PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Second Session of the Sixth Parliament.

TENTH DAY.

MONDAY, Feb. 15, 1892.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Coverdale Watson.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented as follows:

MR. MARTIN—From Mary Ann Tucker and others, *re* the Charitable Association of B. C.;

MR. COTTON—From the City of Vancouver, praying for amendments to charter;

MR. KELLIE—From certain residents of Nelson, *re* the Slocan Land Reserve.

The following petitions were read and received, viz.: From G. C. Major and others, to incorporate the "Twin Cities Railway Company;" from the Kootenay Power Company, Limited, for a private bill *re* Nelson Tramway; from the City of Victoria, *re* Esquimalt Water Works Company's amendment bill.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

MR. MARTIN, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, reported that the rules had been complied with in the case of private bills *re* Kaslo Railway Company and Victoria-Sydney Railway Company.

MOTIONS.

MR. KELLIE moved, seconded by Mr. Cotton, "that a select committee, composed of Messrs. Rogers, Stoddart, Hunter, Cotton, and the mover, be appointed, for the purpose of enquiring into all the circumstances connected with the application, by Mr. James McCauley, for a homestead on the Columbia river, at a point now known as the townsite of Farwell; also into all the circumstances connected with the sale of about 1,100 acres of land (forming part of what is now the townsite of Revelstoke) by the Provincial Government, to Mr. A. S. Farwell; also into all matters connected with the refusal, by the Registrar-General of Titles, to register the title deeds of persons holding land in the townsite of Revelstoke, with power to call for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses in connection therewith, and to report to this House." Carried.

MR. SWORD, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, moved "for a return showing the particulars of all timber leases at present in existence, viz., the location, area, holders, terms, date of granting, and duration." Carried.

GAME PROTECTION ACT.

MR. KITCHEN introduced a bill to further amend the Game Protection Act. Bill read a first time, second reading to-morrow.

INSCRIBED STOCK ACT.

HON. MR. BEAVEN moved, seconded by MR. SEMLIN, "That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed before this House copies of all Orders in Council, or other documents, or agreements issued, entered into or made under authority of Inscribed Stock Act, 1891, or B.C. Loan Act, 1891, together with copies of all reports, correspondence and telegrams, received or sent by any member or agent or officer of the Government, in connection with the above Acts, or any transactions, contemplated or accomplished in connection therewith, prior or subsequent to the passage by this Legislature of the above mentioned statutes or in connection with any loan contemplated since the year 1889.

HON. MR. BEAVEN said that he thought all this information should be laid before the House for the general information of the members.

HON. MR. TURNER replied that it was his intention to have placed all this information before the House during the present session, and, in view of the resolution, he would now endeavor to facilitate the bringing down of the report. He agreed with the hon. leader of the Opposition that it was desirable that every member of the House should become fully informed as to the working of the Inscribed Stock bill.

The motion carried.

THE PHARMACY ACT.

DR. MILNE introduced a bill to amend the Pharmacy Act, 1890. Bill read a first time, second reading next sitting of the House.

THE M'LEOD COMMITTEE.

MR. KITCHEN moved, seconded by Mr. Punch, "that reporters be admitted to meetings of the Select committee, appointed by this House, to enquire into the cause of the cancellation of J. P. McLeod's certificate.

COLONEL BAKER said he was decidedly opposed to this resolution. He said that in this matter especially there was a good deal of party feeling, and it would not be conducive to the public interest and to the interests of justice that detailed reports of the proceedings of the select committee should be published. He referred to the procedure in Great Britain, reading from May's treatise to show that it was contrary to rule that any report of, or evidence given before, a select committee, should be published. This being the case he thought it would be unwise for the House to grant special permission to admit reporters. He was sure every member of the select committee was strictly honorable in the wish that the investigation should be carried on as fairly as possible, and would see that their wishes in this respect were carried out. It would, he concluded, be detrimental to justice that the resolution carry.

MR. SPEAKER said that the hon. member for East Kootenay was quite right in saying that according to rule, no report of the select committee meetings could be published without special permission from the House before the report of the committee was placed before the House.

The resolution was put and negatived on the following division.

NAYS—Messrs. Robson, Davie, Vernon, Eberts, Stoddart, Booth, Nason, Pooley, Turner, Martin, Hunter, Rogers, Anderson, Fletcher, Baker, Smith and Horne.—17.

YEAS—Messrs. Milne, Beaven, Foster, Keith, Cotton, Kellie, Sword, Semlin, Punch and Kitchen.

KASLO SLOCAN RAILWAY.

MR. KELLIE introduced a bill to incorporate the Kaslo Slocan Railway Co. Bill read a first time, and referred to standing committee on Railways.

THE LAND BILL.

The House went into committee of the whole on the Land Amendment Bill, (Hon. Mr. Vernon,) with Mr. Foster in the chair.

On the discussion of section 7,

MR. KITCHEN moved to amend this section so that those who took leases of pastoral lands should have their leases revalued at the end of every five years. He thought 21 years was too long a time to give any man a lease of public land for.

COL. BAKER opposed the amendment on the ground that it would operate very injuriously against those who took leases of pastoral lands and spent considerable money in fencing, etc.

HON. MR. BEAVEN said that there was a great danger that, in a very few years, the proposed system would lead to great abuses. If an agitation should spring up, as was quite likely would, within the next few years against these leases, the Government would have to buy out the unexpired part of the leases. The people of the country, represented by the Government in power, should get the advantage of the increased value of the land.

MR. HALL thought the amendment was one which would not be approved by the settlers in the interior. The great wish was to settle up the interior, and if that project could be assisted by granting pastoral leases, the House should certainly support the bill as introduced by the Government.

MR. SMITH said that there were a good many settlers in the interior who wanted to go in more or less extensively for cattle raising. To these settlers the 20-year lease was a great boon, as it would enable them to lease enough land to pasture their stock.

HON. MR. VERNON supported section 7 as introduced in the bill. He said that there was no doubt that a great many members of the House knew nothing about the interior of the country. It was not proposed to lease agricultural land, but simply to lease such land as was good for pastoral purposes. He complimented some hon. members opposite on their vast knowledge of New Zealand and other foreign countries, (laughter,) but thought if they had a little more practical knowledge of the Province of British Columbia, and the needs and requirements of the settlers, they would not be so anxious to introduce amendments that would operate against and hamper the struggling settlers of the interior.

After considerable discussion by Messrs. Cotton, Booth and Hunter,

MR. SEMLIN moved to strike out the section, so as to do away entirely with the leasing of public lands.

Some further discussion followed, after which

HON. MR. ROBSON reviewed the arguments advanced against this particular section of the bill. He said he did not know much about bunch grass, but he did profess to know something about cattle fed on bunch grass, and thought the grass should be protected for them. He was astonished at the free trade policy advocated by the hon. junior member for Yale. That policy was not only calculated to prevent the public benefiting by the leasing of the land, but was also calculated to ruin the land completely and make it unfit for pastoral or grazing purposes at all. Under that policy the land would be open to all, and it would be to no one's interest to look after it and try to preserve it as good pastoral land. He was likewise surprised that hon. gentlemen opposite who made the greatest professions about being the poor man's friends had taken such a stand as they had. The kind of legislation those hon. gentlemen proposed was in favor of the rich man rather than that of the poor, while the legislation proposed by the Government was in favor of the poor man as against the capitalist, very decidedly so. The system was also in favor of preserving these bunch grass lands in order that they might not be run out. The suggestion made by hon. gentlemen opposite that the Government should give only short leases, was calculated to defeat the very object the Government was endeavoring to accomplish, viz., to keep the lands that were good for pastoral purposes in such condition that the bunch grass would not be completely destroyed. The man who leased land for only five years was quite likely to endeavor to get all the good he could out of it. That would be a natural consequence, and nine out of ten settlers would be reasonably sure to adopt this course. In fact, the short lease system would simply be giving a premium to those who held the leases to take all they could out of the land, and leave as little as was possible for the man who would come after him. The short lease system, too, was like offering a premium to the men who had leases, to use the land in such a way that another man would find nothing on it afterwards, and would have no object in endeavoring to get hold of it when the lease was offered for public competition. He (Mr. Robson), could not conceive of any system that could be adopted more calculated to prevent and defeat the very object that was advocated by the hon. gentlemen opposite who claimed that they were desirous of protecting the rights of the poor man. He thought, too, it was unfair for hon. gen. opposite to argue on the presumption that these leased lands would not be taxed. He, (Mr. Robson), had just as good a right to argue that they would be taxed, and thus placed in this respect on the same basis as lands that had been alienated from the Crown. So far as the proposed rental was concerned he was of opinion that five cents per acre was too low. That was his own personal opinion; as if the land was worth $1 an acre it was surely worth for rental more than five per cent. of its value. But in respect to this rental price, he was willing to accept the views of members representing those portions of British Columbia which would be most affected by the lease of such pastoral lands. He supported the 20 year lease system, maintaining that it afforded the best possible way to have the bunch grass preserved and permanent improvements in the way of fences, good buildings, etc., would be made under it. The abstract principle of the five year system of leasing proposed by honorable members opposite was wrong, and it was sure, if adopted, to discourage the very thing that the Government wished to encourage, viz.; to have permanent buildings put up and permanent improvements made. The Government was willing to have a law put in the bill of the quantity of land any one man could get by lease, that was to say have the bill state specifically that no man could lease more than a certain reasonable quantity of land.

MR. SEMLIN replied at length.

HON. MR. VERNON closed the debate on this amendment. He said he was satisfied that the law, as the Government now proposed to pass it, would operate most successfully.

The amendment was defeated.

Another discussion arose on sub-section 2, regarding the settlement of the question of who should have the prior claim in case of two applications being made for a lease of the same land.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock until Wednesday.

ELEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17, 1892.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Coverdale Watson.

PETITIONS.

MR. KEITH presented a petition from 2,680 residents of Nanaimo, Comox and Wellington, protesting against the employment of Chinese and Japanese underground.

The following petitions were read and received, viz.: From Mary Ellen Tucker and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Sisters of St. Ann; from the Corporation of the city of Vancouver for amendments to their charter; and from E. C. Arthur and others, residents of the Nelson Mining Division, re. Slocan Lake land reserve.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MR. MARTIN, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, reported that the rules had been complied with in the following bills, viz.: To amend the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Co. Act; to incorporate Rt. Rev. Bishop Lemmens and successors as a Corporate See; to enable the Kootenay Power Company to construct certain works; to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of Providence; and for an enabling bill for the city of Victoria.

CLAIM OF JOHN CROSS.

MR. KITCHEN moved, seconded by Mr Sword, "That a Select committee, composed of Messrs. Anderson, Booth, Stoddart, Punch, Foster and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the subject matter of the petition presented to this House by John Cross; with power to call for persons, books and papers in connection therewith, and to report from time to time to this House." Carried.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

MR SWORD asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions, to which these answers were given, viz.:

1. What amount of deposits made on applications to purchase lands have been forfeited since 25th February, 1891, by the applicants failing to complete their purchases? A. None.

2. Have their deposits of 10 cents per acre been returned to any applicant? If so, to whom, to what amount and under what circumstances? A. No deposits have been returned except in cases where the land has been reserved by the Government, or where there was a prior applicant for the same piece of land; or in cases where the land was not open for purchase; or in cases where two or more parties were applicants for the same piece of ground and the prior claim of neither was established.

MR. ROGERS asked the hon. the Premier the following questions, to which this answer was given, viz.:

Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates a sum of money for the establishment of a Home for aged, infirm and incurables in the province? A. The subject has already received the attention of the charitably disposed, one gentleman having agreed to donate a suitable site, and others having, it is understood, given generous contributions. So soon as apprised of the nature and extent of voluntary contributions, the Government will be in a position to consider the propriety of granting public moneys in aid of the project.

REPORT BROUGHT DOWN.

HON. MR. VERNON brought down the report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for the year ending December 31, 1891. He said it must be understood that this return did not include the report of the Surveyor-General which would be laid before the House in the course of a few days.

THE LAND BILL.

The House went into committee of the whole on the Land Act Amendment Bill (Hon. Mr. Vernon's), Mr. Foster in the chair.

There was considerable discussion on the question of what rules for scaling logs should be used. It was finally decided that the legal rules to be adopted should be "Doyle's Improved rules by Scribner."

After considerable discussion section 12 was reached. It reads: "12. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council from time to time to make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with statute, for the carrying into effect and operation the true intent and meaning of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, and such rules and regulations shall from time to time be published in the British Columbia Gazette and signed by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and shall have the effect and force of law."

HON. MR. DAVIE explained the necessity for having this clause.

HON. MR. BEAVEN opposed it.

The clause was carried on a division.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

RULES SUSPENDED.

On the rule being suspended by consent, MR. SWORD presented the petition of the Sumas Reclamation Company for a private bill.

V. AND E. TELEPHONE CO.

MR. EBERTS introduced a bill *re* Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Co. Bill read a first time and referred to private bills committee.

PRINTING PETITIONS.

HON. MR. BEAVEN asked that all petitions presented to the House for private bills should be printed at once. He said he thought that petitions for a good many private bills introduced should be printed and distributed, so that any one whose rights might possibly be affected could have an opportunity to know what was being done.

CONDITIONAL SALES OF GOODS.

HON. MR. DAVIE moved the second reading of the act to regulate the law with regard to conditional sales of goods and chattels. He briefly explained the scope of the bill, which was to prevent false credit. Under the new act full particulars of all conditional sales of goods and chattels, are to be registered with the Registrar General or Government agent, within 21 days from the date the sale is made.

Bill read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

VICTORIA MUNICIPAL ELECTION ACT.

HON. MR. DAVIE moved the second reading of an act to remove doubts as to the validity of the Victoria Municipal election for the year 1892.

HON. MR. BEAVEN said he was glad the circumstances surrounding the election of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the City of Victoria, were such that the Government could see its way clear to bring in such a bill. He thought it was a pity that the money of the public paid into the civic treasury in the way of taxes, for the purpose of carrying on improvements, etc., should have to be spent in litigation, and was pleased the Government had undertaken to protect the interests of the ratepayers. He thought that there should be some change in the Municipal law to prevent such a case arising again.

The Bill was read a second time, and will be committed next sitting of the House.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock.

THE CANADA WESTERN.

The Scheme will Probably be Undertaken by an Eastern Syndicate of Capitalists.

It is understood that the gentlemen who secured the charter for building the Canada Western Railway, for some time back, have been negotiating with a number of Eastern capitalists for the building of the line from the eastern boundary, *via* Bute Inlet and Seymour Narrows, to Victoria. It is not known how far negotiations have progressed, but it is stated that the question of renewing land grant and charter will be considered at the present session of the Legislature. The capitalists interested in the scheme represent one of the strongest financial combinations on the American continent.

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THE CITY.

Ready for the Plaster.

The first coat of plaster is expected to be put on the new and elegant residence of Mr. James Dunsmuir, in a day or two.

Bach vs. Stichnoth.

The adjourned summons for leave to file final judgment, in the case of Bach vs. Stichnoth, has been again adjourned, till Saturday.

Bound to Build.

Mr. William Dalby is arranging to erect a fine brick block on his property between Cormorant and Pandora streets, and opposite the new markets.

One Month's Imprisonment.

John Barron, the sailor, who was charged with stealing an overcoat belonging to Mr. Prior, from the Turner block, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labor, yesterday.

One Week in Jail.

Louis Cantene, whose frequent visits to another kind of canteen, were the cause of his downfall, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a piece of lumber, and the above sentence was imposed.

Sad News.

Mr. James Angus has received the news of the death of his brother, Mr. Alexander Angus, the eldest surviving member of his family, which took place at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on Monday. The deceased was in the 72nd year of his age.

To Arrive in the Summer.

The new chemical engine for the Victoria Fire Department, ordered a week or so ago, is, by the terms of the contract, to be delivered, ready for use, within five months. It is, however, expected that the chemical will reach here before the end of July.

Estimates Will Soon be Down.

In the Legislature, yesterday, Hon. Mr. Turner, Finance Minister, gave one of the preliminary notices to the bringing down of the Estimates, so that it may be expected that, within a comparatively short time, these long looked for "figures" will be submitted. To the "knowing" ones, this is said to mean a short session of the House.

Burning Old Papers.

There being little or no wind, yesterday afternoon, opportunity was taken to burn a lot of refuse papers, etc., from the printing departments of the Provincial Government. The bonfire was built in the open space at the rear of the Legislative Assembly Hall, and a man stood over it all day, to keep the sparks down and the fire going.

Thought It Was a "Goak."

It is not often the honorable third member for Vancouver city gets in a joke, but yesterday afternoon was one of the exceptions. The Legislature had gone into committee of the whole on the Land bill, and were debating the section referring to Doyle's rules for scaling logs. The third member for Vancouver took the liberty of saying that he saw no reason why members of the House should be at loggerheads on such a scaly subject, any way.

That Glittering Bauble.

Not every member of the Provincial Legislature is aware that the mace, which so proudly rests in front of the Speaker's table while the House is in session, is not the "golden article" it looks. As a matter of fact, the mace of British Columbia is worth in intrinsic value almost as much as fifty cents. It is simply of gilded wood. Some one has suggested that, in a province with such vast mineral resources, a genuine metal mace might be procured.

A Very Successful Fete.

A highly enjoyable concert was given, last evening, in the Gorge Road Methodist church, in aid of the building fund. The fete was in charge of the Ladies' Aid Society, and a capital programme was provided, with refreshments served afterwards. Amongst those who took part were Mrs. Turnbull, Miss Haynes, Miss Henderson, and Messrs. Ball and Firth, while Miss Humber very acceptably played the accompaniments. Rev. Mr. White did the duties of chairman.

Gone on a Spring Visit.

Emma, a belle of Stronach's cabins and the vicinity, appeared in the police court to answer to a charge of having whiskey in her possession. She pleaded guilty with an outward artificial blush, applied at the last moment with a cotton bandana, and was ordered away for three months to the Provincial gaol. John McCarthy, who had been discovered with the lady, sharing the contents of the bottle, accompanied her, the magistrate displaying a touching regard for sentiment, and refusing to tear apart the two kindred spirits.

A Speedy Runaway.

Dr. Frank Hall's well known fancy trotter, Canadian Boy, just after midnight, took a little race by itself, that was not strictly speaking on the cards. The Boy started from in front of a house on Douglas street and dashed away on the dead run. Near the corner of Yates street the runaway horse with the open buggy struck a hack that was going down street with a couple of passengers. What was left of the open buggy, was demolished on the wheels of the hack, and, when last seen, the horse was still keeping up its gait in the direction of Esquimalt. No one was injured.

Dined With Mr. Speaker.

The following gentlemen were invited to dine, last evening, with Hon. D. W. Higgins, Speaker of the Legislature, to meet Mr. S. Wilmot, of Ottawa, Fishery Commissioner, viz.: Hon. Senator McInnes, Col. Prior, M.P.; Thomas Earle, M.P.; Frank S. Barnard, M.P.; Hon. Mr. Pooley, Hon. Mr. Davie, Hon. Mr. Turner, Mr. Martin, M.P.P.; Mr. Brown, M.P.P.; Mr. Hall, M.P.P.; Mr. Anderson, M.P.P.; Mr. Semlin, M.P.P.; Dr. Milne, M.P.P.; Mr. R. P. Rithet, Mr. Robert Ward, Mr. J. H. Todd, Mr. A. B. Gray, Mr. William Wilson, and Major Dupont.

Interviewing the Government.

The members of the senate of the University of British Columbia who attended the meeting held, Tuesday night, at the Driard House, waited upon the Provincial Government, yesterday afternoon, to urge upon them the advisability of making a grant of $2,500 for the first year in aid of the university. The Chancellor explained the circumstances fully, and afterwards Hon. Mr. Robson, the premier, expressed the pleasure he felt that an amicable understanding had been reached between the two contending factions. He thought a wise decision had been come to in the matter of leaving the selection of the site for the buildings in abeyance. He assured the members of the delegation that their request would be most favorably considered by the Government, but in the meantime he wished the Chancellor would make up for the information of the Government a detailed account of the estimated amount required for the first year. The delegation withdrew after thanking the Premier and his colleagues very much for their kind reception.

"C" Battery Beaten.

The game of football between "C" Battery and the Victoria Club was won by the latter, after a hard game. The scores were 1 goal 2 tries to 1 goal and 1 try.

The Extension Granted.

An application to allow the defendant in the case of Bennett vs. Bailey a month's time to deliver his statement to the Court, was granted by Judge Drake, yesterday.

Here for Treatment.

Mr. J. H. Woodside, of Vancouver, came from the terminal city, on Monday last, to undergo treatment for his failing vision. His many friends in this city hope he will not lose his sight.

To Lay the Corner Stone.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Columbia, Venerable Archdeacon Scriven and the clergy of the diocese will visit Cloverdale this afternoon to take part in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. Mark's Church school, at 3 o'clock.

No Hearing.

An application was set in the Chamber list, at the Supreme Court, yesterday, in the case of Marvin & Tilton vs. Matthew, for leave to sign final judgment. The case did not come up. Bodwell & Irving, for plaintiffs; Wilson, Wootton & Barnard, for the defence.

To Protect Pheasants.

Mr. Kitchen's bill introduced in the Legislative Assembly, to amend the Game Protection Act, has in view the protection of pheasants on the Mainland. There is now no protection there for pheasants, and when the bill passes, an effort will be made to introduce them and encourage their increase.

No Appointment Yet Made.

For months the British Columbia Board of Trade has been considering the appointment of a delegate to represent the Board at the approaching Congress of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, to be held in London. As yet no one has been named as the representative of British Columbia.

That Electric Wire.

Another phase of the case of Wagner vs. The Corporation comes on in Chambers, this morning, when application will be made by the plaintiff for leave to add the name of the National Electric Tramway & Lighting Company as co-defendants with the City of Victoria. Judge Drake will consider the matter.

Royal Jubilee Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer begs, on behalf of the Directors, to return hearty thanks to Mrs. Willian Marvin, and the whole of the ladies and gentlemen, who so ably assisted her at the recent entertainment at the Victoria Theatre, resulting in the handsome donation of $171.50 to the funds of the institution.

The Fishery Commission.

Mr. S. Wilmot, yesterday, was busy arranging by telegraph, with Sheriff Armstrong, of New Westminster, for the first session, to organize the Fishery Commission. The secretary of the Commission will be Mr. F. Winters, a stenographer from the Marine Department, in Ottawa, who will take a verbatim report of all the evidence given.

Football.

On Saturday next a match of Association football will be played at Beacon Hill between the Corrig College second eleven and Christ Church Cathedral Choir. Owing to the large number who have recently joined, the Corrig College boys now can put on three first-class lads' teams, and the final contest between their first eleven and the Victoria Association Football club, in a week or two, is looked forward to by most Victorians with great interest.

Board of Trade Building.

The first meeting of shareholders of the B. C. Board of Trade Building Association, will be held next Wednesday afternoon, when steps will be taken, preparatory to actual building operations. In the meantime subscriptions will be solicited by the Secretary and Council of the Board. One enterprising Victoria lady has, unsolicited, sent in her check for $500, with a request that five shares be allotted her.

A Grave Complaint.

In reply to a telephone call, Police Officer Abell visited the Colonial Hotel, last evening, and there arrested a man, of respectable appearance, who gives his name as Andrew Wright. The complaint against him is laid by Mrs. Thomas Goldsmith, a waitress at the Colonial, whose husband is employed at a Yates street restaurant. She charges Wright with entering her room and attempting to commit an indecent assault. The offence is denied.

Orange Blossoms Bloom.

Father Nicolaye performed an interesting ceremony last evening in the R. C. pro-Cathedral, whereby Mr. Ottis F. Chapman and Miss Emma C. Kelly, were started together on life's long voyage. Miss Katie Burns was bridesmaid, and Mr. G. Elliott did the honors for the groom. After the ceremony, a sumptuous supper was provided at the residence of Ex-Ald. S. L. Kelly, the brides father, 288 Yates street, and then the happy couple left on the City of Kingston, on their wedding tour down the Sound.

Lake Lodge, No. 180.

Loyal Lake Lodge, No. 180, C.O.O.F., M.U., held its first constitutional meeting, last evening, when eight candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Oddfellowship, this bringing the total strength of the new lodge up to twenty-six, with several propositions before the lodge. The various officers of the lodge were duly installed into their chairs, and everything indicates that Lake Lodge will be one of the most successful of the C.O.O.F. in this province. After the close of the session, the members were well banquetted at the Royal Oak.

Street Pea Nut Stands.

The matter of street fruit, candy, and pea nut stands, was warmly discussed at the meeting of the Council, last night, some of the Aldermen claiming that their presence was a nuisance, while others contended that they did no harm, and could always be kept in order, or else be closed. The case that raised the issue, was that of the keeper of the well-known stand at the corner of Yates and Government streets. The man has been in that spot for three years, and paid his annual license regularly, without having a single complaint lodged against him. The Chief of Police, last week, turned him off the street, and informed the Council Board, last night, that he had done so because the stand was a public nuisance. The Mayor said that the action of the Chief of Police should be upheld, but, on a vote being taken, the matter was referred to the Police Committee.

A Watch Lost.

A reward of $5 is offered for the return to this office of a lady's silver watch, lost yesterday forenoon between Ross Bay and Angela College. The watch bears a monogram of the letters S. S.

Seriously Ill.

Mr. Peter Leech, City Surveyor, is seriously ill at his residence, James Bay. On account of his continued indisposition it was proposed at last night's council meeting that an officer *pro tem* should be appointed. Nothing, however, was done in this direction.

Not Brought Forward.

The case arising out of a double cross in a recent opium transaction, which report said would be brought up yesterday, did not make its appearance in the police court. The police say that the County Court is the proper place for such an action, and the complainant says he will take it there.

Further Amendments Required.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union Gun Club was held last evening to discuss the proposed amendments to the Game Protection Act. The suggested changes are to protect all game from September 15 to February 15. The question of importing bob white quail and partridges was also discussed, but no decision was come to.

A Good Move.

Many residents of Fort street, near Vancouver, will be glad to see in the report of last night's council meeting that the half burnt wooden dwelling that has long been an eyesore to them stands a good chance of being demolished. For the past two years it has been the continued abode of tramps who have, on several occasions, lit fires in the upstair rooms and left them burning, thus causing a very serious menace to life and property.

They Should be Careful.

Complaints were lodged in the COLONIST office, yesterday, by no less than three residents of the locality to the effect that every morning and evening a party of young men living in the neighborhood go out with shotguns and kill pheasants in large quantities at Beacon Hill park, near the Caledonian Society's grounds. Several hen pheasants have been killed by these "sportsmen" in the city limits. A prosecution is talked about.

The Salmon Market.

The "Herald of Trade and Grocer and Canner," of San Francisco, states that: "The salmon market is getting into better shape. The firm attitude of leading packers is justified by the strong position of the article, and the recent sale of 50,000 cases at the full prices ($4 to $4.30), established by the Alaska Salmon Packers' Association, shows that confidence in the future of the market is gradually being restored." The same paper says: "The stocks abroad have been very much reduced through this long period of low prices, and the guaranteed light pack of the next season will go to a practically bare market.

LANDS AND WORKS.

The Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works yesterday presented to the House his report for the year ending 31st of December. The report details the different operations of the Department in the various Districts, as well as the tenders received and the contracts awarded.

The statement of R. J. Skinner, Timber Inspector, says that there are now in the province 57 sawmills, built or in course of construction; 64 timber leases, comprising 273,428 acres, yielding an annual rental of $20,404.23. During the past year the amount of timber cut by or for the different saw mills, as per statements rendered them has been: From Crown lands, 16,130,011 ft.; timber leaseholds, 33,765,137 ft.; timber limits, 15,974,355; private property, 17,238,832. The revenue received from the timber royalty is $31,479 06. Although some expansion has taken place in the number of small saw-mills constructed in outlying districts for the purpose of supplying local demands, the export trade in lumber has suffered from the depressed state of the market abroad, financial and revolutionary disturbances in certain countries on the South American continent, particularly, preventing shipments being made to those ports which were formerly the best markets the exporting mills had. There have been issued during the year 20 timber leases, comprising 51,112 acres, and 21 timber cutting licenses, special, and 152 timber cutting licenses, general.

The Land returns show the issuance of 988 pre emption records, 260 certificates of improvements, 863 certificates of purchase, 685 Crown grants, 143,455 acres of land deeded, 51,124 acres leased for timber cutting, and 31,553 acres covered by coal prospecting licenses.

A PARTY OF SOLID MEN.

By last night's Kingston, the first excursion party of 1892 arrived in the city, laden with hand-bags, field glasses and kodaks, which were, however, of little use, as the stay of the tourists in Victoria was extremely limited. The party was in charge of one of the Raymond directors, and was composed chiefly of the members of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's association, with their wives and daughter, sisters and cousins.

They assembled on February 8 at St. Paul, Minn., and have been travelling ever since, calling at all the principal points of interest along the Northern Pacific and on the Sound. The British Columbia visit was a short one; the tourists arrived shortly after four in the afternoon, dined at the Driard, and re-embarked on the Kingston at 8:30.

Much as they would have liked to, the lumbermen had no opportunity to see any of British Columbia's famous timber. However, as one of the party remarked in conversation, British Columbia lumber cannot only be seen in British Columbia. It is world-famed, and in the American naval yards, on the Atlantic coast, is used in preference to any native growth, even at a much lower figure.

From Victoria, the lumbermen continue their tour down the Coast to San Francisco, with a side trip into the red wood forests and the big tree region. Then Lower California will be paid a call, and, having "done the Coast, and seen everything worth seeing," the party will go home by the Union Pacific.

The gentlemen of the party who registered at the Driard, last evening, were: N. D. Allen, F. P. Birdock, W. A. Buber, G. C. Briffen, R. T. Burtriff, F. E. Byers, J. L. Dixey, E. Glenn, J. H. Goodrich, R. C. G. Jefferson, C. H. Wilder, James Kasson, George Lann, J. G. Murphy, C. Muller, Capt. J. H. Molten, J. Newton, George Price, J. H. Schenck, George Scott and J. E. Topman.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Shee Dor Will Appear in the Supreme Court—His Bail Fixed at $2,000.

The Chief of Police and Rev. J. E. Gardner Deny that they Received Any Money.

The adjourned Shee Dor case came on for hearing at the police court again yesterday. The crowd of Chinese was not at all diminished, but, as on the previous day, they were compelled to wait expectantly outside until the case was concluded.

Ah Moy, the prosecutrix, again entered the witness box and Mr. Fell resumed his cross-examination. She said: "Moy Chung didn't speak much to me when I was in the lawyer's office. I have not spoken much to Ah Foo about this case. I don't remember the dates of the occurrences I spoke of yesterday. When I came to this country Shee Dor collected a head tax from me. He said that the law demanded it. Ten days after I paid the head tax I was arrested. I brought no girls to this country for prostitution. I paid Shee Dor one sum of $200 on account of this case. He said that he had promised to pay that amount to the Chief of Police. I don't know whether he has paid it or not. He told me that the $200 would help a good deal towards squaring my case in court. The money was paid at my place. The old woman, my friend, who has now gone to China, witnessed the transaction throughout. On the 14th of December, according to the Chinese date, I paid Shee Dor $160, $20 in gold, $20 in silver, and the balance in bills. That money I brought from China with me. The old woman was present when I paid that amount also. Shee Dor gave no receipt on either occasion. After my case was over, he made out a bill for me. I didn't see him make it. He cannot write himself. I suppose he got someone to write it for him. The $160 was on account of the case. Shee Dor told me that he wanted the money for a lawyer. I paid $40 more for this purpose, too. That was on the 18th of December. It was in two $20 pieces. I was alone at that time. He told me to tell nobody that I had given him the $40. The amounts I have mentioned were all I have paid. Prisoner didn't tell me the case would cost $850 before my trial came on. It was not mentioned at first, at all. The bill was only made out after I was clear. I agreed with the prisoner to pay all the expenses of the prosecution. Yuet Cue was to pay $212 out of the total. My three shares were made out as reaching to $650. Shee Dor told Yuet Cue that if she didn't pay her share, she would be sent to jail. Prisoner told me that I would have to pay the share of Ah Wee, the spotted girl, as well as my own. He told me that he wouldn't think of asking for anything for his trouble in the case. He was doing it out of friendship.

At this point the witness became very confused, and Tom Chue, who had, up to this stage, acted as interpreter expressed his inability to translate her rambling statements. Mr. Gardner, who was in court, was therefore called to the stand, and the examination was continued through him.

Witness continuing: I paid Shee Dor $400, but his account was $600 for three shares. He allotted three shares to me. I agreed to pay them, and to accept the account as it was rendered to me. It was during my trial that I was allotted three shares. It was not done before because I supposed Shee Dor had no idea what the lawyer's fee would be. Mr. Walker was the only lawyer that I saw in connection with the case. Shee Dor did not say anything about payment for his trouble. I didn't tell him that I expected him to work for nothing. He said to me, "You are only a woman. You don't know how to conduct this case. Leave it to me, and I will attend to everything for you." So when he said that I felt content to leave the management of everything to him. I did not hire him. He came to me when I was in trouble, and attended to my call. I was discharged before the case came on in the Supreme Court. When Shee Dor demanded money I would not pay him. The Chee Kong Tong didn't order me to refuse. Nobody biassed me one way or the other. I complained to the Chee Kong Tong when I thought I had been swindled. That was all. I have no money now at all. I do not know Zed Koo. She was not at the meeting of the Chee Kong Tong to my knowledge. The statement that any woman owed me $800 is false. There is no truth in it. I never cancelled any order to pay Shee Dor. It was Ah Wing that sent the constable to my house.

Re-examined by Mr. Walker: Shee Dor stated that when he got the $200 from me he paid it to a lawyer. This was before the trial in the Supreme Court. The other big amount was for the Chief of Police. Shee Dor told me that the $200 was paid to the Chief of Police, through Ah Wing, but the agreement was for $250. Prisoner told me that he had paid $100 on account of the spotted girl, and that if $100 was paid to Mr. Gardner he would keep all the witnesses away at the trial.

Low Chung, a mission boy, said that he knew both the defendant and the prosecutor. He had seen them both at the meeting of the Chee Kong Tong, two weeks ago. Shee Dor spoke at the meeting. He said that he had paid $250 to the Police Boss and $100 to Mr. Gardner, as well as $200 to the lawyer. He produced the statement of account and laid it on a table. There were a large number of Chinamen present. I read the bill. I saw a woman at the meeting. She addressed the meeting about this affair. I didn't hear any other woman say anything. Dont know who wrote the bill that was produced. Didn't see prisoner write it.

Henry Sheppard, chief of police, swore that he knew the prisoner, Ah Wing, and the prosecutor. He had never received a cent from any of them in the present case.

J. E. Gardner swore that he had never received a cent from any of the parties in the case.

Both Mr. Fell and Mr. Walker addressed the Bench briefly on behalf of their respective clients. Mr. Belyea decided to send the case to a higher court, and committed the prisoner for trial.

Bail was allowed in two sureties of $1,000 each, Wah Yuen and Ah Die, the latter the son of the prisoner, accepting bonds.

Ah Moy, the prosecutrix, was also bound over in the sum $500 to attend at the sitting of the Supreme court, and give evidence in the case.

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