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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

The Smallpox Scare—The Disease Imported from Vancouver to New Westminster.

An Oolachan Surprise—Floods in the Frazer—The Central Farmers' Institute.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 19.—A Woman known as Lillie from Dupont street, who was removed to the North Arm in the floating pest house at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, died this morning at 5 o'clock. The disease from its incipiency to dissolution lasted three days and nights, starting 21 days from the arrival of the Empress of Japan at Vancouver. Two men patients are reported doing well. The house where Claudie Hunter is confined, is still quarantined. The Hunter girl nursed Tupper Thompson during his early illness, and as she complained of feeling unwell, was at once isolated from her companions and kept a prisoner. She has apparently recovered, but the house is still guarded. Fanny, a Dupont street girl, was taken ill, this morning, with suspicious symptoms. No positive official statement has been made as yet, as to this girl's condition. It would appear, however, that the Health Officer feared no further danger, as quarantine was taken off Dupont street at noon, to-day. When the quarantine was removed the Chinamen made a rush for freedom, and strolled, all the rest of the afternoon, up and down Cordova street, jabbering excitedly. Yip Yuen has not been found. The tramway waiting-rooms, and other public places, have been disinfected.

The compositors in the World office struck this morning. The word "Independence" was written in the copy with a capital "I;" the compositor set it with a small "i;" the proof reader marked it back to the capital letter to be consistent with the rest of the paragraph. The compositor refused to correct it, though ordered to do so by the manager, proof reader and foreman. The printer was dismissed. The chapel then met, the majority sustaining the compositor. This morning the men refused to work unless their companion was reinstated, claiming that the strike had been ordered by the executive committee of the printers' union. Manager McLagan told the men that he must assert this authority against all odds and if they abided by the rules of their organization they had no right to strike unless ordered to do so by the union on the sanction of the organizer. The World bulletin has the following notice this morning: "On account of unwarrantable, unjustifiable and illegal action on the part of the compositors no issue of the World will appear this evening." The management has telegraphed for help to Victoria and Westminster and expect to be running again before Monday.

An inch steel cable connected with the Hudson Bay Company's building, now under construction, comes partially on the sidewalk. Last night, some unknown pedestrian, who is supposed to have run against one of them, procured an axe and chopped them in two, doing damage estimated at $100.

Supreme Chancellor Shaw and Major General J. R. Carnahan, of the K. of P., arrived by the Islander this morning, and were received at the wharf and driven to the Hotel Vancouver. At 10 a. m. Grand Lodge held a short session, after which the visitors were shown the city. At 7 p. m., the uniform rank met at Castle Hall, and proceeded to the Hotel Vancouver. They escorted the Supreme Chancellor to the Market Hall, where a public meeting was held. The chair was occupied by Mayor Cope. The distinguished guests at this writing are being honored at a public banquet. The visitors express themselves surprised at the bright prospects in store for Vancouver. The Supreme Chancellor was presented with an address and gavel made from the hull of the steamer Beaver, bearing on one end a gold cup, in which was painted in miniature a representation of the Beaver as she lies stranded.

Wild rumors were in circulation all afternoon with reference to the small pox cases. One that Tupper Thompson was dying; another that a dozen fresh cases had broken out. The pest house has moved near to the city. The citizens became excited and expressed themselves so forcibly that an emergency meeting of the Council was held and Dupont street was again quarantined at 6.30 this evening. Thirty specials are on duty in three shifts of 10. Your correspondent saw Mr. Huntley, license inspector, to-night. The pest house had not been removed nor was it liable to be for a week as the tide had landed it high and dry near the brewery at Hastings.

The men working on a building in the vicinity were threatening to strike, and people all about there were indignant, which was natural, but the place is as isolated a one as could be got near the city. The deceased woman's name was Mrs. Lilly Bibby. She was a passenger on the Empress of Japan, and has no friends or relatives in this part of the country. She will be buried by the City in the public plot at the cemetery. Tupper Thompson was seen by Mr. Huntley twice to-day. He is better than ever he was since his sickness, and is quite lively. Mrs. Gorman, the nurse, pronounces the two men improving. The smallpox in Vancouver was confined to Messenger Empress Japan Tupper Thompson and the Bibby woman.

A meeting of the Printers' Union, this afternoon, sustained the strikers in the World office.

Wm. Steele, expressman, backed off Keefer's wharf, this forenoon. He escaped, but his horse and wagon were lost.

The City of Puebla arrived, this morning, from San Francisco, with general merchandise.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 19.—Smallpox has reached Westminster from Vancouver. Last night Dr. Walker reported to the health authorities that a man named Jennetson, lately arrived from Vancouver, was lying ill with smallpox in the eastern suburb of the city. The house was quarantined immediately, and a proper nurse appointed to watch the case. Four other men living in the house were given material to build a shack, and will be kept in the premises until danger of infection is passed. Three Chinese who could not be found in Vancouver by the health authorities there, turned up here at midnight. They managed to get through the quarantine lines and escaped by a boat across False Creek and then by road to this city. About midnight a party of Chinese were discovered packing a sick man to the river and before the police could be notified they had got away. They are now staying at a Chinaman's ranch two miles down the river, on the opposite shore, with Provincial officers guarding the place to prevent any one entering or leaving. Four fast women also escaped and came over here this morning but not being able to gain admittance to any of the bagnios left for Seattle. It is believed another Chinaman infected with the disease is in town and the health officers are searching for him.

The oolachans surprised everyone by suddenly making their appearance again, yesterday. The Indians brought in over ten thousand pounds, to-day, of which three thousand pounds went to Victoria. The run is still immense.

Reports from up the river state that the Fraser continues to rise rapidly. Damage by high water is feared.

A newly married couple in the west end were charivaried, last night, by a band of hoodlums.

The Squires bigamy case has been further adjourned.

The organizing committee of the Central Farmers' Institute met here, to-day, and drew up a constitution and by-laws, which will be submitted at the first general meeting, on June 8th.

John Dolan was, to-day, sentenced to six months, at hard labor, for stealing a case of canned beef from the Royal City Mills.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 19.—It is impossible to discover the cause of the fire at Mr. Malpass' place on Wednesday, but everything was burned, and the loss is heavy.

The Northfield bazaar was a very great success.

The assistant city clerk has resigned, and now the aldermen are on the lookout for a successor.

An employe at the sawmill has had his finger cut off and his hand badly mangled by the machinery.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 20.—A handsome new bus, for the Hotel Vancouver, arrived from the United States, this afternoon.

Alderman McCraney, chairman of the Board of Works, left for the east, to-day. He will return in a month or six weeks. An attempt was made by a Government official to subpoena the alderman as a witness in a law suit. He evaded it by driving to Hastings, and boarding the train there.

The bark Tobogan was towed out, this morning, bound for Wilmington, with a lumber cargo, valued at $4,000.

Wm. Thomas recovered a 200 pound anchor lost recently in the inlet.

The World compositors are still on strike. Manager McLagan says that no paper will be published now until the paper moves into its new building. He has a very large bill of damages against the strikers which the executive of the International Union should certainly order to be paid.

The Finance committee met this morning. It was announced that the pipes on the water works were ready to be shipped by the Penny Co., of England, under Bell, Irving & Patterson's contract and that Penny and Co. had drawn on the city for $32,700.

St. Etta White sailed to-night for Jackson Bay.

Colman Evans & Co. are complying with the mandate of the law by removing their offices bodily from the city wharf.

The steamer J. P. McDonald arrived in with hay.

Bob Johnson was seen by the COLONIST reporter this afternoon while rubbing down from a spin in the Inlet. He is in splendid shape; weighs 158½ pounds. He will go to Victoria on Sunday to prepare for the struggle for the Crane, McGregor & Boggs' trophy for the amateur single scull race.

The lapstrek which was built for the Victoria four-oared crew was seen, this morning, at Walls & Trott's factory. It is handsomely finished and a perfect picture as a racer. She is the longest four-oared boat but one in the province, being 35 feet long, with 27-inch beam; patent Warren's seat and oarlocks, with 12-feet oars. With exception of the English oak ribs, the wood is of native growth. She has similar lines to her predecessor, the exception being a trifle finer forward. She will be shipped on Saturday's Islander.

Two English gentleman have bought out J. F. Walker's boat house. One has a patented life-boat, used a great deal in H. M. steamers. They will move the boat house nearer the City wharf, and go in for building steel and wooden boats extensively.

A large quantity of vaccine points were taken out of the Custom House, to-day.

Deputy Organizer Hawke, of the International Typographical Union, arrived this morning. At this writing, 10:15 p.m., he is in secret session with the World management. Mr. Hawke concedes that the letter should have been kept up in the paragraph under dispute. Minor matters are being arranged, and the strike is practically over.

A thousand Indians will attend the potlatch on Lulu Island, on the Queen's Birthday.

The congregation of Christ Church are making arrangements for a picnic on the Queen's Birthday at Jericho.

Johann Wulffsohn of Wulffsohn & Bewicke, Limited, has left for Vernon to arrange for the opening of the firm's branch office there.

H.M.S. Nymphe which arrived with sailors who were sick, or whose time had expired, will stay here till Sunday.

The Vancouver Gun Club has decided to prosecute persons breaking the game laws.

The various mill owners have agreed upon a schedule of prices for all kinds of lumber delivered in the city.

By agreement all the law offices in this city and New Westminster will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

There are no startling developments in connection with smallpox. Three Dupont street women evaded the quarantine last night, and got away from the city. It is supposed they are in Victoria. The most ridiculous rumors were current all day, among them it was stated there were three cases at the Hotel Vancouver. A number of old cases have come to light, and a new one—a man named Pat Cummings, a longshoreman, who assisted in the burial of a smallpox patient. The COLONIST made a thorough investigation, and found the rumors without the slightest foundation. He called on Cummings, at a shack. He was laid up with a severe accident to his foot. He and his mate, Daniel Cannon, born from Seattle, had been given $5 each to bury the Bibby woman. The undertaker gave them a bottle of whiskey as a disinfectant. After they had done the job they came home and started drinking. Health Inspector Huntley told the COLONIST representative that Tupper Thompson is doing well. He was dancing a jig when he called, this afternoon. He said he was having a jolly good time, but wanted more novels to read. He said, tell the boys I am all right, and would sooner be here than in the city, where the people were so afraid that they could not get anything to eat for forty-eight hours at a stretch.

Health Inspector Huntley received the following despatch from Dr Langis, to-day: "Mr. Huntley,—To allay the anxiety of friends and sympathizers, please publish the following bulletin: Pest House, May 20.—Both patients are doing well. Read has smallpox in the concrete form. He is covered all over with it, and is resting nicely. In the case of Tupper Thompson, there is no elevation of his temperature. He thinks he is having a good time of it here." Charlie Yip Yuen, the Chinese interpreter, is said to be at Lulu Island with a very bad case of smallpox. Thirty-five Chinese left Dupont street, while the quarantine was off, yesterday, and cannot be found.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 20.—No new cases of smallpox have been found, and the city is clear of the disease. Jennetson lives in a house on the Port Moody road, outside the city limits, and the city has turned him over to the Provincial authorities. The Chinese patients who were smuggled from Vancouver are on Ah Foo's ranch, two miles down the river, and Mr. Armstrong has placed them quarantined.

The water in the river has ceased rising, and fears of a serious flood are abating. Advices from the interior say that there is only a moderate quantity of snow on the mountains. More than a third of the wing dam near Miller's Landing has been swept away, and the rest is expected to follow.

Fred Turner, the well-known bicyclist, goes to Victoria to take part in the races of the 24th.

Fourteen cases are down for the spring assizes, six of them murder, or attempted murder.

Jimmy, the Indian, missing from Whonnock, is now supposed to have been murdered. His canoe, with its contents safe, has been found hauled upon the bank at the Musqueam reserve. The authorities are investigating.

The Westminster lacrosse team is putting in some hard work at practice, in view of their match at Victoria on the 23rd of this month.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 20.—Frank Ferris, one of the two Victoria boys, who broke into Hughes' store, in this city some weeks ago, has been released by orders from Ottawa.

Further tests were made, to-day, of the electric locomotive in the New Vancouver Coal Company's mine. The locomotive easily hauled eighteen cars of coal, each car weighing three quarters of a ton, up a steep grade.

Lager beer was successfully manufactured in this city, to-day,—the first in the province—at the Union Brewery. The beer is said to be of the best quality.

The water pipes have been completed between here and Protection Island, and the water is running O. K.

Sailed, steamers Grandholm and City of Ptebla.

QUESNELLE.

QUESNELLE, B. C., May 20.—There is a moderate amount of snow in the mountains this spring, but owing to the backward season and cold weather very little has come down. The few warm days last week started it freely and the Fraser river rose rapidly. This was, however, checked again this week by the cooler weather and frosty nights. The river has fallen some during the last day or two. Weather warmer and cloudy today.

FRENCH CREEK.

The weather has been most favorable for farm work and all the crops look well.

Mr. John Hirst has closed his saloon, having taken up the management of Hirst Bros. store, Nanaimo; many of the settlers hope that the saloon will soon be opened again.

Mr. W. H. Lee has been appointed correspondent to the department of agriculture for the Nakooss district, and also observer to the meteorological service, Toronto.

Mr. McLaughlin, contractor for the telegraph between Nanaimo and Comox is busy putting up the poles here. He has a large and efficient staff engaged in the work.

SODA CREEK.

SODA CREEK, B. C., May 20.—The river fell a foot in the last 12 hours. Weather warmer today.

DEEMING TO HANG.

The Privy Council Rejects His Petition For a Respite.

LONDON, May 19.—Deeming's petition, which was lodged with the Privy Council today, prayed for a respite on account of the condemned man being insane. The petition set forth that Deeming's father maltreated his wife shortly before the latter gave birth to Deeming, and the maltreatment resulted in the prisoner's insanity. Deeming's brother also affirms that the prisoner was eccentric all his life. The petition will be presented to the Judicial Committee of the Council. The Privy Council today rejected the appeal of Deeming, the Melbourne murderer, from the sentence of the Victorian court. This removes the last chance the condemned man had for escape from the gallows.

FOUR HOUR'S WORK.

Hon. A. N. Richards to Be the Next Police Magistrate—A Growing Evil.

Chinese Gardeners Must Be Brought to Task—A Busy Special Session.

When the Board of Aldermen attacked the business before them at 10 o'clock, yesterday morning, it was with the evident intention of getting through as quickly as possible. The minutes of Wednesday's regular meeting were adopted as read almost as soon as Mayor Beaven had taken his chair, and the order of communications was immediately taken up.

The first on the list was from Rev. M. C. Browne, of Cedar Hill, and requested that permission be given for the use of the market hall, this evening, May 21, for a charitable entertainment, which would be "practically free." A favorable answer was returned.

Application was made by A. Williams for front and back stores in the new market building, and also for space in the market square in which to conduct sales of live stock. The matter was deemed of sufficient importance to call for a report from the Market committee.

A communication was received from H. M. Yates, Secretary of the Jubilee Hospital, requesting that an interview be accorded the directors of the hospital by the Council. After considerable discussion it was resolved to arrange for the meeting desired.

Hon. Amor DeCosmos acknowledged a letter from the City Clerk, charging him with the construction of a certain dam on Pandora street, which the officer of the Corporation said he (Mr. DeCosmos) would be obliged to remove. Mr. DeCosmos denied the responsibility for the nuisance, if any exured, and characterized the action of the Council as "unneighborly." Not from any terror of compulsion, but from a feeling of friendliness he had ordered the removal of the objectionable dam. The letter was acknowledged with thanks.

The advantages of an illustrated "write up" in the Toronto Mail were fully set forth in a letter from Mr. T. W. Dyas, the manager. The Council, considering that the city had already been sufficiently "written up," and also having no money to spend in the way indicated, decided not to avail themselves of the offer presented.

A communication from the manager of the James Bay baseball club, asking that the grass on the Beacon Hill diamond be cut before the matches in connection with the celebration, was productive of half an hour's debate. Ald. Munn, Baker, Hall and Styles thought that every encouragement should be given amateur sport, and that the city should not stick at the small expense of putting the ball ground in good order, as had been done at all previous celebrations. Ald. Hunter and Lovell were of the opinion that the city was doing quite enough, when the use of the grounds was granted. The baseballists should keep the diamond in good order themselves—this was what the cricket club were doing. The discussion was finally terminated by the adoption of a resolution referring the matter to the Park committee with power to act, the work done if it cost not more than $20. Three votes were recorded against the motion.

Having informed the council that the Mount Tolmie road had been widened to a uniform 60 feet, Mr. H. M. Yates, by communication, requested that the city undertake the grading and improvement of the new thoroughfare. Referred to the street committe.

City Clerk Dowler formally reported that he had received and referred to the Streets committee communications referring to a certain drain on Labouchere street, to a blockade in the sewer on Johnson street, to the opening up of South road, and to the necessity for laying a new sidewalk in front of the Telegraph hotel, where the old one had been torn up during the erection of a new brick block.

ALD. LOVELL—Why should not those who tore up the sidewalk restore it?

ALD. HUMBER explained that where buildings were erected in all parts of the city, the sidewalks were generally such that when torn up they were not worth relaying. The city reaped additional taxes from the new buildings erected, and could surely afford to lay good sidewalks in front of them. It was a policy that should not be departed from.

The communication was placed on file.

There being no papers or agreements in connection with the widening of upper Fort street on file with the Registrar-General, Ald. Styles moved that the clerk communicate with Mr. Chas. Millard, of New Westminster, on the subject. No opposition was offered.

Thomas Earle, M.P., and R. G. Prior, M.P., advised the Board that their resolution in regard to the case of Samuel Greer had been duly received at Ottawa and placed in the hands of the Minister of Justice.

Belyea v. Gregory, enclosing an account for $600, asked for immediate payment to their client, Mr. Charles Howman.

MAYOR BEAVEN said that in this case the Council were still waiting for an explanation from the Street Committee of the items appearing as "extras" in Mr. Bowman's bill.

ALD. STYLES explained that the Street Committee had already given all the explanation in their power. The account was duly certified as correct by the late Street Superintendent Mr. Lynn, and dealt with the construction of a number of sidewalks, of which the Street Committee knew nothing.

ALD. LOVELL moved that the account be paid. It appeared that all the work had been done by the authority of Mr. Lynn and Mr. Leech, at the time officers of the corporation.

ALD. HUNTER had understood that all the trouble arose through the contractor not having gone to the city engineer for his grades, laying the sidewalks on chance levels. If this was the reason the account had not been passed, it certainly should not be paid.

After further discussion, Ald. Lovell's motion prevailed.

THE EVIL SPREADING.

The majority of the house holders resident on Kane street petitioned the Board in regard to a growing nuisance in that portion of the city, their letter reading as follows:

VICTORIA, MAY 18.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned property owners and residents, on Kane street and vicinity, beg to draw the attention of your honorable body to the fact of the existence of a number of disreputable houses, or houses of prostitution, on said street, known as Nos. 3, 11 and 17, which have been established there within a comparatively recent date.

The establishment of these houses, and the prosecution of their disreputable business, in the quiet, residential portions of the city, cannot but be viewed as inimical to, and imperilling the well being, morally and socially, of the families living in the neighborhood.

In addition to the imposition of these hurtful influences, to which the undersigned most emphatically object, you petitioners have to protest against nightly disturbances caused by people going in and coming out of these houses, ringing door bells, etc., by carriages driving up and leaving at all hours of the night, by loud talking and laughing, by pianos playing, etc., whereby the quiet of the said street is disturbed at unseasonable hours on account of the existence of these houses of prostitution.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray your honorable body to take such steps as will secure their removal from said street at an early date.

(Signed)	No. of years resident.
Mrs. J. W. Carey	30
Mrs. R. Phillips	22
Mrs. W. Webster	2
M. Lettice	17
Mrs. J. Weller	13
Mrs. H. Lawson	2
Mrs. H. V. Leigh	26
Mrs. G. F. Simpson	6
C. Wylde	14
E. A. Carter	3
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Mrs. J. W. Williams	
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Chas. Hayward	
Henry Jewell	
Fred. H. Worlock	

ALD. LOVELL did not think the petitioners brought their grievance to the right place. If the houses they complained of were a nuisance why did they not enter a complaint and have them indicted. It was sometimes very difficult to prove that these houses were a nuisance.

MAYOR BEAVEN—There certainly should be some remedy. These houses are spreading all over the city, and not a day goes by now in which I do not have complaints made to me regarding them.

ALD. STYLES moved the reference of the matter to the Superintendent of Police and Police committee.

MAYOR BEAVEN—One thing is certain, the police would be doing their duty much better in giving attention to these complaints than in summoning a child who happened to own a dog that wanted to go in the water.

Chorus of "Hear, Hear!"

ALD. HUMBER insisted that the police were doing their duty, if they did not, see that the park by-laws were carried out they would be sharply taken to task. He did not consider the complaint in the petition sufficiently definite for the police to deal with.

MAYOR BEAVEN thought the complaint was decidedly specific.

The petition was referred to the Superintendent of Police and Police committee for investigation.

FINALLY PASSED.

On motion of ALD. LOVELL, the Revenue by-law, dealing with the estimates for the current year, was finally read and passed.

The Finance committee in a short report advised that in future, with a view to curtailing expenses, all by-laws and Corporation advertisements of similar character should be published in the B. C. Gazette, and also in one of the city papers, and one only, and for one week only. This would meet the demands of the law and save a considerable sum of money.

ALD. BAKER thought that every by-law should be given fullest publicity, and that the ratepayers should thus be kept informed as to what was being done by their representatives. He was of the opinion that the by-laws should go into each of the local dailies.

ALD. LOVELL considered that a great deal of money was being wasted in advertising. If advertisements of municipal by-laws were inserted for one week in one daily paper, it would be quite sufficient. Those by-laws were very little read.

ALD. BAKER remarked that the reason the ratepayers took so little interest in matters upon corporation by-laws, was because they were not sufficiently advertised. He did not believe in blindfolding the people in any way.

ALD. HUMBER was in favor of advertising the by-laws in two papers simultaneously, and of giving each of them one insertion in the usual share of patronage.

ALD. STYLES and Baker wanted it distinctly understood that there was to be no favoritism in giving out the corporation patronage. The latter alderman asked that the Printing committee be given a week to look into the question.

ALD. HUNTER had found advertising to pay under all circumstances, and thought that if any "paring" was to be done, it should be done elsewhere.

It was finally decided to continue to give the advertising to two papers, each month, the patronage being equitably distributed.

A second report from the Finance committee was received, stating that payment had been authorized of accounts passed by the school trustees amounting to $914.95. The committee asked that their action be approved.

In these accounts an item appeared to the credit of McKillican & Anderson, and on Ald. McKillican moving the adoption of the report,

THE MAYOR suggested that some other member introduce the necessary resolution.

ALD. MCKILLICAN explained that the work was not done for the council, it was for the school trustees, and his firm had a perfect right to do it. Such insinuations were disgraceful and disgusting and he would have no more of them.

MAYOR BEAVEN pronounced the Alderman's remarks uncalled for and undeserved. He offered the suggestion merely because he thought it would look better to see some other name than Ald. McKillican's go down on the record. If the work was done for the School Board, it was the city's money that paid for it.

ALD. MCKILLICAN didn't care. Some one else could make the motion if he wanted to.

The action of the committee was duly approved.

Messrs. Bodwell & Irving presented a claim for $72.20, expenses of the Commission for the recent Royal Commission. The amount was passed for payment; "there's no help for it" being the passing comment.

Miscellaneous accounts totalling $2,412.66 were also passed.

REPORTS.

Finance Committee—stating that they could not recommend for payment the bill of R. P. Rithet & Co. for certain water pipes, the same not having been accepted as satisfactory; also that the claim of Redgrave & Bridgen for interest on a standing account could not be entertained, the Council not being given any power by law to make such an expenditure.

ALD. MCKILLICAN explained that the pipes had been held from sale in Vancouver especially to oblige the Victoria Council. In all fairness Messrs. Rithet & Co. should not be made to be losers by their action.

The first portion of the report was referred to the Water committee for further examination; the latter clause was adopted.

Park Committee—Stating that a meeting was called to investigate the grave charges preferred against Mr. Deacon by Charles McCorlick. McCorlick was requested to attend the meeting, but did not show up, and the committee advised that no further attention be paid to his charges. Adopted.

Pound Committee—Advising that the City Treasurer issue the customary notice in regard to the destruction of unlicensed dogs. Adopted.

Sanitary Committee—Stating that as the drain referred to in a communication from Samuel Clay, passed through private property, nothing could be done toward keeping it in repair.

ALD. STYLES called attention to an intolerable nuisance existing on Queen's Avenue. If the Sanitary committee or Sanitary officer would take a walk in that neighborhood, the smell would teach them a lesson they would not soon forget—if it didn't kill them on the spot. The Chinese gardens were responsible for the nuisance, which was an intolerable one, highly detrimental to the health of the neighborhood. He did not know how it was that action had not before been taken.

ALD. HUNTER and the Mayor referred to other nuisances which also called for attention, and the report was passed.

Street Committee—Recommending a sidewalk for King's Road, a box drain for Cedar street, a sidewalk in front of Thompson's building, Johnson street, a sidewalk on Chatham street, as soon as all fences are moved back from the proper line, an examination of Chatham street by the City Surveyor, a similar inspection for the Saanich road, a box drain for Pioneer street, and a reference of the Blanchard street sidewalk matter to the City Surveyor. Also that it will not be possible for the city to remove the rock complained of, on South Pandora street, as the street has not yet been accepted by the city; nor can the city improve the drain complained of by Major Dupont, as it runs through private property.

The case of the Dupont drain was briefly debated, and the report adopted.

THE NEW MAGISTRATE.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR informed the Council that the Government, with whom rested the selection of a police magistrate, under recent legislation, were in favor of appointing Hon. A. N. Richards to the position, which, however, he would not accept at a salary of less that $250 per month. The Attorney-General had requested a reply if the appointment was satisfactory to the Council; of course, the Government could fix the salary as well as make the appointment. The reference to the Board was merely a courtesy.

ALD. MUNN did not want any such courtesies from the Government, after they had taken from the city the power to appoint its own officials. If the Council had the appointment it would accept the responsibility; not having any voice in the matter it should not endorse the Government's appointee.

ALD. BRAGG endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker, and while he appreciated the "courtesy" of the Government, did not see that anything had been left for the Council to do.

ALD. HUMBER—Is the appointment for life, like that of a Judge?

THE MAYOR—It is at the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

ALD. HUMBER preferred expressions of enmity to courtesies in such a case. The Council had to pay the piper, and if Mr. Richards didn't suit them, could do nothing but grin and bear it. He wanted to hear from Ald. Hunter on the subject.

ALD. HUNTER thought many of the remarks that had been made about the Government's action were uncalled for. It was strange that the general desire should be to return the courtesy of the Government with insult. The Government, not taking advantage of the fact that all the power was in their hands, asked the Council if the appointment was satisfactory, and if not, he felt sure the Government would look elsewhere for a nominee. The legislation so much complained of was neither new, extraordinary, nor untried; it had a precedent in the best-conducted province of the Dominion—Ontario.

ALD. STYLES moved that the Government be informed that the Council had no objection to Mr. Richards, but had a decided objection to paying for his services a sum larger than that appearing in the estimates—$200 per month.

ALD. LOVELL seconded the motion. The salary named was amply sufficient. Two hundred a month was the salary paid the last police magistrate, who had given unqualified satisfaction, and who had been removed by some chicanery.

MAYOR BEAVEN, in justice to the Government, informed the Board that no appointment would be made distasteful to the Council. They should certainly treat the Government with the same courtesy they had shown.

ALD. MUNN said that the appointment of the magistrate was merely the introduction of a new system; soon police and liquor licenses both would be controlled by Government-appointed boards.

ALD. STYLES resolution passed and the Board adjourned.

SCARE AT KASLO.

The Newly Established City Threatened With Fire—Plucky and Successful Fight by the Residents.

KASLO CITY, May 16.—This morning, at 10 o'clock, a fierce gale sprang up from the south, and fire at the south end of the town and caught the clearing was being cottonwoods, where the south side of Kaslo River. This picked, on the south, a tremendous blaze, the fanned the fire into the river, and catching flames of which leaped northward towards the dry grass, rushed among the stores, recently the new houses. The situation was erected in this city. Brigades were immediately organized, water, taken at a glance, buckets of dry sand from the beach, were at once produced, prompt action, scene, and energy and quiet, yet powerful, was rapidly brought to play upon the flames. Trenches and fire guards were dug around, and round the houses in true Kansas fashion. Every man, woman and child in the town was brought into action. The dense smoke however, was almost too much for even the determination of those who fought for the safety of their homes and stores. After an hour passed: still it was a question which would conquer, and the fact that the north side of Kaslo River had been but recently cleared, leaving acres of charred stumps only too ready to catch fire again, made the general situation so much the worse, and the more difficult to handle. Mr. Thomas Norquay, the company's land agent, and McMillan, the company's local manager, worked like horses with the boys to check the progress of the ungovernable flames, and up to three o'clock it was uncertain to the engineer which would succumb first. At 3:30 p.m., the wind abated its fury, and a smart shower came down, which settled the question, and the busy little city was saved. All hands then went to work to replace furniture and goods in their proper places. Besides a little singeing, but little damage was done, beyond giving the community a severe fright, and putting them on their mettle to get a fire department.

BEHRING-SEA ARBITRATION.

Personnel of the American Representatives and Counsel—Meeting January 7th Next.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The American personnel of the Behring Sea Arbitration has been fully decided on. On the part of the United States, Justice John M. Harlan and Senator John P. Morgan, with Ex-Minister John Foster, as Agent of the United States, will have charge of the preparation of the case and counter-case, and be the official representatives of the United States before the Board of Arbitration. The counsel of the United States consists of Ex-United States Minister Phelps, Samuel S. Carter, of New York, and Judge C. W. Blodgett, of Chicago. By the terms of the treaty, the case of each Government will be submitted by September 7th, the counter-case by December 7th, and the printed argument of counsel by January 7th, at which date the Board of Arbitration will hold its first meeting, at Paris.

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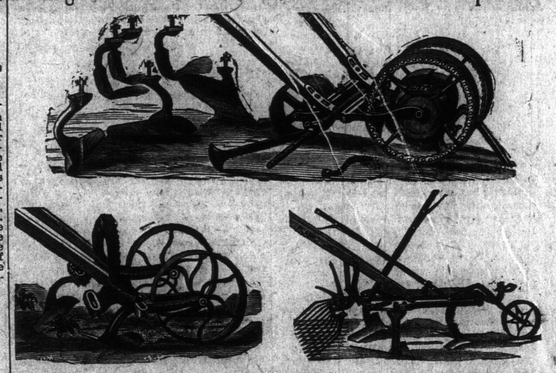

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