but municipal matters should be discussed, and to these he would confine himself, with the exception of one instance. He had been reported as being more of a Vancouverite than a Victorian. Now, he was prepared to show that he had interests in Victoria eight times as great as those in Vancouver, and he was connected by family ties with those who had very great interests here. It was his home and very dear to him. With regard to the business at the council board, of which he had been a member for three years, he stated that the revenue had increased very much, principally by the readjustment of the assessment roll, and he himself had had his taxes doubled. He did not grumble at that, for he was willing to contribute his share to the general improvement of the city. The revenue received in 1886 was $132,000, while the revenue for last year would be something like $142,000, an increase in revenue, without an increase in taxation, of $10,000. Referring to drainage, he said if honored with the mayor's chair, he would endeavor to do his best in this particular. They should try and make the city attractive, and he thought during the present year it would be necessary to expend a fair amount on Beacon Hill, and in improving the drives along the sea. During the past few years considerable had been done in improving the streets, and it would be necessary again to expend a good deal. He thought owners of property in opening it up should be compelled to make streets passable for a grocer cart at least. He would refer to one thing outside of municipal matters, that of the withdrawal of the subsidy to the San Francisco steamers. He thought the council going out and the one coming in should each take this important question up. It would be a serious blow to Victoria if these steamers were to be discontinued. In the matter of expenditure he thought it but wise that the money should be spent among themselves, even though it cost a little more. Referring to the most important question before them—the water works—Coun. Grant said that there had been considerable difference of opinion in the council during the past year. He went over the various phases of the matter and said at last that he and Coun. Pearse had come to the conclusion that some prominent hydrostatic engineer should be called in to give an opinion. He read the report that had been brought in by Coun. Pearse and himself on the 24th Aug., recommending that an engineer be appointed for this purpose, but it was voted down. Coun. Barnard brought in later a report recommending that T. C. Keefer, C. M. G., be appointed for the purpose, and this carried, although it was similar to that brought in by Coun. Pearse and himself. He had mentioned Mr. Keefer and others who were competent to give the desired opinion. Mr. Keefer reported and favored what is now known as the Summerfield scheme. When it came up he objected to it being carried out in the manner proposed, without estimates of cost, etc. This was his only objection. With Coun. Pearse he had brought in a report, asking that Mr. Summerfield make an estimate of cost. It was a reasonable request and without estimates of cost no business man would go into large expenditure. Coun. Pearse went further than himself in the matter, but he was prepared, and had stated so at the council board, to support the scheme if an estimate of cost was furnished. But this was refused, and therefore he opposed the manner in which the work was being transacted. Chief Justice Begbie had sustained them out in their opinion. He challenged any man to say in what manner he had ever done anything that was not in the interests of the city. He was there to protect its interests and had done so, and had only followed the course that any reasonable business man would have taken. This was the difference of opinion between the council. With regard to Mr. Keefer's report, there were some parts of it from which he differed. He had picked up a card from Coun. Coughlan, which stated that the cost would be near $129,000, but he was not prepared to accept that as being entirely correct. He was in favor of bringing every necessary supply of water to Victoria. They might build the addition in three years, but he did not think anyone wanted to wait that long for it. He was in favor of the 16-inch main, and favored the borrowing of money for that purpose. He favored a high service reservoir and an auxiliary steam pump to help force the water. He had estimated that everything would cost $150,000. They (Couns. Pearse and Grant) were referred to Water Commissioner Summerfield for information, and after looking over the plans, they asked for an estimate, but this Mr Summerfield declined to give. He urged him as a friend to bring forward a fair, approximate estimate, and he would support his scheme, but this was also declined. Now, this was the whole difference—he was not, as had been reported, in favor of the Hendry scheme, or against the 16-inch main, his whole opposition had been through their refusing to bring forward an estimate. He was willing to carry out any scheme for improving the water supply of the city that the ratepayers demanded. Coun. Grant said time was flying, and he would not deal with matters that he had intended, but if they desired to ask him any questions he would try and answer. If they honored him by electing him, he would endeavor to serve their interests as far as his ability would allow him. He was schooled in legislative matters, and he thought he could transact the public business in the general interest. He retired amid applause.

COUN. HIGGINS

on coming forward, was well received. He said that he would be indeed ungrateful if he did not return thanks to Coun. Grant for favoring him with the opportunity of addressing so intelligent a body of electors, such as were before him. His thanks were also due Mr. Grant for the courteous manner in which he had dealt with the various subjects. But the preceding speaker had unintentionally mis-stated the points which had divided the council. The $75,000 loan by-law, which had been passed in 1886, was the bone of contention in the council for some lengthy time, and had on several occasions made the famous "corkscrew" available for the mayor, a number of councillors, and caused their meetings to break up in disorder. He had contended that the $75,000 was available for any scheme for water extension the council might adopt, and when he found so distinguished an authority as Sir M. B. Begbie in his decision backing up his opinion and that of the majority of the council, he felt that their position had been fully endorsed. He read the following sentence from the chief justice's decision: "I incline to think on the other hand that the unexpended residue of the $75,000 might be legally applied in any works which the council may deem calculated to improve the water supply."

Coun. Grant—Read further.

Coun. Higgins then read another sentence, and said it did not refer to the former quotation. That decision supported the contention of a majority of the council in regard to the expenditure of the money. Mr. Bell was employed to make a report on the Hendry scheme, and at first approved of it, but he subsequently made another report recalling his former and stating that the construction of a lower reservoir would create a dry zone in the heart of the city. This was poorly received by some of the councillors and a majority of the press. Mr. Keefer in his report supported Mr. Bell's idea with regard to the reservoir system. In a report the water works committee, after Mr. Bell's further report had been received, still supported the Hendry scheme, although warned that it would not give a better supply, but a lesser one. In the report of July 20th last it was stated that a steam pump would be required. That in itself was enough to condemn the Hendry scheme, which it had always been previously contended would supply all the water necessary by gravitation. From Mr. Bulkely's report in 1872 or 1873 to the present day it had always been stated that a second main would be necessary when population increased. What folly it would be, then, to spend money on the reservoir scheme when in five years it would be necessary to build a new main? Coun. Higgins read from Mr. Pickering's letter in the *Times* a statement that it would be necessary to construct in five years a new main at a cost of $175,000, even if the reservoir scheme was in existence. When at Elk Lake with Mr. Keefer and party, he was challenged to distinguish the difference between Elk Lake and Beaver Lake, water and he did so every time. There was a wonderful difference between the two, Beaver Lake having that unpleasant vegetable taste, and Elk Lake being pure and sweet. Beaver Lake was little better than a swamp. He would read a few figures prepared by Commissioner Summerfield, the total estimate of the 16-inch main scheme:

16-inch steel main from the filter beds to Victoria	$55,000.00	
30-inch steel main from the filter beds to Elk Lake	15,000.00	
30,600 feet of cast iron street mains (on hand)	18,838.34	
20,220 feet of cast iron street mains (required)	15,000.00	
Laying complete 50,820 feet of pipes in the streets	12,705.00	
Valves and special castings for the street mains	6,000.00	
Repairs and changes to filter beds, dam, etc.	7,000.00	
		$129,543.34
30,600 feet of cast iron street mains (paid for)	$18,838.34	
Balance unexpended of the $75,000 loan	46,920.85	
		65,759.19
Amount required		$ 63,784.15

But if the people would not assent to the expenditure of $60,000 this year, by not extending the main to Elk lake, and not carrying out the plan of distribution, a saving of $37,500 would be made, which would leave $26,684 to be provided for which could be obtained out of the water revenue in one year. By-and-by, with the water revenue, they would be enabled to almost pay the whole cost of the government of the city. He had been asked why they proposed to put in a "stove-pipe" main instead of a cast-iron. He had replied that steel pipe had been tried elsewhere and it had been found satisfactory. Coun. Higgins read the opinion of Mr. Schussler, engineer of the Spring Valley water works, San Francisco, where they were laying a great length of steel pipe. In the city of Portland they had constructed steel pipes and were now extending them. In France, and at Dundee, Scotland, they had also tested wrought iron and steel pipes with satisfaction. Mr. Schussler had given an opinion on the steel pipes to be laid for the Vancouver works, which he pronounced capable of fifty years service. They were now being manufactured at the Albion Iron Works. Mr. Thos. Keefer gave several opinions in favor of the steel pipes being constructed for Vancouver and and those to be used in Victoria. He could read many others, but he would not weary them. During the past year there had been a wide difference of opinion in the council, but he trusted they had differed honestly. Coun. Grant had referred to several matters of public weal, which he heartily endorsed, and in the course of time he hoped the city would be able to go ahead with the construction of the Pickering drainage scheme or one like it. It had unanimously been decided by the council of 1886 to borrow $500,000 for that scheme; but as soon as it was found that the scheme was unpopular, the dead Robert Lipsett and another councillor had been left to bear all the odium. Last year he did not solicit a single vote, and was elected by a narrow majority of seven. He thought more of seven than he did of his hundred and odd majority the year before, when he canvassed vigorously. If he was honored by election to the Mayor's chair he would endeavor, as chairman of the council board, to make the views of the majority to rule his decision, and not let his personal views block legislation or drive him down the corkscrew. The chief justice paid a high compliment to his worship when he stated that he had the power of veto. If that was the case, then the Mayor was a more powerful man and a bigger man than the President of the United States. However, he (Coun. Higgins) would never exercise the veto power, if elected. He would acquiesce in the decision of the majority of the council. He wanted to tell a short story about a frontiersman and his wife, who were attacked by a bear.

A Voice—We want no hanecdotes. (The audience became convulsed with laughter.)

Coun. Higgins—Well, the husband got astride a rafter and the bear tackled the wife, and the husband was so decidedly non-committal that he yelled out, "Go it, bear; go it wife; blowed if I care which whips." (Laughter.) He would not imitate the frontiersman and straddle the fence or rafter, and if it ever came to a tie vote—four to four—on a question between the Hendry scheme and a sixteen inch main, he would vote for the sixteen-inch main. (Applause.) But his friend Coun. Grant had stated that since Mr. Keefer had made his report he had not favored the Hendry scheme; and yet it was on record that Coun. Grant had called the Keefer report a ridiculous one.

Coun. Grant—That's not so.

Coun. Higgins—Well, your paper has so reported you and it is reasonable to suppose where a man owns a paper he will take care to have himself correctly reported even if he does not report anyone else correctly (laughter.) The speaker here read from the *Times* to show that Coun. Grant from his place in the council had called the Keefer report "childish" and "ridiculous" and he had to-night said that he favors it (applause.) After referring to the fortunate circumstance of Mr. Keefer's visit and the able report he furnished the council, Coun. Higgins said he considered that one of his best actions in the council was his opposition to the planless, ill-digested and altogether improper Hendry scheme, and thus saving the city from a reckless and useless expenditure. He would not further delay them, but in again asking them for their suffrages he thought he could do it with every chance of being successful. Victoria had been his home for nearly 30 years. He had no interest in a rival town and as his interests were all centered here he was prepared to discharge, if elected, his duties faithfully and well (cheers).

Mr. Bond—I have one question to ask. What disposition was to have been made of the water in the Hendry reservoirs that would not flow out—the stagnant water?

Coun. Higgins—Well, I am not an advocate of the Hendry scheme, and I don't know; but I shouldn't like to drink it, or see you drink it (laughter).

Coun. Grant, coming forward to reply, said that after the Keefer report condemning the Hendry scheme had come in he had not favored the latter. Coun. Higgins had stated many things about the scheme which were not exactly correct. He would now ask Coun. Higgins a square question. Did he (Coun. Grant) at any time advocate the reservoirs after the Hendry scheme had been condemned?

Coun. Higgins—Well, I think several councillors will bear me out in the statement that you said that the money could only be used for the Hendry scheme (hear, hear). But the chief justice and Messrs. Drake and Davie had stated that the money could be used for any water works scheme (applause).

Coun. Grant continued, that Coun. Higgins had accused him of calling the report of Mr. Keefer ridiculous. Now, the only thing he took exception to was the sentence which stated that the Summerfield scheme would furnish an ample supply of water to the highest house in the city, as far as the pressure went. Now, any school boy could tell them that. Coun. Grant made reference to the famous "corkscrew," accusing Coun. Higgins of being one of the earliest volunteers in using that convenient article. (Coun. Higgins—Never.) He also took exception to the chief justice's decision and the opinion of the lawyers, and thought they were mistaken. The sentence in the decision was an error of a copyist or printer. He believed the money could only be used for the one purpose, reservoir. He was in favor of the 16-inch main, but he knew that they would have to have new filter beds, for if they did not have them they would have impure water. He was in favor of taking the water from Elk Lake. He again thanked the audience for their kind attention, and said if they honored him with the mayor's seat, he would appreciate the honor; and if they did not, he would not grumble. He then retired amidst applause.

His Worship said he had listened to these questions over and over again, and was tired of them. He would like to give *his* views.

Cries of "Oh, don't."

His worship—What has been the result of all this discussion? It was all nonsense, Mr. Pickering had approved of the reservoir scheme, and he (Mr. Fell) believed it to be the correct one; they should have it for the protection from fire. But notwithstanding all the taffy that had been given to-night, he did not take it in (laughter); Coun. Higgins had termed him the worst mayor that ever sat in the chair (hear, hear), one of his satelites had told him he was the most ignorant mayor that had ever sat there (laughter). However, he had opposed their schemes and had defeated them. Coun. Higgins had endeavored to browbeat him into according with the wishes of the almighty six (laughter). His worship went over the ground so frequently traveled as to the relative merits of the various schemes. He had the authority of a prominent gentleman in the iron trade, who had condemned the steel pipe—it would not last five years; the chemicals in the soil would eat it up. Mr. Pickering had also stated that the main was not necessary at present and said that it would fit in afterwards to a more extended scheme. His worship dwelt on the merits of the water now furnished, and claimed that it was good and would do no damage if they would keep the whisky out of it (laughter.) His worship condemned Mr. Bell in his opinion and said he was not an honorable man in making the charge he had. He said that he had had a bad council and that Coun. Pearse was not used to such company. There was a ring formed in it after its first meeting. His worship referred to the appointment of a policeman made, as he claimed, in a peculiar manner. He closed by stating that money would not tempt him to again sit at such a board as that which had been before him during the past year. (Laughter.)

His Worship having relieved his mind of its burthen sat down. Calls were then made for candidates for councillors, but the lateness of the hour prevented their being heard.

A vote of thanks and cheers were given for Mayor Fell, and the meeting dispersed. Throughout the evening there was good order, and it was evident that the audience was about equally divided in its sentiment.

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