

Our Trade With Siberia

Board of Trade Taking Steps to Cultivate Commerce in That Direction.

President Ward Gives Further Details Regarding the Cement Works.

At a meeting of the council of the British Columbia board of trade this morning the president, W. A. Ward, announced that the new cement works which are to be established near Sidney and in which he had an interest, were to be established on Todd's Inlet, Saanich Inlet. They would be located eight or nine miles from Sidney proper and would, he thought, be a good thing for the province. The property had been purchased by Keith-Fisher, and having seen several of the assays made of the clay he knew it to be satisfactory for the manufacture of cement. He had heard, however, of a strong movement on foot to re-establish a cement work in Vancouver, and also to locate such an industry on the Sound, but he thought the establishment of the works at Sidney the local concern would more than get its share of the business. Another matter which he brought before the attention of the council and on which action was taken was the importance of building up Canada's commerce with Siberia. This was a subject which was of greater concern to this province than to the East, because of the comparative proximity of one to the other. Just now there was a good opportunity of encouraging trade relations, as many of the shiploads of American products recently sent to Siberia had been found to be an inferior quality. He therefore thought that the Dominion government should be asked to render assistance in any way possible.

C. H. Lugin pointed out that inasmuch as all the rivers of Siberia run north that country's timber resources would not be accessible for many years to come. He was also in favor of seeking the assistance of the Dominion government, and the matter was dismissed with the secretary being instructed to ask the Vancouver and Nanaimo boards of trade to bring the question before the proper authorities.

Those present at the meeting included the president, W. A. Ward, and Messrs. Lugin, McQuade, Kirk, Ker, McCandless, McMahon and Fraser.

Among the routine business came a letter from Dr. Montzambert, Dominion superintendent of quarantine, in reference to the complaint made in the delay of mails, consequent to quarantine regulations, stating that as soon as health conditions permitted the restrictions would be withdrawn.

The president drew attention to a report which had reached him from a Vancouver source of where if an American steamer coming from Skagway would be boarded at Vancouver, and if found infested would be sent on to quarantine, whereas if it was one of our own ships and called first at a British Columbia port on route south, the fact of her coming from a British Columbia port would exempt her from complying with said exemption.

Fred. J. Claxton wrote suggesting the propriety of the board taking steps in the interest of the other boards of trade throughout the Dominion and in taking joint action with those bodies in pressing upon the government the great importance to Canada of building up trade relations with her sister colonies in the Pacific, and urging them to reconsider the sending of a representative contingent to take part in the Federation ceremonies of the Australian colonies.

The president pointed out that the government had already considered the matter, and he had heard Mr. Mulock's name mentioned in connection therewith, but he opposed sending a contingent. The Australians were willing to trade with Canadians, but in the matter of trade the spoke of the disadvantages British Columbians were at in competing with Americans. In order to place the board in possession of all information bearing on the subject, a committee, composed of Messrs. Ward, McQuade and J. G. Cox, was appointed to draft a report for the board's consideration.

In reference to Mr. Claxton's letter, the committee placed on record its approval of a delegate being sent, but not a contingent.

William T. Stein, secretary of the Vancouver board of trade, wrote, drawing attention to a circular letter to be sent the secretary of each board of trade in the province to obtain the views of each board in regard to forming an associate board of trade of British Columbia, and if it was deemed desirable by such board to appoint a delegate to a convention to discuss the subject. The letter was received and laid on the table.

A lengthy communication was also received from the Athl. board of trade protesting against the removal of the office of the registrar of the Supreme and County courts to Vancouver, and seeking for the support of the British Columbia board in using its influence against such a procedure. It was received and filed.

A communication was received from the British Columbia inland board of trade, complaining of the British Columbia board of trade still adhering to its name. The letter asked that the board change or localize its name. The letter was received and filed, and the meeting adjourned.

CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The talk here to-day is that J. G. Haggart is to be made leader of the Conservatives.

EXHIBITS FOR GLASGOW.

(Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Canada's chief exhibits shown in Paris will be transferred to Glasgow, where an exhibition will be held next May.

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JAP NATURALIZATION.

Alleged That Orientals Abuse the Provisions of the Law.

The trouble which has arisen in Vancouver over the ruling of Chief Justice McCall that naturalized Japs are entitled to exercise the franchise, has caused a general protest against the readiness with which the little brown men are admitted even to the rights of naturalization. Some debate arose in the legislature at its last session over this very point, and the little difficulty at Vancouver and the trouble which threatens to occur, should the Asiatics seek to exercise the franchise, has resulted in the whole question being re-opened.

The charge is made that some of the justices of the peace are altogether too lax in this matter, and allow the men to become naturalized merely upon taking the oath that they have been resident in the country for the required number of years, and without allowing their passports. Some of the officials even admit that they believe fraud is being practised by the Japs, but that they cannot prove it. Those who leave the country, it is said, pass on their papers to some countryman who has not resided in the province long enough to be entitled to the privilege of naturalization.

It is also contended by those familiar with the working of the act that the system of paying these magistrates by fees is a vicious one, and has a tendency to make them less exacting than they would otherwise be in admitting these 1,000 to the rights of citizenship. The naturalization law was purposely framed in a most liberal way, the only actual requirement being that the applicant should satisfy the officer to whom he applied for admission of his right of citizenship. It was evidently the intention of the authors of the law to make the act so wide and liberal in its terms that there would be no difficulty encountered by those who desired to become British subjects. It is quite clear that to such contingency as the present was contemplated, as the following paragraph from the act clearly shows:

"The alien shall adduce in support of such application such evidence of his residence or service and intention to reside and serve as the person before whom he takes the oath of allegiance requires; and such person on being satisfied with such evidence and that the alien is of good character shall grant a certificate."

The procedure is simply that the applicant states that he has resided in the country three years, subscribes the oath of allegiance and declares his intention when naturalized to reside in Canada.

It is contended by those who have studied the matter that the difficulty would at least be partially met by requiring all immigrants from Oriental countries to file their passports showing the date upon which they reached Canada, the customs officers marking each of the passports as the immigrants land by numbers. These passports could be retained by the officer who naturalized the Japs, and they could not therefore be employed by any other Oriental.

Until some such efficient measures are taken to prevent the wholesale naturalization of these foreigners, it is believed that continual advantage will be taken by them of the laxity of the regulations to procure fraudulent naturalization.

ITCHING POLES.

Mr. O. P. St. John, Dominion Inspector of Steamboats, 246 Shaw street, Toronto, writes: "I suffered for nine years with itching piles after trying many remedies in vain. I began to use Dr. Chase's Ointment and it has entirely cured me." More people have been cured of piles by using Dr. Chase's Ointment than by all other treatments combined. It never fails to cure piles.

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Salt Spring Island Resident Sentenced By Mr. Justice Drake.

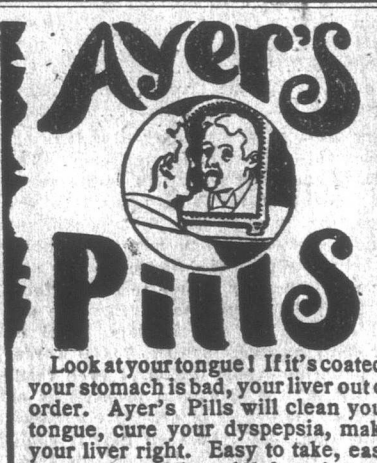
Yesterday Mr. Justice Drake delivered judgment in the well known case of Bullock vs. Collins, and sentenced the defendant to imprisonment for nine months in the common jail.

The case arose out of a judgment for \$4,329.23 and costs to the amount of \$258.86, obtained in October. The learned judge, in delivering his sentence, said he believed the debt had been incurred by fraud.

Both of the parties to the suit live in Salt Spring Island, where Bullock owns an estate. Some time ago he went to England leaving Collins the management of his place, the latter having payment of the men, etc. It was for failure to render proper account for the sum mentioned above that the action was instituted. Both parties are prominent men in the island, and the residents there were divided into two camps according to their sympathies with the respective parties to the suit.

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For Those Who Fell

Active Committees Appointed to Consider Form of Memorial to Victoria Heroes.

The Provincial Government Contemplate a Monument to British Columbia Boys.

The first meeting of the committee appointed to consider the best means of perpetuating the memories of those who fell in South Africa, from this city, was held at the city hall yesterday afternoon. There were in attendance: His Worship Mayor Hayward (in the chair), Major Williams, George Jeeves, W. J. Hanna, Bishop Oridge, Rev. Leslie Clay, Rev. E. S. Rowe, Dr. Ernest Hall, S. P. Mills, Q. C., Rev. Canon Beauland, W. Ridgway, Wilson, Rev. Perceval Jenas, and Henry Cuthbert.

A number of suggestions were made in regard to the form the memorial should take, those present holding widely divergent views in regard to the matter. Finally, after all had been canvassed, a suggestion of Bishop Oridge, that the press invite suggestions regarding the memorial was endorsed.

During the discussion it was stated that the government intended to ask the legislature at its next sitting to pass an appropriation for the purpose of erecting a provincial monument to those who fell. It was suggested by some that the city might co-operate in this scheme, but Rev. Mr. Clay pointed out that it would be all probability be an effort distinct from that of the cities.

Finally the matter narrowed down to three proposals: first, an infirmary for the indigent poor; second, a memorial hall at the Jubilee hospital; and third, a purely ornamental monument.

To look into these three projects committees were appointed and these will report to a meeting on Tuesday next. The first proposal will be taken up by Mayor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay and S. P. Mills, Q. C., the second will be looked into by Rev. Canon Beauland, and Messrs. Hanna and Cuthbert, while the third will be left with Rev. Canon Beauland, the Mayor and Geo. Jeeves.

The press were asked to invite suggestions for the memorial for the guidance of the committee.

FROM CAPE NOME.

Two Miners Report a Rich Strike Near Hundred Miles From There.

F. Jackman and W. Taylor, of Cape Nome, are at the Queen's. They have lived in the North for four years. They spent the first two and a half years prospecting on the Yukon near Dawson, after which they went to Cape Nome, where they spent the other one and a half years. They arrived in the city the other day, having come down on one of the Seattle steamers by way of Seattle and Port Townsend. They say that a stream swept the beach of Nome on the 15th of November, but with such force as that of the sea, and with such force as that of the 10th of September. In speaking of the weather they said that when they left it was not very cold, the thermometer being down to about zero; before that they had experienced some very cold snaps, and the sea was now frozen to a depth of a quarter of a mile from the shore. The output of Nome for the past season has, according to them, been greatly exaggerated. They said, however, that at Bluff City, about 60 to 60 miles below Nome, there was some very rich property. In fact, a miner owning an eight-foot claim on Daniels creek refused \$1,000,000 for his property last June.

Messrs. Jackman and Taylor have very handsome specimens of their property in that country. Their claim is situated about 18 miles back of Cape Nome on the Snake river, and consists of two well defined ledges, called the Copper King and the Iron Horse. The claims have so far not been extensively developed, and the owners intend going back next spring to work them.

It is expected that about 4,000 people will winter at Nome. Plenty of log cabins are available, all the coal needed can be got from the recent discoveries near Pt. Clarence, and no disease has so far broken out among the inhabitants. In fact, it may be safely said that no such distress as experienced by the unfortunate people of Nome last winter will be felt during the present season.

When Jackman and Taylor left the North quite a stampede was taking place in the Klondike river, about 100 miles this side of Nome, where some very rich placer mining property had been discovered. They will leave on the first San Francisco boat for Frisco, for the purpose of spending the winter. They will leave for the North first thing in the spring.

VISITS VICTORIA.

Noted Roman Catholic Ecclesiastic Arrived in the City Last Monday.

The Very Rev. Dr. J. de Becker, rector of the American College and professor of the University of Louvain, Belgium, arrived in the city on Monday, and is a guest at the Bishop's Palace.

Rev. de Becker is one of the most learned ecclesiastics of the present day, and the American College of Belgium, of which he is rector, is known the world over for its splendid system of education. The institution has about 2,000 students, and almost all the priests of British Columbia have graduated from that college, Bishop Oridge included.

He is about forty-five years of age, and has made the canon and civil law his special study. On these subjects he has written several instructive and valuable volumes.

He is visiting these shores for the first time, having arrived in New York about four months ago. Since then he has visited the principal cities of Canada and the United States, and has made the examination of the system of higher education in North America a special feature of his journey. He states that he is satisfied with the result of his observations, and is highly delighted with the progress that has been made in that line, both in Canada and the United States. He visited various points

of interest yesterday, and was much impressed by the natural beauty of the city. He leaves to-morrow evening for Oregon in continuation of his American tour.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

In November Somewhat Less Than in October—High School Had Highest Percentage.

The attendance at the public schools during the month of November was somewhat less than in October. This is to be expected always because of the less favorable weather and the greater prevalence of sickness as the season advances. In October the total number in attendance was 2,554, with an average daily attendance of 2,242.74; the corresponding figures for November are 2,527 and 2,180.90. The average attendance percentages are, however, much the same. In October, 88.5; in November, 88.3.

The only school that reached a regular attendance mark of 90 per cent. was the High school; the school coming next was the Kingston street, at the opposite extreme as to age of pupils, with 89.3 per cent. It is rather remarkable that if bad weather occasions a falling off in the attendance one of the infant schools should lead all the other schools of the city, except the High school, in regularity of attendance.

The individual divisions that attained a regular attendance mark of 90 per cent. or more were:

High School—Divisions 2, 3 and 4.
Boys' School—Division 2; teacher, Mr. Salisbury.
Division 3; teacher, Mr. Willis.
Girls' School—Division 3; teacher, Miss Keast.
North Ward—Division 1; teacher, Mr. McNeill.
Division 2; teacher, Miss Grant.
South Park—Division 1; teacher, Miss Cameron.
Division 2; teacher, Mr. Winsby.
Division 3; teacher, Miss Fraser.
Victoria West—Division 5; teacher, Miss Pope.
Kingston Street—Division 1; teacher, Miss Fraser.

Following are the totals, the daily averages and the attendance percentages for all the schools:

School.	No. Attend.	Daily Av.	Reg. P.C.
High	124	122.24	90.5
Boys'	427	374.11	87.6
Girls'	401	340.68	84.0
North Ward	487	427.16	87.7
South Park	372	325.96	87.6
Victoria West	280	243.27	86.8
Spring Ridge	153	121.44	79.3
Hillside	176	140.84	80
Kingston Street	107	95.60	89.3
	2,527	2,180.90	

THE WORK OF CHARITY.

The monthly meeting of the Friendly Help Society was held at their rooms yesterday morning in the city market building. Reports for the month were received and other routine business dispatched, as well as arrangements for the receiving and distributing of Christmas donations.

The generous public are again requested to remember the poor by contributing to this society, which now has its work well systematized that practically no deserving case of distress escapes its attention. By way of explanation a lady's case might be instanced which has been receiving the assistance of the Friendly Help Society for five years, and at times quite largely, as the need required. A number of the Friendly Help ladies were instrumental in gaining admittance for her children into the orphanage, where they were comfortably cared for. Although much against the wishes of all those who have assisted and cared for her, the lady, acting on the advice of one or two individuals, had the children removed from the orphanage, and they are now naturally burdened to her, who is no wise capable of caring for them.

During the month twenty-six families and individuals received assistance. Eight had fuel, ten groceries, three milk and seventeen clothing.

The following donations are thankfully acknowledged for the month: Cash, Mrs. Gallatley, Mrs. Chas. Kent, Mr. Chas. Kent and United Service Lodge; clothing, Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. West Wilson, Mrs. A. J. Mowley, Mrs. Sundbagen, Mrs. Du Moulin, Mrs. Newbiggin, Mrs. Heisterman, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Lubbe and A Friend; boots and shoes, Mrs. Harrup.

All members are reminded to ask at least two friends for two new articles for Christmas donations, and visitors are requested to send a complete list of their needy ones to the secretary at once so that no one may be overlooked. The children too are reminded that their gifts will be as welcome as in former years, when they responded so heartily.

The rooms will be open from three to five every day of the week, preceding Christmas, and the smallest donation of goods or money will be thankfully received and judiciously distributed.

The following letter speaks for itself:

Esquimalt, B. C., 28th Nov., 1906.
Dear Miss Lawson.—As a Masonic service held at St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, on Sunday last, a collection was made on behalf of the funds of the Friendly Help Society. The amount collected was fifteen dollars, and I have much pleasure in forwarding a cheque for same.

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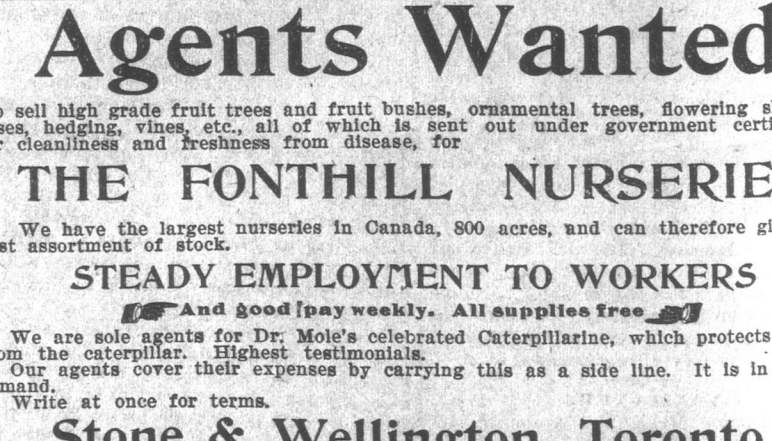


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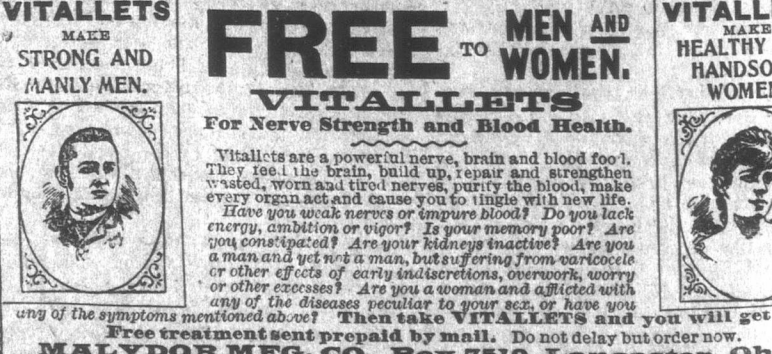
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