Rallying to the Colors

Hundreds of Victorians Anxious to Join the Mounted Contingent.

An Offer From Dawson-Sergt.-Major Elliot a Vol-

Great as was the enthusiasm upon the occasion of the raising of the first conthegent 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. A number of circum stances have contributed to this, chief among which perhaps is the fact that this dotachment will be distinctly a provincial one, representative of Western Canada, and having about it sufficient distinctive features to make it typical of the best fighting men that that portion of Canada between the Pacific Ocean and the Great Lakes, and between the international boundary line and the North Pole, can produce. The idea of a mounted detachment has appealed to Western imagination in a much stronger way than would have been the case had the force been an infantry one. The horse is much more in favor as a means of locomotion in the West than in the East, and British Columbians at any rate would prefer to fight in a mounted rather than in a dismounted capacity.

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. Many of those who would have volunteered upon the first occasion refrained from doing so, being under the impression that the fight would be over before they reached the Cape. It is one pleasing feature of the movement in Canada in aid of Imperial arms that the more serious the situation has become the more general has been the desire to participate in the fighting.

The widespread enthusiasm that has been aroused is not known to the majority of people, as in most instances the number of applications which have been sent in is not generally known. One officer in conversation with a Times man said this morning that the readiness with which the matter was being taken up was perfectly astonishing. He added that not less than two hundred men had consulted him in regard to what course would be proper for them to follow in bringing their claims before the government. In most of instances these applications are going either to the D.O.C., Major Benson, or to Lieut.-Col. Gregory, and are being filed by them for reference, although neither of these officers have as yet any authority to do any

ben received a telegram from one of his o'd non-commissioned officers, Sergt. Thomas, who is now residing in Dawson. The telegram asked for particulars and stated that he and others were anxious to unite with the contingent

The enthusiasm up country is the same. A few days ago Vernon telegraphed to Mr. Price Ellison, their representative, asking him to use his most stremuous efforts to have the quota alloted to that point doubled. Even this generous offer has been outdone by Kamloons, as the following telegram received this morning by F. J. Deane, M. P. P., will attest:

F. J. Deane, M.P.P., Victoria: Inform the government that twentyfive good horsemen volunteered here for Inland Sentine.

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 inland town to be on the ground ready to avail themselves of any opening which might

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 know to Victorians from his encounters with Ivan De Malchin here some time ago. Sergt.-Major Elliot holds his rank from the Royal Horse Artillery, and after leaving the army came to Canada and settled down in Victoria. After the sword combats referred to, in which he thoroughly worsted his opponent, he removed to Portland, where he was still residing when the call was made for service. Elliot saw service in Afghanistan with Lord Roberts, and naturally is anxious to see active fighting once more under his great chief. He is only 38 years of age, and is over six feet in height. He is now en route to Ottawa,

Dr. Monro, of Vancouver, telegraphed sto-day to Mr. F. J. Deane, voluteering his services as surgeon for the Strathcoma contingent. Premier Sem'lin has as yet receive no

intimation of the acceptance of his offer. "HE MISTAKES THE EFFECT FOR That is what the person does who tries

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The first chimneys were introduced into Rome from Padua in 1368. 29 DR. A. W. CHASES ()

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 suc-cumbed to the disease, and when the man who makes weekly calls at the island from Sidney arrived there the body had the lazaretto by his fellow prisoners on the little island, and buried. The death and burial was reported to Dr. R. L. Fraser, city health officer, and by him to the authorities. So far, however, the leper who died has not been identified. At one of the meetings of the council of last year towards the close of the year a resolution was offered that investiga-

tion 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

Storm-Swept Coast

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

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

Steamer Riojun Maru arrived at the outer wharf yesterday 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. Mr. Thompson, of the Centennial Flour Mills, was the only saloon passenger. He was returning from a business trip to the East. There were in all nearly 400 | steerage passengers, of whom 209 were landed here.

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 Akazeki on the 23rd, thirteen were wrecked, and 47 men drowned. Eleven vessels which sailed from Mikuriya oin that day were also lost, and 38 men were drowned. schooners sailing out of Miyagi lost. Two big Japanese sailing vessels, one of 420 tons, were badly damaged by the storm and a large number of their crews carried overboard. Two other vessels, whose identity was not learned, were wrecked on the coast of Suma-mura, and the crews were swept from them by the waves. A telegram received by the Japan mail. Sidney-Chilliwack railway, as follows: A striking instance of the widespread from Niigata says a steamer plying in interest which has been aroused was the northern seas went ashore, and the Gentlemen:—We have to-day been infurnished this morning when Major Hib- captain and four of the crew were

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

two to three thousand Chinamen have been lodged in iail for not having passports. They were to be fined and de-

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 Rus

A marine court of enquiry sitting at Hongkong to consider the loss of the steamer Hupeh exonerated the captain from all blame and returned his certi-

ficate to him. News is given of the loss of the steamer St. Helens while on a voyage from entirely from all responsibility in connec Hongkong to Singapore. She struck Bombay rock in the Paracels and was abandoned by her crew of six white men tails of the transportation scheme new be nese, whose boat was lost, arrived at Cape St. James. Thence the survivors the proposed undertaking, they will, we

the local volunteer brigade or have served in the home volunteer corps. A cable was sent to the home authorities on your obedient servants, Friday informing them of such. Another interesting item is that the Sikh police in the Settlement have petitioned, to a Mackenzie, to take them to the Cape.

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	PERMITS OF SECURITY

New Term Commenced

been placed in one of the coilins left at 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 bewas rather augmented, and the keenest tance to the destitute. observer among them could not detect the faintest indication of strangeness or embarrassment among the newcomers. In fact all the newly elected conducted finance committee, themselves as though cradled in the municipal chair, while the business was performed with commendable dispatch. Before commencing the business proper Mayor Hayward delivered a brief offered to defray half the expenses proaddress and expressed his pleasure at vided the city performs their portion. seeing so many of the old board present. He was sorry, too, that the fortunes of war had prevented the return of some who had worked faithfully in be differences of opinion, he was sure all referred to the street committee. would act unanimously in upholding the decisions resulting from the deliberations. He hoped the new year would be a successful one for all.

The regular business was commenced with the announcement of the following standing committees for 1900:

Cemetery-Aldermen Williams, Kinsman, Blectric Light-Aldermen Kinsman, Cam-Finance-Aldermen Cameron, Williams, seckwith.

Fire Wardens-Aldermen Stewart, Cam-Kinsman. Harbor Improvements-Aldermen Brydon, Yates, Cooley. Home for Aged and Infirm-Aldermen Beckwith, Cooley, Stewart.

Legislation-Aldermen Yates, Beckwith, Park-Aldermen Hall, Brydon, Yates. Streets. Bridges and Sewers-The Mayor and Aldermen. On Pending Litigation-Aldermon Cooley.

Stewart, Brydon, On Railways-Aldermen Williams, Kinsvan, Hall. On Acquisition of Indian Reserve-Alder-

men Cameron, Yates, Beckwith. Messrs. Tupper, Peters & Potts, regarding a new proposition for the Victoria-

and 56 men were lost from Kyoto. your honorable body with a view of have city. I would therefore ask that the give of the act applicable. Great damage also resulted ashore, Two toria & Sidney Railway By-law deferred their offer of July, 1508, on the file of the hundred houses were destroyed at Ya. for a short time in order to enable our city clerk's office, to ascertain whether magata and a number of people were clients to lay before you a proposition for same holds good to the present time. I tageous to the city than any yet made. are not yet prepared to commit themselves present. to any definite proposition. They instruct Vladivostock is greatly excited, for us. however, that within one month from according to advices from there, from this date they will have reached a decision which will enable them either to make a definite binding offer to construct, maintain and operate the road and ferry, or to say definitely that they will go no further

with the project. We are instructed to say that in th event of our clients deciding to proceed further with the negotiations for the construction and operation of the proposed railway and ferry, the basis upon which they will be prepared to deal with the corporation of the city of Victoria will be, in

general, as follows: 1. They will ask the city to guarantee the interest on the sum of one million dollars at four (4) per cent. per annum for a period of twenty years.

2. They will undertake to relieve the city tion with the Victoria & Sidney railway. 3. They will carry out practically the deand 45 Chinese. After fifteen days of fore your honorable body, by providing terrible suffering from hunger and thirst railway and ferry communication between the crew, with the exception of six Chi-

will be sent to Singapore, where the are instructed, come before you within the lost steamer was owned.

From advices received from Shangha: period named, fully prepared to carry on the work, and with ample capital and faand the Straits Settlements it will be clitties at their disposal. We are assured seen that the pulse of patriotism beats by their representative that they are earstrongly there. Says the N.-C. Daily nestly considering the proposal, and merely News: Lists are being sent round ask for the laying over of the by-law now Shanghai for volunteers for active ser- under consideration for the bona fide pur vice at the Cape. Over a hundred sig-natures have already been given. The natures have already been given. The of their deciding upon the undertuking. vice at the Cape. Over a hundred sig. pose of enabling them, to decide upon the the city will not be embarrassed by a previous arrangement with another company, We have the honor to be, gentlemen,

TUPPER, PETERS & POTTS. Ald. Yates moved that the communication be referred to a special committee man, the deputy superintendent, Capt. who should interview the promoters of both schemes with a view to amalga-A Singapore paper says: The Legisla- mation. The proposition of railway contive Council of the Straits Settlements nection with Victoria was a most vital has voted \$50,000 to the war relief one, and should not be delayed in confunds, distributable according to Mr. sideration. Consequently he was not in Chamberlains discretion. The public favor of a postponement for one month; subscriptions will reach another \$50,000. and furthermore he suggested that in the event of amalgamation being possible. the special committee endeavor to The appended is a detailed statement prevail upon the promoters to apply to

of the camp's output for the week ending the legislature for the necessary char-Ald. Williams advocated the course advised by Ald. Yates, on the ground that if an amalgamation of the two schemes was consummated the committee would have performed a great deal. Ald. Beckwith favored dealing with the matter as soon as possible, and ad-

vised that a meeting of the council be held on Thursday evening to confer with the promoters.

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 or the House would not be in a position to deal with it. He was also in favor of holding a conference with

Ald. Yates was willing to so amend his motion as to meet with the views of the council, and after some further discussion it was decided to hold the meeting on Friday evening, to consider the situation with the promoters of the new

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 committe for report.

The council was notified of the items of business left over from the preceding term as follows: A communication from hind the aldermanic desks, the City F. Elworthy asking for a grant of \$100 Council of 1900 held their first session toward defraying expenses incurred by of the term last evening. The audience the Board of Trade in advertising the which usually consisted of two or three city; and Adj. Galt's request for assis-

Ald. Brydon moved that this matter be laid on the table for further discussion, but it was finally referred to the

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. Mr. Claxton Ald. Cameron wanted to know the

method of procedure regarding the bringing up of matters of improvement before the council, and it was finally dethe city's interests, but he was sure that cided on the suggestion of the mayo their successors would ably carry out that a regular meeting time be fixed for the duties incumbent upon members of the various committees-the meeting of the aldermanic board. He hoped that the sewer, bridges and streets commitall would work in harmony, and while tee to be held on the first Wednesday of at various times there would, perhaps, each month. The communication was

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; al so that on February 9th the amount owing them will be \$475. The communi cation also embodied the suggestion that the matter be placed in the hands of the finance committee for payment if found correct. This led to some little discussion, but the report was finally adopted.

The engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen:-I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following re-

Re communication from Mr. J. O'Connor claiming \$150 damages for defective drainage on Cobourg street on December 22, 1899: I may say word was received at my office in the forenoon of the above date and a corporation man visited the place in question directly after 1 o'clock p. m., and reported that no damage was being done, and that very little water was then standing on parts of the vacant lots opposite Mr. O'Connor's residence. I have since visited the above locality in company with the street superintendent and could not A communication was read from find any indications where damage had been done. I would therefore recommen-

no action. Re communication from Mr. J. Jenning calling attention to the condition of Toimie avenue: In view of the fact that the city limits follows the centre of the above the avenue, and it will be necessary for the that owing to the peculiar manner of ernment be communicated with regarding rallway communication with the Mainland consider their offer (if in force) is satis recently brought before them, our clients tention, which is all that can be love at

The city carpenter reports and recommends that the small wooden bridge at tee, and it was necessary to deal with the the northeast end of Ross Pay cemetery be repaired at once, as same is in very ball ed by the Attorney-General that all I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

C. H. TOPP. City Engineer. The report was taken up clause by

Clause one, regarding Mr. O'Connor's threat of claiming damages was adopted, while as to clause two, Alderman Brydon asked for information respecting the agreement between the city and council, referred to.

The city engineer replied that the agreement was that the government would do the macadmizing of the road if the city would undertake the grading. The government could secure rock from the provincial jail premises. He considered the agreement a fair one. Finally upon the motion of Ald. Kinsman the clause was adopted. After some further deliberation the en-

tire clause was adopted. The returning officer reported re the municipal election returns, after which the following communication was read from the medical health officer:

Gentlemen:-Notwithstanding the vigilauce of the quarantine officials, it would not surprise me if a case of bubonic plague should appear in Victoria any day. We have in that part of our city known as "Chinatown", the proper conditions for that dreadful disease to flourish in. It has ed to be signed and the seal affixed bebeen found impossible to apply the various fore the consideration of the by-law. sanitary by-laws of the city or the health In response to a question, Solicitor act of the province to "Chinatown," The danger of the introduction of this disease by-law was equivalent to adopting the is so real and our ability to cope with it under present conditions so hope'ess, that I earnestly suggest that you at once ask the legislature for special powers to deal with the sanitation of "Chinatown."

These powers should enable you to: 1. Set aside for the present municipal and provincial health and sanitary laws, in so far as they relate to "Chinatown." 2. To appoint a commission of three men to put Chinatown in a thoroughly sanitary condition. (This commission should have full power to destroy any building, close was done. The committee then rose and any street or alleyway, abate any nulsance and institute any improvement it may deem necessary, without any legal forma !lty or redress).

3. To levy a special tax on all property in Chinatown to defray the expenses of the commission and the costs of all the alterations and improvements required to put this part of the city in a sanitary condi-

I have the honor to be, etc., R. L. FRASER, M. D. Medical Health Officer. he promoters.

Ald. Stewart concurred with Ald. Chinatown, and the mayor replied that What is

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health officer had informed him drowned. Twenty-eight fishing vessels sponsible syndicate to communicate with government to act in conjunction with the living it was hard to make the provisions. Nineteen Persons Killed and Sixty-Eight

Ald, Brydon advocated the immediate grappling with the matter. It was patent to most people that the bubonic plague was prevalent at Honolulu, and of British Columbia, which would, we are factory, but would not recommend the that considerable shipping was carried instructed, be very much more advan- grading be undertaken until the weather is on between that point and Victoria. It favorable. The dangerous hole mentioned was absolutely necessary that this city Owing to the fact that the matter was so in Mr. Jennings's letter has received at should be placed in a secure state of sanitation.

> Ald. Yates suggested that the subject be dealt with by the legislative commitamendments should be forwarded immediately.

> Ald. Beckwith thought that such a subject as the present one should handled without gloves, regardless of outside comment. The communication was finally referred to the legislative committee to report on Friday.

A petition was received from a number of citizens asking that disreputable women be required to take out a license, as the present action of the police in endeavoring to suppress them was causing them to take up their residences among the respectable portions of the 2:80 p. m.

Ald. Beckwith suggested that the names of the petitioners should be published, and the petition filed, while Ald. Kinsman, Yates, Williams and Stewart, favored placing it in the hands of the legislative committee to place it before the legislature with a view to amending the act, to provide for the institution of a license. It was finally so ordered, and the mayor then introduced the Victoria-Sidney Extension By-law.

In reintroducing this by-law Mayor Hayward directed attention to the fact that the action of the council as regards their method of procedure in dealing with the subject was unconstitutional, inasmuch as the agreement was ordered agreement, and it was not legal to sign an agreement before the by-law itself had been considered, and passed.

Ald. Brydon favored the tabling of the matter until after the conference with the promoters of the new proposition. Ald. Brydon, however, withdrew his motion in favor of the mayor's suggestion that the council resoive itself into a committee on the whole and pass three clauses constituting the preamble, which reported progress, the reconsideration of the subject being set for the next regular meeting of the council. During the evening Ald. Stewart's resolution re purchasing of supplies and arrangement of assessment list were

Before adjourning the mayor read communication from Col. Gregory, stat ing that Bandmaster Finn was ready to place the Fifth Regiment band at the disposal of the council for the Ald. Yates inquired whether or no the meeting to-morrow evening. The offer was accepted with thanks, after which the council adjourned.

COLLAPSE OF A CHURCH. Injured.

(Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.-A church collapsed to-day during the celebration of a mass in Maloouzene township, Sumara dis-

Nineteen people were killed and sixtyeight injured.

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