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News of the City and Province.

MONDAY.

Rev. Dr. Shaw, assistant missionary secretary of the Methodist church, who was badly injured through running into a trolly car while riding a bicycle, is not expected to live.

—It is said that the feeling all through the Cariboo country is against having traction engines on the wagon road. Petitions in this regard are being drawn up to be presented to the Government.

—Says the New Denver Ledge: Hewett Bostock, the Liberal candidate for Yale, arrived in New Denver on Thursday. He attended the dinner given that night and also the ball. His business just now is to become acquainted with the electors.

—A meeting was held at Lytton on Saturday to advocate the speedy completion of the Lytton-Lillooet wagon road, and to petition the Provincial Executive accordingly. The distance to be covered is about 40 miles. The road is now built to within 23 miles of the former place, and it is estimated that the cost of extending it through to the railway, including ferry, will not exceed $15,000. There are reported to be several thousand acres of first-class agricultural land adjacent to the Fraser river between these two points still open for settlement, while over 3,000 are already under cultivation.

TUESDAY.

—R. F. Tolmie, of the Land Registry office, Victoria, was married at Seattle on Saturday to Miss Edwards, of that city.

—According to the new Canadian Almanac the population of Canada, exclusive of Labrador and Newfoundland, is now placed at 5,021,476.

—For the convenience of sealers the Dominion Government has appointed deputy shipping masters at points where it is customary to take on Indian crews.

—T. Willard McDermott, says the Ottawa Journal, sold Governor Dewdney's residence, corner of O'Connor and MacLaren sts., to Robert Hurdman for $10,000 cash.

—Work was commenced on loading the ship J. C. Potter at Moodyville to-day. This mill is entering on a new era of hustle and hum, there being at present no more ships on the way to load there.

—A coroner's jury in Victoria on Monday afternoon retured an open verdict in the case of a Chinaman found dead and added a rider censuring the police for keeping the jury waiting 20 minutes.

—The Provincial police are said to have received much circumstantial evidence in the Roy murder case at Surrey, for which the man Truman is held at Fairhaven under suspicion, to be extradited if it is thought advisable.

—Here is how the Alaska Mining Record looks at it: "Ten marine leagues or fight! should be the United States' ultimatum to Great Britain on the Alaskan boundary question, and the people of Alaska should resound the words throughout every State.

—The sum of $15 has been generously handed over by Miss Skinner to the Alexandra Orphans Home, this being the amount that talented young lady received from the proceeds of the recent entertainment given by the Violet Guild. The donation is a very creditable as well as acceptable one.

—There will be four eclipses next year, two of the sun and two of the moon. An annual eclipse of the sun, Feb. 13th, invisible in Canada; a partial eclipse of the moon, Feb. 28th, invisible in Canada; a total eclipse of the sun, August 8th, invisible in Canada; a partial eclipse of the moon, August 12th, visible in Canada.

—The amount allowed by the Presbyterian Assembly to ministers on missions in the Synod of the N. W. T., is $300 for unmarried men where there is no manse; $750 for married men where there is a manse, and $700 for unmarried men. This puts a wife on very short allowance—$50 a year. It should be as effectual as a papal edict in promoting the celibacy of the clergy.

—Careless boys throwing paper in front of a horse were the cause of a serious accident on Monday. They frightened Mrs. George Cassady's horse just as she had got into the buggy and the animal in its fright swung around and tipped the carriage over throwing Mrs. Cassady out and breaking her ankle. The police ought to look after these mischevous lads.

—D. W. Bole is a candidate for the mayoralty of Winnipeg. In a letter to the press he says: "I am in favor of the city owning all franchises, and when civic reform becomes a fact, the city will be in a position to handle extra business, but as at present constituted it would be simple madness to allow the gas works or any other kind of work." city council to manage waterworks. These remarks apply to other cities than Winnipeg.

—Ald. Brown on Monday night gave notice of his intention to introduce a by-law to change the water rates. The proposal is as follows: Dwelling houses $9 per annum; baths, private, $4; do., public, $10; barber shops, first chair, $10, butcher shops, $10 to $20; hotels or boarding houses, per room, $1; stables, one horse or cow and washing vehicle, $4, each additional horse, $1; stores, $10; workshop employing five hands, $10, for each additional person $1.

—The New York Commercial Advertiser tells its Christmas shoppers to "go out now and escape the mad jostle." Christmas trading, under the best of circumstances, is a matter of hurry and hustle. But for the fact that the bulk of the business is done weeks in advance the jostle would be an annual mobbing, and there would be broken bones as well as broken nerves. It is judicious advertising that handles the crowds. They recognize no other influence in these ante-holiday times.

WEDNESDAY.

—J. A. Jordan is a happy man to-day. Mrs. Jordan has presented him with a daughter, and mother and child are doing well.

—At the New Westminster customs house the records show the imports for November to have been $21,237 and the duty collected thereon $5,684. The exports totalled up to $167,979.

—A company composed of C. Leonard, F. M. McIntosh, and others are preparing to put down a test bore hole on Lulu Island with a diamond drill and a sand pump. The machinery will take up everything en block as they go down. The hole will be sunk on what is known as the Johannasburg claim.

—W. F. Burton, who has just returned from a hunting trip in the interior, says that unless their wanton destruction by Indians is stopped the big horn will soon be a thing of the past.

—The Fraser River Industrial Society has decided to locate its proposed cannery of the society on the point below Annieville on the south side of the river below New Westminster. Work will be begun at once.

—At Victoria, on Dec. 3rd., there passed away Mrs. Eliza Ormond Gray, widow of the late John Hamilton Gray, judge of the Supreme court of British Columbia, and formerly Attorney-General of New Brunswick.

—Mrs. Wm. Parr, whose husband was convicted at the last Winnipeg assizes of attempted arson and murder, and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, will shortly take up her residence at Portage la Prairie with her parents.

—"Lord" Newton, a well-known character on the lower Delta, left hurriedly on Sunday morning for England via Blaine and New York. Some people are sorry he has gone, not only on the Delta, but in Victoria and New Westminster.

—A Squash and his klootchman got tipped out of their canoe just east of the approach to the Union Steamship wharf this morning. They got out safely but lost some supplies. The torrent of Fort Rupert profanity that poured forth was simply astounding.

—Last night a very successful parlor social was given at the residence of W. H. Wood, Mount Pleasant, in aid of the Methodist church on the hill. The house was crowded, and the proceeds were encouraging. The programme was varied and entertaining.

—Messrs. Freeland and Wylie are back from their cruise. They heard of the wreck of a boat like theirs from the pilot sloop when on their way in but they did not know till they got back and that it was feared they were lost. The fatted calf was duly killed in honor of the return of the prodigals.

—On last Saturday evening the Burns brothers delighted many at the Football Club smoking concert with their clever boxing, and to-day it is reported with regret that one of the brothers got a serious accident at the B. C. Cooperage, & Jute Works, several of the fingers of one of his hands being taken off by machinery.

—George E. Trorey, who sounded the alarm for the fire on Tuesday night, says that the brigade responded very promptly. The blaze was practically out in 20 minutes after the alarm was turned in and yet, so fierce was it that the whole first floor was gutted in that time. Mr. Trorey says that the work of the brigade was admirable.

—R. M. Fripp, who left for Victoria by the Charmer on Saturday, had bad news to greet him almost on his arrival there. At 6:45 that evening a fire broke out in his residence, 1222 Pender street, caused by the upsetting of a lamp in one of his little girls. The brigade responded quickly, but the flames had made such rapid headway that before they could be checked the lower part of the house was gutted and the furniture above ruined by heat and smoke. The loss of $2,000 is covered by insurance.

—Old Amos Cushan for 25 years or more a native Indian missionary at Nanaimo, was buried there on Saturday in the Mission cemetery. The funeral service was read by Rev. C. M. Tate, of Victoria, district superintendent of missions, who was assisted by Revs. Wilkinson and R. R. Maitland, and there was also present at the ceremony, in addition to a large concourse of Indian mourners, J. P. Planta, James Lister and J. W. Galloway, of the Indian mission. Cushan was universally respected by those who knew him, and his death is generally regretted by his co-workers.

—The death of Lance Corporal Stephens took place at the New Westminster Asylum on Sunday morning last, whither he was removed about a year ago, suffering from paralysis of the brain. Deceased was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and was aged 63 years. He came to Canada in 1854, and after spending several years in Ontario came out to British Columbia in 1862. For 24 years he mined in Cariboo, making and losing several fortunes. In 1886 he came down to New Westminster, and for several years was engaged as night-watchman. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, Rev. T. Scouler officiating.

—Sealers are severely disappointed at the figures in Lampson's circular, just to hand, according to which there were to have been sold 55,000 Alaska skins, 17,700 Copper Island skins, and 55,000 West Coast skins. The cablegram received yesterday showed that the sale went rather peculiarly, inasmuch as over 70 per cent. of the Alaska skins went 7 per cent. less, and the Copper Island skins 5 per cent. less. On the latter it will be seen that the prices, indicating that the sale was a surprise as well as a disappointment. The West Coast skins averaged 44 shillings or nearly $11, while as high as $10.50 was paid here a few months ago.

THURSDAY.

—The Vancouver branch of the Imperial bank will be opened for business on Saturday morning.

—A. E. Suckling, of this city, was registered at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, on November 29th.

—The J. F. F. Club had a very enjoyable dance in O'Brien's hall, Metropolitan club block, on Wednesday evening.

—Mesdames Grant and Higgins have been chosen by the W. C. T. U., as candidates for school trustees in Victoria.

—The Y. M. C. A., rooms being closed for repairs, the meeting of the Current Topic Club has been further postponed.

—There is at present a craze in Colorado mining stocks and many wild cat companies have recently been organized in Denver.

—G. A. Jordan has been obliged to explain to his many friends that it is a boy, not a girl, that has arrived to brighten his home.

—Alaska's output of gold for the year 1895 is estimated at $3,900,000. This is nearly one-half of the amount paid for that territory to Russia.

—Mount Pleasant lodge No. 11, Knights of Pythias, has elected officers as follows: C. C., G. Macguire; V. C., A. McDonald; Prelate, J. H. Kerr; M. of F., T. G. Shorter; M. of E., W. D. Muir; K of R. and S., L. Fullerton; M. at A., T. M. Tyson; auditors, J. H. Kerr, J. Mitchell and W. S. McDonald.

—The time for the return of assessment rolls has been extended from Nov. 1st to December 15th.

—Nanaimo has passed a milk inspection by-law; registration being required the fee being 50 cents.

—The Fraser Valley Fruit Union has decided to erect a cannery at Mission City, to enable it to utilize surplus product.

—The application for the winding up of the B. C. Paper Mfg., Co., (in liq.) will be heard in the Supreme court, Victoria, on the 10th inst. Benjamin Wilkams is named as liquidator.

—F. Y. Austin is hard at work for Dec. 8th, which is a double event for the members of the Church of the Holy Rosary. Besides being a religious feast it is also the pastor's birthday.

—The Burrard Literary Club is preparing for its annual banquet, which will be held in a few days. As is customary an interesting programme has been prepared, music, song and speech.

—In case the Alaskan-British Columbia boundary line is definitely located as it now appears likely to be, Forty Mile City, Seward City and a number of smaller trading posts will have to write B. C. after them in future.

—An Ontario judge advises civic authorities to forestall all actions for damages from defective sidewalks by having a standing advertisement in the daily papers requesting all persons finding broken planks to promptly report the fact to the street inspector.

—Jule M. Hannaford, general traffic manager of the Northern Pacific, has been offered the first vice-presidency of the reorganized Erie railway, and is now in New York, considering the proposition. Mr. Hannaford has been with the Northern Pacific since May, 1882.

—Lyal & Co., New Westminster, sold W. H. Falding a piano on instalments. Before a dollar had been paid it was sold under a mortgage. They used to recover it but a jury decided against them on the ground that the sale to Falding was absolute and that the mortgage sale was regular.

—During the Rev. Mother Provincial's visit to St. Paul's hospital, Very Rev. Father Rummelen erected the Stations of the Cross in the community chapel. The report of the year's work in the hospital shows that the Sisters gave 1,149 full days' board and lodging, medical attendance and medicine free of charge.

—In Harry Walton's billiard tournament at Hotel Vancouver the heat between D. McLaren, 300, and J. D. Scott, 300, proved a very interesting event, the latter winning. This evening F. V. Bodwell, 340 and J. H. Sankler, 350, have an engagement to play. This morning C. Sayward, 300, and J. Raynor, 275, played off. The latter won.

—The attention of house-keepers, and those about to furnish a home, is directed to the advertisement of W. H. Hooper, auctioneer, announcing the sale to-morrow, at 2 p.m., of the effects of A. W. Ross, at his residence on the corner of Robson and Thurlow streets. Everything must be sold. The effects are all first-class, in the best of condition, and in every way worthy the attention of those looking out for bargains.

—The committee appointed to consider the request of Oppenheimer Bros., for foreshore privileges, met this afternoon. A plan had been prepared showing the location of the lots and the course of the proposed projections. It was decided to oppose the granting of rights for lots 1 and 2 Prior street on the ground that it would interfere with the rights of other property owners, and one on Dupont street because the foreshore applied to belongs to the city, being, in fact, part of the street. The other nine applications are under consideration.

—The first report to the court of receipts and disbursements by the new receivers of the Northern Pacific, E. H. McHenry and P. G. Bigelow, was filed at Milwaukee on Dec. 3rd. The report is for October, and states that during that month the total cash receipts were $4,643,297 from all sources. The disbursements for the same month amounted to $1,795,762, and on November 1st, there was a balance on hand of $2,897,534. The report says that in addition to the foregoing the receivers have in their possession the sum of $1,246,364.

—Wednesday's sale in London of the Hudson's Bay Company's sealskins was, if anything, an improvement on Lampson's of Sept. 5th. The prices averaged 44 shillings or an increase of from 20 to 24 per cent. on the sales of last year. The furtices which the Hudson's Bay Company received by cablegram late yesterday afternoon gave the prices in detail but these could not be obtained for publication. Sough, however, were quite satisfactory while others were the reverse. The skins offered included only the Northwest variety, which, strange to say, brought more comparatively than other Alaskan or Copper Island skins. The latter have in former years sold best, owing to their uniformity of color, but it is no doubt beginning to be realized that the Coast skins are equally good.

—At the beginning of the year S. J. Rankin intends to conduct his auction business from an office, and for this purpose has made arrangements to dispose of the articles stored in his present rooms on Hastings street by auction. On Saturday afternoon and evening next he will offer by public auction the stock of Japanese goods, curry powder, wicker chairs, etc., after which date he will remove to the Springer store, corner of Cambie and Cordova, which he will occupy until the end of the year only. On Monday next he will receive in his store, 506 Hastings street, the contents of one more household, which, together with all furniture, fixtures, etc., now in his store, he will offer by public auction on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons next.

CLOVERDALE FLASHES.

Cloverdale, Dec. 3.—The weather for the last few days has been quite cold and frosty.—The entertainment held in the Odd-fellows hall last Friday night was a grand success. It was largely attended by people from all parts of the district and the ladies of the Episcopal church feel well repaid for their efforts.—T. Punch, of Brownsville, paid a visit to T. Shannon on Monday, Dec., 2nd.—An entertainment will be held in the Methodist church to-night.—Mrs. Morton, of Nicomekl, is very ill.—R. B. Hall, Cloverdale's prominent lecturer on art and science, will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church, next Friday night.—T. Shannon paid a business visit to Vancouver last week.—Great dissatisfaction has been expressed at the irregularity in the services of the Great Northern Railway Co. Formerly we had a daily mail but now we receive mail but twice a week. Our old stage service was just as convenient.

A GOOD TIME.

Was What Members and Friends of Pacific Lodge, I. O. O. F., Had Tuesday Night.

The Dunn hall, Granville street, was packed to the doors on Tuesday evening, the event being the annual entertainment given by the members of Pacific lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F. It consisted of a concert, and assembly and refreshments. D. H. Wilson, M. D., was chairman during the concert, which was opened in a lively manner by a rattling piano solo by Prof. Werner.

Then followed a few appropriate remarks by the chairman. He said that he was pleased to see such a large audience present for two reasons. One was that it showed that the members of Pacific lodge had a large number of friends and the other was that such a large number of people were going to have a good time. He said that it had clung to him from his earliest childhood that the remarks of a chairman were to be dreaded. A chairman invariably said that he was not going to talk long, and then proceeded to do so amid cries of not that they were waiting for what was to follow, everyone would have got out. He remembered once years ago that he went to hear a noted lecturer. The gentleman who was to lecture was on a prolonged tour, and owing to the train arrangements he had just time to give his lecture and rush for the depot in a hack that was ordered to be on hand. The chairman got up and explained those facts. He then asked for a patient hearing for the lecturer and pointed out that if the lecture was to be heard in full applause would have to be limited. He next proceeded to extol the enterprise of those who had brought the noted orator to the city, and branched forth into a glowing detail of the treat that was before them. He kept that sort of thing up until the lecturer himself took a hand, or a voice, in and remarked that as he had only five minutes left he would have to tell a couple of anecdotes and get out. That man has never been chosen as a chairman since. Dr. Wilson then pointed out that there was a long programme to follow, and he would not detain them longer. He repeated that he was pleased to see so large an attendance, and on behalf of Pacific lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., he bade them a hearty welcome and expressed the hope that all would enjoy themselves to the utmost. He then proceeded with the calling of the programme.

The first number was the ever new old favorite Cam Ye by Athol, sung by Mr. Lais. As usual this was well received, and the audience insisted on an encore, for which Mr. Darg sang Willie's Gone to Melville Castle. Little Hazel Dickinson followed with a well-delivered medley recitation. Aubrey Rounsefell next convulsed the audience with his inimitable rendition of Lord Dundreary's proposal. Miss McIntyre sang The Banks o' the Dee, in a very pleasing manner. Miss Mabel McFarlane showed histrionic ability in the recitation of the pathetic and difficult poetical story of the Fall of Pemberton Mills. A. C. Reynard and B. Hawkes were down for a negro absurdities turn, but the latter's duties on the Empress of China prevented his being present and instead Mr. Reynard gave the Laughing Song with banjo accompaniment. His laugh was so infectious that everyone else started to laugh too and the jollified audience gave a hearty encore. Mr. Duff-Stuart next favored the audience with a violin fantasia, in which she showed keen artistic conception as well as knowledge of the technique of the instrument. Mr. Jowett and Mr. Darg gave a mirthful rendition of the duet A Crookit-Bawbed. Aubrey Rounsefell made another hit with the character song Can't Change It, and J. K. Mason gave a jolly finish to this portion of the entertainment, with the rattling sailor song Clickety-clack, in which he set forth the mysteries of a journey to St. Ives. Prof. Werner was accompanist for this part of the programme. The next feature was a musical burlesque entitled The Gardener's Daughter, managed by Geo. Hunt. This was cleverly put on, the cast of characters being as follows: Duke of Daggernaught, G. Hunt; Pistoll, W. Evans; Stabberino, L. Hunt; Carrotina (the Gardener's Daughter), Miss L. Hunt; Mrs. Sellerbeet, Miss H. Hunt; and chorus; accompanist, Mrs. McCartney.

After the close of the burlesque supper was served to all who desired it, though those who intended to remain for the dance had the option of having it later. This department was in charge of Mr. Scott, Cordova street, and beyond that little need be said. There was plenty for all and everything was good.

For the dancing that followed Messrs. Werner and Reynolds furnished the music and merrily did the dancers trip till beyond the allotted hour, 2 a. m. The only drawback was that the attendance was a little too large for the floor space.

The lodge is to be congratulated on the success achieved.

A WARNING.

A bulletin just issued by medical specialists at Washington calls attention to the danger in connection with fowls affected with a form of diphtheria, in the publication of an investigation of certain diseases appearing in domestic animals. Among a number of cases cited in which diphtheria had been contracted from fowls, one was that of a little girl in Illinois, who had fondled a sick chicken that had been brought into the house, as is the habit in the country, and died from diphtheria within a few days, when there was no other possible source of contagion. The pathologists recommend that sick chickens be killed rather than being brought into the house for children's playthings. They remark that while the number of cases in which the disease has been communicated to human beings is not great in comparison to the number of cases of sickness in fowls, it is yet great enough to demand serious attention.

AN INTERESTING POINT.

A case of much interest was disposed of in the Vernon Police court last week before C. W. Ireland, P. M. T. Girouard was charged with neglecting and refusing to pay the Provincial revenue tax of $3 for the current year. The information was laid by J. C. Tunstall collector and assessor. Mr. Tunstall testified to the defendant having refused to pay the tax. The latter was then called, and stated that he lived in St. Catharines, Ont.; he came to Vernon on this occasion about three weeks ago, his visit being made on account of his being an executor of the will of his deceased brother who had left an estate in the district. He intended remaining another week or two, after which he would return to his home in Ontario. For the defence it was contended that the tax could not be levied upon a male person living outside of the Province. His Worship, in giving his decision, said that he took it that under the old act it was intended to make it applicable to any person traveling in the Province. Even if a man happened to be caught by the collector for only a single day in the Province he would be liable. It appeared to him, however, that this had been considered a hardship by the Legislature and therefore this section had been repealed and the amendment defined the class of persons who should be liable as those who lived in the Province. The question, therefore, to be considered is what is implied by the term "living in the Province." To his mind the intention of the amendment was clearly to remove the burden of this tax from transient visitors. He thought it only reasonable to suppose that the Legislature did not contemplate it to apply to people temporarily in the Province, such as Mr. Girouard. He accordingly dismissed the case.

THE ROYAL CITY.

Happenings In and About New Westminster.

New Westminster, Dec., 3.—Mrs. C. W. Watson, so well known in musical circles, has arrived in the city from Minneapolis where her husband, Charlie Watson, late master of the Artillery band here, holds a position in the State Military band, and will spend the winter in westminster a guest of her father, John Campbell. Charlie Campbell, who holds a position in the Auditor's office in Minneapolis, accompanied his sister and will spend a few days' vacation at home.

The city council held their regular weekly meeting last night, but little of import was done outside of routine business. Ald. Keary was allowed to withdraw his unfinished by-law, cutting off the mayor's salary. The waterworks committee's amendment were passed, but the question will in all probability be reopened, by the new council. The C. P. R., unsettled matters were bequeathed as a legacy to the board of 1896, and the council called a meeting of electors to be held in the City hall next Saturday night for the purpose of discussing civic affairs generally.

The pernicious ward representative system having happily gone over the side the elections of mayor, aldermen and members of a public school board will be conducted next Monday, Dec., 9th, on the more liberal principle of general election of representatives by the whole electorate. The city has been quietly filed elector in the city has a right to vote for ten men as aldermen, one man as mayor, and four men as school trustees. They are required to vote at one of three points in the city, arranged for convenience, but they may cast their ballots at any one of these points, viz: the fire hall on Front street, the office of the City hall in the centre and the old mill offices on the corner of Columbia and 10th streets in the west. It is a healthy sign when so much interest is taken in the affairs of any corporation and the coming election will be worked with considerable energy. Although the new ward system has been chosen from the names which were published last night has somewhat been elected in anticipation and we might safely publish the personnel of the civic parliament of 1896 to-day, as well as next Tuesday, nevertheless some hard labor will be employed before the poll is closed on Monday night. As there is a fair field, so there shall be a British field with fair play and no favors.

Much persuasion was exhausted upon ex-Sheriff Armstrong to induce him to accept the position, by acclamation, of the city's chief magistrate, but he declined the honor with many thanks and it has resolved itself into a contest on the merits of two good, solid citizens.

The ladies of St. Andrews' church are giving a concert in the lecture hall tonight.

New Westminster, Dec., 5.—A meeting of electors has been called for this evening in the city hall by virtue of a requisition submitted to his Worship Mayor Sklles. A public meeting to take place on Saturday evening had been inofficially appointed. To-night the candidates, if in number, are expected to express themselves on the civic situation, and the ratepayers expect those who aspire to the honor of election to face the orchestra. Most of them will do so, lake this opportunity to improve their chances. Those of the noble 17 who have offered themselves as a sacrifice on the altar of municipal ingratitude, and who cannot get there to-night, will have another chance on Saturday evening. There will be a rousing meeting to-night and several of the electors who are unsors, though not candidates, who will say a few words in season. It is expected by the electorate that the candidates who expect that the mystic will express publicly, either at the meeting or through the columns of the papers their civic policy. There is an astonishing unanimity among the people upon the few important questions which the council of 1896 are expected to solve and settle and under the new system of voting by which aldermen as well as the mayor and school trustees are elected not by the contracted vote of a ward, but the united voice of the whole municipality such unanimity can be expressed. The new decimal ballot paper is a big affair, and there is not a doubt that many papers will be spoiled in the process of marking. Some will be 17 in the natural perplexity of selection, while others will try to save time by making one cross for two or three candidates.

J. P. McLeod, who has been connected with the law office of Aulay Morrison, has been admitted to the practice of law as a barrister and solicitor in the Province of British Columbia. Mr. McLeod has made many warm friend since coming to live in this city and has been cordially congratulated.

The fall prize meet of the sharpshooters of No. 4 Company B. C. B. G. A., will take place on Saturday morning at Central Park. A good list of prizes has been subscribed by Westminster citizens to be competed for at the target.

HOME AGAIN.

William Brown, district freight agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is back from west Kootenay. The line is now running regularly into Sandon and the patronage received is gratifying. There has been a fall of two feet of snow in that district and all the shipping mines have commenced sending down the ore. Mr. Brown looks for a lively time in that district next summer.

The daily income of the principal rulers of Europe is as follows: The Czar of Russia, $20,000; the Sultan of Turkey, $20,000; the Emperor of Germany, $10,000; the King of Italy, $8,000; the Queen of England, $8,000; the King of the Belgians, $2,000.

IN EAST KOOTENAY.

Progress in the Mining Districts—A Successful Agricultural Year.

Rumors of possible disturbances recently took A. W. Vowell upon a trip to the East Kootenay country. Mr. Vowell, in his capacity of Provincial superintendent of Indian affairs, pays periodical visits to all Indian agents' districts in the Province. His present tour, as stated, was due to reports of possible trouble at the bottom of which was one Poor Lo, who goes by the euphonious and poetical title of Cut Mouth John. The whole difficulty grew out of a difference of opinion as to the rights of an Indian squatter as against a pre-emptor on Government land. Mr. Vowell soon had all trouble settled. On his arrival Mr. Vowell found that the agent had matters well in hand, having been acting under instructions for some time, and before Mr. Vowell came away everything was in shape. He visited the Kootenay, Fairfield, and Okanagan, Williams lake, Kamloops, and Nicola districts and found everything satisfactory at each of them. Everyone who has ever conversed with Mr. Vowell knows that he has always had an abiding faith in East Kootenay, and, to a World reporter, he said that that faith was undiminished, in fact, if anything, it was increased by what he saw on his visit. He found everyone contented in that part of the country and the farmers were happy over a splendid oat crop. The weather during the fall had been beautiful and Mr. Vowell, himself, saw ploughing in progress at St. Eugene Mission on Nov. 23rd. It was five degrees below zero for two days and that was about the only cold snap they had had. At Clinton they had only had 28 degrees of frost. He did hear as he came down that it had been snowing pretty freely up in Cariboo.

Fort Steele, Mr. Vowell says, is now quite a town and the people are elated at the prospects. Mr. Baillie-Grohman, who owned now by D. Mann, is making a splendid showing. It is a galena proposition and there is plenty of ore in sight. Three thousand tons will be shipped this season, a wagon road having been made to the river. The ore will probably go to Golden. It is expected that 200 men will be engaged during the winter. Tom Jones is delighted with the showing of his silver and copper claim in the Spallumcheen district. While at Fort Steele Mr. Vowell learned, a good pay streak has been struck on the claim that was worked for two years without results by Toronto capitalists. On this point, it is said, put in their time working as far away from the lead as they could get. After they abandoned it, it was taken hold of by Mr. Armstrong, who turned round and worked the other way with the favorable result mentioned. Mr. Vowell brought down with him the first issue of the Fort Steele Prospector, a new paper, started on the 9th of this year. It is printed with the use of an Edison mimeograph, with which many of our readers are familiar. It is perhaps the only genuine newspaper in the Dominion that is set up on a type writer and printed through a wax stencil. The first issue contains a petition to the Dominion Government asking for the carrying out of works that will make the Kootenay river navigable.

The Prospector says: "We have the ore and we must have the means of taking the ore either to a place of treatment or a market." The petition was signed by over 200 mine owners and residents in the district and the Prospector is assured that with the means of transportation, 10,000 tons of ore can be shipped next year. To this amount Jas. Cronan, of the St. Eugene claim, guarantees 1,500 tons. The town of Fort Steele until a very short time ago existed, practically, only in name. Mr. Vowell says there is quite a nice little town there now and several nice dwellings. According to the Prospector the place has three hotels, two general merchandise stores, one blacksmith shop, one harness shop, three livery stables, one barber shop, one painter, two laundries, one butcher, no counselor, one doctor, two assayers, one druggist, one saw mill, and plenty of carpenters and builders.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Sandford Fleming on This Scheme and Its Good Prospects.

While in Montreal last week Sandford Fleming, C. M. G., was interviewed on the Pacific cable scheme. He talked freely and discussed the prospects. He believed Hon. Joseph Chamberlain to be thoroughly in sympathy with the project, and as with everything that tended to bring the colonies nearer the heart of the Empire. Continuing, Mr. Fleming said: "I have not seen any of the Canadian Ministers, since the imperial authorities expressed a desire for a conference on the subject, yet, I think that telegraphic advices have been received at Ottawa and that a further official communication is on the way." He was with those who believed that extensive surveys and soundings of the Pacific ocean, extending over a period of one or three years, were quite unnecessary, and that work might be commenced in the very near future. The Challenger expedition was the means of securing information regarding the Pacific that will be of the greatest value, when such a cable comes to be laid between the port of Vancouver and Australia.

"Will this be the first cable ever laid in the Pacific?" was asked.

"Yes, the very first, although a short cable has already been laid along a portion of the South American coast. I may add, also, that the difficulties to be overcome will be no greater in the Pacific than in the Atlantic, and, in fact, the prejudices that have been raised by interested parties against the success of the Canadian-Australian cable are fast disappearing, and public opinion, both in Canada and in Britain, is ripe for the carrying out of such an enterprise." Mr. Fleming is of the opinion that the Australian end of the proposed cable will be landed in Queensland or New South Wales, and that New Zealand will also be connected.

TO KEEP AWAY THE WOLF.

An Organization That Will Look After Cases of Destitution.

Rev. E. D. McLaren occupied the chair at the second meeting called to discuss ways and means of relieving any cases of destitution that may arise in the city during the winter, held in the old West End school on Wednesday afternoon. The committee appointed to draft a set of rules for the guidance of the association recommended as follows:

1. That as far as possible the poor of the congregation of each church be looked after by that church.

2. That the city council be asked to undertake the relief of single men in destitute condition, should any such be found in the city during the coming winter.

3. That for the relief of poor not otherwise provided for, an association be formed consisting of the president and executive committee of the local Council of Women, three representatives from the city council, all the clergymen of the city, four representatives from each congregation and five representatives from the Salvation Army.

4. That the association to be formed be recommended: (a) To appoint an executive committee charged with the administration of whatever funds may be available for the purposes of the association; (b) To divide the city into districts and from among its own members to appoint a visiting committee for each district, these committees to ascertain and report to the executive committee the cases in their districts in which assistance is required; (c) To establish a central depot for the reception and distribution of food and clothing.

The report was endorsed without amendment and a committee consisting of Father Hummeler, Rev. E. D. McLaren, H. E. Bowers, H. C. Mason and W. W. Baer was appointed to draft a scheme to place before the council in furtherance of the work of the association.

The meeting adjourned to the call of the president of the Council of Women.

BUSINESS NOTES.

The Calgary Brewing Company is opening a warehouse at Kaslo. W. D. Moore is agent.

M. B. Dolan, of Spokane, has opened a branch shoe store in Rossland, with W. L. Lowry as manager.

Nicholas S. Clarke, blacksmith, Barkerville, has sold his shop and business to the Cariboo Gold Fields Ltd., and intends to open a new shop next spring.

E. J. Smith, Geo. Vandewater and Mr. Drummond, of Promontory Flats, near Sardis, are about to start the manufacture of pumps, fruit and cheese boxes there.

The Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Ltd., gives notice of application to the Dominion Parliament for confirming and confirming of certain powers according to its charter.

Fraser River Fish Curing Co., Ltd. —Application has been filed by Michael Costello, Chas. Tetley and A. Williams, of Vancouver. Objects general fish curing dealing. Office, Vancouver. Capital stock, $100,000 $1 shares.

Crocker Bros., who have been carrying on a small store at Cowichan Gap, near Nanaimo, have been seized by the customs on suspicion of smuggling. S. J. Woodward, of Lower Nicola, is contemplating opening an hotel without bar for the accommodation of the traveling public at that point. The accommodation has been much needed by travelers to and from Granite creek and Princeton.

A. T. Harding, druggist, Kamloops, has sold out to R. G. Macpherson, lately of this city, leasing the premises for ten years. He will go to Rossland to enter into business.

A meeting of the creditors of the Green, Worlock bank estate, Victoria, is called for 2 p.m., Dec. 10th., in the board of trade building. A stormy time is looked for.

William Lee, merchant and miner, Pavilion, contemplates adding saw mill machinery to his business.

Mr. Rivers has taken charge of the Barkerville hotel, Barkerville.

E. G. Thompson, of Nordport, is about starting a salt and soda factory at Tiverton.

E. Van Wart, of the Barkerville hotel, Barkerville, is reported to have left without settling up. He is believed to be in Seattle.

The Rossland Electric Light and Power Company has been formed by Thomas W. Stark, James M. Aikins, H. E. Cinton, H. E. Bowers, H. C. Mason and W. W. Baer was appointed to draft a scheme to place before the council in furtherance of the work of the association.

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