WANT CUT IN THE CHINESE HEAD-TAX

CANNERS COMPLAIN OF A LABOR FAMINE

Memorial Requesting the Removal of Wall Against Oriental Immigration Before Fishery Commission.

Advantage has been taken of the present sitting of the fisheries commission by the Fraser River Canner's Association to memorialize that body upon the question of Chinese immigration. The secretary, W. D. Burdis, has laid the views of the organization before the commission. Their desires are simple. They want the tax of $500 on Orientals coming into Canada reduced to the former figure, $100. They argue that, owing to the excessive head tax, no Chinamen have come here within recent years, and that, as a result, labor is scarce, while the wages have so increased as to make the work of putting a pack together much more expensive than heretofore. Their position, however, is clearly outlined in the aforementioned memorial, which follows:

August 6th, 1906.

To Professor Prince and the Members of the Fisheries Commission, Vancouver:

Gentlemen:—I have been instructed by the members of the above association to draw your attention to the serious and baneful effects which the increased Chinese poll tax has had upon the salmon canning industry in this province. As you are aware, about two years ago the head tax on Chinese emigrants coming into Canada was raised to $500 from $100, the amount at which it formerly stood. Since that time practically no Chinese have come in to take the place of those who have died or returned home to China for good. The result has been that farmers, fruit growers, householders and every person needing Chinese helpers, but more especially canners, have found it impossible to procure the necessary hands, and consequently the rate of wages to Chinese laborers has increased about three-fold. You will recognize how seriously this has affected the canners and increased the cost of their packs, as owing to the small population here, it is not possible to procure white helpers to take the place of the Chinese. The canners on Puget Sound, and in Oregon and California, do not experience this difficulty nearly so much, as, with the large population behind them, they can much more easily supply their requirements.

The canners respectfully submit that whilst your hon. commission is pursuing its labors here, it would be well, if evidence were obtained in this connection, and, if the effects of the tax are found to be as stated, such representations be embodied in the report as will induce the Dominion government to lower the rate to the former figure—viz., $100.

Respectfully bespeaking the favor of your esteemed consideration and attention,

I have the honor to remain,
Yours obediently,
(Signed) W. D. BURDIS,
Secretary.

When this labor problem was broached to Prof. Prince by a Times representative to-day he absolutely declined to discuss the merits of the case. He said that the matter would be brought before the commission, but whether any action was possible was a matter for consideration. It was a question whether it came within the scope of the body over which he presided as a commission had been appointed by the Dominion government some time ago to enter into that very matter, and to report upon the conditions to the proper authorities.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, Vancouver, obtained recently for Felix Hughes, of the same city, a Canadian patent on a skid-setting gauge and designed to enable the skid timbers of a logging road to be more expeditiously and correctly set in the bed of the track way so that the tops of the skids will form an even path for the logs, and will be firmly bedded in unbroken ground.

In applying this system the inventor sets out along each side of the cleared skidway a line of stakes or pickets over the tops of which the track layer first aligns by the eye the contour of the track. The trenches for the reception of the skid timbers are then dug to the necessary depth at each end to provide a bed for the several skid timbers whatever their depth dimension may happen to be, for which purpose the gauge which is the subject matter of this patent is particularly designed, as the gauge is constructed to add the depth of each skid timber to the height which the tops of the pickets are above the desired tops of the skid timbers when bedded. By this means the trenches for the reception of the skid timbers may be dug with assurance that no skid will require to be lifted or lowered after it is once set and as the skid timbers are bedded on unbroken ground no difficulty will be experienced from the settling of the timbers in use as is frequently the case where a skid timber having been set too low has to be lifted and loose soil packed under it. The use of this gauge will ensure a more satisfactory skidway and one that can be more rapidly constructed as no time will be wasted in bedding the skids where the men work with certainty as to the depth of trench required. Mr. Hughes is at present making arrangements for the manufacture of his gauge in quantities to satisfy the expected demand.

The Home Bank has been acquiring property at Winnipeg presumably in view of opening a Western branch.

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LAID AT REST.

Funeral of J. E. Church This Afternoon Attended by a Large Gathering.

The funeral of the late J. E. Church took place on Wednesday from the family residence, Cadboro Bay road. A large number of friends were in attendance including members of the Masonic, Workmen and Odd Fellow orders. Rev. G. K. B. Adams conducted the services and the impressive ritual of the A. F. & A. M. was also read by W. M., J. Greer, of Victoria-Columbia lodge, No. 1.

Previous to the funeral the members of the lodge mentioned gathered at the Masonic temple together with a number from Vancouver lodge, No. 2, and United Service lodge, No. 24. The members of the I. O. O. F. also gathered at their hall and the A. O. U. W. at its usual meeting place. All these societies, with which deceased was prominently identified, paraded to the Church residence, and accompanied the remains to Ross Bay cemetery.

The following members of the Masonic body acted as pall-bearers: Alex. Stewart, Angus McKeon, Andrew Sheret, T. Tubman, A. St. G. Flint and Max Leiser. A large number of handsome floral tributes testified to the esteem in which deceased was held.

OBTAINED MANY FURS.

North Canada Fur Company Is Meeting With Great Success During First Season.

According to reports received from its managers in Cassiar, the North Canada Fur and Transportation Company is meeting with a large amount of success in its initial season's operations.

The first shipment of fifteen tons of goods for barter was quickly disposed of and already a further supply has been forwarded. Many Indians and trappers have taken advantage of the new opportunities for securing provisions and other necessities. As a result, the company's northern manager has on hand a large and valuable lot of furs. Among these are included otter, beaver, lynx and cross and black fox. It is the intention of the company to have its own steamer, pack train and stores in operation by the opening of next season.

LARGE PRIVATE DANCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir Entertain Admiral Goodrich and Visiting Officers.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A large private dance, the first under the present régime, was given at Government House last night by the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, to formally introduce their two daughters, Misses Eleanor and Marion, into society. The large hall was decorated with evergreens and gladioli, the lawns also being carpeted for the occasion.

An orchestra from the Fifth Regiment, under the direction of Marcus Bantly, was in attendance and played admirably the following programme:

Waltz	San Toy
Two-Step	Ahoy, Me Lads
Waltz	Blue Danube
Waltz	Merry Oldsmobile
Two-Step	Dixie Girl
Waltz	Myosotis
Lancers	Good Old Times
Two-Step	La Mattchicke
Two-Step	Silver Heels
Waltz	Down on the Farm
Extras.	
Waltz	Santiago
Two-Step	Nokomis
Lancers	Patience
Two-Step	Merry Makers
Waltz	Caressante
Two-Step	Whistler and His Dog
Barn	Hey, Mr. Joshua
Waltz	La Faute de Rose
Two-Step	Laughing Waters
Waltz	One Thousand and One Nights

In addition to the Misses Dunsmuir, there were four other debutantes, Miss Little, Miss Genevieve Irving, Miss Lorna Eberts and Miss Beatrice Gaudin. Added interest was given to the occasion by the presence of Admiral Goodrich and the officers of the United States Pacific squadron, now lying at Esquimalt. His Honor and Mrs. Dunsmuir received in the main drawing room; supper was served in the billiard room and refreshments in the dining room. There was plenty of color present, as a large number of officers, both naval and military, attended in full uniform.

Among those present were: Admiral and Mrs. Goodrich, officers of the United States Pacific squadron, Hon. C. E. and Mrs. Pooley, the Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Justice Duff and Mrs. Duff, Mr. Justice Irving and Mrs. Irving, Hon. R. G. Tatlow and Mrs. Tatlow, United States consul A. E. Smith, Imp. German Consul Carl Loewenberg, Col. and Mrs. Grant, Capt. Coffman, Capt. and Mrs. Fleet, Capt. and Mrs. Freeman, Col. Gregory, Capt. Gaudin and Mrs. Gaudin, Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, D. M. Eberts and Mrs. Eberts, Harry Eberts, Mrs. W. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. McNaughton Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fordham, Mr. and Mrs. Musgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Procter, Mr. and Mrs. Cobbett, Mr. and Mrs. Dumeslin, Mrs. Plunkett, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Hanington, Mrs. Butchart, Miss Butchart, Miss Clara Dupont, Miss Little, Miss Genevieve Irving, Miss Lorna Eberts and Miss Beatrice Gaudin.

HEALTH DEPENDS ON GOOD BLOOD.

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A Chicago dispatch says: An indictment charging the Standard Oil Company with receiving rebates in the form of non-payment of storage charges to certain railroad companies was returned by the federal grand jury before Judge S. H. Bethea yesterday.

AUTHORITY GIVES VIEWS ON TRAPS

EXPERT OPINION ON THIS SEASON'S CATCH

Remarkable Conditions of Wind and Tide Responsible For the Light Lifts.

"The run of sockeyes is practically over for this season," said a prominent authority this morning. "Observations I have made, from the books of the Alaska Packers' Association, for a period covering more than ten years show that this variety of salmon seldom enter the straits after August 10th, and fishing at Point Roberts, the last point they touch before entering the Fraser, ends about the 15th. Canners on the Sound realize this. They have commenced to take up their traps. On Monday the Welch concern at Bellingham was paying as high as fifty cents for sockeyes, and all that could be obtained from purse seines was 25 fish. There were no lifts at the Anacortes traps on Monday, the last day upon which reports have been received, and the total landed at Bellingham was only 3,500. This was made up of 2,200 at Point Roberts, 400 at Boundary Bay, 500 at Cherry Point and 400 in the Salmon Banks.

"This has certainly been an off year for traps in the Straits. One or two have done pretty well with spring salmon, but sockeyes have been an absolute failure. The few that have done well have probably paid for their installation, and a considerable margin beside, but the others have not paid cost of operation. It must be taken into consideration that a fish trap costs in the vicinity of $10,000. This has been an unfavorable season—one of high tides and heavy winds. Many traps have had their leads destroyed two or three times, and this entails heavy expenses. When you consider that replacing leads costs not only for driving of piles, but for stretching webbing from several feet above the surface to the bottom of the water you can easily see that a lot of fish must be caught to repay these sums. For instance, the Clover Point trap, near Victoria, had its leads destroyed three times during 1906.

"The high tides and heavy winds have, in my opinion, been responsible for the failure of the fish traps in the Straits. This has been felt on both sides of the line; British Columbia is not the only place that suffered. The Straits are about thirty miles in width and, with the exception of a couple about a mile out, all the traps on this side run out from the shore and none exceed 2,600 feet in length. This is a very small strip of the Straits, and as the fish have been forced more towards the centre by the high tides there have been very few fish caught. But this has been a remarkable year. Before the traps were built observations were made by the canners as to their probable catch after erection, and it was thought that there would be a good profit. There certainly was for the few that were operated last year.

"I believe, however, that in years where the weather is favorable the traps will be very profitable. Of course, there are a large number already built, about 27, which I think is a limit that will never be exceeded in the Straits. There are many cannerymen who built them as an experiment and a protection in case of a big run. All the canneries, nearby, are on the Fraser, and they hoped to be able to secure part of the pack at a cheaper rate than must be paid to net fishermen. The salmon canning industry is all more or less of a gamble, and these chances have to be taken. Next year it is more than likely any losses made this season will be recouped, and a considerable profit made in addition. Big corporations such as B. C. Packers' Association and the Anglo-B. C. Packing Company have canneries at all known suitable points; on the Fraser, Naas and Skeena rivers and at Rivers Inlet and other less important points and contrive to make a profit by averaging up. For instance, the pack at Rivers Inlet this year is one of the biggest on record, while at other places it falls away below the average. Thus the profits in other places will pay any losses they may have on the Straits. Next year will very probably see conditions reversed; the traps highly profitable and other places a loss. No one knows what is going to happen regarding the salmon run, and it is useless to speculate. The more we study the less we find we know.

"It is doubtful, too, if the traps in Rosario Strait will make a profit this season. Those not in the business seem to think that when a report is given out of a catch of 35,000 or 40,000 fish that all come from one trap. Such is not the case; it is the complete lift of all of them. The Pacific American Fisheries have some 28 traps installed in American waters, and yet I doubt if the whole of them have caught 60,000 sockeyes this season.

"There may possibly be a later run, the same as there was last year. This came about September 15th, but none of the canners cared to use the fish. They were soft and unfit for canning. Fisheries Commissioner Babcock made an investigation of the matter, and you see his report reads: "I visited the lower river during the run and examined the fish. They appeared to me to be unsuited for canning, being far advanced towards spawning. Their scales were deeply imbedded in the flesh, and covered with mucus; their jaws were hooked and distorted, and their outward color indicated that they had been in fresh water for a considerable time." From this it appears certain the run of sockeyes, suitable for canning, is over in the Straits, and there will not be much more fishing.

"It may be, however, the canners will complete their pack with cohoes. There is such a small pack of sockeyes that this will probably be done. In that event the traps will yet come out even, and make a profit as I do not think this variety will stay out at sea as the sockeyes have done.

"There can be no doubt of the smallness of this season's pack, and the canners realized it early. The prices on the Fraser are higher than ever before. At the beginning of the season the association agreed to pay 25 cents during July and 20 cents after. But when August came no one gave serious consideration to reducing the price as, at that time, some offered to pay 27½ cents. During the last day or two 30 cents has been paid and, in one instance, as I mentioned before, half a dollar. The canners on the Fraser are compelled to pay these prices to keep the product of their boats, if possible. When the men go out to fish they are interrupted by buyers from the other side, who offer higher figures. Very few of them can resist this temptation.

"A prominent canneryman told me the other day that his white men fishing in the North Arm on Friday never returned a single sockeye to his cannery, although the average catch was 100 to the boat. Buyers from Point Roberts had cleaned them out for cash. This purchasing is done openly. Only a few days ago a man had a big scow well off the mouth of the Fraser, and bought all the fish that came along.

"This is a true account of the present situation. But do not forget that I expect to see the traps do much better next year as the peculiar conditions of wind and tide that have marred the present season may not reappear for a decade."

Commissioner Babcock was seen on the matter, but refused to give any opinion on the situation until after the completion of the pack. He was shown the above interview, and given the name of the authority. All he would say was, "Well, he is a man who is one of the best authorities round." The foregoing statement may, therefore, be taken as an authoritative utterance on the subject.

GOVERNMENT MAY ASSIST THE CITY

IN OBTAINING THE GOLDSTREAM WATER

Legislation Proposed for the Next Session --Suggested That Analysis Be Made.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The provincial government will probably take a hand in the Victoria water question. A prominent member of the cabinet said Wednesday morning:

"If it can be shown that the Esquimalt Water Works Company is inclined to hold up the city of Victoria and the municipality require the water from Goldstream as a suitable source for a public supply, I shall certainly recommend to the executive that, at the next session of the legislature, such amendments be made to the company's act of incorporation as shall ensure the acquisition of all or part of the company's property at a reasonable figure. Of course, if the proposed appeal be decided in favor of the city this will be unnecessary. But, in any event, the requirements of a community should override any private interests, and I am in favor of doing whatever is possible to enable Victoria to obtain the best water supply at the most reasonable price.

"Upon the return of the premier, who should be back to-day, I shall request him as minister in charge of the assay office to order that an analysis be made of all the proposed water supplies for Victoria. This will include Elk lake, Goldstream, Millstream and Sooke. As the first named is the actual source of present supply I shall suggest it be analysed; first, as in natural condition at the lake before filtration; second, at the intake into the pipes; and, third, as delivered to consumers at different points in the city."

THOUSANDS HEARD THE ARION CLUB CONCERT

Splendid Programme Rendered by Local Musical Organization at the Gorge Park.

Thousands visited the Gorge Park on Monday to hear the fourteenth annual open air concert of the Arion Club. Everyone was pleased with the programme which was rendered with the artistic skill always noticeable in performances of Victoria's oldest musical organization. Both classic and popular choral works were included, and the two solos rendered were given in a highly pleasing manner.

Gorge Park is an ideal location for an al fresco concert. Even the natural arrangement of trees seems fitted for producing the most effective work of a choir. The members of the club were stationed on the band stand facing the water, and the background of trees formed, to a certain extent, a sounding board that threw back the voices of the singers to the large audience in front. Whoever was responsible for the programme chose it with rare skill. It was a mixture of wine, women and song with an arboreal tinge that exactly suited the location. The two unconcerted numbers, Starch's "The Drowsy Woods," sung by A. T. Goward, and Mendelssohn's "Love and Wine," rendered by the conductor, Herbert Kent, are specimens of this. What better description of the Gorge Park could be chosen than the titles of these two songs? It is to be hoped the club can be persuaded to give the same or a similar programme before the summer closes.

At the conclusion of the concert a short exhibition of bioscope pictures was given that pleased the large audience present. The full programme for the week, as previously announced, will be given each evening hereafter.

What might have been a serious accident occurred on the Bay street embankment about 8 o'clock. Open car No. 11 was carrying its full capacity of eighty people to the Gorge when it jumped the track. Luckily it was stopped before any damage was done, and no one was injured.

SCHOOLS TO HAVE BANKING SYSTEM

TO FOSTER THRIFT AMONG THE CHILDREN

Plan Adopted at Last Evening's Meeting of Trustees--Appointment of Several Teachers.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

An unimportant meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening at the city hall. Chairman Huggett presided, and there were present Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Dr. E. Hall, Riddell and Jay. It was decided to adopt the projected banking system in the schools, and upon Trustee Hall's suggestion the wisdom of inaugurating night schools will be investigated.

J. F. Salloway wrote acknowledging the receipt of his appointment to the principalship of the Victoria West school.

The resignations of Miss Dorothy McBride, of the North Ward school; R. McMillan, a new appointee who had accepted a more remunerative position in New Westminster, and Miss Potts, of the High school staff, were submitted. They were accepted.

The janitor of the High school reported that owing to the lack of water it was impossible to keep all the grounds in good shape. He proposed attending to a certain part.

The letter was received and filed.

Miss Grace Atkinson asked for work as a substitute teacher in Victoria.

This was laid on the table.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $745.81.

It was adopted.

Trustee Jay announced that he had been informed that about ten or a dozen windows had been broken in the south end of the South Park school. Apparently they had been damaged by stones thrown from the street. He had notified the chief of police, and requested that he should take steps to locate the guilty parties and deal stringently with them.

The chairman, Trustee Huggett, reported that arrangements were well in hand towards the establishment of a bank system in the local schools, Manager Mackenzie, of the Bank of B. N. A., was quite enthusiastic in respect to the project, and had promised to give it his personal attention. He explained the principle briefly. It was that the children be permitted to place their small earnings in the hands of the teachers until accumulating one dollar. It would then be placed to their credit at the bank, and a book be issued in the usual way. He thought that the proposal was a good one, and that it would have the effect of inculcating a spirit of thrift among the pupils.

Upon motion of Trustee Riddell it was decided to adopt the system.

Misses Clarke, Saunders and Crowe were appointed to fill the three vacancies upon the local teaching staff. The two former were allotted salaries of $540, while the latter, owing to a wider experience, was given $600 per annum.

Upon motion of Trustee Jay, seconded by Trustee Riddell, the salary of Mrs. Brock, who is to be assigned to the sub-High school class, was fixed at $900. Trustees Mrs. Jenkins and Dr. Hall opposed the proposal, but the chairman's casting vote carried it.

Trustee Hall spoke of night schools. He affirmed that the Y. M. C. A. had taken this up, and their success showed the need of such a movement. He moved that the city superintendent be instructed to investigate the matter and report upon the advisability of introducing them in Victoria. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

The board then went into committee to consider various matters of detail.

The meeting, shortly afterwards, adjourned.

AN ASSAULT CASE.

Details of a Drunken Attack Upon Chinamen Exposed in Police Court.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The police court was thronged this morning with natives of the Orient residing here. They crowded the spectators' stand and at times became so interested in the proceedings that their babel necessitated the stern command "Order in the court" from the clerk. That which occupied their attention was an assault case in which was concerned one Samuel Patterson, the aggressor, and a Chinaman registering himself as Wong Hop Ny. The latter, however, was not the only one who suffered from the belligerent spirit of Patterson yesterday afternoon while under the influence of a variety of brands of a common stimulating beverage. If reports may be relied upon, another representative of the Flowery Kingdom is lying at the hospital receiving medical attention for the wounds inflicted by the fiery Englishman.

When the charge was read against Patterson he betrayed some excitement. "Guilty or not guilty," demanded the magistrate. Straightway the prisoner launched into an explanation that promised to be voluminous and somewhat complicated. He was advised to retain his story until the complainant's evidence had been taken, and thereupon applied a brake upon a garrulous tongue. After some hesitation, he pleaded "guilty," acknowledging that he had some trouble with Chinamen, but muttering that he didn't think it was his fault. However, he didn't remember much about the occurrence, except that he was bitten upon the hand, thrown to the ground, and kicked ignominiously. He recollected that things were becoming so warm that he welcomed the interference of a stalwart blue-coated guardian of the law. From then on it was as if nothing had transpired. His mind apparently had become a blank. But the appearance of Wong Hop Ny, unfortunately for the prisoner, was a striking demonstration of Patterson's pugilistic qualifications. A forehead covered with unsightly bruises, the right eye puffed out twice its natural size and surrounded with a purple discoloration, the upper lip hanging limply over its mate, and a general listless indifference in his demeanor bespoke a drubbing which was still causing the victim considerable pain. He had to be escorted to the witness box, and burnt his signature in taking the oath in a manner exceptionally stoical, even for an Oriental.

His story of the assault brought out by means of cross-examination on the part of Gordon Grant, counsel for the prosecution, was clear. He was walking along Government street yesterday afternoon, and when near the corner of Cormorant and Fisguard streets was pounced upon by Patterson, drunken and in an ugly mood. Although not quite sure as to what took place, he knew that he was hit "more than three times," his clothes were torn, and a sound kick was administered after he had fallen.

Here the prisoner interjected a remark to the effect that he didn't believe he could have lifted his foot two inches then without falling. (Laughter.)

Wong Hop Ny went on to tell of the blowing of a whistle, and finally of the welcome intervention of the police.

Patterson, at his own request, was given a hearing. He didn't believe the fight had been started by him, although he couldn't remember much. But when drunk he usually proceeded quietly on his way. He might sing. He never became disorderly. It was true that he had been intoxicated. That he acknowledged. He also agreed that he had become embroiled with the Chinamen. When the police arrived he was having a hard time, and it was doubtful whether he would be able to extricate himself from the throng of infuriated Orientals.

All this went to show, Magistrate Hall remarked, the inadvisability of touching liquor. "You see you might have been killed," he pointed out.

Patterson agreed. He explained that he had just come in from the ranch after a summer's work and had foolishly taken a "drop too much." But everyone liked a "jolt" once in a while, he went on, amid uncontrollable laughter. True, he might have been killed, and it would have been better if he had, he added, with pitiable self-condemnation. He never knew when he had had enough.

In summing up, Magistrate Hall gave the prisoner a little lecture on the evils of excessive inebriation, which the latter took as a child accepts the warnings of a parent. He was fined $12.50 and costs, in default one month's imprisonment on the charge of assault, and $6 for being drunk and disorderly, it being his second offence in that respect.

LADIES OF ORPHANAGE BOARD HOLD MEETING

Organization Affected and Officers Elected--Favorable Report of the Visiting Committee.

The recently elected board of lady managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage held its first meeting Tuesday afternoon at the institution mentioned. Mrs. G. A. McTavish occupied the chair and there were also present Mesdames Higgns, McCulloch, Crow Baker, Spragge, Adams, Pickard, Toller, Van Tassel, Bishop, Astle, Crompton, Lester and Berridge.

After devotional exercises the board organized and elected officers, consisting of Mrs. G. A. McTavish, president; Mrs. F. W. McCulloch, vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, hon. treasurer; Mrs. Wm. Berridge, hon. secretary.

Mrs. Fell and Mrs. Crow Baker, visitors for July, reported the home in a satisfactory condition and the children all well.

Mrs. Astle and Mrs. Crompton were appointed visitors for the current month.

Bills amounting to $83.80 were passed upon and ordered paid.

It was decided to move at once towards providing winter clothing for the children and a garden party and chrysanthemum show have been suggested to raise the necessary funds.

One of the small boy inmates will probably find a home shortly as an application for adoption was referred to a special committee to enquire and report.

Mrs. Kaye, the matron, has returned from a vacation much improved in health. During her absence Miss Laycock, her asistant, managed everything to the satisfaction of the board.

Donations received during the month were thankfully acknowledged. They consited of the following: I. O. O. F., cake; Mrs. Munsie, lettuce; Judge Irving, shoes and clothing; Mrs. Young (New England hotel), clothing; Mrs. S. R. Newton (Oak Bay), 4 large baskets mixed vegetables; Mrs. Brebnor, onions; Mrs. Jackson (Hillside avenue), red currants; Collegiate Institute, clothing; Mrs. Le Page, vegtables; Mrs. Merritt, vegetable marrow; Miss M. Hart (San Juan avenue), clothing; Mrs. Higgins, candy; Mr. King, expressage; Colonist and Times, daily papers; Mrs. Newton (Oak Bay), vegetables; Mrs. Denny, boys' clothing; Mr. Fisher (Y. M. C. A.), invitation to excursion.

BARELY LIVED THROUGH IT.

A terrible experience had Edw. J. O'Connor of Sault Ste. Marie. "From boyhood," he writes, "I have been a constant sufferer from asthma and catarrh. My nose and throat was always stopped up and I had droppings in the throat. When attacks came on I thought I couldn't live through the night. I would sit up gasp for breath and endure great distress. Catarrhozone made me entirely well." No stronger proof is required. Asthma is curable, so is catarrh. Use "Catarrhozone" and your recovery is guaranteed. Two sizes, 25c. and $1.00 at all dealers.

—The dates of several of the annual fares in British Columbia have been announced as follows: Agassiz, September 3rd; North Vancouver, September 3rd; Kelowna, September 12th and 13th; Mission, September 17th; Nelson, September 19th, 20th, 21st; Vernon, September 19th, 20th, 21st; Chilliwack, September 20th, 21st; Central Park, September 20th, 21st, 22nd; Surrey Centre, September 25th; Langley, September 26th; the Islands, September 26th; Eburne, September 26th, 27th; Kamloops, September 26th, 27th; Victoria, September 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th; New Westminster, October 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th; Armstrong, October 10th, 11th, 12th.

FINAL ROUT OF MRS. DROSDOVITCH

UNSANITARY STABLES THINGS OF THE PAST

Sanitary Inspector, Police and Firemen Tore Down the Old Buildings Tuesday Afternoon.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Sanitary Inspector Wilson is a brave man, but he hates to run up against Mrs. Drosdovitch. But duty after all must be done, and yesterday afternoon he approached the lady's premises on Pandora street prepared to tear down the four unsanitary buildings there or perish in the attempt. But he was received with such an unintelligible tirade of abuse, in several different languages, that he thought discretion the better part of valor, and retired for reinforcements.

The origin of the Drosdovitch-Wilson feud is lost in the mists of antiquity. It dates back several years, when the burly health officer was compelled to retire under the combined invective and knock-out blows of the lady in question. The last trouble, and yesterday's final triumph of Wilson, is, however, a matter of more recent occurrence. It first came before the city council on June 4th, when Simon and Max Leiser, residents of Pandora street, near the Drosdovitch premises, headed a large delegation and presented a petition demanding the removal not only of the stables, but also the dwelling.

Several astonishing allegations were contained in the petition which read, in part as follows:

Mrs. Drosdovitch and her son, at all hours of the day and night, are constantly yelling and shouting for the express purpose of annoying the neighbors. The place is kept in a dirty, filthy condition. Lately they have brought in a lot of wild horses, which are taken out and trained on Pandora street, endangering the lives of children. Besides that, these people are torturing these animals almost to death, which can be corroborated by the police. They string the horses up, putting a canvas bag underneath them, causing the animals to kick all night long."

This caused the council to sit up and take notice. The matter was referred to the sanitary commissioner for report. On June 18th he recommended the destruction of the buildings, and the usual notice was given to show cause. Mrs. Drosdovitch, who had opposed the Leiser's in person, sent a letter to the council regarding the inspector's report. This was read at the meeting of July 23rd. She asked for another chance to reform her buildings, but was propmtly turned down. Ald. Stewart moved the letter be received and filed, several other aldermen agreeing with him that she had been given chances enough.

And yesterday came the catastrophe. It was about 2 o'clock, fortified by a good lunch, that Inspector Wilson advanced to the attack. As above stated, he was met with scorn and invective of great volubility. He appealed to the Mayor for assistance. Constable C. Ezra Carlow was detailed for the dangerous duty, and another attack was made. The force consisted of Chief of Police Langley, Fire Chief Watson, Inspector Wilson, five firemen, Constable Carlow and a practice hose wagon. They reached the premises in good order. A flank movement was made towards the side entrance, but Mrs. Drosdovitch was on watch. Her opposition was only verbal, but it withered the courage of even the chief of police. Preparations for the demolition were hastily made.

But there was an inhabitant in one of the buildings. "Ho! Ho!" whinnied a fat bay broncho, "here's where I get out." And he did. Chief Watson, as the one of the party knowing most about horses, approached warily. He had visions of the wild horses mentioned in the petition. But this, the only one left, was good tempered and didn't even wait to sing "There's no place like home," before he was led away. He is now reposing gracefully in Dick Bray's livery stable.

The axemen then got down to work. Swinging with vigor, to the current of most uncomplimentary comment by Mrs. Drosdovitch, they cut and slashed at the doomed structures. It took about an hour and a half, during which time Mrs. Drosdovitch never stopped to take breath. At last all were razed to the ground. To-day nothing but a pile of ruins marks the spot that was once the bane of Wilson. He is happy, the Leisers are happy, the bay broncho is happy, and the only ones unsatisfied are Mrs. Drosdovitch and her son Abe who cautiously refrained from being in attendance yesterday.

—Senator Riley stated, in the course of conversation yesterday, that he was much impressed by an event he witnessed when in Buffalo last summer. The owners of all automobiles combined to give the inmates of the orphan asylums of the city an outing, which was extremely successful. There were 139 of these vehicles in the parade loaded up with beaming youngsters who were taken to every point of interest. Stops were made, by invitation, at many residences, where they were regaled with ice cream and other refreshments. The senator considered it one of the happiest ideas ever conceived. It might be taken as a hint by local autoists.

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