

THE CITY.

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The trial of *Bier v. the London and Canadian Fire Insurance Co.* has been set down for hearing in the Supreme Court on December 2. Mr. Thornton Fall for plaintiff, and Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard for defendants.

The members of the Young Women's Christian Association had the pleasure last evening of listening to an instructive address on physiology and hygiene by Dr. Mary McNeill. The talk was devoted of all scientific obscurity and proved very interesting.

The Ministerial Association is to hold a special meeting on the first Monday in December, to receive the reports of their committees on Sabbath observance and the improvement of public morals. There was a misunderstanding and consequently no quorum for last Monday's meeting.

In the hurry of her departure a local Cinderella left a slipper behind at the recent hospital ball. She was not so fortunate as the Cinderella of the fable as the prince who found it has not as yet sought out the owner nor returned the slipper, and the lady has been obliged to seek its recovery by advertising the loss.

ROBERT WILLIAMS, of Oak Bay, was assessed \$25 and \$2 costs by Magistrate Macrae yesterday for shooting a "hell diver" after sundown. The conviction was secured under the clause of the game act which prohibits the shooting of any protected duck after sundown. The information was laid by Game Warden Hamilton, of Oak Bay, who estimated sundown on the day of the shooting at 4:17. Williams admitted that he shot the diver shortly after 5 o'clock.

APPENDED is the complete programme arranged for the concert to follow the Thanksgiving supper at St. Andrew's Presbyterian school room this evening: Tableaux, "Aunt Eliza's Last Chance"; mandolin duet, Misses. Sehl and Spring; song, Mrs. Rickaby; tableaux, "The Olden Time"; Miss Brown; song, Mr. Mitonell; tableaux, "Summer"; piano duet, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Cochrane; song, Mrs. MacCallister; recitation, Miss Colling; tableaux, "Moon Fairy"; quartette (comic), O. P. R. A.; song, Mr. Richardson; tableaux, "Reconciliation."

The audience which gathered in Christ Church school last night enjoyed very much the concert and lecture given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the cathedral. In the musical portion of the programme Miss H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mrs. Archer Martin, and Mr. Hamilton Abbott took part. Rev. Canon Beaulieu's lecture on the "Anatomy of Humor," was keenly appreciated. He drew an analogy between humor and the sensation of tickling, and illustrated the different varieties of humor, varying from mere verbal distortion to satire, and comprehended strongly the rich and sacred things. The lecture was illustrated by reading from the English humorists.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams, of 119 North Pembroke street, have met with a sad bereavement in the death of their little four-year-old daughter. On Sunday last, while playing in the kitchen, she upset a kettle of boiling water, badly scalding herself; yesterday she succumbed to the shock and the parents are prostrated by grief. They have the sympathy of all who enjoy their acquaintance and an immense number of people clearly the other tragic appearance of death in the family circle so short a time ago, when Mr. Adams' father lost his life in the wreck of the *Velos*. The funeral is arranged to take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The fire alarm system of the city is being rearranged so that in future the number of an alarm will indicate at once in what part of the city the box is located. For instance, all the boxes from 4 to 14 will be in the James Bay district; from 15 to 31 in the central business portion of the city; from 32 to 48 in the eastern and northern end; from 51 to 71 in the western part of the city. This will be not only a convenience to the firemen, but to the general public, who will be able to know by the sound of an alarm in what direction the fire is. The wiring is all completed and in a few days the boxes will be in their new places. As soon as the changes are effected Chief Deasy will have cards issued with the location of the boxes upon them.

Last evening "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" was performed in Sample's hall by the Victoria West amateurs to a large audience. The performance ran smoothly, all taking their respective parts in an efficient manner. Mr. A. B. O'Brien was the star actor, well as did Miss C. E. Ure as Mrs. Morgan. Mr. T. Gold as Simon Slade made a first class landlord. Mr. A. W. Sample in the character of Sample Swichell and Miss Bessie Butler as Melba Carterwright kept the house in continual roars of laughter. The other characters were taken by Miss Emerson as Mrs. Slade, Mr. W. Nicholson as Harvey Green, Mr. D. McDonald as Mr. Romaine, Mr. W. Kettle as Willie Hammond, Mr. T. Watson as Frank Slade, and all acted their parts well. Miss Irene Ure as Mary Morgan also deserves special mention. The performance will be repeated this evening.

MR. C. DUBOIS MASON yesterday made his first appearance in the city police court in his capacity of tax collector, the case receiving his attention being that of the revenue tax collector against the members of the Quadra crew, who have denied their liability to the tax and therefore refused to pay it. The contention put forward by their counsel, Mr. Alan S. Dumbleton, is that as members of the crew of a regularly commissioned government steamer the defendants are exempt from the general provisions of the act under which the information is laid. A point was made in the cross-examination of the tax collector that he had not asked the defendants or any of them if they had paid the tax elsewhere in the province. The steamer had not yet returned from Vancouver where she took the Vice Regal party on Monday, and in consequence the defendants were not present in person at the hearing. The case now stands adjourned until next Tuesday.

VERY many old friends and acquaintances yesterday attended the funeral of the late William McKay—gentle, kindly "Father McKay," whose good deeds will long be remembered even after the present generation of Victorians has passed away. The funeral took place from the residence of Sheriff J. E. McMillan, where Rev. C. M. Tait conducted short but impressive services, and from the Metropolitan Methodist church, where services were conducted by Rev. Solomon Cleaver, R. Rev. Bishop O'Rourke and Rev. T. B. McCrossin. The Cleaver officiated alone at the graveside, the interment taking place at Ross Bay cemetery. Among the chief mourners were Sheriff J. E. McMillan and his family, with whom the deceased had made his home for more than a quarter of a century, and Hon. J. H. Turner, in whose company the pioneer came to British Columbia in the early sixties. The pall-bearers were Messrs. David Spencer, John Jessop, Jonathan

THE "CHINA" ARRIVES.

The R.M.S. *Empress of China* completed her twenty-second homeward voyage yesterday, having sailed from Yokohama on November 2 and made a good run across. She brought a full general cargo, 169 Chinese, 9 second-class passengers and 25 in the first cabin. Among the latter the most notable were Mr. T. A. Snyder, a leading fruit preserver of Cincinnati, who has been touring the Orient for his health and will make a short stay in Victoria before proceeding East; Mr. Warton Barker, a prominent financial man and newspaper publisher of Philadelphia, who also has been touring the East; George Flood, already well known to Victorians and now returning to his home in the Eastern States; and Mr. B. Little and Miss Little, who disembarked here and are for a day or two guests of Victoria friends. In addition to these Captain Blanchfield, of Yokohama, arrived over by the big white liner, his mission to the Coast being for the purpose of buying a steamer suitable for the trade between Japan and the North. He will before proceeding further on his journey have a look around Victoria, where he may possibly find a vessel to meet his requirements. Only 23 of the 169 Chinese passengers left the ship here.

CLINTON-ENGLISH.

At the Driad last night Mr. H. F. Clinton, the well known barrister of Westminster was united in marriage to Miss Laura English, daughter of Mr. M. M. English, one of the pioneer salmon kings of the Fraser river. The bride and groom accompanied by Mr. English's family and Rev. Mr. Clinton, brother of the groom, only arrived from Westminster by the steamer last night, and the ceremony took place in the Driad drawing room. Rev. Father Nicolay officiating. Miss Francis English, was bridesmaid, Mr. H. Doran, of San Francisco, acting as best man. The honeymoon will be spent on the Sound.

Mrs. W. D. English, wife of the Surveyor of the Port of San Francisco, and Miss Hattie English, daughter of Mr. E. English, Congressman for the third district of California, relatives of the bride, were among those present, having come North expressly for the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton have many friends, not only in Westminster, but in Victoria, and there will be many good wishes for their future happiness.

RATE CUTTING ALL ROUND.

The Pacific Coast Steamers Will Fight the Land Lines for Passengers.

"Sohome"—A Competition Met by the "Rosalia"—A Strange Bark in Dangerous Quarters.

A declaration of war that is of more direct and personal interest to the people of British Columbia than even the promise of hostilities in the Orient, is that which the Pacific Coast and Alaska Steamship Company issued yesterday, in accepting the challenge of the Coast land lines to a rate battle. The news that the gauntlet had been taken up came yesterday in a telegram to Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., the local agents of the steamship company, instructing them to sell first class cabin passage by the *Umatilla* sailing here for San Francisco on the evening of the 24th—Sunday next—at \$8, second class tickets being quoted at \$5. There is no change in the price of round trip tickets, for which, however, there is little call just now, nor has any change in freight rates yet been announced. Following close upon the instructions to the Pacific Coast Company's agency, came a message to Agent J. K. Devlin, of the Northwestern Steamship Company, from their principal instructing him to meet the *Sohome's* reduction and sell first class passenger tickets to Port Townsend at 50 cents, until further order, a \$1 bill being also equivalent for a ticket to Seattle. "The *Rosalia*," said Agent Devlin in explanation of the move, "has been getting the bulk of the freight right along; now we intend to catch all of the morning passenger traffic as well." What the outcome of the conflict will be remains for the future to disclose; in the meanwhile Victorians may enjoy the luxury of travel at prices such as have never prevailed before.

IN DANGEROUS QUARTERS.

Last Saturday as the C.P.N. Company's steamer *Maude* was returning to Victoria from the West Coast, she sighted a large three-masted schooner lying dangerously close to the rocks and about ten miles west of Carmanah Point. The stranger, whose name could not be made out, had both her anchors down, but the heavy ground swell running inshore at the time rendered her position most unenviable. The telegraph wire to the Cape has been down for several days past and in consequence no report from the light station was obtainable yesterday.

VICTORIA AND WHATCOM DIRECT.

The well known Bellingham Bay steamer *Island Belle*, which was recently placed in service on the Sidney run, is hereafter to include Whatcom in her route. She will arrive at Sidney at 4:30 to-morrow afternoon from that city and way ports and will tie up until after the arrival of the Friday morning train from Victoria, when she sails for Bellingham Bay direct. The advantage to be gained by putting the *Belle* into the service is a very considerable one, as Victorians will thereby be enabled to make close connections, via Whatcom, for the cities of Puget Sound and the East.

MARINE NOTES.

The sealing schooner W. P. Sayward, which but recently changed ownership, is now on Lings way, where she is to be re-caulked, re-painted, and refitted with a new main mast. It is just thirteen years since the schooner was built for sealing by Robert Lings on the ways she at present occupies, and although last year was the only season the time of her construction, this is the first occasion she has been found necessary to re-caulk her. It is probable that as soon as the schooner's overhauling is complete the C. D. Rand, belonging to the same company, will replace her on the ways.

Outward bound on the San Francisco steamer *Walla Walla*, which sailed last evening, were the following saloon passengers from Victoria: J. W. Bartley, L. Dickinson, L. Frings, J. Rosenberger, Miss M. Langtree, D. McLean, and E. M. Morley. The steamer carried a very heavy freight, received at Sound pier.

The government dredge *Mid Lark* was at work in James Bay yesterday.

VICTORIA FALL ASSIZES.

Pyatt Is Found Not Guilty of House-breaking and Goes Free.

Probability That the Farrell Case Will Go Over Until Next Spring.

The fall assizes opened yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, and with very little delay the preliminary formalities were disposed of and the grand jury entered upon their duties. The grand jury was composed of Ralph Borthwick, R. A. Brown, J. H. Brownlee, T. Catterall, M. Cohen, H. Daan, J. J. Dwyer, J. T. T. Hull, J. H. Lawson, S. F. McIntosh, M. Miller, H. Rutland, B. R. Seabrook, T. Shaw, R. H. Jameson, D. G. Walker, H. F. Mytton, and D. R. Harris (foreman). Mr. P. E. Irving appeared as counsel for the Crown.

Mr. Justice Drake in a very short, business like address to the grand jury, remarked that the cases for consideration were not very numerous nor were they very serious as to crimes. He briefly instructed them in their duties and with a few words, and dealing with the various indictments explained the nature of the crimes set forth.

The cases of Jackson and Lee Heng Yum, for keeping gaming houses, appeared on the docket, having been held over from the preceding assizes, when true bills were found. The Crown, however, was not prepared to go on with them yesterday, and it is understood that they will be taken up on Friday.

Just before the court adjourned at noon, Mr. Dennis Murphy, who has studied law with Mr. S. Perry Mills, was introduced to the court by Hon. C. E. Pooley, and took the oath as barrister and pleader.

The following were the findings of the grand jury yesterday:

Pyatt—Housebreaking.
Dolphing—Housebreaking.
Almazan—Assaulting a constable.
Farrell—Unlawfully wounding.
Goodrich—Forgery.

Jensen—Attempting to obtain money under false pretences.

The case of Regina v. Pyatt was called. The prisoner was charged with breaking into the house of his friend R. English and stealing \$255 from him. He pleaded not guilty and conducted his own defence. The gist of the evidence of Robert English was that the prisoner had been in his house on the morning of November 12. Then the two went out together and visited several saloons, the witness paying for the drinks as the prisoner said he was "broke." The two went out together and visited several saloons, the witness paying for the drinks as the prisoner said he was "broke." The two went out together and visited several saloons, the witness paying for the drinks as the prisoner said he was "broke."

Thomas Potter, of the Red Lion, was called to corroborate the evidence of English as to the prisoner saying he was "broke" and the prisoner witnesses were brought to show that the prisoner had money later the same evening.

The prisoner stated to the jury that he had won at black jack the money that had been seen in his possession the evening of the robbery and denied that he had said he was "broke." He also called as a witness B. Hastings to speak favorably as to his character.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Next came the charge against Antonio Almazan of assaulting Constable Campbell at Esquimalt on June 1st. Mr. George E. Powell appeared for the defence.

Constable John Campbell stated that he had heard Almazan threatening John Day, and on witness trying to persuade the prisoner to go away, Almazan refused and struck him in the chest with his fist and called him vulgar names. John Day and witness then went to the aid of the constable and Constable Campbell's statement of the assault.

For the defence, William Lennox swore that he had heard Campbell and the prisoner both call other names, and that the prisoner had not struck Campbell. John Lennox swore for the prosecution, as did Albert Lafferty corroborate the evidence of the two witnesses and said he saw an old gentleman with a piece of wood in his hand who said with him. He identified W. Robinson, one of the witnesses for the prosecution, as this old man. This Mr. Robinson denied, saying he had never seen Lafferty before in his life.

After an absence of three hours the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

It is unlikely that the Farrell case will be tried this morning, as George Douglas, the witness wounded by Farrell, is ill to be able to appear in court. Consequently the case will probably be postponed till the next assizes.

The court meets this morning at 10 o'clock.

VANCOUVER ISLAND'S FIRST EXPLORER.

At the meeting of the Natural History Society on Monday evening the programme was one of the most interesting of the season's series. In the course of the evening attention was called to the death of Dr. Robert Brown recently at Streatham, near London. It was interesting to know that the deceased, who was a distinguished savant and traveller, was the first to explore the Island of Vancouver. During the years from 1862 to 1867 he travelled through many of the unexplored regions of America and the Pacific Islands, his investigations extending from the West Indies and Venezuela to Alaska and the Behring Sea coast. He was botanist to the British Columbia expedition and commander of the Vancouver Island exploring expedition. He charted a large portion of the interior of the island then known, and his name has been perpetuated in Brown Range, Mount Brown and Brown's River in Vancouver Island. He wrote extensively concerning his travels, and it was suggested that as the Natural History Society did not possess any of his writings, it is a library an effort should be made to get these pertaining to the province. Any information which would lead to their possession will no doubt be received with pleasure.

Captain Devereux made several donations of special interest as follows: A mammoth tooth from the Northwest coast, a splendid specimen of some fossil leaves of the cretaceous age, several specimens of fossil molluscs from the cretaceous formations of Nanaimo and district.

Mr. James Deane read an interesting Indian legend connected with totemism and Rev. Canon Beaulieu contributed a paper on the "Physical Basis of Totemism." The latter was especially worthy of notice and gave rise to a discussion, which, owing to the lateness of the hour and the importance of the theme, was adjourned. The paper will be taken up again for further consideration at a future meeting.

CALLS IT A CIRCUS.

An Alderman's Opinion of the Hutchinson Inquiry, Which Is Yet to Be Continued.

The Superintendent Examined—Suggestion of Malignant Disabling of an Alarm Box.

The city council sitting as a select committee of inquiry into the charges against Electrical Superintendent Hutchison were called to order at 8:15 o'clock last evening by Ald. Humphrey, the chairman. There was again a full house, and at 8:20 even the clock stopped for the evening.

Ald. Bragg asked to have recalled the witness Roberts, the dynamo tender at the station; and proceeded to read to him a long question as to what witness would do in commercial lighting if a coil was burned out.

Mr. Belyea objected to asking for expert evidence on electricity from a man who is not an electrician, and stated that if so-called expert evidence is to be called on one side he would have to call it also in the interest of his client, and the inquiry would be indefinitely prolonged. He also objected to questions such as this which had evidently been prepared beforehand, and for which the witness was not at all prepared to answer.

Ald. Bragg argued that he was quite within his rights in putting the question—incidentally, however, expressing the opinion that "I think the whole thing is a farce; if I could have carried out my idea that gentleman (Mr. Hutchison) would have had another situation three months ago."

The chairman saw no objection to the question; and without its being repeated the witness proceeded to answer it.

Mr. Belyea—"Hold on a moment! What question are you going to answer?"

The witness promptly stated the question, "In commercial lighting if a coil is burned out what would I do?" and answered that he would first stop the machinery and find out what was wrong, then replace the damaged coil.

To Ald. Bragg witness continued that there is a spare armature at the station, which was there when the Devonshire road circuit was burned out. He could not say if it was not then put into service; if it was in order it could be put in in about twenty minutes.

"Where was it kept?" asked the alderman.

"In the store room, lying on the damp floor," was the response, witness continuing that that was not right, as it should be kept in a dry place.

To Mr. Belyea witness said Ald. Bragg had never asked these questions until now.

Ald. Macmillan—"Will you explain how it was that you answered one of Ald. Bragg's questions before you were asked it?"

Ald. Wilson asked the witness if he kept order or will you not?"

The Chairman—"Yes; gentlemen, you must keep order or else go out." (Laughter.)

Ald. Macmillan—"You said it was lying on the floor in a damp place; how did you know that was what was in Ald. Bragg's mind?"

Witness—"I don't think I said that before I was asked."

Ald. Partridge—"Yes he did, I put it down at once and called Ald. Wilson's attention to it."

Ald. Bragg observed that if a man is telling the truth it does not matter when he says it.

As this witness had to replace Engineer Carson at the electric light works before the engineer, who was next required, could attend, there was a considerable lapse here before proceedings were resumed.

Engineer Carson was therefore received with great applause when he arrived and took his post as a witness, while Ald. Bragg read a series of questions. In reply, Mr. Carson stated that he had not left the Langley street station rather unceremoniously, as suggested the other night, for he had tendered his resignation three times before it was accepted. As in the flooding of the boiler room, and then referred to the inquiry conducted him, the other engineer, then in charge, taking all the blame.

To Mr. Belyea, witness said he had seen Ald. Bragg last Sunday about this business. The statement appearing in what purports to be a copy of his report that the superintendent was not at the station on the 9th of October is not right, and was not on the original from which this copy was made in the city clerk's office. The superintendent was in the station that night.

Mr. Mason stated that this completed the case for the corporation.

Mr. Belyea announced that he had four or five persons to call, the first of whom would be his client, the accused official.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S TESTIMONY.

Matthew Hutchison, electrical superintendent for the corporation, was then sworn, and took the witness stand, amidst applause from the public. He said he had been following this line of business for four years, and had been seven years in Victoria. He was in the Langley street works before going into the employ of the city on May 22nd, 1895, when the new works were completed. They were tested on June 28 and July 26 and after the second test were taken over by the city. He stated the scope of his duties as he understood them. The first instance he had of these charges was about two weeks ago when he saw in the *Colonist* the notice of a meeting which he understood was to be about himself, though he did not know there were any definite charges. He had been in the habit of meeting the committee every Friday evening, but nothing was ever said to him except that it was mentioned that once or twice they had been there without finding him. He made a practice of going to the station at least once a day, and sometimes went there five or six times in a day. He also had charge of the fire alarm service, since July, which service required a lot of work. This service required about a day and a half every week. The day the Governor-General was here and box 26 would not work he found that the brass pole out the box out. He had examined the box about a week before and it was all right.

Mr. Belyea—"Did you hear that anyone was there about an hour before the test?"

Mr. Mason—"I object, Mr. Chairman, to hearsay evidence." (Great laughter.)

The Chairman sustained the objection.

Mr. Belyea—"Who can get in to the inside box?"

Witness—"The chief of the fire department and myself are the only two who have keys."

Mr. Belyea—"Do you know that there was anyone there about an hour before the test?"

Witness—"Not of my own knowledge."

Mr. Belyea—"Well, I suppose that is as far as you will be allowed to go; we will drop that until some future day. Now the

first specific charge against you is that you could never be found either on the circuit or at the station."

Witness replied that everyone else seemed to be able to find him without any difficulty. During the first three months he had been a great deal out along the circuit.

Mr. Belyea—"The first charge against you here numerically is that you kept no accounts. What about that?"

Witness declared that as stated in his report he had drafted a set of forms upon which a record was to be kept, and handed them to the electric light committee. He was told that they were very good and that they were about to be laid before the council, but nothing had ever been done. It was not true as stated that there is no scrap of paper to give any information about the supplies, for everything that has been purchased is shown in the requisition book. He admitted having been short of carbons, the reason being that the Canadian General Electric Co., with whom he had made an arrangement, had just sold out their stock when he gave an order, and in consequence he had to use for a time a smaller size which would not burn so long.

There is also a shortage just now, owing to the fact that an order placed has been only half filled, and the parties say they cannot supply the balance. The evidence given by the lamp-trimmers as to meeting him at the station is correct; he was never there when they went out in the morning, because there is a foreman lamp-trimmer whose duty it is to look after them. Witness generally got home about midnight, and got out between nine and ten in the morning—sometimes later, and sometimes in case of emergencies he did not get home at all. He understood when engaged that he was to utilize the lamp-trimmers and other employees to make whatever alteration and repairs they could, so as to avoid the expense of sending outside. This he had done as far as possible.

He had sent one armature out to Cunningham and Hinton's, as at that time he had one under repair himself. On the 28th of June the armature gave out because of excessive vibration; that was on the Devonshire road circuit; and on the following night the other of the two armatures on that circuit gave out, leaving it in total darkness. This was at the time of the official test, and for two or three days he was busy with the representatives of the Victoria Manufacturing Co. determining the results of the test. Then he was laid up sick for three days; after which he took up the repairs on one of the armatures, giving out the other so as to hasten the job. There was some unexpected delay after that, but he thought it safe in saying that in 8 or 10 days every alternate lamp was burning, the whole number being available in about three weeks. He made whatever repairs he did in his old workshop on Langley street, where his own tools were, as the corporation had none at the station. He had had to send one job to Spratt & Gray's because he had not the appliances with which to do it.

There are 180 sections in an armature, all hand wound; in commencing to make repairs all these 180 sections have to be disconnected; the many details that then have to be proceeded with he stated at length, showing that the time required can never be approximately determined, as a job that you think will take you half an hour may take three or four days. Winding armatures cannot be done by everyone; it is a special branch of the trade. The old armature mentioned here to-night he found amongst some old junk; and the former superintendent told him that it was altogether unreliable; he had therefore lately advised the committee to have it rewound and thus made ready for service. The statement in the report that for twenty-four days he was only on duty half an hour is simply false. As to the policeman's reports, the first he saw of having been shadowed was when he saw the notice in the paper. The wire referred to as connecting him with the parliament buildings, was purchased by the corporation from Mr. Holden, and witness stored it on Langley street to save time and cartage, as it was for use mainly in centre town. The men have since been taking from there; the storage is at no expense to the city. When he went into Cunningham and Hinton's as mentioned, it was when he was short of carbons, and to find out from Mr. Hinton, who does a good deal of business with the Canadian General Electric Co., whether he could clear at the customs some carbons which they had sent. In the matter of the holes in the wharf which Ald. Wilson had mentioned, witness did not know definitely when the coal was to arrive and had not paid attention to the wharf, where the holes were as large that he did not suppose anyone would dump coal in them. The present engineer told him that Ald. Wilson had been down and instructed him to cover them up; and witness said certainly, to go ahead and do it. As to the flooding of the boilers, the Hamilton company's man was then in charge as engineer, the present corporation engineer simply acting as fireman, and witness did not know of anything being during the trial run of sixty days.

The witness was questioned at great length by the corporation counsel, Mr. Mason, without any material new facts being brought out.

Ald. Bragg rose to continue the questioning, and some of the audience hissing while others laughed the alderman requested the chairman to keep order, remarking that the job was not a pleasant one and he did not want it made worse.

The Chairman asked the audience to kindly preserve order, and Ald. Wilson bravely remarked that if the chairman could not keep order there were others present (indicating the constables) who could.

The alderman's questions at the outset were in connection with the relations between the superintendent and the electric light committee, which witness said were pleasant for a little while. He had made an arrangement to be at the station daily from 9 to 10 a.m., but that was not with the committee, being made with Ald. Williams.

Ald. Williams—"He did make that arrangement with the committee, Mr. Chairman, in the committee room!"

Ald. Macmillan—"I object, Mr. Chairman, to bull-dozing a witness this way; if an alderman has a statement to make he can give it on oath later."

The Chairman reminded the alderman that they must not interfere with the witnesses.

Ald. Bragg proceeded to question the witness as to the instructions given to the foreman lamp-trimmer, and asked why these instructions were not put in writing.

Mr. Belyea—"Why did not the committee put their instructions in writing?"

Ald. Bragg—"We did."

Mr. Belyea—"Produce them; produce them!"

Ald. Bragg—"We are the judges in this case (great laughter) and it is only as a privilege we allow you to sit there." (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Belyea—"I am going to ask Ald. Bragg, Mr. Chairman, something that will probably surprise him. I am going to ask him not to vote on this occasion, being the active prosecutor." (Applause.)

Witness in further examination said he had not prepared for a return of the drafts of daily report forms he had submitted, because he did not expect to be charged with

neglect of duty so long as the delay was caused by the committee.

To Ald. Partridge witness said he had no idea that he was not giving satisfaction; he had felt that he was.

Ald. Partridge—"And so did I." (Great applause.)

To Ald. Macmillan witness told of having taken down a lamp on Amelia street, by the Mayor's instructions, on the ground that it was not necessary because of an adjacent lamp on Cormorant street. He had since put up a lamp on Farquhar street, as near to that on Cormorant, by order of the committee.

To Ald. Wilson witness said he could not say whether his address was generally known before he moved to Henry street; his men found him without trouble. Respecting the box which failed in the test when Lord Aberdeen was here, the alderman said: "I should like very much to know who that party was that you insinuated tampered with that box?"

Witness—"I should like to know, too, very much!" (Great applause and laughter.)

Ald. Wilson—"You like that kind of thing, do you, Mr. Chairman?" (Renewed laughter.)

Witness in answer to Ald. Wilson further stated that he had never reported to the committee that he had a workshop on Langley street, or asked them to equip one at their own station. He did not think it wrong to store the corporation wire in the disused private warehouse, as there were many advantages to be derived. He had never been instructed to have the wharf repaired before the first call arrived, though he had on a later occasion. He considered that if he were working for a private concern the world would be very glad to have him turn up at noon or one o'clock if he stayed up until midnight to attend to their business. (Great applause.)

Ald. Williams questioned the witness about the appointment made to be on hand between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, to meet the committee, and witness stated that he had complied afterwards that that hour was not convenient, when Ald. Williams suggested that it be changed to between 1 and 2 o'clock.

Mr. Belyea announced that he would have a dozen witnesses to call yet, as he wished to satisfy Ald. Wilson about that box 26 that would not work for the Mayor or anyone else.

Ald. Macmillan, at 11:25, moved an adjournment until this evening.

Ald. Bragg declared that he had not time to come to the city hall every night, and asked the committee to decide whether one way or the other, by voting confidence or no confidence in him.

Ald. Macmillan also protested against an adjournment. "This circus has gone on long enough," he said; "let's finish it if it takes until two o'clock."

The motion for adjournment until this evening being put was carried