MORE BODIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT

UNCERTAINTY AS TO NUMBER STILL IN MINE

The Relief Committee Is Distributing Money Among Bereaved to Provide Against Immediate Want.

W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, who left on Friday evening for the Coal Creek mines, near Fernie, yesterday sent the following report to the Minister of Mines:

"Seventy-eight bodies recovered to date, eight to-day. All parts of mine searched except Beaver Deeps district; air turned there last night and three rooms No. 2 district. Found difficult to establish gas, but being accomplished gradually. Probably six bodies there. Mine free from gas except as noted. No trace of fire. Since Monday I have been with relief parties through every section, and I have seen no indication as to origin of explosion; certainly not from remaining sholes, as popularly reported, as they were found intact and had not been loaded. Mine dusty, but no sign of coked dust to indicate a dust explosion. All bodies probably out in next 24 hours, except those buried under falls of false roof through props being blown out, some places covering large areas. Search being made is systematic and persistent. General satisfaction being expressed at government grant."

EIGHTY-THREE FOUND.

Names of Additional Victims Whose Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Fernie, May 28.—The following additional bodies have been recovered: Peter Lekar, Tom Lekar, Geo. Burnie, Geo. Hirbus, Thos. Barton, Jas. Laundry, Geo. Tuka, Steve Zofsak, Jas. Thorpe, Joe Shilling, Alex. Bodie, Steve Rasco, Andrew Patterson, Nota Rosario, Antonio Petro, John Satarvitch, F. Frederico, Andrew Angelo, Mike Backos, Mat Maughney, S. J. Marsh, one unknown, Joe Barron, Enoch Barron and A. J. Davis.

The two Barrons were fine sturdy Scotchmen well known in Nanaimo.

Eighty-three bodies have been recovered, and it is known there are twenty-seven others still in. There is great uncertainty as to how many and who are still entombed, as the coal company has not the data.

Wm. Blakemore, M.E., has issued a bulletin stating that the coal company is doing all that can be done to recover the bodies and that it may take a week.

A coroner's inquest is to be held on Friday.

Elias Rogers, managing director of the coal company, and Mr. Storrs, the new general manager of the coal company, are expected to-morrow.

The relief committee have given the widows of each miner killed a cheque to provide against immediate want.

FERNIE RELIEF FUND.

Substantial Contributions From Le Roi and Great Western Mines at Rossland.

The Fifth Regiment band has arranged to give a concert in the Victoria theatre next Thursday evening in aid of the Fernie relief fund. The band will be assisted by local soloists and other local talent. Manager Jamieson will not charge for the use of the theatre.

The subscriptions to the fund at Rossland have reached about $800, the Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2 companies having donated $250 each.

The following subscriptions have been received at the Colonist office in addition to the $32 already acknowledged: Capt. Wm. Grant, $15; Senator Macdonald, $10; W. G. Stevenson, $10; James Mitchell, $3, and J. S., $1.

WITHIN A MILE OF CRATER.

Daring Newspaper's Man Journeys to Mount Pelee.

Fort de France, May 29.—Noon.—The awful crater of Mount Pelee has been approached within one mile. This feat was accomplished on Tuesday afternoon by George J. Kavanaugh, an unattached newspaper man, who had accompanied Prof. Robt. T. Hill, the United States government geologist, on his expedition. When Prof. Hill turned south toward St. Pierre, Kavanaugh continued on past Morne Rouge. His route seems to have been along or near the Cale Basse divide. He says he descended from Morne Rouge into the valley between Morne Rouge and Mount Pelee. This valley was deeply strewn with ashes. He was guided by an aged negress to where an old footpath connected to Lake Palmiste, near the summit of the crater. There, an iron cross twenty feet high was buried in ashes to within a foot of its top. Before him the mountain slope stretched upward, covered with ashes which, soaked by the heavy rains which had beaten on them and baked by the sun and volcanic heat, hardened like a cement sidewalk. The whole mountain top was shrouded in smoke. He went up and made pictures and rough sketches. He found the valleys filled up with ashes, and two great rivers which he was afraid to approach. Again in the evening he turned back. In the morning occurred the greatest outburst since Mount Pelee's first eruption. On Wednesday Kavanaugh tried to proceed to St. Pierre, but failed. He found a little hamlet in a valley near the mountain black with 150 dead bodies. The victims were not carbonized, nor had their clothing been burned off. Probably this valley lay near the inner edge of the zone of blasting flame.

George Kennan reported from Morne Rouge this morning. Professor Angelo Heilprin, who is here under the auspices of the National Geographical Society, has just left with Mr. Leadbetter for three days' careful exploration and study of the new craters, east and north.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

Admiralty Will Probably Immediately Proceed With Work on Twenty-seven Additional Ships.

London, May 29.—In a discussion of the navy estimates in the House of Commons to-day, the secretary of the admiralty, Mr. Arnold Foster, refuted Sir Charles-Dilke's suggestion that the government's ship building programme was so small as to create a bad impression abroad. The secretary said that during the past year 35 ships had been completed, 75 vessels were now under construction, including 20 armored cruisers, and the admiralty contemplated immediately proceeding with upward of 27 other ships. The vote for the construction of vessels alone, he said, would during the present year amount to £9,000,000.

NAVAL OPERATIONS.

What Warships in Philippines Have Cost the United States.

Washington, May 28.—In response to a resolution of inquiry, the secretary of the navy has forwarded to the Senate a statement by the paymaster general of the navy showing the expenditures of the government on account of the navy operations in the Philippines from May 1st, 1898, to date.

The statement places the amount in round numbers at $20,000,000. The expenditure to November, 1899, was $6,545,634; for 1900, $5,612,000, and for 1901, $6,335,000.

The remainder of the twenty millions is estimated for 1902, the exact figures for the present year being unavailable.

SHOT THREE MEN.

Longshoreman Thought Fellow-Workmen Had Deprived Him of Place.

Boston, May 26.—Acting under the impression that his fellow-workmen had deprived him of his place, Mortimer O'Brien, formerly a longshoreman employed by the Metropolitan Steamship Company, to-day shot three of his comrades: Patrick Brennan (foreman), Cambridgeport, may not recover; Robert Gordon, Chelsea; William Hennessy, Charlestown. After the shooting O'Brien disappeared, but later he returned to the wharf and was arrested.

O'Brien was discharge on Saturday, and it is said that he blamed Brennan and the other men.

EX-PRESIDENT DENOUNCED.

He is Alleged to Be Conspiring With the Colombian Rebels.

Guayaquil, May 29.—The newspapers here to-day denounce ex-President Alfaro, of Requoro, who lives here, for conspiring to overthrow President Plaza, who was inaugurated last August. They charge Alfaro with having called on the Colombian rebels to suspend operations in Colomba and come to Requoro to help him. They further allege that after the Colombians have overthrown Plaza, Alfaro is help them to defeat the Colombian Conservatives, whom they are now fighting. The papers ask Alfaro to explain.

BOY'S SUICIDE.

He Became Despondent Over a Love Affair.

Tacoma, May 27.—Arthur Sandquist, a 17-year-old boy who has been employed in sawmills about town, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver last evening in the southern part of the city. It is thought the young man was despondent over a love affair, though his family and friends know of no such attachment.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Chicago, May 28.—Crazed by burning oil, which had fallen on her dress from a gasoline stove, on which she was preparing supper last night, Miss Josephine Pixka ran into her bedroom and seized $200 in bills which lay secreted between the mattresses. Her screams attracted John Novak, who extinguished the flames only after she had been fatally burned. The bills, which represented the savings of herself and brother for several years, were burned. The girl died two hours later.

EMPEROR BAREHEADED.

Walked With Procession Through Streets of Vienna.

Vienna, May 29.—Corpus Christi day was celebrated to-day with customary magnificent ecclesiastical ceremony. Emperor Francis Joseph, the archdeacons, papal officers of state and municipal authorities were present early at high mass in the cathedral. Subsequently all paraded the principal streets, headed by the clergy of every parish in the city. The Emperor walked bareheaded carrying a lighted candle behind the host.

OHIO CONVENTION.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 28.—The Republican state convention, which has been a continued ovation here all week to Senator Hanna, closed this evening with a great demonstration in his honor, to which he responded in a characteristic speech. The senator at former state conventions has sounded key notes that were taken up by Republican glee clubs. He told them to-day to sing "Keep on letting well enough alone" in the campaign rallies this year. The convention was distinguished for harmony in chorus for Hanna in all that was done. One of the last reconciliations was that of Senator Hanna and former Governor Asa S. Bushnell, of Springfield. The following ticket was nominated: Secretary of state, Lewis C. Laylin, of Norwalk; judge of Supreme Court, D. C. Crew, of McConnellsville; food and dairy commissioner, Horace Ankeney, of Xenia; member of the board of public works, Wm. Kirtle, jr., of Defiance.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, May 29.—The clearing house returns for the week ending May 29th were: Clearings, $2,743,856, balance $441,023. Same week, 1901, clearings $1,470,816, balance $236,871. For same period 1900, clearings $2,301,864, balance $552,636.

MAY ANNOUNCE THE RESULT ON MONDAY

BALFOUR'S STATEMENT IN IMPERIAL COMMONS

It Is Believed Final Touches Were Put on Agreement at To-Day's Cabinet Meeting.

London, May 29.—The British cabinet was specially summoned last night and sat about ten hours. It is generally accepted to-day that the session sufficed to put the final touches on the agreement which will terminate the war.

The Colonial Secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, was sufficiently recovered from his indisposition to attend what is already designated as the "peace" cabinet.

Balfour's Statement.

London, May 29.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, announced in the House of Commons to-day that he hoped to be able on Monday next to announce the result of peace negotiations in South Africa. He added: "I cannot, however, be absolutely certain of being in a position to do so, and until the statement can be made I do not think it expedient to take up the budget."

Situation in Cape Colony.

London, May 29.—The capture of Commandant Malan, announced from Middleburg, Cape Colony, last night, demonstrates the activity of the rebellion in Cape Colony. Commandant Malan took the late Commandant Scheeper's command when the latter was captured by the British and became chief Boer commander in Cape Colony after Commandant Kritzinger's capture. Malan was among the irreconcilables who refused to send delegates to the peace conference.

The Boers are still in constant occupation of at least 22 different localities, and a correspondent reports that the invasion is more actively aggressive than ever and rebellion is still rampant. The campaign against the roving Boar commands in Cape Colony has achieved nothing beyond keeping them moving. Any occasional success obtained is more the result of luck than of British tactics. The inadequacy of the supply of troops is at the root of unsatisfactory operation.

Will Retain Arms.

Pretoria, May 29.—Lord Milner, the British high commissioner, left Pretoria for Johannesburg this morning.

The Boer delegates have also left this city and have returned to Vereeniging, the scene of the peace conference between Boer delegations.

The question of the retention of arms has been settled favorable to the Boers, whose contention that the occupants of outlying farms would be exposed to danger from attacks on the part of the natives or wild beasts appear to be well grounded.

THE STRIKE SITUATION.

F. P. Sargent Thinks All Soft Coal Miners Would Obey Strike Call.

St. Louis, May 28.—Frank P. Sargent, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, member of the National Labor Arbitration committee, of which Senator Hanna is chairman, stated to-day, the Post-Dispatch says, that a general sympathetic strike of all soft coal miners in the United States probably would be ordered. He declared that the miners of the Pennsylvania coal region had refused absolutely to treat with the regularly constituted arbitration board, and a sympathetic strike of the soft coal men was the only recourse.

"The anthracite miners," continued Mr. Sargent, "asked very little and were willing to make concessions, but the attitude of the operators from the start was such that I did not hesitate to suggest the strike to John Mitchell. I do not see at this time any hope of a compromise. The coal barons believe they are masters of the situation, while the working men are equally confident of their strength and their chances of success. There are 180,000 men idle as a result of the strikes. There are between 425,000 to 450,000 soft coal miners throughout the country, and not one union, in my judgment, would hesitate a moment to respond favorably to a call for a general strike."

THE CANALA ATLANTIC.

Burlington, Vt., May 28.—From the fact that within the past three days Dr. Seward Webb has conducted a party of prominent Canadian railway men and capitalists on a tour of inspection of the Canada Atlantic railway, it is believed here that an effort is being made to induce the Canadians to join Dr. Webb in his project of having the Rutland railroad purchase the Canada Atlantic. The party under Dr. Webb included Senator Cox of Toronto, Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, and Z. Lash, K.C., of Toronto, solicitor of the Canadian Northern Railway Company. The Canadian Northern Railway Company is constructing a line from Parry Sound to Sudbury, and has had a desire to get an interest in the Canada Atlantic. Joined to the Rutland railway and its connections, the Canada Atlantic would give a through system from Sudbury to Parry Sound to the ocean at Boston. Dr. Webb's present option on the Canada Atlantic expires next Saturday.

THE SHIPPING COMBINE.

London, May 29.—The White Star line shareholders have almost unanimously approved the Morgan shipping combine. The Dominion line shareholders have reached a similar decision and the Holland-American line shareholders have also ratified the agreement.

OPPOSED TO BUCKET SHOPS.

New York, May 29.—By the adoption of an amendment to the by-laws, the New York Cotton Exchange has definitely decided to blacklist bucket shops. The amendment excludes from membership in the exchange any persons or firm who conduct a bucket shop business or any representative of the same.

WRECKAGE FOUND.

Pilot House and Remains of Man Drifted Ashore on Triangle Island.

News has been received from those who made a trip to Triangle Island, off Cape Scott, on the steamer Eagle, of Vancouver, that a large quantity of wreckage has drifted ashore, and included in the discoveries along the beach were the remains of a man.

The Eagle belongs to Mr. Wadhams, and has made several attempts during the past winter to reach the island, but owing to the rough weather the crew were obliged to abandon the expedition until a week or two ago.

The discoverers of the wreckage are a party of prospectors looking for copper. They found the pilot house of a large steamer, but so far as known were unable to identify it.

Triangle Island lies in a most exposed portion off the coast, directly in the path of the coast currents, and is seldom, if ever, visited.

BUSINESS OF THE FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

A. O. U. W. Supreme Lodge Convenes at Portland and I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge at New Westminster.

The general committee, societies' reunion, meet to-night in the Pioneer hall at 8 o'clock to receive reports of the following sub-committee, viz., grounds, sports and finance. All members of the committee should endeavor to be on time so as to get through with the business with dispatch, and thereby enable those who desire to attend the meeting called by the mayor to-night for the purpose of taking steps to celebrate the coronation.

There is a White Rose Degree meeting of Alexandra Lodge, S. O. E., to-night, when quite a batch of members will be raised to White Rose Degree. Visiting brothers and White Rose members of the Pride of the Island Lodge will be welcomed.

There was a good attendance at the regular session of Victoria Aerie, No. 12, last night, and considerable business of a routine character was carried out. P. D. D. Bro. Barnhardt installed Bro. D. S. Mowat as W. conductor for the balance of the term, vice F. C. Shepherd, and Bro. Petticrew was appointed on the finance committee, also vice F. C. Shepherd. Letters and telegrams were received from D.P.G.T. A. W. von Rhein, en route to Minneapolis. The matter of the annual excursion on July 1st was taken up, and Bros. F. Le Roy, J. W. Sexton and W. Wheeler were appointed a committee to make arrangements. There being no initiations, the W. Pres., G. Woods, held a short session in the secret work of the order, and found one or two members napping. The latter part of the session was spent in social fashion, songs and refreshments being the order.

The supreme lodge of A. O. U. W. will convene at Portland on Tuesday, June 10th, and will be in session about a week or more. This is the highest order of Workmen, it being composed of representatives from the different grand lodges. As this year is the first occasion the order has met on the West Coast, the members of the A. O. U. W. societies at Portland have made elaborate preparations to welcome the visitors and entertain them while in that city. Banquets, concerts, driving parties and other excursions will be held. Already two excursions have been arranged, one to the mouth of the Columbian river by steamboat and the other overland into the interior a short distance. The delegates to represent British Columbia will be A. Stewart and J. T. McIlmoyl, of Victoria, and Dr. W. A. de Wolf Smith, of New Westminster. Mr. McIlmoyl this morning stated that he expected that the number attending the session would be in the neighborhood of 300. He also said that it is the intention of the delegates from British Columbia to induce as many as possible of the representatives to the supreme lodge to take the northern route on their return east, so that they may spend a short time here.

The Daughters of the Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., will hold a social entertainment in the A. O. U. W. hall this evening. A programme of music, recitations, etc., will be rendered, and the friends of members of the order are invited to attend. Music for dancing will be provided, and refreshments served. All who attend are assured of a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W., held its regular meeting last evening, when there was a fair attendance. Several candidates were initiated and other business of importance transacted.

Members of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., are reminded of the regular weekly meeting which is to take place this evening. A large attendance is requested, as matters of importance will come up for consideration.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., held its regular weekly meeting last evening, there being a good attendance. Among other business the degree team conferred the Scarlet Degree on one brother. A communication was received from the grand secretary notifying the lodge that the grand lodge will meet in New Westminster on Wednesday, June 11th. Decoration Day, in connection with the Odd Fellows lodges, will probably be held on about the 10th of the month. The matter, however, will be decided at a meeting of the committee of representatives from all Odd Fellow lodges. This will bring the Decoration Day of the local lodges of the Three Links and Knights of Pythias very close together, the latter societies having decided to hold their Decoration Day on the 15th of June. At the next meeting of this lodge, to be held on June 4th, two members will be advanced to the third degree.

A BIG FIRE.

Williamsport, Pa., May 29.—Word has just been received here that a big fire is raging at Jersey Shore, about ten miles west of here. Twenty buildings in the business section have already been destroyed. This city has been asked for assistance.

STRICT SURVEILLANCE!

POLICEMAN: "Our Commissioners say there shall be no gambling unless under my strictest surveillance. You've got a good hand, old man; go ahead."

TO SAVE THEIR POLITICAL LIVES

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR THAT PURPOSE TABLED

Two More Members Get Railway Bills as the Reward of Their Importunate Demands.

The railway bills submitted last evening provide for aid to two roads, namely, one from Kitimaat Inlet to Hazelton, and one from Midway to Vernon. These are the two lines which Messrs. Clifford and Ellison demanded, and which the government has been forced to provide for as the price of their political lives. It begins to look as though the government would be able to drum up enough railways to go round all their supporters.

The first mentioned bill is to be known as the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Aid Act, 1902. By it the Lieut.-Governor in Council is authorized to aid the construction of a railway from a point on Kitimaat Inlet by the most convenient and feasible route to a point at or near Hazelton on the Skeena River, by a grant to the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company of five thousand dollars for each mile of railway (not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five miles) constructed between Kitimaat Inlet and Hazelton, the said aid to be paid by debentures or inscribed stock of the province, which the Lieut.-Governor in Council is empowered to issue, which shall be accepted at par value, shall bear interest at three per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, and the principal of which shall be payable in fifty years from the date of issue.

The Lieut.-Governor in Council may enter into an agreement with the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company for the construction of the railway. The said agreement shall contain the following provisions:

The company covenant with the government to construct, equip, fully complete and maintain a line of railway with all proper terminal facilities, from a point on Kitimaat Inlet by the most convenient and feasible route to a point at or near Hazelton on the Skeena River, which railway shall be a standard gauge railway, and up to the general standard of the Columbia & Western railway, and shall be the property of the company.

The company shall commence work on the said railway within three months after a subsidy, satisfactory to the company, shall have been granted by the parliament and government of Canada.

The company shall, before the commencement of the said work, give security for the due performance of the work herein provided for in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

If the said security is not given on or before the first of September, 1903, this agreement shall become null and void.

The subsidy shall be payable to the company from time to time as each ten miles of railway (or in the case of the last section the fraction of ten miles, if such it be) have been built of the standard and in accordance with the terms of this agreement, and a certificate therefor has been given by the engineer of the government.

The government shall grant to the company a right of way not exceeding two hundred feet in width, along the line of railway, and such Crown lands as may be necessary for terminal purposes, sidings, stations, sheds, wharves, warehouses, embankments, cuts, bridges, culverts, drains and other works and approaches thereto. The Crown lands mentioned in this section shall be limited to such quantity as the Lieut.-Governor in Council may consider reasonable and necessary for the purposes of the company. The said lands shall be granted subject to the provision or condition contained in paragraph (i) of this agreement: Provided, however, that a failure to carry out or obey such a provision or condition shall not be enforced against said lands except by proceedings in court, during which an opportunity shall be given to the company to comply with such provision or condition.

The company's railway and branches and extensions in British Columbia, and equipment and stations and station-grounds, workshops, etc., and all personal property owned or possessed by the company, and the capital stock and revenues of the company, shall be free from provincial and municipal taxation until the lapse of ten years from the completion of the railway hereby contracted to be built, and in lieu of all provincial taxation after the said ten years, the company shall pay to the government each year two per cent. of the gross earnings of the said railway and branches and extensions, and the same shall be a first charge on the said gross earnings after the payment of maintenance and working expenses of the railway, and the government shall have the same rights and remedies for collection as for the collection of taxes in the ordinary manner. Should any question arise between the government and the company as to the amount of gross earnings, the government shall have access at reasonable times to the books of the company to verify the correctness of all statements of gross earnings submitted by it. The government may, however, at any time after the payment of said two per cent. on gross earnings come into operation cancel the same and bring the said railway under the operation of the general law of the province governing the taxation of railways, and in which case the company will be relieved for the future of the payment of the said two per cent. on gross earnings, and the said road will be subject to taxation; but the company shall not at any time be subject to taxation upon a more onerous basis than the taxation of any other railway company of a similar standard in British Columbia.

The said line of railway shall be commenced and completed by the company within the time following, viz.: Within three months after the parliament and government of Canada have granted to the company aid satisfactory to the company for the construction of said railway, the construction thereof shall be commenced, and the railway shall be completed within three years thereafter.

(i.) The Lieut.-Governor-in-council shall have the right, by order-in-council, to fix the maximum freight and passenger rates to be charged by the company.

The subsidy under this agreement shall be subject to the conditions that the workmen, laborers or servants employed in or about the construction and operation of the railway in aid of which such subsidy is granted, shall be paid such rate of wages as may be currently payable to workmen, laborers and servants engaged in similar occupations in the district in which such railway is constructed and operated, and upon breach of such condition by the company there may be deducted and retained from any moneys payable in respect to such unearned subsidy such amount as the Lieut.-Governor-in-council may think proper; and in case the subsidy shall have been paid before such breach, such part thereof as may be determined by order-in-council may be recovered back from the company, with full costs of action at the suit of the Attorney-General of the province in any court of competent jurisdiction.

The government shall be entitled to retain the subsidy on each section when the same becomes due, until the company produce satisfactory evidence that the wages of all workmen employed on said section have been paid.

Whenever in this agreement the government or the company is mentioned or referred to, such mention or reference shall extend to and include and be binding upon the successors of the government, and the successors and assigns of the company, as the case may be.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this agreement if the said company have not begun the construction of the said railway on or before the first day of September, 1903, this agreement shall become null and void.

Midway & Vernon.

The provisions of the Midway & Vernon bill are very similar to those of the Kitimaat road. It contains, however, the following additional paragraph: "Section 2 of the Midway & Vernon Railway Company's Act, being chapter 81 of the acts of the legislature of the province of British Columbia passed in the year 1901, is hereby amended by striking out the words 'Town of Greenwood,' in line one and two, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'City of Vancouver,' and the said act is in all other respect revived and confirmed as if it had been herein specially re-enacted."

GOOD LIVING

Quite often results in bad health, because what is termed "good living" is usually the gratification of the palate without reference to the nutrition of the body. When the good liver is a business man and rises from a full meal to plunge at once into work requiring mental effort the result is almost sure to be disastrous, because digestion draws upon the same nervous forces which are employed in thought. In time the stomach becomes diseased, the processes of digestion and nutrition are imperfectly performed and there is a physical breakdown.

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THEIR NEXT BATTLE.

Victoria Will Meet Nanaimo Here Week From Saturday.

Not at all daunted by their defeat at the hands of the New Westminster team in the Caledonia grounds on Saturday last, the Victoria lacrosse players intend practicing unremittingly for their match with Nanaimo here on Saturday week. The Coal City team has developed into a formidable aggregation, as may be judged by the recent defeat they inflicted on their adversaries from the Terminal City on Saturday last, when the score was 6 to 4. Although the blue and white stick handlers handed out a score that overwhelmed Nanaimo in their recent match they realize that many a battle has been lost by over-confidence. Therefore, the local ranks will be strengthened by such veterans as Colin Blain, Geo. Tite and Frank Cullen. This next match should be Victoria's second victory, which of three games will not be a bad showing. Practices will be held to-night and to-morrow in the Caledonia grounds at the usual hour.

It is understood that Walter Loring has resigned the captaincy of the team.

CABS PREFERRED TO BEDS.

A cabman drove up to one of the Paris police stations the other night with three elderly maiden ladies who he had been driving about all the evening until then, and who had told him frankly they could not pay him anything.

It was ascertained that about two months ago they had been driven near to their wits' end by a burglary committed in the house where they lived, and they made up their minds not to risk the risk of another visit from a burglar by never sleeping under a roof again. They sold their furniture and other possessions, and scraped together about 10,000 francs. Then they dispensed with a home, eating in restaurants by day and sleeping in cabs at night. Many cabmen to whom they had been good customers gave them accommodation in their vehicles when their money was gone.

The ladies will now be sent to an asylum.

ONE SHORT PUFF CLEARS THE HEAD.—Does your head ache? Have you pains over your eyes? Is the breath offensive? These are certain symptoms of catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure most stubborn cases in a marvellous short time. If you've had Catarrh a while it's a sure cure. If it's of fifty years' standing it's just as effective. 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—57.

The strike of carters employed by the Dominion Transport Company, Montreal, ended on Wednesday, the company meeting the men's demands.

THE NEW BY-BEFORE

CITY FATHERS IN ADJOURN

Discussed Mr. Oliver's Municipal Clauses Act Writes on Sub

Certain amendments t Clauses Act, introduced ture by John Oliver, M. were considered by the an adjourned meeting this connection a comm the city clerk, W. J. much light on the matt follows:

To His Worship Mayor H

Sir:—I beg to call your provisions of Sec. 3 of bill an Act to amend the Mu Act, which reads as follo

"Section 9 of said chap repealed and the followi therefor: 9. In city munic of voters shall be closed 5th day of January of the nominations are made, an days after the closing ther the municipality shall caus a certified copy of such vo more copies of which sha conspicuous public places i ity."

It may be possible that are capable of being follow try municipalities where voters is limited, but in a ity like Victoria it is differe it may be easy to form an involved in the proper pri nual voters' list of this cit that the total number of in the last list prepared, b as follows: North Ward, Ward, 1,074; South Ward, list, 3,948; making a total lists of 8,609. When it is r each one of these names h with the printed proofs, at fore they can be said to be position to be certified to time actually taken up in the list is added to this v ception can be had of the absolutely necessary to a of so large a list.

The enclosed specificati been in use for a number connection with the printing voters' list, clearly shows of not less than six weeks sidered necessary for this this was not too long ha more than once when the up until 12 o'clock at nigh the lists might be certified the day appointed by sta for no other reason than t and his staff of one of the establishments in the city, complete the work before though there had been no d rection and transmission of In the printing of the li prints the names first in ga then when these forms have and the list or lists are read they are arranged in colun wards struck off and boun operation being of course certified as correct.

With reference to the at have no hesitation in saying trying out of its provisions the preparation of the this city for the annual mu is an absolute impossibility bill, the modus operandi of voters' list will be different lowed hitherto, still, it is actual number of names th printed and checked for ac any less than at present. matters will work out method, so far as I can s follows:

Voters are given to the 3 cember inclusive, from the December inclusive, where statutory declaration as to as is usual in such cases; almost invariably been the leave the matter in the to attend to. The result be where the applicants call tory declarations, is besieged bers as to make it difficult date them. If this was the householders were to be what would be the condit when such an arrangement entire electorate. But even matter compared with the ting the list ready, that is, printer, alphabetically arra corrected name by name, columnar form, re-corrected as correct, within three days. indexes are opened on the fi cember, and that entries are as declarations are filed, th a time during the latter part when, owing to the large num tions, it will be necessary to ber of clerks employed, wor to write up the indexes for day, so that the indexes may ed up with the applications. of course will be indexes of of the Mayor's list.

The above section says: "shall be closed on or befo of January." The object of entity as to the day on whi list shall close is difficult to disadvantage of having one ap the closing of the list is ap does away with any questio arise as to when the list closed. But granting that t on the 5th day of January, takes place on the third Monda if the 5th day of January sho Monday, and three days are g the list issued, certified to and seven days will be given the p interested to ascertain whether are on the list, and have the the event of their being improp

Apart from these questions, remains that it is proposed u tion to have done in three d has hitheto taken six weeks even in that case the instanc be carried that the list has conditions which the most car and correcting have failed to p fact is that if on the 5th da