

REMISSION OF TAXES

Lieut-Col. Gregory Urges That Militia Be Exempt from the Revenue Tax.

By-Law Regulating the Coming Municipal Elections Read a Third Time.

Last evening's meeting of the city council was a short, businesslike one, everything down for consideration having been disposed of by 9:30 o'clock. All the members with the exception of Ald. Partridge were present.

As it was necessary that the by-law regulating the coming municipal elections should be passed, the ordinary rules of procedure were suspended and the by-law was considered in committee of the whole.

After calling attention to the editorial and letters in the press on the subject, Col. Gregory's letter urges the council "to facilitate the accomplishment of the objects aimed at by passing a resolution favoring the proposal, which resolution may be forwarded to the local legislature as a recommendation, and as the remission of the tax will affect the municipal revenue only, the local legislature would doubtless give immediate effect to your suggestion."

The commission was referred to the finance committee to report at the next meeting. W. McKay, secretary of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, asked for information regarding the hours of duties of the caretaker of the Isolation Hospital.

James L. Raymer, city auditor, reported that in accordance with the resolution of the council he appended the statement showing costs of Point Ellice and James Bay bridges: Cost of Point Ellice bridge, \$6,894.54; repairs to James Bay bridge, \$2,187.33; legal expenses, \$486.08.

Ald. Wilson referred to the letter in the Province, in which the street committees were criticized for allowing merchants of Government street to scatter straw and rubbish on the street. It was not the fault of the street committee but the police commissioners and the police force.

The council then adjourned. Result of the Examination Held Yesterday by Principal Paul.

At the special oral examination for entrance to the High School held yesterday by Principal Paul.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, DR.

PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

terday by Principal Paul the following pupils passed the required standard, and will, accordingly, be entitled to be enrolled as pupils of the High School next term:

From Boy's Central.—Samuel Atkinson, Edwin James Clayton, Harry Dietz, James Alexander Eichey, Oscar Hartnagle, Harold Norman Dukes, Charles Frederick Marshall, Harry Munsie, Charles William Meredith, Christopher John McKee, William Sewell, Elwell Nason and Walter Shotbolt.

From Girls' Central.—Jane Kirkpatrick, Kate Maud Powell, Nettie Vigilius.

From South Park.—Winnifred Appleton Cooley, Francis John Cox, Noel Ashley Wilmoth.

From North Ward.—Kate Devereux, From Tolmie School.—Dorothy Mary Moxon.

From Burgoyne Bay.—Alexander Wilson.

OBJECTION RAISED.

Commissioner Putnam Disapproved of a Question Put by Mr. Peters.

The Question Allowed After a Short and Somewhat Sharp Discussion.

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SEALERS' CLAIMS

Evidence Taken as to the Probable Catch of the Years 1889 and 1890.

The Cross-examination of Captain Hansen by the American Counsel.

When the commission resumed its sitting at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Alexander Keppar was recalled and gave evidence in reference to the claim of the Pathfinder. In 1890 he was mate of the Pathfinder. In March of that year an accident happened to the Pathfinder when to the southward of Cape Flattery, and they put into Neah Bay to repair the schooner. After the repairs were concluded they were preparing to leave when the United States cutter Corwin came into the bay, seized the schooner and towed them to Port Townsend.

When seized they were on the sealing grounds, and intended to continue sealing and they not been seized.

Captain George Hackett, master of the Annie C. Moore on her sealing cruises of 1888 and 1889, gave evidence as to the catch made in that year.

Captain Victor Jacobsen said he was in Behring Sea sealing in 1888 on the Mountain Chief. On account of the difficulty in getting hunters he did not go into the sea until the beginning of August and stayed until the beginning of September. About 900 seals were taken while there.

R. J. Ker, of R. P. Rihet & Co., agents of the Maggie Mac in 1889 and 1890, gave evidence as to the catch of that schooner. In 1889 1290 seals were taken and in 1890, 847 seals. The total catch for these years was, in 1889, 2097 seals, and in 1890, 1954 seals.

An adjournment was then taken until 10:30 o'clock this morning.

At this morning's sitting the deferred cross-examination by Mr. Dickinson of Capt. Hansen in connection with the catch of the Winnifred was proceeded with.

Capt. Hansen said that in March, 1892, he fitted out the Winnifred for a sealing cruise on the coast to last until September. He was warned that year not to enter Behring Sea, and had no intention of doing so when he started. In July he was sealing off Unimak pass when a south-easter sprang up and he was obliged to run through the pass into Behring Sea. While in the sea he was beset by two days, during which he lowered the boats and sealed. He was seized then by the United States cutter Rush and taken to Ounaska. Witness said he was in jail from about August 20th to December 18th or 19th.

Mr. Peters—He said he entered the harbor on Afognak island for water as he had run short. This harbor was much frequented for this purpose. There were thirteen or fourteen schooners there when he was seized. When he was seized he was about twenty miles from the nearest land.

Capt. R. McKel, re-called, gave evidence as to the catch in 1889, when he was master of the Beatrice on her sealing cruise in Behring Sea. He entered the sea some time from the 4th to the 10th of July and stopped hunting on August 13th, as he lost some of his hunters in a fog. The total catch in the sea was about 630 seals. In 1890 he was master of the R. Marvin on her sealing cruise in Behring sea. He entered the sea some time from the 4th to the 10th of July and stopped hunting on August 13th, as he lost some of his hunters in a fog. The total catch in the sea was about 630 seals.

R. J. Ker, of R. P. Rihet & Co., recalled, produced letters written to his firm from the captain of the Maggie Mac in 1889, saying that he would ship his coast catch of 613 skins and his Behring Sea catch of 1107 skins to Victoria. The commission then adjourned for lunch.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE GUN. DR. CARVER WINS. Chicago, Dec. 22.—Dr. Carver defeated John L. Winston in the two remaining bird matches to-day by a score of 45 to 39, and 45 to 38. This gives Carver four out of six of the matches.

THE OAR. GAUDAUR READY. Toronto, Dec. 22.—Gaudaur, in a letter which will appear in the Mail in the morning, says that he will row either Harding or Barry for the world's championship here for \$2500 or \$3000 a side, allowing them \$500 for expenses, or he will go to England after August and row both Harding and Barry for \$1250 or \$2500 a side, receiving \$250 expenses for each race, both races to be rowed within three weeks of each other.

WRESTLING. DAN'S PROPOSITION. Chicago, Dec. 22.—If arrangements can be perfected Dan S. McLeod, the California wrestler, will attempt a unique feature here late in January or early in February. McLeod's proposition is to take any five native local wrestlers and throw one after the other, all of them inside of sixty minutes of actual wrestling time. He proposes to do this or forfeit the entire gate receipts, the latter to be divided share and share alike between the five men if he fails to accomplish the task. This has never before been attempted in this part of the country. McLeod has almost despaired of a match with "Farmer" Buga.

THE TURF. JOE PATCHEN SEIZED. Kankakee, Ill., Dec. 22.—Sheriff Bernier, of Kankakee county, has seized Joe Patchen, the famous racing stallion owner, for forty-eight other trotting and pacing horses and colts. The attachment was in favor of the Commercial National Bank and the Chicago Title and Trust Company, as receiver and calls for over \$11,000. Joe Patchen and other stock were the property of John G. Taylor, of St. Louis, but he transferred them to his brother, Joseph Taylor, of San Antonio, Texas, about one year ago, after giving a chattel mortgage on them to the Third National Bank of St. Louis.

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LA CROSSE. Mr. Arthur Lee, treasurer of the Capital Lacrosse Club, has prepared a statement of receipts and expenditures, which shows that the season has ended with a balance of \$160 on the wrong side of the ledger. In order to pay off these liabilities one or two concerts will be held during the winter months. Below is the statement:

Receipts—April to balance from Triangle Lacrosse Club, \$32.10; cash from the B. C. A. L. A., \$10; May 25, proceeds from game, \$362.10; June 20, proceeds from game, \$186.80; July 25, proceeds from game, \$204.20; August 22, juniors on account of loan, \$11.25; September 19, proceeds from game, \$156.00; September 19, loan, \$65.00; September 19, sale of season tickets, \$105.15; and other sources, \$40.00. Total \$1,197.20.

Expenditure—Expenses of delegates to Vancouver and Westminster, re schedule, \$67.10; stamps, telegrams and writing paper, \$5.25; lacrosse balls, \$15; lacrosse sticks, \$26.15; referees, \$40; refreshments and boys carrying water, \$23; collection tickets at games, \$15.50; allowed the syndicate on account of season tickets, \$27; expenses of entertaining visiting teams, \$143.50; netting sticks \$20.50, lacrosse shoes, \$18.85; jumpers, \$27.35; pants, \$42; sweaters, \$32; R. Foster for training, \$75; drugs, \$34.65; printing season tickets, \$20.50; expenses of Captain to Vancouver and Westminster during the season, \$449.50; expressage of sticks to and from boats, \$6; band, for playing at matches, \$35; Y.M.C.A., rent of rooms, \$10; juniors, \$45; caps, \$6; B. C. A. L. A., \$7.50; and sundries, \$30.05. Total \$1,197.50.

Outstanding liabilities—\$160.

LAW INTELLIGENCE. In the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Walkem an application was made by Mr. Archer Martin on behalf of the owner of the Golden Butterfly, for an order under section 37 of the Mineral Act to allow him to commence an action against the owners of the Countess mineral claim to determine the question of the right to a certain part of common ground claimed by the Countess.

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INAUGURAL BALL. It Will be Very Much the Same as Harrison's Inauguration.

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STAGE ACCIDENT. Horses Break Loose and the Stage Goes Down a Steep Incline.

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Before the passengers could jump out the stage started down hill at a rapid rate of speed and gaining momentum every second. The passengers simply became paralyzed with fright and clung to each other, momentarily expecting to be dashed to death. For nearly a quarter of a mile the stage kept on the road, when a curve was reached. Like a rocket it left the road and shot down into the canyon with its human freight.

About a hundred feet down the stage struck a huge boulder, with terrific force. The stage was reduced nearly

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to kindling wood, while the passengers were thrown out in every direction. It may be recorded as a miracle that nobody was killed outright. The deep snow in which the passengers landed undoubtedly saved the lives of all. Ed. Davis, a well-known mining man, received perhaps fatal injuries. All the other passengers were more or less injured. The names of the other passengers are not known yet nor the extent of their injuries.

EX-QUEEN LILL. She Thinks Hawaii Will Be Annexed to the United States.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 22.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani and party passed through here yesterday en route to Forthston. The Queen received a telegram that Princess Kaiulani is sick in London and not able to meet the Queen in Boston, which may cause her to go to London. A large crowd assembled at the depot, but the deposed Queen kept the curtains drawn and it was only when they were ready to leave that she allowed them to be raised. A reporter gained admittance to the ex-Queen's presence and asked for a few minutes' conversation. "You will excuse me," she said, "I cannot talk for you, for I am endeavoring to save all my strength until I get to Washington, New York and Boston."

"What do you think about your restoration to the throne?" "I do not consider there is a very great chance for what you speak of," she replied. "The islands be annexed to the United States?" "I think so in time, and then the conditions will be such that I will be granted a pension. I do not wish to be bothered further."

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