

BRIDGE PROBLEM BEING CONSIDERED

COUNCIL AS SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REPORT

A Meeting to Be Held To-morrow Night to Advance Work on the Matter.

There was a general disposition on the part of the mayor and aldermen at last night's council meeting to get down to a working basis on the Point Ellice bridge problem, but no great headway was made, the matter being referred to the board as a whole to consider and report back to a special meeting to be held on Wednesday night.

HOTEL AT SHAWNIGAN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Koenig's Establishment Razed to the Ground Yesterday—The Loss Partially Covered by Insurance.

Koenig's hotel at Shawnigan Lake was totally destroyed by fire at noon yesterday. The fire started shortly after 12 o'clock, and is supposed to have originated from a heater in one of the rooms. It started while the family was at luncheon, and when the freight train reached their, about midday, the roof of the kitchen had fallen in and the building was doomed, as there was no means at hand for suppressing the flames.

HAD LOTS OF NERVE

For cool, unadulterated nerve, an individual named Wm. Hunter certainly takes a front seat. He was charged in the province court this morning with the theft of a pair of gum boots from Jno. O'Leary, night watchman on the steamer "Charmers". The evidence showed Hunter to be a man of great resources, possessing among other characteristics illimitable gait.

LEGAL NEWS

The following applications were disposed of by the court in the morning by Mr. Justice Walker. The Canadian Development Company, L. B. Lyley, K. C. for plaintiff, applied for an order for discovery of documents in the case of the defendant, applied to have the order made reciprocal. The application was granted, the order to apply to both parties, plaintiff's affidavit on production to be filed within two months.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Douglas Presents a Bell to R. C. Cathedral in Memory of Her Parents.

PERIPHERALS AND PARALYZED

Mr. J. S. Goode, of Truro, N. S., writes to Dr. Wood's Phosphoric Acid, stating that he was suffering from peripheral paralysis and was unable to walk. He had been in bed for some time longer on business in connection with the estate of her sons, Messrs. Jas. and John Douglas.

OPTIMUM SMUGGLING CASE SUSPECTED

SUSPICIOUS VOYAGE OF COASTING VESSEL

Belief That the Little Craft Was Engaged in Contraband Trade Between Victoria and Seattle.

It is altogether doubtful if the sensational capture of the Puget Sound-Victoria opium smuggling fleet last May put a stop to the illicit traffic in the drug between this island and the mainland. Circumstances of a suspicious nature have from time to time cropped up which give rise to the assumption that there are still individuals reckless enough to brave the vigilance of the customs authorities by smuggling the seductive drug under their eyes, to a profitable market.

SEPTIC TANK BY-LAW READY FOR CITIZENS

Polling Will Take Place on December 30th—What the Proposed System Comprehends.

On December 30th the ratepayers of the city will have another opportunity of passing on the by-law submitted by the council to enable them to borrow on the credit of the city the sum of \$100,000 for sewerage purposes. Should the by-law be endorsed, debentures will be issued for the amount, payable in 50 years and bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum. This means that \$4,000 will have to be raised annually for interest, and \$880 for sinking fund and a consequent levy of one-third of a mill on the dollar on all taxable property.

NEW HOTEL FOR SAN JUAN

F. V. Hobbs States That Work of Clearing Site is in Progress.

Among the guests at the Dominion hotel is F. V. Hobbs, of Port Renfrew, where he is interested in mining properties. This morning Mr. Hobbs made an announcement to a Times reporter which goes to show that the company represented at San Juan by H. E. Newton is still determined to build up an important townsite at that point. He states that preliminary steps have been taken, and, in fact, work has already begun for the erection of a large hotel, which the contractor says will require at least 100,000 feet of lumber. The structure is to be built on the property recently bought up by the company, and a gang of workmen is now employed in clearing the site.

VICTORIA WEST LECTURE COURSE

AN ABLE ADDRESS ON CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM

Rev. Elliott S. Rowe Criticizes Present Social Conditions and Suggests a Remedy For Them.

There was a disappointingly small audience in the Victoria West Methodist church last night, when the second of the series of lectures being given in that suburb in connection with the reading-room was given by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. The inclemency of the weather doubtless had an effect on the attendance. Rev. Mr. Barber occupied the chair, and expressed regret in his opening remarks on the failure of the people of Victoria West to cultivate the lecture going habit.

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