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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—Kaslo is asking the Government for an appropriation of $1,000 to build a jail.

—Winnipeg is considering the advisability of putting in a system of police signal boxes. The same idea might be adopted with advantage in Vancouver.

—The C. P. R. has cut off the branch telegraph offices in the Manitoba and Lake ties Hotels, Winnipeg. The officials at the latter place are working on a scheme which has for its object the relief of the men who have been discharged.

—At the meeting of the Dock Board of Liverpool, held on the 3rd inst., Walter Glynn, a leading ship owner, said that the board must look forward to a scheme to accommodate vessels a thousand feet long that would accomplish the Atlantic passage in three and a half days.

A person passing down Dupont street any evening just now will notice Chinamen walking up and down within a prescribed distance in an apparently aimless manner. They are not as aimless as they look. They are spotters for the gambling houses on the look-out for the police.

—It is said that the C. P. R. are having a new boat built on the Clyde, which will be brought out in the spring and put on the route between Owen Sound and Sault Ste Marie. She will be a side wheeler, will make 22 miles an hour, and will be scheduled to make two round trips a week between Owen Sound and the Sault.

—The Slocan Prospector says: H. W. Kent, superintendent of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Co., was in town last week looking over the country with a view to building a line to several points and establishing a central office at Three Forks. The work of construction will be started at once and pushed through as speedily as possible.

—It is said of Frederic Villiers that when at home in London, Eng., he keeps two Gladstone bags ready packed. One is said to contain an outfit for a hot climate and the other for places where it is cold. This, we suppose, by way of hinting that he may expect to be called on at a moment's notice to start for the ends of the earth, having only to receive his passports and other necessary documents.

—The local item appearing in the News-Advertiser this morning stating that C. E. Tisdall challenges any man (one barrel) to shot him round the park for a silk hat is pure fiction. It emanated, he says, from the empty brain of one of the staff of that paper, and he denies that he ever made any more of these silly items at his expense against the culprit will have trouble on his hands.

—In the coffee house, Cordova street, is one of those automatic gas meters into which you drop a 25-cent piece and get the worth of it in illuminant. On Tuesday night some one broke into the place and smashed open the meter to get at the quarters that had been dropped into it. It is not yet known how much they got. This is the second of these meters to be rifled this year.

—Sydney exchanges to hand by the Alameda contained the news that embezzler Frederick Bollman, who was arrested on one of the Canadian-Australian liners on her arrival at Victoria some months ago and his confederate, Chas. A. Day, were tried and found guilty of fraud at the Metropolitan quarter sessions in Sydney. The sentence of each offender was 18 monts' imprisonment at hard labor.

—The case of Lashbrooke vs. Sexsmith, arising out of the alleged damming of a drain on Lulu Island during the June floods, bids fair to run through all the rest of the week. Only one witness for the defense had got through up to 5 p. m. to-day and there are still 12 of them to be examined. The case is proceeding before a special jury, the gentlemen engaged on which get $4 per day.

—The thrown-away ends of carbons of electric lights in Williamsburgh are being gathered up by sufferers from rheumatism, who believe that by carrying around pieces of the carbon the pain is lessened. Bits can be found under almost any of the arc lights in the city after the lamp tender has been around. Vancouverites will have no difficulty in trying this new cure, which has the merit of not costing anything.

—As usual a large number of men gathered at St. Andrew's church on Wednesday evening to partake of the tasty hot soup and the nourishing bread that is now given free every Wednesday evening to all who apply. No one who has been present at one of these gatherings can fail to appreciate that they are doing a great deal of good. The pinched look on the faces of some of those who sit down at the tables speak volumes.

—A recent heavy freshet caused much alarm at Duncan's, and the dams and protection works near the railway bridge were the centre of attraction for sightseers until Tuesday, when, after a steady fall of the water during the previous night, all danger for the time being was over. Happily no serious damage was done, the efforts of the workmen on Saturday and Sunday last in patching and repairing small breaches in the dam constructed last year by the Provincial Government having successfully averted the threatened danger.

—Mention was made some months ago of the murder at Sungpu, China, of two inoffensive Swedish missionaries. From a copy of the Shanghai Daily News to hand by the Empress it is learned that through that paper $32.18 taels were raised for Mr. Lund, of the Swedish mission, which sum allowed him to go to Peking to lay his case before the Tsungli Yamen. Mr. Lund took a number of native witnesses and remained for months to urge his case, although he failed to get punishment meted out to the guilty, it is satisfactory to know that he succeeded in saving the innocent, for the poor wretches whom the Sangpu officials had arrested were released. Promises of justice were, of course, freely made by the high Chinese authorities, but these promises have proved to be worth as much as ever they were—nothing.

From Friday's daily.

—Yesterday's Gazette proclaims the setting apart of a small tract of land for cemetery purposes at Golden, adjoining the southern boundary of the Golden Mining and Smelting Co.'s property.

—The Northern Pacific railway is about to inaugurate a heated car service for the transportation of perishable freight during the cold weather over the system. The service will be inaugurated on Wednesday, the 16th inst, and will apply to the whole system, including the St. Paul-Winnipeg line.

—The Bellingham Bay Hydraulic Mining Co., of Fairhaven has been registered under the Foreign Companies act and authorized to do business in British Columbia. The company is capitalized at $30,000.

—Winnipeg has found that doing away with rebates for the prompt payment of taxes has had the effect of making payments come in more slowly, though it has not delayed payments as much as the supporters of the rebate scheme prophesied it would.

—The Associated Press despatches about the recent high tides now coming to hand in Eastern exchanges convey the idea that the whole Province was inundated. Mail Clerk May says that at Calgary he had considerable difficulty in explaining away that impression.

—General Booth was so ill when he reached Winnipeg that the public reception in the C. P. R. waiting room had to be abandoned. The General was sick when here, which accounts for his occasionally manifesting sharpness of temper. It is said that his gruffness to his hosts in some places was, to say, the least, bewildering.

—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that Villiers is the author of the Port Arthur butchery and that his attacks on de Guerville, of the New York Herald, are made because the latter attacked the truth of the sensational story. The general impression is that de Guerville is in the wrong and that the four other correspondents, Villiers, Creelman, Cowan and Hort were correct.

—At Thursday evening's meeting of Loyal Ivanhoe Lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., a letter was read from Joseph Pope, thanking the lodge in most kindly terms on behalf of Lady Thompson for the resolution passed by the lodge expressing sympathy with Lady Thompson in her great bereavement and deploring the loss to Canada of one of her foremost sons in the person of Sir John S. D. Thompson.

—It is now generally understood that Superintendent Ford, of the Dominion Express Company, will take up his residence in St. Paul. The company believe that the new express agencies will be better managed by a superintendent living in St. Paul, although recognizing that the extent of country through which the company operates is great in Canada. Some of the Winnipeg staff may also be moved south.

—The steamer Lois which has been dodging the bailiff for a long time, having been found at last only to be told that the fire left of the Morse estate, has been purchased by James Hartney and Capt. Johnson, formerly of the Clutch. The Lois is a seaworthy little craft and as both the new owners have an extensive acquaintance and considerable experience in the lumbering and towing business she will under their management be made to pay.

—There are now 88 licentiates and apprentices of pharmacy in British Columbia, the names of whom appear in yesterday's Gazette. Of these 35 are located in Victoria, 26 in Vancouver, 10 in Nanaimo, eight in Westminster, three in Vernon, two in Kamloops, and one each in Esquimalt, Kaslo, Revelstoke and Nelson. The list includes 15 licentiates and 16 apprentices, of whom 63 were in business before the passage of the Pharmacy act.

—The people of Golden ought to be pretty sure of having undisturbed possession of the land set aside for a cemetery for that town. Both the Dominion and Provincial Government's have declared it to be set aside for cemetery purposes, each, probably, being convinced that it had a right so to do. It was certainly a piece of crown land and as such Government agents have relinquished any claim on it there should be no further trouble about it.

—Rev. J. F. Barker, of Ingersoll, Ont., has put into effect the parable of the talents in a recent Sunday in which he distributed over $100 among his congregation, giving to all those who were willing $1 each, which they are to retain and increase as much as possible until the last Sunday in 1895, when they are to hand over the dollar and all they have made. Next year Vancouver preachers may try the same experiment if some good friend of the church will supply the $100.

—The last issue of the Canada Gazette contains the official notice of the copyrighting of the British Columbia Annual, which is The World's New Year edition, and the History of British Columbia from its earliest discovery down to the present time. The same issue of the Canada Gazette contains an amendment to the section 662 of the Criminal code, to the effect that, notwithstanding any law, usage or custom to the contrary seven grand jurors, instead of 12, as heretofore, may find a true bill in any Province where a full panel of grand urors is not more than 13.

—The departure is recorded in Eastern papers of travelers from the various wholesale houses with samples of full lines of spring goods, many of the knights of the road being bound for this Province. The advices say that low stocks of heavy goods, together with the uncertainty of transportation facilities for sorting purchases, but these will now be light, as it will be the retailers' aim to work down the quantity of goods on hand pending stock-taking about Feb. 1st. Up to the present, orders for spring goods have been fairly numerous. New arrivals of domestic and foreign goods are coming to hand, and some few shipments have been made to retailers desiring early deliveries.

—A World reporter a day or so ago saw a well-known citizen dodge into a store on Water street where they sell such books as Deadwood Dick's Last Stand, or the Tragedy in the Gulch; Jesse James and Old Sleuth, or the Detective's Death Trail; Plute Pete, or the White Slave's Revenge, etc. When our prominent fellow-townsman came out he had a number of these samples of exorable fiction in his hand, and the reporter made bold to ask him if he was going to gratify some small book-worm of literary appetite. "No," said he, "I am going to read them myself. That is what I'm going on a literary spree. When I get actually worn out and run down over the study of the obtruse problems of the day—when I reach that stage when professional work becomes a bore to my dreams, I get a lot of these absurdities and just revel in them. It requires no mental effort whatever to peruse them and the amusement afforded is unbounded. I get clear away from business worries; in fact, as I said, I let my mind go off on a little spree. No bad effects follow this mild form of dissipation. Indeed, I am really rested by it. Try it yourself some time," and the professional gent went off with his bundle of trashy small-beer with the air of a man who was looking forward to a good time.

From Saturday's daily.

—Charles Moulton is again in possession of the Huntingdon hotel, Huntingdon.

—In the Methodist church at Sidney, V. I., on Thursday, Jan. 17th, J. J. White, formerly of Madoc, Ont., but now station agent at Sidney was married to Estella, eldest daughter of Henry Breitour, of Sidney.

—John Johnson, for several years an employe on the civic street work, died on Friday afternoon of consumption. He was buried on Sunday afternoon, the funeral leaving the corner of Abbott and Pender streets at 2 p. m.

—The people of Huntingdon, who hither to could not get to the C. P. R. station are about to be accommodated, they comparing being about to construct a roadway alongside the track. This will be a convenience which will be greatly appreciated by the public.

—George Selmes, aged, 71, who has been in British Columbia since 1858, died on Jan. 8th. He got whisky from the Chinese at Quesnelle Mouth, where he had been lying after he quit rocking for gold when the cold weather set in, and went on a spree. The exposure resulted in an attack of inflammation of the lungs from which he never rallied.

—An Italian lunatic who had escaped from the Provincial Asylum for the Insane wandered up to the police station on Friday afternoon. John Clough made him comfortable until the keeper who was on his track arrived to take him away.

—The Art, Scientific and Historical Association will hold its next entertainment on Feb. 9th. It is proposed to affiliate with the National Council of Women, and Mrs. Capt. Mellon and Mrs. J. C. McLagan have been appointed delegates to confer with that body.

—Mr. Helmcken's landlord and tenant bill, designed to remedy a grievance keenly felt here, provides as follows: In all cases where the relation of landlord and tenant exists the lien of the landlord shall be preferred to all claims of whatsoever nature, to the extent and no further than to enable the landlord to collect the payment of the rent due in respect of any premises let or demised by him three months after the same shall have become due and payable. In all other cases the claim of the landlord shall be of the same nature as that of a simple creditor.

—Brief mention has been made of the death in Nanaimo of Edna Grace, the 10-year old daughter of T. C. Alcock, customs officer, of this city. The circumstances surrounding the event are peculiarly sad. She went over with her mother on a visit and when Mrs. Alcock returned home she left the child to spend a holiday with her grandparents. The illness that caused the little ones death developed rapidly and ran a brief course, and the news of her sickness had hardly reached the parents before she was dead. Mr. and Mrs. Alcock have the sincere sympathy of their friends in their hour of bereavement.

From Monday's daily.

—The Victoria Tramway company have issued a notice that in the future neither policeman nor firemen will be allowed to ride free on their cars.

—The town of Vernon has levied a rate of 2 3-10 mills on the dollar to meet the expenses connected with the recent diphtheria cases, amounting to $1,300.

—The weather has been very mild in the vicinity of Clinton so far and the cattle men are getting through pretty well in the spring without the loss of stock.

—Lieut.-Commander R. H. Blair, who has many warm friends in this city, has been promoted to be a Commander. He was in command of H. M. S. Pheasant on this station.

—At Belle Creek, P. E. I., on Jan. 7th, L. G. Munn, of New Westminster, was married to Miss Cassie McLaren, of that place. They are now at home at 721 5th avenue, New Westminster.

—H. M. S. Wild Swan left Devenport on Dec. 21st for the North Pacific station to relieve H. M. S. Champion. She will call at Las Palmas, St. Vincent, Montevideo and Valparaiso en route.

—The Kamloops Sentinel says that an unfortunate accident, causing injuries to two men and loss of considerable property, occurred on the C. P. R., near Notch Hill on Monday 14th inst.

—The Province has lost another pioneer in the death of Jas. Collett, who died at Victoria on Jan. 12th. He owned a big ranch and many head of cattle. Rev. E. P. Flewelling officiated at the funeral.

—The Toronto Empire mentions the presence in that city of a Mrs. Wade and child, George Patterson, Philip Montgomery and C. P. Piers, of Manchester, Eng., who are on their way to Vancouver.

—A small fire in the residence of Charles Coldwell, Mount Pleasant called out the Hill brigade on Saturday afternoon. The blaze was soon extinguished with chemicals and she will be placed in "rotten row" for sale or to be broken up. She was built in 1878 at a cost of £102,288, and has served four foreign commissions.

—Prof. Baldwin and his wife who created quite a sensation here a couple of years ago with their telepathy seances and who were afterwards shown up in London Truth, are now touring in Eastern Canada.

—The U. S. lighthouse inspector gives notice that hereafter a white light will be shown from an arm of a tree on the extreme northeast end of Orchard Rock, Wash., which marks the south side of the entrance to Rich's passage leading to Port Orchard.

—The San Pedro, the big collier wrecked on Brotchie ledge, Victoria, is rapidly breaking up and it is not thought that she will hold together much longer. When she disappears the Department of Marine and Fisheries will put an electric beacon on the ledge.

—Word has been received from Clinton, B. C., that Theodore Lewis, a cook in the Government road camp, has died from the effect of an overdose of laudanum administered by herself. The report does not suggest whether it was a case of mistaken or deliberate suicide.

—An Aldergrove farmer named Timothy Reardon was seriously injured at the Brunette mills, Sapperton, last week. While standing between the edger and roller a piece of timber struck him in the abdomen, causing hemorrhage of the bowels. He is in a precarious condition.

—The ship Bundaleer, Capt. Cosmos, flying the Nicaraguan flag, arrived on Sunday to load lumber at Hastings mill for Santa Rosalia, Mex. The Chilian ship Hindostan, Capt. Welch, has also arrived, 85 days out from Valparaiso. She will load lumber at Hastings mill for a return trip to the same port.

—It certainly pays to run a street railway in Toronto, even if it is stopped on Sundays. The annual report of the Toronto Street Railway Co. shows a net profit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1894, of $250,695, representing an earning power of four per cent. on the company's capital of $6,000,000. The gross earnings during the year were $953,370.

—It is reported in New Westminster that Messrs. Bullen & Rand, the latter president of the prospective B. I. & F. V. railway, have combined as tenderers on the bridge across the Fraser, Mr. Rand to assume Mr. Bullen's tender for the road, and Mr. Bullen to be the contractor. It is understood that the proposition will be laid before the council.

—The Capilano arrived on Sunday afternoon from the halibut banks with 30,000 lbs. of fish. She was out 14 day and reports having had bad weather during most of the trip. For five days the weather was so rough on the banks that the boats could not go out to fish, and it is expected that the Coquitlam will arrive this evening.

—In Victoria the teachers and parents have voted against the proposal to extend the noon recess. The recess is now one hour and the proposal is to make it an hour and a half. Ballots were sent to all teachers and parents. Of the latter 206 voted for the extension and 870 against it. The 43 teachers voted solid on the nay side. Some of the parents added emphatic reasons for their opposition to the proposed change.

—The heaviest Canadian bullock sold in Great Britain last year, and probably the heaviest ever landed there from this country, was sold in Glasgow in July for $142. The animal was a cross breed Shorthorn and came from Ontario. It stood 17 hands high and measured eight feet from the crown of the head to the tail, while its weight was slightly over a ton. The price is considered to be the highest ever realized in that country for a Canadian bullock. In 1893 the highest prices realized in Glasgow were $140 for a bullock and $130 for a bull.

—While proceeding down the E. & N. R. track near Wellington a few days ago on a handcar, Mrs. R. Downdell and several men had a narrow escape from death. A dog got in the way of the car and derailed it on a trestle. Mrs. Downdell was thrown to the side of the woodwork but managed to hold on. Had she dropped she would have fallen 85 feet to the ground below. The others miraculously escaped.

—Alfred Duguay, who recently gave a tight rope performance over Carrall street in this city and who a short time ago was injured by a fall caused by the breaking of a hook in Victoria, is about again little the worse for his mishap. He intended to go to Sydney by the Miowera but the accident interfered. He proposes to conclude his interrupted performance before leaving the Capital, but there is some talk of the authorities interfering.

—On Sunday evening officer Caldwell came across some boys sleigh riding on Hastings street and succeeded in the officer arrested the bobs and took them to the police station. The boys had better call around and secure them, as it is doubtful if they will get anything worse than a lecture, which they of course deserve. The sleighriding season is short but even then there is a prejudice against coasting on Sunday.

—A dog belonging to a Victoria family went out with the male head of the house some time ago when the said male was on a house hunting trip. The little pet got closed up in a cupboard in one of the empty houses. Search failed to find it and it was concluded that it had started home alone and got lost. Seventeen days after it was found and with careful nursing it has been pulled through and is now quite convalescent. That pup could have worried along with Mother Hubbard for quite a lengthy period.

—The Nelson Tribune contains further particulars of the accident which occurred on Jan. 11th., on the trail leading from Ten Mile House to the Eureka mine. John D. Moore and John Alex. Millan, who are part owners in the property were on their way to the mine from McDonald's half-way house, and when about half there were met by a small snowslide. Moore with difficulty succeeded in extracting himself, uninjured, and after three hours' of hard work found his unfortunate companion. "The Southern Pacific is making an effort to get the other transcontinental lines to agree to an advance in class and commodity rates to Pacific coast points. The western lines have finally reached an agreement on the emigrant commission question, and that very troublesome obstacle has been removed from the work of the transcontinental passenger business. The agreement, which goes into effect on Jan. 20th, provides that all roads shall pay a commission of 10 per cent. on each ticket. The Canadian Pacific has signed the agreement and every road is in it with the exception of the Grand Trunk. It is not believed, however, that any action by the Grand Trunk can upset the agreement.

From Tuesday's daily.

—J. P. Neilson is running a dog train carrying the mails between Revelstoke and Big Bend.

—The steel tubing for the Ashcroft bridge is now on the spot, having been taken up the Fraser from this city by steamer.

—Rev. Edwin Smith, B. A., late of Winnipeg, has arrived at Revelstoke and will take charge of the Presbyterian church.

—Supt. Ford, of the Dominion Express Company, has returned from St. Paul to Winnipeg and will continue to make his headquarters at the Half Way City.

During last year West Kootenay shipped silver ore valued at $400,000; gold, $170,000; lead, $180,000; copper, $15,000; total, $770,000. The silver ore assayed over $100 a ton, with bar silver at 60 cents an ounce.

—E. Logan, of Dartmouth, N. S., has received $75 for injuries received, while on his way east from Vancouver on the strength of a $2 accident ticket purchased at the C. P. R. depot ticket office before leaving the city.

—On Sunday last at Vancouver the death occurred of Alexander Eric MacKay, C. E., aged 42. He was a native of St. Thomas, Ont., and had been in this province some years. He was one of the engineers engaged on the construction of the C. P. R. The building of the Victoria tram line was carried out under his supervision. Deceased leaves a widow, the daughter of Thomas Charles. The funeral took place to-day.

—Wm. Palmer, an old miner, died on Jan. 12th at Nicola, and was buried on the 15th at Kamloops. Deceased was on the steamer Labouchere when she was wrecked while on her way from San Francisco with a party of miners for the Big Bend gold field. He was also in Cariboo during the first rush. Returning from Cariboo he went into business in Portland, Ore., but had to remove from there on account of his health. In 1871 he and his family went to Victoria and he entered the first school house there, but on account of the climate he was obliged to move again to the mountains in the interior, where he took up a ranch in 1873, on which he resided until his death. He was a native of the town of Antrim, county Antrim, Ireland, and was born in 1844. He leaves four children, two boys and two girls, and a widow to mourn his loss.

From Wednesday's daily.

—The inquest showed that W. McGarvie, recently found dead in his tent on the north coast, committed suicide.

—Hothouse strawberries are selling in New York for $3—14 berries to the basket. Strawberries from the British Columbia banana belt are not yet to hand.

—Emil C. Pfeiffer, otherwise known as Paul Jones, stated in Seattle that he adopted his fictitious name as it was an easy one, and would be understood and remembered in any country he might have to pass through.

—W. J. Moggridge, one of the owners of the Bell Meade farm, Surrey, who was shot through the shoulder last April by robbers, and who was in a very precarious condition for several months, has returned from England fully recovered and without the loss of his arm.

—S. C. Heilig and E. W. Lessier, who were trying to arrange a new theatrical circuit, including Provincial and Sound cities, have succeeded in leasing the Tacoma Theatre and the Marquam Grand in Portland. They have incorporated their firm as the Pacific Theatrical Association. The capital stock is $15,000, and its existence is placed at 25 years.

—Lord Burton has recently given a $320,000 town hall to Burton-upon-Trent. He and his father, the late Michael Bass, have already spent over $850,000 on buildings for the town. Lord Burton is the Bass of Bass' ale, and some Vancouverites may flatter themselves that they have money invested in those buildings, though they may never get credit for it.

—"My workmen seem to delight in defacing and injuring what they construct as soon as it is finished," said a building contractor. "They take turns, apparently, in spoiling each other's work. Painters invariably spatter every hard object within reach, and the plasterers, repairing the damage, render more or less repainting necessary. The same is true of other workmen in regard to other parts of a building. Sometimes throughout that a building is ever finished. All this damage may not be done purposely, but it looks as if it were done with design." Now that the matters mentioned many people will doubtless recall having noticed it when going through buildings in course of construction. It is probably due as much or more to accident as to design. Anyone who has had a ceiling re-whitewashed knows how easy it is to spatter up everything below the ceiling.

—R. W. Armstrong has returned from holding courts of revision on the Dominion voters' lists at the northern points of Burrard district. Considerable interest was taken by the settlers in the matter.

—Isaac Mull, a colored man, said to be 103 years old, died at the home of Joseph Lavender, Saanich road, V. I., on Tuesday. He was a well-known character and always took an active interest in political matters.

—The schooner Clara W. Young, owned by John Carthew, of Victoria, and valued at $3,000, went on the rocks near Mcklakatla a few days ago. She was pulled off and is now on a good bottom, but it is not known whether she can be repaired or not. She was loaded with a cannery plant belonging to her owner.

—"Once in a country hotel," said a traveler, "as I looked around in the dark in my room after I had gone to bed, I saw ominous face. It was rather startling at first, but then I knew it must be the match-box. I remembered the match-box, for I had never seen one like it before. It was like a little pumpkin, and it had painted on one side eyes, nose and mouth so that it resembled a little jack-o'-lantern, and these had been painted with luminous paint so as to make it easy to find the matches in the night. I felt, however, that the location of the matchbox had now been sufficiently impressed upon my mind, so I got up and turned the shining face to the wall."

—Indian Agent Devlin says that the old Indian woman reported to have died at Howe Sound on Jan. 16th from starvation appears to be well and hearty. He says that a man named Hartley wrote to him that there were two feeble Indians on Howe Sound who were in need of assistance. He went back to Hartley to find out where they were but has not as yet received a reply. Mr. Devlin states that there are several aged couples who cling to their old habits and will not join the missions. Mr. Millan, who are part owners in the property were on their way to the mine from McDonald's half-way house, and when about half there were met by a small snowslide. Moore with difficulty succeeded in extracting himself, uninjured, and after three hours' of hard work found his unfortunate companion.

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THE ROYAL CITY.

Happenings in and About the City of New Westminster.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Jan. 21.—A seafaring man giving the name of Samuel Thompson, who has latterly been working at the Brunette Saw Mills, slipped on the Front street sidewalk late on Saturday night, breaking his right leg just above the ankle. He was taken to the Eickhoff hotel, where Dr. Walker attended to the injured limb. Afterwards Sergeant Carty procured a cab and took Thompson out to the Royal Columbian hospital. The unfortunate man was under the influence of drink when the accident occurred.

John Walmsley, who went up to Banff early in the present month, hoping to find relief from the malady of consumption, from which he has been suffering for some time past, died there on the 15th inst. The news came as a shock to his parents and friends who did not anticipate his death occuring so soon. His brother has gone to Banff to arrange for bringing the body down for burial at Sapperton, where it is expected to arrive to-morrow.

The assessor and collector for the electoral district of New Westminster, New Westminster City and Vancouver City, have published the usual notice that the assessed and Provincial revenue taxes for the year 1895 are now due and payable. Notification has been given, too, that all taxes on property in the townsites of Hastings, Port Moody, Mission City, Abbotsford and Huntingdon are also payable to the collector, E. L. Kirkland, at his office, New Westminster.

Timothy Reardon, who met with an accident at the Brunette Saw Mills last Friday did not go to the hospital as was expected he would do. After being attended to by Dr. Cooper he left the Columbian hotel in company with a neighbor intending to go to his house at Aldergrove. His injuries appear to be confined to several bruises about the lower part of the body and on the arm.

The committee appointed to ascertain the amount required to place St. Mary's parish, Sapperton, will regularly contribute towards a stipend fund are meeting with encouraging responses. The idea originated in a sermon introduced at the church and there appears to be a very general determination among those who regularly attend the services to maintain at their customary high standard until the bishop, to be elected by the synod next month, arrives and determines the future of this church.

The members of the City Band are somewhat concerned at the announcement recently made that the Fire committee intends removing the fire hall alarm from its present position to some part of the city. If this course be pursued the band will have to make arrangements for another practice hall. It is understood that the hall at the Opera House on Tuesday night, the 29th inst., net proceeds of which are to be applied to band purposes. Many of the instruments belonging to the organization, for which, together with other matters, makes an appeal for public support necessary. No effort will be spared to make it enjoyable and successful gathering, and the admission charge has been fixed at a low figure to allow of the ball being really a popular one.

Arrangements have been made between the Westminster & Vancouver Tramway Company and the Calhoun Opera Co. for the former to issue tickets during the opera season available for a trip to and from Vancouver from Westminster, and for admission to the Opera House. Seats will be reserved at $1.50 and $1.25 respectively, these sums covering the cost of a car ride to Vancouver for Westminster after the performance each night.

The local Chinese residents are actively engaged preparing for New Year celebrations, which will commence next Thursday night and be continued over Friday and Saturday. The festivities will be marked by the usual interchange of friendly visits, giving of presents, feasting, letting off of firecrackers, etc. Notwithstanding the hard times, our Celestial townsmen intend to have a right good time of it. Meanwhile pork and chickens are much in request, for without these the feast tables would not be complete. Although unable to do so do their compatriots who are much more numerous in large cities, the Royal City Chinamen will make as large a showing as their numbers and circumstances will permit them to do.

New Westminster, Jan. 22.—At last night's meeting of the City Council the following matters had attention: As Mr. Hill's offer to perform the city's engineering and surveying work at so much per day of actual service, both field and office work; (2) Mr. W. J. De Wolfe's application for re-appointment as medical health officer, and Dr. I. M. McLean's offer to fill the same office; and the Dominion Public Works department's acknowledgment of receipt, through Sir C. Hibbert Tupper, of the city's application for aid towards the cost of construction of the proposed bridge over the Fraser river at New Westminster, which application will receive due consideration; received and filed. Howay & Reid's claim for damages, estimated at $25, alleged to have been suffered by their client, Mrs. G. E. Archibald, through the bursting of a water pipe in her house during her absence, after she had left it empty and neglected to shut had requested the proper official to have the water cut off, was referred to the Water committee for report. Aulay Morison's claim, on behalf of Lawrence Williamson, for compensation for injury alleged to have been sustained by the latter while painting from Columbia street to Front street one night fell over some lumber lying on the sidewalk, thereby dislocating his shoulder, was referred to the Finance committee for report. T. J. Trapp's application for permission to place materials on Cunningham street during building operations; his application from Ralph Rogers and Ward V. for the widening of the sidewalk between the Presbyterian church and Thorne Road, the present sidewalk being considered unsafe; and the City Engineer's report on the damage recently done to the Lulu Island dykes within the city limits, stating which work money three men about three weeks to repair, were referred to the Board of Works for report. An application from Ward V. ratepayers for the provision of an arc light at the corner of Thorne Road and Columbia street was referred to the Light committee. The Fire committee recommended the early purchase from the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company of 150 feet of hose for the chemical engine, and 100 feet of 2½-inch Maltese cross hose for use in the lower levels of the city, where the water pressure is greater than elsewhere, the hose in use being in both instances somewhat the worse for wear. The recommendation was adopted, as was also the report of the Park committee which advised (1) that A. Philip & Co.'s application for erection by the city of an auction mart building at Queen's Park for use, in connection with the existing cattle yards, for live stock sales, be not entertained, the proposition being too experimental to justify so large an outlay; (2) that no sports or games be permitted to take place on the Queen's Park recreation grounds during the months of January, February, March and December of each year, owing to the injury frequently done to the turf, which during those months is usually wet and soft; (3) that the pump at the back of the park buildings be removed, and the well be filled in, the latter now becoming dangerous to life and property, and (4) that all booths in the park be removed. The council having at its last meeting omitted to pass the necessary formal resolution, it was resolved that the city engineer and the chief of police each receive one month's notice that his services will at the close of that period be dispensed with. The reduction in salary of several men employed in the Fire and Light department was also formally confirmed. It was resolved that the Legislature be asked to give the city the necessary power to collect water and light rates by summary procedure and to make such rates a charge upon the premises for which the water or light has been supplied. The following business, referred by the 1894 council to the present, was thus dealt with. Application on behalf of C. P. N. Co. for guard piles at draw of Lulu Island bridge, for protection of shipping passing through; A. Sutherland's application for employment; Minthorne's and Hood's respective applications for the execution of sundry street works; Jas. Simpson's request to exempt from taxation a portion of his land now used as a public thoroughfare, and the question of letting the Lulu Island plank road contract for which tenders had already been received; referred to the Board of Works. Jas. Hall's application for refund of tax paid twice was referred to the Finance committee. The Liquor License Amendment by-law, and the question of removal of the public pound to Queen's park were referred to the Police committee. Sir C. H. Tupper's letter in reply to the address presented to him by the corporation, especially those parts relating to the employment of aliens in the fisheries and the subsidy to the proposed Fraser river bridge, was referred to a committee consisting of the Mayor and Aldermen Bain, Buckland and Sutherland. A communication from the M. P. representative of the Dominion Bridge Company upon bridge matters was read and referred to the Bridge committee. Among the representations made were the following: The Dominion Co.'s plans provide ice-breakers for all piers, both up and down stream ends, which they infer from the consulting engineer's report the plans of other tenderers do not. The ice-breakers are intended to ward off and break up not only the ice but all heavy drift and debris coming down with freshets; also to prevent damage to the bridge should a tug boat with a boom of logs become disabled and be forced against the piers. The foundations for the ice breakers are surrounded by the pier cribs, which thus place to be very large and expensive. Other designs provide cribs a great deal smaller and consequently less costly. The Dominion Company propose to use mattresses to take the place of the rap, experience having proved that without these the rip rap is of little use. Another important matter is the statement that the Bullen Company's draw span is located 100 feet farther south than the Dominion Company's, thus rendering the southern channel unnavigable and materially decreasing the depth of water which would be built in shallower water. The crib and guard, too, would under these circumstances be less costly. The difference in location of the draw span might lead to the formation of obstructions, possibly to both channels. It is submitted that the several tenders should be compared as they stand in conjunction with the plans submitted and not only reducing or adding to another by an estimated amount. It is claimed for the company that their bridge is the best for the money and has the best protection; also that their tender includes with its 15 ft. roadway and two 5-ft. sidewalks met with the council's approval, other tenderers being afterwards required to prepare designs of a similar nature finally; it is urged that if the contract be awarded to the Dominion Bridge Company only that part of the superstructure which cannot be manufactured here will be obtained from outside of the Province, otherwise local men, money and materials will be employed as far as can possibly be done. The report states that the Bridge committee will meet during the current week.

New Westminster Jan. 23.—The city council have appointed E. H. Heaps assessment commissioner at a salary of $200 per annum and J. A. Calbick, J. C. Chamberlin and J. H. Vidal assessors at 30 cents per day. They will commence their duties shortly.

The mayor and Aldermen W. H. Keary and L. A. Lewis have been chosen by the city council to confer with the city solicitor, with power to act, in connection with the law suits now pending between the city and the C. P. R. Co. The matter to have chief attention is whether or not the company have power to require the city to close certain streets at the railway shunting yards.

This morning a number of fishermen met the mayor and other members of the council to arrange for a tug, which the council last Monday night to make enquiries into the question and place before them their views about the size of tugs and what would be permitted by the regulation to be used. Other matters connected with their calling were also spoken upon by the men. The committee will report to the council after they have considered the representations made to them.

The annual festival of St. Mary's church Sunday school was held in the parish school room, last night. The children and some of their adult friends were first treated to a liberal tea, then an interval of pleasant intercourse followed, after which Father Christmas (Henry Morey) arrived. His explanation of accidental delays in the Rocky Mountains, on his journey down from the North Pole were accepted in faith by the little folks, who evidently thought he was "better late than never." Then the curtain went up and disclosed a large Christmas tree, prettily decorated and lighted, heavily laden with good things, presents to all and sundry. Games were indulged in. The remainder of the eatables were disposed of. All went home delighted with the entertainment afforded by the children. The proceedings included the making of little gifts to Miss Woods, Miss Nellie Woods, Miss Devoy and Miss Jackson by their respective Sunday school classes.

Inward freights by river have not been heavy since the disappearance of the ice permitted the boats to resume running. The outward cargoes have been more satisfactory, the Transfer having taken about 100 tons of chopped feed up river. The Bon Accord and Gladys have also had a quantity of outward freight for up-river points. The Dunsmuir this morning took out a carload of cattle for Nanaimo, and five carloads of similar freight will go to Victoria by the Princess Louise on her next trip. The Eva yesterday brought up 1,000 bales of hay from Milligan's farm, Nova Scotia. The Edgar has had her customary winter support on her downriver run.

Hon. Justice McCreight yesterday heard arguments on the case of McDonough vs. Lemon, which arose out of betting transactions, but no judgment was given in the matter.

The Surrey pig-stealing case, in which David Hake was charged by Daniel Johnson with stealing four pigs, came before Capt. Pittendrigh this morning. The evidence did not sustain the charge, so the case was dismissed with costs against complainant.

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