

Rallying to the Colors

Hundreds of Victorians Anxious to Join the Mounted Contingent.

An Offer From Dawson-Sergt. Major Elliot a Volunteer

Great as was the enthusiasm upon the occasion of the raising of the first contingent for South Africa, it is evidently going to be eclipsed by that which has been aroused by the generous offer of Lord Strathcona and the government of British Columbia...

Another feature which has stimulated recruiting is the fact which was not understood when the first contingent sailed, that Britain is in a serious struggle for supremacy in the Transvaal...

The widespread enthusiasm that has been aroused is not known to the majority of people, as in most instances the number of applicants which have been received is not generally known.

The enthusiasm upon country is the same. A few days ago Vernon telegraphed to Mr. Price Ellison, their representative, asking him to use his most strenuous efforts to have the quota allotted to them doubled.

Inform the government that twenty-five good horsemen volunteered here for rough riders.

This offer is not surprising when it is remembered that only a few days ago a number of young men came down at their own expense from the island town to be on the ground ready to avail themselves of any opening which might occur.

Last night, at the drill hall, after the conclusion of the drill, a large number of men lingered behind, inquiring from their officers what course would be best to insure them a place on the contingent.

Another volunteer, who is already on his way to Ottawa to enlist, is Sergt. Major Elliot, well known to Victorians from his encounters with Ivan De Machina here some time ago.

Premier Smith has as yet received no intimation of the acceptance of his offer.

THE MISTAKES THE EFFECT FOR THE CAUSE.

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A LEPER DEAD

May be the Vancouver Man Who They Thought "Kept Alive on Paper."

A few days ago one of the unfortunate Chinese lepers at Darcy Island succumbed to the disease, and when the man who makes weekly calls at the island from Sidney arrived there the body had been placed in one of the caskets left at the lazaretto by his fellow prisoners on the little island, and buried.

At one of the meetings of the council of last year towards the close of the winter a resolution was offered that investigation be made to see if the Vancouver lepers were still alive, and one of the aldermen wanted the council of that city to charter a vessel to convey the representatives of the council to Darcy Island so that personal investigation might be made as to whether their men were still living.

A Storm-Swept Coast

Many "Vessels" Wrecked and Great Loss of Life Reported.

Seamen's Terrible Sufferings-Strait Settlement Volunteers Ready for Service.

Steamer Riojun yesterday arrived at the outer wharf mermaid evening from the Orient, after having spent over twelve hours at the quarantine station. She had a large cargo, of which between 60 and 70 tons were landed here, consisting for the most part of Japanese oranges.

More news was brought by the Riojun of the awful storm which raged on the Japanese coast a few days prior to her departure on December 30th. There was great loss of life. Out of 28 fishing boats which sailed from Akazaki on the 23rd, thirteen were wrecked, and 47 men were drowned. Eleven vessels which sailed from Mikuriji on that day were also lost, and 38 men were drowned.

News is also given of the British bark Velocity near Taiwan, West Formosa. Her master threw himself overboard soon after she struck and was drowned. The remainder of his crew were, however, saved.

A deep sea whaling company has been formed to hunt whales off the coast of Korea, permission having been obtained from the Korean government. At present the business is in the hands of Russians.

A marine court of enquiry sitting at Hongkong to consider the loss of the steamer Tupo exonerated the captain from all blame and returned his certificate to him.

News is given of the loss of the steamer St. Helens while on a voyage from Hongkong to Singapore. She struck Bonabay rock in the Paracels and was abandoned by her crew of six white men and 45 Chinese.

From advices received from Shanghai and the Straits Settlements it will be seen that the pulse of patriotism beats strongly there. Says the N.-C. Daily News: Lists are being sent round Shanghai for volunteers for active service at the Cape.

A Singapore paper says: The Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements has voted \$50,000 to the war relief funds, distributable according to Mr. Chamberlain's discretion.

ROSSLAND OUTPUT.

Table with 4 columns: Mine, Tons, Year, Tons. Lists production for Lehigh, War Eagle, Iron Mask, Breeding Star, Centre Star, Monte Christo, and Giant.

New Term Commenced

The Council Considered a Variety of Subjects Last Evening.

Standing Committees Appointed-Board Receives a New Railway Proposition.

With a new occupant of the chair of the chief executive and new faces behind the aldermanic desks, the City Council of 1900 held their first session of the term last evening.

Before commencing the business proper Mayor Hayward delivered a brief address and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of the old board members at work in harmony, and while at various times there would, perhaps, be differences of opinion, he was sure all would act unanimously in upholding the decisions resulting from the deliberations.

The regular business was commenced with the announcement of the following standing committees for 1900: Cemetery-Aldermen Williams, Kinsman, Hall.

Electric Light-Aldermen Kinsman, Cameron, Williams.

Fire Wards-Aldermen Stewart, Cameron, Kinsman.

Harbor Improvements-Aldermen Brydon, Yates, Cooley.

Streets, Bridges and Infirm-Aldermen Beckwith, Cooley, Stewart.

Legislation-Aldermen Yates, Beckwith, Cameron.

Park-Aldermen Hall, Brydon, Yates.

Roads, Bridges and Sewers-The Mayor and Aldermen.

On Pending Legislation-Aldermen Cooley, Stewart, Brydon.

On Railways-Aldermen Williams, Kinsman, Cameron, Stewart.

On Acquisition of Indian Reserve-Aldermen Cameron, Yates, Beckwith.

Beckwith in his opinion that there should be no unnecessary delay in the question. The legislature was now in session, and it was necessary to make application for a charter as soon as possible to deal with it.

A communication was received from Wm. Marchant calling attention to the need of an electric light on the corner of Belmont avenue and North Pembroke street. Referred to the electric light committee for report.

The council was notified of the items of business left over from the preceding term as follows: A communication from F. Elworthy asking for a grant of \$100 toward defraying expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in advertising the city; and Adj. Galt's request for assistance to the destitute.

The city clerk reported on the request of F. J. Claxton that something be done regarding the grading of Pandora street east of Fernwood road.

The building inspector reported that Messrs. Elford & Smith had completed their contract for the construction of the electric lighting station addition on January 10th, and that the amount owing them was \$125 and \$95 for extras.

The engine reported as follows: Gentlemen-I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report: Re communication from Mr. J. O'Connor, claiming \$750 damages for defective drainage on Cobourg street.

The communication from Mr. J. Jennings, calling attention to the condition of the main avenue. In view of the fact that the city limits follow the center of the above avenue, and it will be necessary for the government to act in conjunction with the city.

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COLLAPSE OF A CHURCH. Nineteen Persons Killed and Sixty-Eight Injured.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.-A church collapsed to-day during the celebration of a mass in Malouenez township, Sumatra district.

Collegiate School VICTORIA, B. C.

THE Lord Bishop of Columbia STAFF: J. W. LAING, M.A., Oxon., Head Master.

EVERY WEAK MAN

SHOULD read for a Descriptive Treatise on the Modern and Successful Treatment of Nervous Diseases and Paralysis.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of acquiring and operating the railway and property of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company.

WANTED-We will pay \$12.00 a week salary to either a man or woman to reply to the Montreal office of the Montreal Star as a subscription solicitor.

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