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A bilious, dyspep-tic condition of the

"They (Hon. Mr. Turner and Hon Mr. Pooley) are honorable men," cried Hon. George Bohun Martin yesterday in the legislative assembly, flashing a fiery and annihilative eye upon the crouching opposition, who sought, by ill-suppressed bursts of derisive laughter to conceal the real terror of their souls; "yes," he thundered, "they are honorable men, and I'll stay with them till the cows come home." Could the quotation be more appropriate? In grand old (neglected) Chaucer every man swears to his tradethe shipman full of strange oaths, saltwater-and-brimstone allegory; the miller of the red, shovel beard and warted nose curses by the nether mill stone; the knight, the squire, all keep to their own; and so has the hon, chief commissioner. A farmer, (a rancher, as -some contemptuously dub him) he naturally seeks elegant similies to express the emotions of his bucolic soul amid the graceful flowing lines of Virgil's Georgics-"I'll stay with them till the cows come home." Mr. Martin's translation of the Latin is free, of course, (and easy) and we are informed he spoke with what that other rare Latinist and arbiter elegantiarum, the Colonist, calls this morning "ore rotun do," which is a trifle beyond our Latinity, but may be some of the kind recently dug up at the excavations in the Forum Romanum. However, it is most agreeable to find our ministers thus spending their nights over the glories of classical literature, and deriving so much polish and power to quote aptly; it raises the standard of the House, and lets strangers see that the Vancouver World's reasons for "clapeven our local Cincinnatus knows more, considerably more, than beans; and that he can toss you off a Virgilian couplet on the slightest provocation. We feel proud of Mr. Martin, and we feel proud of British Columbia, that possesses his distinguished services. How long he will have to "stay" with Messrs. Turner and ass, if the dispatches report him cor-Pooley is a question we can settle for Mr. Martin now; no doubt the board while staying with those local potentates comes high, but if it will comfort Mr. Martin to know, the cows are nearly home now; it will take them only about three months and a half to get "right" home. We can hear the melodious music of the cowbells, now tinkling the retirement of the "honorable men" with whom the devoted Mr. Martin is "staying." Next June Mr. Martin can terminate his "stay" with the minister-directors and go home to the hacienda and to Virgil, and spend the remainder of his days among the bucolics reading to them the Georgics.

REDISTRIBUTION.

Intense interest is felt by the people of the upper country in the important subject of redistribution, and the question now transcends all others there as the topic of the time. What is Hon. Mr. Turner going to do to redeem the pledge he has made from time to time in regard to a measure of redistribution that will give even-handed justice to all sections? The tone of the upper country press shows plainly the deep feeling that prevails among the people, and their anxiety to see some measure brought forward that present bearing so unjustly upon many sections of the province. The Nelson Tribune, in a spirited reply to the Colonist's broadside of meaningless abuse, which purported to be in answer to the Tribune's assertion that: "There is no reason why Hon. Mr. Turner should not express his views and those of the government on the question of redistribution before he has consulted his colleagues, points out that for three years the electors have been discussing the inequalities and injustice of the redistribution measure of 1894, and that Premier Turner has, in the legislature and on the public platform, admitted that in fairness the province should have a new measure of representation. The Tribune concludes its remarks:

"Now, within two weeks of the opening of the legislature, Premier Turner has an inclination to funk; and the Colonist, by a system of quibbling, seeks to justify his funking. Fairness demands the readjustment of the representations as much as ever, but the Turner govern-ment is afraid of the issue and the interests of the province must be sacrificed to the exigencies of Premier Turner and

the Dunsmuirs.' Premier Turner has compromised himself badly if it really be his intention to set aside his pledges to the people in this matter. A storm of indignation will sweep the province if the government finally declines, after all its promises, to deal with the question of redistribution, and the consequences will not be pleasant for Mr. Turner and his colleagues when election time comes round. However, a few weeks will show whether Mr. Turner was sincere or not and the electors can take their measures accordingly.

THE STIKINE RAILWAY.

One is tempted to enquire: Will Canada ever do anything in relation to the Klondike in which the United States government will not have to be consulted first as to the privilege of passage across some portion of territory? Even the Stikine-Teslin raiiway may be hindered by the American finger in the pie, for most unfortunately, American territory has to be entered to reach Glenora, the transshipment at Wrangel leaving a rare loophole for annoying Canadians. We do not believe the American government would stoop to the mean and petty practices so freely ascribed to them by unthinking writers, or that they would deliberately attempt to throw obstacles in the way of Canada reaching her own goldfields with comfort and dispatch, but the same we cannot say about the American official. The United States government has a most difficult task to keep in order and even in subjection the horde of ill-informed and pugnacious underlings entrusted with the carrying out of the various provisions of the law. Far from headquarters; influenced much more by the eruptions of an incendiary press which has sought no pretext for Is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. renouncing all allegiance to truth and decency, than by fear of the Washington Hood's Pills act harmoniously with authorities, it is perhaps no wonder that

those men display a bold disregard, not only for the letter, but the spirit of their orders, and do what in them lies to hamper, distress and annoy the people of the rival nation. Over and above the rivalry and the struggle for the outfitting trade they have the strong incentive of bitter disappointment that the Klondike should be in Canada, not Alaska. What they could to damage Canadian interests these gentlemen have done most heartily, and now that the Stikine-Teslin railway has taken so much from their power to do injury, what is left will be made the most of no doubt. Hence there need be no surprise should travellers from Canada find at Wrangel a disposition on the part of the American officials to be disobliging. Had the railway been built from the head of Portland Canal through the valley to Telegraph Creek, if that were possible, Canada could have most politely given the United States her congee and felt that "to the uttermost and altogether" the Klondike was Canadian, reached by a railway starting in and running through and ending in Canadian territory, without the slightest necessity to ask favors from the Americans When the magnificent crop of mares' nests now being industriously sown and reared by the critics of the big contract has reached maturity (i.e., run to seed,) it may be found that not the land grant or any other stimulant to verbosity, but the misfortune of having to start the railway operations in territory not Canadian wil be the real bug-

We never before saw Sir Charles Tup per alluded to as a jackass, but here are ping the long lugs on him":

"It would be interesting to discover whether official disclosures or La Presse exposures had the most to do with Sir Charles Tupper's sudden change of front on the Stikine-Lake Teslin railway. The "war horse of Cumberland" in old age would seem to be considerable of a jack

Remarking upon the conduct of the Rt. Hon. George N. Curzon, (who, a very short time ago, was a very Insignificant personage, noted chiefly for his alleged knowledge of Oriental affairs) in insulting Mr. Michael Davitt, M.P., in the British Commons the other day, the Vancouver World says:

"The father of the Land League has worn handcuffs more honorable than jeweled bracelets or diamond rings. He is one of nature's purest and truest

Very soon pilots who know the northern waters will be worth their weight in gold, almost in a literal sense. The multiplication of disasters only adds so much a month more to the well-earned salaries of these responsible and hard-worked gentlemen. Before the "rush" is over

ant matter. Would the feeling spread throughout the province.

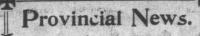
THE PETER BRODIE CASE. To the Editor: There appeared in the Times of the 7th inst. a communication from Nanaimo, and under the head: "Sad story of an aged settler who was the Dunsmuir company." The year that Peter Brodie settled on the therein referred to was given as but should have been 1886. 1896. Through a desire to cut my former commication as short as possible, I omitted the statement that Mr. Brodie had in every particular complied with the act. On applying for certificate of record the fees were tendered and ac cepted. Further payments were tendered, but refused, and the amount already paid in by Mr. Brodie was returned. my arrival in Victoria and speaking with friends of the injured man and others who have noticed the case, I find the opinion prevalent that the old man must have failed to meet the payments, which was not the case. The evicted man was not one to air his grievances, and there is every reason to believe that he did not make the real situation known his friends in Scotland before his mind ecame unfitted to do so himself, but the whole of the uncontrovertible facts are being laid before his brother, who held a high position in the Woolwich arsenal, and it now a pensioner. To give an idea as to the connection of Mr Brodie we would state that his brother' eldest son is in the war department; the second son holds a high position in the Woolwich arsenal; the third is an engineer on one of Her Majesty's ships in the Mediterranean, and the fourth occu pies a prominent position in the post of fice department. The fact that the property on which Mr. Brodie settled would in all probability become valuable was no reason why the railway company be allowed to over-ride the conditions under which they themselves came into possession of the land; and but for the

All Covered With Eruptions - Could Not Work, the Suffering Was So Creat-Hood's Has Cured.

"I was all run down with complaints peculiar to my sex, and I broke out in sores on my body, head, limbs and hands, and my hair all came out. I was under the doctor's treatment a long time without benefit. They called my trouble eczema. Finally I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after I had used three or four bottles I found I was improving I kept on until I had taken several more bottles and the sores and itching have disappeared and my hair has grown out." MRS. J. G. BROWN, Brantford, Ontario. "I was all run down and had no appe-

tite. I had a tired feeling all the time.] was advised to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I did so and it benefited me so much that I would not be without it." Mrs. G. I. BURNETT, Central Norton, N. B.

Sarsa-Hood's parilla



dodge any sort of trouble around a tree. The only way is to come squarely out and face the dif-ficulty and fight it. If you are sick or half sick, the best course is not to neg-lect or ignore it, or pretend that it CLOVERDALE doesn't exist, but to find the proper rem-edy and use it.

system not only makes life miserable, but system not only makes life miserable, but it is sure to lead to something worse, unless promptly taken in hand and corrected. It is foolish to attempt to dodge such troubles by any mere temporary expedient. The only sensible way is to get rid of them for good and all by a thoroughly rational, scien-tific medicine like Dr. Pierce's Golden Med-

ical Discovery.
It cures all disordered, debilitated conditions by its direct action upon the liver and digestive organs; it gives them power to make fresh, healthy blood free from bilious impurities; it drives all disease-germs out of the circulation; it creates solid, muscular flesh and constitutional power.

Lung and throat affections, which are often simply the result of impaired nutrition, are reached and cured by this wonder-

ful "Discovery" in cases where cod liver oil emulsions are useless, because the "Discovery" is readily assimilated by delicate stomachs. It is far superior to malt ex-tracts, because its beneficial effects are

permanent.

"Dr. Pierce, I am one of your most grateful patients," writes Mrs. Annie M. Norman, of Equinunk, Wayne Co., Pa. "I have taken 'Golden Medical Discovery,' also 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pellets' with wonderful results. I am, as many of my friends tell me, like the dead brought to life. The doctors said I had consumption and death was only a matter of time. That was six years ago. I concluded to try your medicine. I continued until I had taken nine bottles of 'Discovery' and several bottles of 'Peltets.' I got well and have done a great deal of hard work since."

When the liver and bowels don't work the body and brain won't. Dr. Pierce' Pleasant Pellets are a sure, safe, speed and permanent cure for constipation a torpid liver. One "Pellet" is a laxative and two a mild cathartic. is a gentle

apathy of the public in the past, this and other corporations would not venture to take such actions as they have hitherto done. No resident of the province should consider himself a disinterested party to such an action as above referred and as the case is not likely lost sight of, it is to be hoped that a lively interest will be taken in watching this and similar cases.

ONE OF THE SUFFERERS.

Victoria, Feb. 14th, 1898.

POLLYTICKS UP COUNTRY.

Deer Mister Heditur:—Since i rote ew a few das hago, i 'ave bean bizzle lukin hup wot Mr. Robinson and the Bowery Politishum as bean adoin' ov. 'E's a deap un is that robinson! Bill (thet's mi mait) woz out at Nicola larst weak and wen he cum bak 'e sez to me, sez 'e "This 'ere Dene is a rare bad un!" This tuk mi breth away for Bill 'adnt torkt thet way afor 'e went ter Nicola. "Wi, Bill," sez i, soothin' like, "wot on herth is the matter?" Ho, nothof these responsible and hard-worked gentlemen. Before the "rush" is over it will be more tolerable to know the northern route as a pilot than to be prime minister.

Boundary Creek citizens have done what seems like a most sensible and business-like thing in sending a special representative to Ottawa and another to Victoria to watch the progress of the railway bills. This proves the earnestness and the anxiety of the people of Boundary Creek district in this import-Boundary Creek district in this importeers, pretty near long enough for old Parr,
only 'is 'air keeps werry black for sew only 'is 'air keeps werry black for sew haged a hindividool. "Tom," sez bill, yoor got a ned like a turmet, don't yer see I'm coddin'?" "Well don't," sez l. "Ho' sez 'e, "but thet's the harticle jest now. Wate til Marrer cums hout and then yerl see the coddin!" And Bill larfed. Dene's orl rite' tsez 'e "in Nicola." "They ain fules thare, and the Bowery Boy's yarns don't wash." "Wot about robinson?" I arsks. Ho, robinson! wi 'es got the eer of the govingment and 'es gon to Victoria to post Turner and Martin, etsettera, wot to du for tu get votes up eer. Wun chap in Nicola is going to get a govingment job for 'is 'elp and they are going to giv more money for cayotey skolps, and bild a rode at grand Perairy, and —" "Stow hit' sez i, "thet will do," "Wate a minnit' sez Bill, "till i tell yu a storie." "Hoo started hit?" sez i. "The Bowery Pilot—." "I've 'ad enuf fer wun doi," sez i. And so we parted. Yoors trooil,

1898 Kamlupes, 10, Febooari. THE DEAL COMPLETED.

Yoors trook,

Official Announcement That C.P.R. Has

Purchased Heinze's Interests. Montreal Feb 15 -At the close of the P.R. directors' meeting yesterday Vice-President Shaughnessy announced that the deal with Mr. Heinze for transfer of his railroad and smelting interests in the Kootenay district to the C.P.R. had been completed. The C.P.R., he said, was not going into the smelting business to make money out of it. The company realized that in order to make the mining of lower grade ores abounding in Kootenay disrict profitable it would be necessary to give miners much cheaper means of getting out ore. It would therefore provide facilities for miners at what they cost. The Star says: It is understood that the C.P.R. will make a smelting rate of \$7.00 and freight rate of 50 cents, or \$7.50 in all, for the treatment at Trail of Rossland ore.

THE SEALING OUTLOOK.

San Francisco, Feb. 15 .-- The sealing fleet this season is very small and the utlook is not encouraging, Captain O'Leary of the schooner Geneva reports that seals are very scarce and wild and the weather very unsuitable for sealing. Captain A. Nelson, of the Mary Taylor, lost seven of his men by desertion and had to put into port for repairs. He also says that few seals are to be found and redicts a light catch.

It is stated that the Cox and Marvin ealing fleet of Victoria, B. C., will not be put in commission this year, although, sailors and hunters have been engaged. It is not known whether the precautions taken by the United States to prevent poaching have had anything to do with the retirement of this fleet of British

ANOTHER YUKON RAILROAD.

New York, Feb. 15 .- A dispatch to the Evening Post from Montreal says: The Great Commonwealth Develop-ment & Mining Company intends to build a railway from Edmonton to the Klondike via the Feace Rover pass. The British charter has been obtained by the company, which now asks a Domi ion charter. The route is northwester'y via Fort Assinnaboine, Sturgeon Lake, Fort St. John, on the Peace river, Half Way st. John, on the Peare river, Haif Way river, across the northeastern corner of British Columbia at Fort Halkett, on the Laird river, up the Francis, along the Finlayson river to the Pelly, which is really the Yukon, and down that to Fort Selkirk and Dawson to the boundary of Alaska. The company is prepared to guarantee the building of the line to the Pelly, 1,700 miles long, within twenty months.

NEW DENVER. The Rev. F. A. Ford, of Revelstoke has solemnized the marriage of Mr. G. H. Aylard and Miss M. E. Aylwin.

Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, is issuing notices to the effect that there will be a public meeting of the board of horticulture in Cloverdale on February 23rd, when practical instruction will be given in all matters relating to fruit growing and the market ing of fruit in British Columbia, KAMLOOPS.

The opening of the provincial campaign practically began here the other day, when Mr. C. A. Semlin spoke in behalf of Mr. F. J. Deane, Opposition candidate for the riding. No one vindicated the government's policy. This meeting was the largest ever held in Kamloops, nearly 400 being present, including a few ladies, and the expression of feeling was decidely Opposition. More interest is being taken in provincial affairs than for-

150-MILE HOUSE.

Meagre are the details arriving regarding the recent land slide at Quesnelle Forks, under which the three miners— Alexander McLean, William Allen, and Joseph Rich-were buried. It seems, from the little information available that men were encamped for the winter, and intended to put in the time in rocking some of the many rich bars along the stream during the low water, and while the waters of the South Fork are held back by the Golden River Quesnelle Company. None of the men had relatives in this vicinity, so far as known.

GRAND FORKS.

The municipal election muddle still oc cupies much public attention here. At a recent special session of the city council t was decided to petition the local legislature to make provision for the holding of another election. The property qualification for mayor and aldermen at this election should, it is suggested, be the same as was required by the Speedy Incorporation Cities Act, of 1897. Another petition that is to be sent to the legisla ture asks that the mayor and council chosen at the "illegal election" should be confirmed in their seats. Mr. P. T. Mc-Cullum was the mayor elected.

REVELSTOKE

The secretary of the board of trade has received a telegram from Premier Turner, stating that he proposed on January 8th last to the Dominion government t undertake \$15,000 of the expense for the protection of the river bank here, but as yet has received no answer. The estimated cost of the work is \$40,000 for the wing-dam and rip-rapping.

was recently announced that the C.P.R. telegraphs would string a new line from Vancouver to Ottawa. They here to Vancouver, and Mr. E. Harrington in now arranging matters. This will be the fifth wire on this line, and is to be put in for the purpose of accommodating the Kootenay business. The distance is about 300 miles, and, as the wire can be stretched at the rate of 10 miles a day, the task will occupy about 30 days.

The Board of Trade has passed resoutions urging the provincial government to grant assistance towards improving the Crawford Creek, Lemon Creek, and

Ymir wagon roads. The steamer Nelson on Monday body of a man named Con ng), at the head of Kootenay lake, by Dovle, alias Sullivan, on Sunday, Connors, who was in the contractor's employ, was sitting in the bar-room of 11:30, when Doyle, a laborer, entered, and going up to Connors said: "Dig up or I'll shoot." Connors replied, "H'ire Doyle fired, and Connors died away. without a groan. The murderer fled. Policeman Forbes arrived within a few minutes, and search was made, but the murderer is still at large. An inquest opened here to-day, and was adjo until to-morrow afternoon. Forbes accompanied the body here, and br Kyle and Ericson, who were in the barcoom, and Thomas Smith as witnesses.

GREENWOOD CITY.

Dr. Pope, superintendent of education, has signified his willingness to grant a temporary certificate to Mr. Keith, who was the only applicant for the position of teacher of the Greenwood school. Mr. A. K. Stuart, of the inland revenue, has returned from Christina lake reports that the ice on the lake is very treacherous, and that several of the settlers have broken through. narrow escapes from drowning. At the last regular meeting of the Min ing and Commercial Association, Mr. E. Jacobs tendered his resignation as secre-This was accepted, and Mr. Black was appointed secretary until the next meeting, when a permanent secretary, will be appointed.

The Water Clauses Consolidation Act is being of use here. The city has secured an option, signed by the Greenwood City Water Works Company, and Mr. Robert Wood, in favor of the city, for all its rights and his rights to the waters of Twin Creek, Roundery Creek, and the of Twin Creek, Boundary Creek and Providence Creek, for fire, domestic and other purposes, excepting the company's rights at Boundary Falls, for the price mentioned in Mr. Wood's offer of February 1st, 1898, namely, \$1,615.09. This option includes the payment by the city of the actual amount expended by the company.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, B. C., Feb. 12.-The shipments for the week ending February 12th, were as follows: Le Roi, 1,280 tons; War Eagle, 15 tons; Iron Mask, 80 tons; total, 1,375 tons. The shipments tons; total, 1,375 tons. The shipments salary. A number of bills, and the for the same period last year aggregated treasurer's statement of accounts were The total shipments from the camp since January 1st, 1898, amount to 8,371 tons; from January 1st 1897, 81,211

A decided thaw has set in and the

snow is disappearing rapidly. The weather is mild and the sun shines brightly. As a result of this change, a large ac-cumulation of snow slid from the roof of one of the tall buildings on Columbia avenue, and totally demolished the two story frame structure occupied by the Travers Hardware Com pany. Since Hon. C. H. Mackintosh left for England, the excitement born of British America Corporation's heavy investments here has somewhat subs

but other companies of almost equal strength to the Mackintosh syndicate are sending representatives here, and there is every reason to believe that, within the next few weeks, some big deals will s every be made

Th Le Roi smelter, at Northport, has closed down temporarily, and it is runored that the Trail smelter will not perate for a few days. Great preparations are being made

the Winter Carnival that will be held on February 17th, 18th and 19th.

There is a rumor to the effect that nens are now on for the sale of the

The marriage has been solemnized at the Roman Catholic church of Mr. John G. Bell and Miss Emma Doherty.

The city council has decided that the license for legitimate hotels with bars shall be reduced from \$200 per half year to \$150. shall be reduced from \$200 per half year to \$150, and that saloons without hotel features shall be liceused at the rate of \$350 per half year, or \$700 per year. The change will not go into effect until July

VANCOUVER. Vancouver, Feb. 15-It is reported that Mr. W. F. Thompson, general agent of the C.P.R. at Tacoma, is to remove to Seattle on March 1st, to take the place of Mr. E. W. McGinnis, who will then resign to become general freight and pas-senger agent of the London-Yukon company, a big corporation of English capitalists who, it is believed, will work in close relationship with the C.P.R. The headquarters of the London-Yukon company will be in Vancouver. The Charmer has been considerably de-

layed in leaving this port lately by the large amount of freight that is now arriving over the C.P.R. for the Island City. Several days last week large consignments of boiler plate for the Albion Iron Works had to be transferred from the cars to the steamer. The Daily Province is expected to make its appearance in about four weeks. It

ill be an evening paper, edited by W. Nichol, whose reputation as a capable ournalist was well established in Ontario. The business of the Weekly Province will be united to that of the new daily, and the office of publication will be removed to this city.

CHEMAINUS. J. A. Humbird, president of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co., spent a few days last week with E. J. Palmer, manager. They left on a flying trip to Skagway to look over that coun-

Tug Wallowa called in here Friday for two scows of lumber which the mill company are sending to Skagway.

Bark Newsboy is loading lumber for Tientsin, China.

Rev. Thos. Milligan spent last week in

Victoria and Saanich. He expects to work this field in conjunction with the Saanich Bantist mission Work on the Mount Sicker mineral properties is going ahead rapidly at present, Some of the mines will be in a position to ship ore in a few months providing there is then a road on which to bring the ore out. I understand the govern-ment has offered to pay half the cost of putting in a road to the mines, but there will no doubt be some difficulty in getting property owners to agree on a location. It is a pity more capital cannot be duced to come into this section as there are properties awaiting development that show every indication of proving some of the richest in the province.

It is reported that Rev. E. G. Miller has resigned his charge of the Episcopal churches in this place and will remove to some other field.

A large tug is being built here, under the supervision of Capt. J. S. Gibson. She is about 135 feet over all and will be ready for service in May next. She will be fitted up with the very latest

modern appliances. CHILLIWACK.

Chilliwack, Feb. 14.-Another of the social dances so common to the good people of this valley took place at the slough. A crowd of young folk from the village went and came home well pleas-

A supernatural visitor is credited with having been here several times at the house of Mr. John Kenevan, who resides on his ranch about a mile from the vil-lage. About two weeks ago Mr. Kenenors, who had been foully murdered at van says he heard peculiar noises about Kuskonook (formerly Armstrong's Landaround the house, and proceeded to investigate. but could find nothing Thinking it was caused by some of the mischief-loving youths, who are foud of playing practical jokes, he paid no fur ther attention to the matter, but as the disturbances kept on, he called in some of the neighbors, who also heard sounds, but could discover no reasons. They, of course, came to the conclusion something supernatural was about. Travellers, it is said, fight shy of that road after dark.

Weddings have excited the neighbor hood this last week. The first one, Mrs. Ward, who has resided here off and on for the last six years, last week had the nuptial knot tied in New Westminster, and will in future reside at the "Echoes" on Hanson river. Two other weddings took place here last Wednesday in St. Thomas' church. The contracting parties were Mr. Ashworth, of Vancouver and Miss Sarah Peers, daughter of Mr Joseph Peers, of this place; also Mr. Richard Sommers, of Chilliwack, and Mrs. J. W. Miller, former proprietor of the Chilliwack bakery. Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth left for their future home in Vancouver, while Mr. and Mrs. Somers will make their home on the ranch The survey party who were laid off

until a new instrument wa have started to work again. instrument was procured The government supporters are about to organize here, and it is anticipated a strong party will be formed. Very heavy rains prevail at present.

COWICHAN. Somenos, B. C., Feb. 10.-The munici

pal council held their second meeting on Saturday, the 5th inst. A memorial from a public meeting held at Chemainus on the previous evening was read, proesting against the expenditure of municipal funds on opening up a road to the Mount Sticker mines. The council then took into consideration a letter from Messrs. Crease & Crease, giving the grounds for the judge's decision in appeal case. "The Corporation vs. H. O. Wellburn;" and a resolution was passed which, while admitting the verdict as final and a correct interpretation of the law, declared that the municipality had a serious grievance, which it is incumbent on the council to endeavor to have removed. The road inspector, Mr. D. Evans, was reappointed at his former referred by the reeve to the finance com-mittee, whose report was afterwards received and adopted. The road inspecto presented a report on the survey, by himself and Mr. Hugh Bell, of a line of road to Mt. Sticker, with an estimate of the cost; a resolution was passed post-poning further action until fuller particulars were obtained. Councillor W. Herd gave notice that he would at the next neeting of the council introduce a law to redefine the boundaries of the municipality. The clerk was instructed to prepare the new assessment roll, and road inspector to survey the roads and make an estimate of the cost of putting them in repair.

At the meeting of the local board of health, held on the same day, the health

officer was directed to examine closely into the drainage and sanitary conditions generally of the Chinese wash houses. was also decided to continue the employment of the scavanger, as the inhabitants of Duncan were practically unan-imous in their desire to retain his ser-The council meets again on the 18th inst.

The School Trustees and City Auditor Raymur—The Establishment of a Mint Suggested.

Saving of \$3 per Day in the Removal of Garbage This Year-Fire Department Changes.

The first communication read at the meeting of the city council last evening was from the board of school trustees referring to the conduct of the city auditor in refusing to sign their ac-

counts. It was as follows.

To His Worship:—

Dear Sir:—In acknowledging receipt of your favor enclosing the Auditor's reasons for declining to sign the Annual Financial Statement of the Victoria School Board, I am directed to state that the trustees entirely dissent from the position are Reynour tirely dissent from the position are Reynour. am directed to state that the trustees entirely dissent from the position Mr. Raymur had assumed. In their opinion the auditor exceeded his duty in questioning any policy which the School Act places in their discretion. They submit that it is his duty to satisfy himself that the Board has authority for the expenditure, and that it is honestly paid to the parties represented; without presuming to dictate to the responsible elective body, who are obliged to carry on their duties in accordance with the provisions of the School Act.

I am also requested to state that there is no foundation for the concluding remarks of Mr. Raymur, as to the ideas and desires of the Trustees with respect to himself.

It is positively untrue to state that "The Trustees desire him to sign whatever may be put before him, without comment or inquiry"—on the contrary, the fullest inquiry and investigation is desired.

It being, unfortunately, far easier for him to decline to sign than to carry the work to a finish. I have, etc.

B. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

Received and filed. B. W. Pearse wrote, calling atention to the petition sent the council asking par-tial grading of Belmont avenue and that sum be placed on the estimates for that purpos

Referred to streets committee and city engineer for report.

The city barrister and city solicitor reported re the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the council concerning the proposal to reduce the city limits and the introduction of a curfew by-law to keep children off the streets at night. The city lawyers said the council had no power to reduce the city limits, nor to pass a curfew by-law unless section 9 of the Municipal Clauses Act, amendment 97, be amended, and a clause in-serted to say of what age children should be to be affected by the proposed by

aw. C. McKay Smith and seven others objected to the widening and sewering of Fernwood road under the local improve-ment act, as petitioned for by the residents of that locality. Instead of being improvement, they said it would be

an injury. Streets committee and city engineer.
Electric light committee reported that
Mr. W. W. Northcott be instructed to
prepare and submit for the information of the committee an estimate of cost of converting one half of the building known as the old electric light station, Yates street, into a stable for horses be longing to the corporation, also that the electric light mast on Cadboro Bay road be removed and that one of the lamps put on a pole near the same tion and one lamp at the corner of View and School streets. Adopted.

The firewardens reported, recommend-

ing the resignations of L. McNeill and J. W. Elliott be accepted; driver No. 3, Frank Le Roy, be promoted to the posi-tion of No. 2, vice Louis McNeill, resigned; Tillerman T. Hodge be appointed driver No. 3, vice Frank Le Roy, promoted; Callman Charles Palmer Roy, promoted; Callman Charles Palmer be appointed to the position of Tillerman Hodge, and Joseph North and W. J. Deasy be appointed callmen to fill the va-cancies caused by the resignation of J. Palmer. The committee also reported that the two horses in the department, reported as unfitted for fire department purposes, be sold and one horse be purchased instead Adonted

Tenders for the removal of garbage were received from Swinerton & Oddy as agents for the steamer Sadie, and Michael Hare. The contract was awarded to the former at \$5.45 a day, a reduction of \$3 a day as compared with last year.

The contract was awarded for street sprinking to F. H. Lindsay, at 45 cents. an hour per team. Three tenders were received for the construction of a wooden block crossing on Yates street on the west side of government—six feet wide. The tenders were as follows: Hales & Bell, \$2.75 a square yard; J. H. Matthews, \$2.50: W. Body, \$2.00. The contract was award—

ed to Mr. Body.

The finance committee reported recomending an appropriation of \$919.63 for payment of current expenses. Adopted.
Ald. Humphrey suggested the advisability of the establishment of a mint in this city. He sard the matter should be brought to the notice of the local members now about to leave for Ottawa. He advocated the use of the building as a mint. Ald Hal concur-A'd. Williams, in regard to the letter rom the school trustees, suggested that ustead of being morely received and

This was all the business. ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Coroner's Jury Decide That Parker Mackenzie Died By His Misadventure.

filed, which seemed discourteous, it should be received and a reply sent to

An inquest was held this afternoon before Coroner Crompton into the circumstances attending the death of Parker Mackenzie, found dead in bed at the Australian Hotel yesterday afternoon. A post mortem examination was considered unnecessary. After the jury had viewed the body, Dr. Ernest Hall stated that the indications were that the deceased had been dead from two to eight hours. The deceased appeared to be about 32 years of age, and was aparently in good physical condition. Donald McDonald, proprietor of the

hotel, gave evidence in regard to the finding of the body A strong odor of gas in the corridor prompted him to enter the room occupied by the deceased. Asked by the coroner as to the stop-cock on the gas jet, witness said it would be necessary for a man having turned the gas off to turn it back again to cause the gas to be on, not being one of those which turned completely around. Property found in possession of deceased consisted of a valise containing personal efsisted of a value containing personal erfects and letters proving his identity, some silver in his vest pocket, four \$5 bills, two \$20 gold pieces and a gold watch under his pillow and a baggage check for a trunk. Chief Sheppard is in communication with Somona county officials and expects to receive some further information in regard to the un-fortunate man. The jury returned a jury returned a verdict of accidental death,

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