THE CITY.

It is now three days since an Eastern Canadian mail has reached Victoria, The cause of the continued interruption of communication is still unexplained.

The funeral of the late Arthur A. Rhodes took place yesterday morning from the residence of Mr. Justice Walkem. The services at Christ Church Cathedral were conducted by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

The Young People's Union of Emmanuel Baptist church have elected the following officers for the current half-year: President, D. Dewar; vice-president, Miss McDiarmid; secretary, Earle Clarke; and treasurer, A. E. Wescott.

Mr. H. E. A. Robertson, the deputy returning officer at The Willows for Monday's by election, is entitled to a correction. Only three of the eighteen spoiled ballots in his district were lost through his omission to initial them.

After being closed since December 4, the Small Debts court will reopen this morning, Magistrate Macrae presiding. The adjourned cases will be taken up first, the ordinary summonses in the morning and judgment summonses in the afternoon.

The new public school at Goldstream opened yesterday with Miss S. Blackwell as teacher and 17 children in attendance. The want of a school in this locality has been a great inconvenience to the residents in past years, and they fully appreciate the efforts of the department to supply them with educational facilities.

George J. Cook, of whom nothing has been heard for several months past, was once more before the Police Magistrate yesterday, the charge against him being that of using threatening language to his wife. He was required to find sureties in the amount of $200 and to give his personal bond for $200, as a guarantee that he will keep the peace for six months.

The St. Andrew's & Caledonian Society decided at their meeting last night to hold their usual Burns anniversary in the form of a social to be held in their own hall on Blanchard street on Friday the 24th inst. A special committee has been formed, who hope to make this celebration well worthy the fame of Scotia's national bard.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, are actively at work on the cantata "The Wreck of the Argosy," which is to take up the first part of the Burns' centenary concert on the 22nd inst. This, to a Scotchman, may be rank heresy, but if it is it will be of a most enjoyable kind, as the cantata is one of the best written, abounding in tuneful choruses, duets, etc. The second part will be a miscellaneous concert, purely Scotch in character, the best talent in the province in this line having been engaged.

Last evening Mr. James S. Smith, who is well known to habitues of the Victoria post office, joined the ranks of the Benedicts by being united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Clay to Miss Evelyn Parr, daughter of T. H. Parr, of the city engineer's office. The marriage was celebrated in presence of many friends and relatives at the residence of the bride's father, Second street, and the happy couple left by the Charmer this morning, to spend their honeymoon on the Mainland. They were the recipients of numerous handsome presents, while the congratulations and best wishes extended to them were most hearty.

The committee of the Friendly Help Association held its monthly meeting yesterday morning. No business of any importance was done. The committee desire to thank Mrs. Heisterman, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. William, Saunders, Mrs. Williams and Messrs. Langton and Loring for donations of clothing. Seventeen persons were in December assisted with clothing, three with fuel and seven with groceries. They have also to thank the pupils of the South Park school for their handsome and generous aid. Relief was extended out of it to sixteen families. Donations of money, clothing or any useful article for domestic use will be thankfully received.

Burglars are once more in evidence in Victoria, reports having been received of at least four cases of breaking and entering within two days. On Sunday evening the residences of Mr. D. McLaughlin and of Mrs. Wiggins were visited, clothing and small articles of household use being carried away. During Monday night Hastie & Bannerman's provision store on Johnson street was entered by the back window and the cash register broken open—though nothing was secured. The same night the Eastern Provision Store in the same neighborhood was invaded via the cellar window, and the cash box, containing a few dollars in silver and some business papers carried away.

Last evening witnessed a very pleasant reunion and social dance at Harmony hall of the young ladies of the Tyrolean Queen operetta company and their friends. The function took the form of a Twelfth Night social and proved an agreeable departure from the commonplace. The Bantly orchestra furnished the music for the evening, ably assisted by Mrs. Bridges at the piano. During the evening the characters were determined as follows: King, W. Kane; Queen, A. Bridges; Pages—C. Simpson, E. Wall; Court Fools—C. Nunn, C. J. Harrison; Maids of Honor—M. Jones, M. Duncan, D. Bridges, M. Bride. The Tyrolean club will give another social on Tuesday, January 21.

By the death of Mrs. Mary A. Mouat yesterday morning another break has been made in the little circle of those who saw Victoria rise from a small Hudson's Bay post to the city of to-day. Mrs. Mouat was a native of London, England, and arrived here with her husband, the late Captain W. A. Mouat, in April 1855 on board the Hudson's Bay Co.'s ship Marquis of Bute, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge being a passenger on the same voyage. Mrs. Mouat and her husband first lived in the old Hudson's Bay fort, and it was there that their two eldest children were born. Mrs. Mouat had resided in Victoria ever since. Death came to her very gently. She had been ill for a week but was thought to be recovering. Yesterday morning when some one entered her room it was found that she had quietly and painlessly passed away in her sleep. The deceased was 70 years of age and leaves five children, Alexander, now living in Nelson, William at present in Hongkong, Anthony C., a resident of this city, Mrs. Richard Jones and Mrs. J. D. Helmcken. The funeral takes place from the family residence 52 Belleville street to-morrow.

Serious floods are reported from half a dozen places on the E. & N., the whole country being under water in the neighborhood of Cowichan flats. The most costly incident of the freshet thus far was the carrying out of the Cowichan river bridge—the wagon bridge—during Tuesday night; this structure was comparatively new and one of the best road bridges on the Island. The railway bridge over the Koksilah was flooded yesterday and the up train did not in consequence arrive at Duncan until noon. At last reports the water was gradually falling.

The open meeting of the Royal Templars in Wallace hall last night was the largest and most enthusiastic gathering the society has held, the monthly programmes becoming more and more attractive. Mr. A. B. Fraser occupied the chair, and during the evening addresses were delivered by Dr. Ernest Hall, Rev. Mr. Harris and Mr. Spragge, which were very much appreciated. A programme of music and song was ably rendered, many of the pieces calling for well merited encores. During the evening the Good Templars paid a fraternal visit and spent a pleasant hour. Dr. Lewis Hall on their behalf addressed the meeting, after which Mr. James Russell sang the "Bonnie Wee Window." A vote of thanks being tendered to the singers and speakers the meeting closed with the national anthem.

The case of Robert Marwick, at whose hands Police Constable John Smith fared so badly a few nights ago, was disposed of in the police court yesterday. Marwick as expected produced evidence to show that Smith while "off duty" had come into the Albion saloon "looking for a fight." Marwick endeavored to leave the place in order to avoid trouble and was struck by Smith in the side of the neck. A second hard blow was given before he retaliated, and he then turned upon his assailant and pummelled him into insensibility. The court held that while his retaliation had been justified, he should have been content with defending himself and not proceeded to the length that he did. A fine of $10 and costs was accordingly imposed. Smith has yet to answer for his conduct to the police commissioners by whom an inquiry will be held.

CIVIC ELECTIONS.

The Dominion by-election has for the past couple of weeks almost excluded the approaching municipal contest. Now, however, with nomination day only six days off, the candidates for aldermanic honors are beginning to come into the field. At present the number is small, but another day or two will no doubt produce a good crop of aspirants to seats at the council board. So far the names of those who have definitely announced themselves in the field are:

For Mayor—A. J. McLellan, Robert Beaven, John Teague and John Robertson.

For Aldermen—North Ward: Rev. W. H. P. Ellison, E. Bragg, Geo. Glover, John Macmillan, Wm. Marchant and W. J. Dwyer.

Centre Ward—John Partridge, Wm. Humphrey and Jos. E. Phillips.

South Ward—John Hall, W. J. Cameron, J. Gerhardt Tiarks.

Ald. R. T. Williams is likely to stand again for Centre Ward, and Ald. Wilson was not sure last night whether he would or would not offer himself again in South Ward.

At the approaching civic elections there are four vacancies for school trustees to be filled. Under the present system the board consists of seven members, of whom four retire one year and three the next alternately. This year Mr. Chas. Hayward, Mr. Lovell and Mr. Saunders retain their seats, and Mrs. Grant, Mr. Marchant, Mr. Glover and Mr. Lewis retire. To fill these four vacancies the candidates who have already definitely announced themselves in the field are Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mr. D. Cartmel and Mr. A. L. Belyea. Mr. C. A. Holland has received a largely signed requisition to allow himself to be nominated and it seems certain that he will consent, as will also Mr. J. Stuart Yates and Mr. Lewis is likely to appear for re-election.

In addition to the aldermanic candidates announced yesterday, Mr. D. McNaughton and Mr. J. C. Gerow have decided to contest North ward, and Ald. R. T. Williams will be a candidate for Centre ward.

The Sons of Erin held their monthly meeting last night and after the usual regular business a most enjoyable musical programme was rendered by Messrs. Sehl, Wallis, Lang, McBrady, Prossor, McDowell, Long, and others.

The next examinations in connection with the Victoria College of Music (London) will take place in April. These examinations are open to everyone, and intending candidates should write for particulars to Prof. Bradley, local secretary.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A Number of Annual Reports Read at the Meeting Last Night.

A Couple of Agreements Disposed of and an Early Adjournment Reached.

At the city council meeting last night several of the annual reports of committees were read. The full board were present.

The streets committtee's annual report recommended to the incoming council the urgency of the continuance of the work already commenced of macadamizing the main thoroughfares leading to the outer wharf; also Douglas street to the city limits.

Tables were annexed showing that the length of box drains laid during the year was: North Ward, 7,640 feet, costing $813; Central Ward, 1,585 feet, costing $157.30; South Ward, 3,705 feet, costing $398.68.

The length of vitrified pipe drains laid in the North Ward was 2,065 feet, costing $458; Central Ward, 240 feet, costing $57.63; South Ward, 1,111 feet, costing $366.45.

The length of sidewalks laid during the year by day's labor was 171,413 feet, costing $1,090.47. By contract there were laid in North ward 5,787 feet of sidewalk, costing $836; Central ward, 2.183 feet costing $398.66; and in the South ward, 4,183 feet costing $661.74.

The total amount paid for bridge work and repairing was $2,008.95.

There were 113¾ days of street sprinkling, costing $958.96.

The total expenditure in the different wards was:

North Ward	$11,434 42
Centre Ward	10,582 77
South Ward	8.042 84
Total	$30,060 03

Ald Partridge asked whether the filling in of the depressions made by the settling of the earth in the trenches of the sewers put in by day work had been charged to the sewers or to the streets and bridges.

Ald. Humphrey replied that it was charged to streets and bridges.

This being so Ald. Partridge held that the report handed in some time ago comparing sewer work by day work and contract work was unfair.

The home committee in their annual report mentioned a number of improvements which had been made during the year at the home, and stated that the manager had reported that the new rules adopted by the council for the guidance of the manager and inmates are being observed, and that the result is in every way satisfactory.

The park committee's annual report regretted that the small appropriation did not permit more attention to flower planting and urged that the department should be given more attention. The committee recommended the laying of a 2-inch pipe along the western boundary for a distance of half a mile at least for irrigating the trees already planted. It was recommended that the proper authorities remove the powder magazine from the park as soon as possible and a recommendation was also made for a larger grant for 1896 for further improvements and a continuation of the B.C.R. G.A. band concerts. Thousands of citizens it said could testify to the gratification it had been to them to attend those concerts.

The agreement with the Telephone Co. for the use of their poles for stringing the city wires was passed, and the Mayor authorized to execute it. The agreement does away with many of the poles which are now on the streets.

A report was also adopted on recommendation of the street committee, by which the city grades a slope part of the Christ church cathedral grounds on the east side of Blanchard between Burdette avenue and Rae street; the city to have the material excavated for use on the streets.

It was 9 o'clock when the council adjourned.

COUNTY COURT.

This case was heard before Mr. Justice Walkem, as County court judge. The plaintiff claimed $171, for work done and materials provided, under a contract in writing and for extra work. The plaintiff in the contract agreed "to make the necessary alterations and additions to do away with the trouble at present arising from the smoke created in the process of manufacturing varnish, oils, etc., at their varnish factory, on Janion's wharf, and in doing so, to take down the present chimney and put up one of 22 inches diameter, of sheet steel, and 50 feet high, taking the premises as I find them now and completing the job to the satisfaction of the Canada Paint Co., for the sum of $140; no extras."

The plaintiff's case was, that the work had been done in accord with the contract, and had overcome the smoke nuisance. The defendants' case was that the work had not been done in a satisfactory manner, and that it was understood at the time the contract was made that the vapor or gas arising from the manufacture of varnish, etc., was included in the term "smoke."

His Lordship held that if the defendants had intended to include vapour or gas they should have mentioned it in the contract; that smoke did not include vapor or gas in the sense contended for by the defendants. Judgment was accordingly given for plaintiff for $171 and costs. Mr. S. Perry Mills for plaintiff; Mr. E. V. Bodwell for defendants.

At the residence of Mr. Bryce, 30 Blanchard street, last evening, the Rev. Dr. Campbell united in marriage in the presence of a few friends Nils Nelson and Mary Madeline Silverson, all of Salt Spring island. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Erick Nelson and the bridesmaid was Miss Mary E. Hunter. The happy couple leave for their home this morning via Sidney.

HOARSENESS AND SORE THROAT.

Dear Sirs,—I highly recommend Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam as the best cure for coughs, colds, hoarseness and sore throat, ever used.
WILBUR ASHBY,
Haveloek, Ont.

THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

Three Nurses Have Passed the Graduating Examinations With Satisfactory Marks.

Fewer Patients Than Usual Treated at the Hospital During Last Month

At the meeting of the Jubilee hospital board held last night there were present Messrs. Joshua Davies, president; A. Wilson, W. M. Chudley, Charles Hayward, G. H. Brown, J. Stuart Yates, W. J. Dwyer, L. C. Crimp and H. Dallas Helmcken.

The following letter to the secretary was read:

Sir:—Having been informed by the newspapers of a recent date that I am to be asked to present the medals and certificates to the nurses of the P. R. Jubilee hospital entitled to them, to whom I wish every success and happiness in their honorable career, I beg leave to say that owing to the strained and estranged circumstances existing, I courteously but firmly will decline to accede to their kind invitation. Let me also call to your mind that on the last occurrence of this interesting ceremonial I stated without giving any reason that the address then delivered by me would be the very last at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital.

(Sd.) J. S. Helmcken.

The letter was received with sincere regret. On motion of Mr. Brown it was resolved that in future it will be the duty of the president to present to the graduating nurses the diplomas and medals.

Dr. Richardson reported for the month of December that the average cost per patient was $1.28 a day. There had been fewer patients than usual treated during the month, the number being 57, of whom 35 were free patients; number of days' stay, 1,019.

The matron reported that Miss Jessie Grady, Miss H. E. Graves and Mrs. B. L. Routledge had graduated from the nursing school. They had all passed very creditable examinations, Miss Grady taking the highest percentage, but the others were very close behind. The vacancies had all been filled. Donations were received as follows: Mrs. H. D. Helmcken and John Graham, magazines; the Principal's class of girls, Central school, pillow cases. It was intimated that donations of underclothing, particularly for men and children, would be very welcome.

The steward acknowledged donations from the Victoria brewery, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Evans & Hobbs, Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Thos. Earle, Mr. Chungranes, Alex. Wilson, L. Goodacre, Mrs. R. Finlayson, Dr. F. W. Jones, C. A. Morris, A. J. Langley, Erskine, Wall & Co., Dr. J. C. Davie, Weiler Bros, and Mrs. Geo. Jay.

Both these reports were received and the donors thanked.

The new scale of fees comes into force for the new probationers. The bills for December, $1.182.35, were passed, and the board adjourned at 9 o'clock.

THE CITY.

Word has been received by Superintendent Hussey that Moore, the old man shot in the row with Leddy at Okanagan Mission a few days ago, is recovering from his wound.

On application of Mr. G. H. Barnard for the debenture holders in England, Mr. Justice Drake yesterday discharged the Victoria Electric Railway & Lighting Co. receivers, Messrs. H. Croft and J. B. McKilligan, and appointed Mr. McKilligan a new receiver, Mr. McKilligan to furnish bonds to the extent of $10,000. Mr. Gordon Hunter for the tramway company; and Mr. A. P. Luxton for the unsecured creditors.

A leap year social under the auspices of the Y. L. I., No. 33, gave unalloyed pleasure to about one hundred couples who gathered in A.O.U.W. hall yesterday evening. Bantly's orchestra supplied the music, and the arrangements for the affair were admirably carried out by the committee of management, comprising Miss M. Dwyer, president; Miss Harlock, vice-president; Miss K. McDowell, Mrs. Wilkes and Mrs. McMillan. These; with the assistance of Messrs. C. Wilkes and C. McDowell, who kindly lent their aid as floor managers, left nothing undone to ensure the pleasure of the guests of the evening. Another similar party is promised before the coming of Lent.

The annual general meeting of the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Protection Society will be held to-morrow. January 9, at the Driard, at 5 p.m. Amongst other matters to be discussed will be several amendments to the game act, re the close season for quail, pheasant, deer, duck and willow grouse. Anyone wishing to become a member of the society (so as to be able to express his views to-morrow night or at any other time on things pertaining to the society) can do so by applying to the treasurer, Mr. D. Campbell, corner of Fort and Douglas streets, or the secretary, Mr. J. E. Bridgman, at Jones & Bridgman's, Fort street, any time to-morrow.

The following are the entries for the Victoria Golf Club invitation handicap (singles) to be played on the Oak Bay links on Friday and Saturday next. It is earnestly requested that those who are able will kindly play their round of 18 holes on Friday, or Saturday morning, so that the course may be clear for the mixed foursome handicap which is to be played on Saturday afternoon: G. H. Barnard, B. H. T. Drake, F. O'Reilly, A. J. O'Reilly, Commr. Nicholson, Hon. V. A. Stanley, Lt. Loring, R. Cassidy, F. B. Ward, G. D. Ward, Col. Peters, H. A. Arathoun, Col. Rawstorne, Major Muirhead, H. F. Mytton, C. C. Collier, R. M. Collier, Commr. Moggridge, Capt. Poole, C. C. Worsfold, J. H. Browne, G. S. Holt, A. P. Luxton.

SEVERE HEADACHE CURED.

Dear Sirs,—I had a severe headache for the past two years and used all kinds of medicine without finding a cure until I tried Burdock Blood Bitters, when relief and cure quickly followed. I think there is no better medicine in the world.
MISS MINNIE DRYSDALE,
Berlin, Ont.

THE CITY MARKETS.

There has been no special stir in the city markets during the past week, the almost continuous rains having tended to reduce the volume of trade. Fishermen have found it difficult to keep the market supplied with the product of the sea owing to rough weather. Notwithstanding this, however, there has been no particular scarcity of fish. The mildness of the weather has, however, greatly favored the dairy farmers, and butter and eggs in plenty are the result. Though practically inactive the grain market has one noteworthy feature this week, and that is the steady advance in wheat—something naturally looked for at this time of the year. Current retail quotations:

Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	5.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.50
Victoria	4.50
Lion	4.50
Portland roller	4.60
Salem	4.00
Rainier	4.60
Superb	4.75
Snowflake	4.50
Olympic	4.25
X X X	4.00
Premier	5.00
Three Star	5.00
Two Star	4.00
Superfine	4.00
Wheat per ton	00.00@30.00
Oats, per ton	20.00@25.00
Barley, per ton	25.00@26.00
Middlings, per ton	25.00@30.00
Bran, per ton	17.00@20.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00@27.00
Corn, whole, per ton	35.00@40.00
" cracked, per ton	40.00@45.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45@50
Rolled oats, per lb	5
Potatoes, per lb	¾@⅞
" sweet per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	3
Hay, baled, per ton	$10@12
Straw, per bale	75
Green peppers, cured, per lb	8@10
Onions, per lb	2½@3
Eggs, Island, per doz	35
" imported per doz	30
Butter, fresh, per lb	25@30
" Creamery, per lb	30@35
" Dairy, per lb	25@30
Hams, American, per lb	15@18
" Canadian, "	15@16
" Boneless, "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	15@18
" Rolled, "	12@16
" Long clear "	12
" Canadian, "	16@18
Shoulders, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	15
Golden Cottolene, per lb	15
Meats—Beef per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton "	5@12½
Lamb, "	10@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Chickens, per pair	1.00@1.50
Pigeons, per brace	50@1.00
Turkeys, per lb	18@20
Geese "	15@18
Fruits—Oregon apples, per box	1.75
Chilliwack apples, per box	1.25
Oranges, (Riverside) per doz	30@35
Oranges, (Japanese) per box	60@70
Lemons, (California) per doz	30@35
Pineapples, each	40@50
Cape Cod Cranberries, per gal	$1.00
Fish—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Smoked	20
Cod	8@10
Halibut	10@12
Finnan Haddies	12½
Herring (Labrador), per doz	40
Mackerel, each	20@25

COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following is the statement of the shipments of coal by the New Vancouver Coal Company during the month of December just ended:

Date.	Name and Destination.	Tons.
2	Str Peter Jebsen, San Diego	4,524
6	Str Willapa, Port Townsend	65
7	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	46
7	Str Sea Lion, Port Townsend	41
9	Str Angeles, Port Townsend	13
9	Str Holyoke, Port Townsend	66
11	Str Willapa, Alaska	21
12	Ship Wachusett, San Francisco	2,415
14	Bark Rufus E. Wood, 'Frisco	2,180
15	Str Pioneer, Port Townsend	51
21	Str Peter Jebsen, San Francisco	4,564
23	Str Willapa, Port Townsend	69
28	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	34
28	Str Willapa, Alaska	20
30	Str Holyoke, Port Townsend	49
31	Bark Wilna, San Francisco	2,310
	Total for December	16,467
	" " November	15,110
	Increase, December	1,358

DR. J. K. GARROW.

To the Editor:—A paragraph which appeared in last Friday's Colonist referring to the conclusion of the preliminary investigation of the charge of murder against Dr. J. K. Garrow and Harry Creech has been brought to my notice in which it is stated that as soon as the decision of the court was announced that he (Dr. Garrow) must stand his trial he broke out in a fierce torrent of profanity and abuse directed against the police, the medical profession and Magistrate Macrae. And further on the paragraph goes on to state that the doctor "did in fact make an effort to break from custody."

I was present in court during the whole hearing of the case and write to correct the gross mis-statement contained in the paragraph referred to. The doctor exhibited no excitement, strong or otherwise, nor was his voice heard in court at all during the whole afternoon. I have shown the paragraph to Mr. Macrae, the police magistrate, and also to two of the provincial police constables (Mr. Hussey is out of town), who were in court at the close of the hearing, and they all state that they neither heard nor saw any such scene as is described in the paragraph referred to, and they were all close enough to have seen and heard it had it actually occurred.

A man when put on his trial for murder has always a sufficiently hard case to fight without having it made any harder by such misleading reports as the one contained in last Friday's issue. In justice to Dr. Garrow I have to ask you to kindly insert this correction.

Yours truly,
J. Stuart Yates.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

MARRIED.

Cullin-Nesbit—In this city, on the 1st inst., at the metropolitan Methodist Church, by the Rev. Solomon Cleaver, Charles L. Cullin, to Mrs. Sarah Nesbit.

McGregor-Walker—At 76 Cook street, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B.A., James Herrick McGregor, P.L.S., to Elizabeth Frances Gordon Walker, second daughter of Rev. James Walker, Happy Valley, minister of the parish of Channelkirk, Berwickshire.

DIED.

Mouat—On Tuesday, January 7th, Mrs. Mary A. Mouat, relict of the late Capt. W. A. Mouat, aged 70 years.

Rhodes—On January 4th, Arthur Algernon, fourth son of the late Henry Rhodes, Esq.

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AN ELECTION "POME"

BY THE YARD.

"Laurier is called in,"
The Times made fearful din,
"We've just had a wire to say so."

"But it hasn't happened yet,"
And the lie we'll not forget,
"We've just had a wire to say so."

For Wilfrid merely called to say
To His Excellency "'Tis a fine day."
"We've just had a wire to say so."

"Wm. Templeman, M.P.," sounds well 'tis said,
But 'twill happen some time when we all are dead.
"We've just had a wire to say so."

For wholesale lying and immaculate gall,
The opposition gang take the cake from all.
"We've just had a wire to say so."

Bodwell, Marchant, and the Martins two,
May talk until in the face they're blue,
Victorians to themselves will ever prove true.
"We've just had a wire to say so."

EXTRA.

"A Province I will give thee," the editor said,
"For a bottle of beer and a piece of bread."
"We've just had a wire to say so."

—Stamboul.

"LET US HAVE FAIR PLAY."

(From the Rossland Record, Jan. 4.)

The calling of Col. Prior to the ministry of the Dominion gives the city of Victoria and the province of British Columbia a position of influence and importance of which they may well be proud. Little over twenty years ago this province joined the Dominion. It was then but a distant colony only reached through a foreign country. Now all the British Empire and, indeed, the world have their eyes upon it, as well for the fabulous wealth of its mines as for its commanding geographical strength and power, and now added to this one of its members having a seat in the councils of the Dominion the Pacific El Dorado is henceforth to be one of the trustees to pass judgment on Dominion affairs, in many cases affecting the colonial life of the Empire. Col. Prior is first selected for the post of honor.

It is said that his predecessor vacated office because he would not coerce Manitoba, and that Col. Prior accepted office for the purpose of doing so. Let the voters of Victoria pause a moment before accepting the above proposition. No person or power has ever attempted to coerce any portion of the people of Manitoba excepting those who have deliberately attempted to take away from a large portion of the people of that province rights they believe and the Dominion as well as the Imperial parliament believed, were firmly secured to them by the "Manitoba Act." Never was a compact more clearly defined or more solemnly entered into by the Dominion parliament confirmed by the Imperial parliament than was the compact known as the "Manitoba Act." It was based upon fundamental doctrine reaching back to the capitulation of the citadel of Quebec to the British in 1759, when the French had reserved to them their laws, their language and their religion.

In fullness of time, when the Dominion had its birth in 1866, force was given to these terms, but at that important juncture the Province of Quebec might have said with much reason that the terms of capitulation given to it should be enforced and that the Protestant minority should not have separate schools, and that the public schools should be Roman Catholic for which the Protestants should pay, but this was not demanded; on the contrary, the Protestant minority were allowed their proportion of the school tax for the education of their children in their own separate schools, and in the Province of Ontario the Catholic minority had reserved to them the same right.

When Manitoba was erected into a province a special provision was inserted in the act passed by the Dominion and confirmed by the Imperial parliament, giving Catholics in Manitoba the right to use their own school tax for the education of their own children. In other words, that they might have separate schools.

For nearly twenty years this was carried out in good faith, but in 1890 it was found that the Protestant majority was strong enough to sweep away this cherished right. A majority was found to scoff at the faith of others on the question of religion. Enlightened men claiming to be liberal should be liberal in heart and conduct, if they want the world to believe they are really liberal, and not mere demagogues. The highest court in this Empire has determined that the minority in Manitoba is right. In view of this, will any fair-minded man say that the judgment of that court shall not be carried out? The effort at this time is to prevent the minority being coerced by the majority of Manitoba—to take away a vested right for no other reason than that there is a majority in that province who said that it should be done. But let the voter of Victoria pause and put himself in the place of one of the minority of Manitoba, confronted bp not only a breach of contract, but a breach in so vital a part as to strike (as he believes) at the present and future happiness of his children. For over a quarter of a century Col. Prior has from time to time been in positions of public trust, always standing for the right. The honor of the province demands that he should not be put down on an unworthy appeal. Let us have fair play.

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