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PREPARE FOR THE STRUGGLE.

Our despatches to-day contain intelligence that will be heard with interest from Cape Breton to Cape Flattery. Everything points to an immediate dissolution of Parliament, the consequent general elections being held on the old lists, for it is quite unlikely that the Governor-General will decline to acquiesce in the request of his constitutional advisers. There will be a scurrying to and fro now and the opposing forces will buckle on their armor for the impending fight at the polls. Both parties, in anticipation of a winter campaign, have been organizing, and neither can be said to be unprepared. The tax upon Sir Mackenzie Bowell will be a most severe one, for he will be expected to speak at central points, and this to one of his age, in the inclement season, is fraught with danger. There is no doubt that the Conservatives, to win, must play a desperate game, and it is exceedingly doubtful whether they hold the lucky cards. The financial condition of the Dominion, to say the least, is not as buoyant as it should be; the constantly recurring boodling and corruption have shocked the public conscience; the Cabinet is deplorably weak, and we are passing through a period of depression that has never been paralleled. All these things, and matters incidental to them, that naturally suggest themselves to the thinking mind, will militate against the success of the Government, whose reign many far-sighted men believe to be drawing to a close. It cannot be doubted that the Liberals are most sanguine. They possess a leader whom it would be a pleasure for anybody to follow; their free trade mellowed does not seem nauseous, and the average voter who is not a confirmed partizan "will give them a trial anyway." Should dissolution be announced at the present time, in our calm judgment the battle will be the severest Canada has ever experienced, with the odds slightly in favor of the troops under Mr. Laurier's generalship.

In British Columbia it is believed the Liberals, or Independents, will place candidates in every constituency, and whilst it is too early yet to make any prophesies, it is quite safe to state that the issue here will be the trade policy and that such measures of reform will be advocated as will lead to a modification of the tariff in many essentials, thereby lessening the burdens of the people in regard to taxation. The standard-bearers of either side ought to be well versed in British Columbian affairs especially and those of the Dominion in general. It is essential that the best men we have should be sent to the great council of the nation to legislate in our behalf. The Province is better known now than ever before and its interests are paramount. We should return to the House of Commons members who can grapple successfully with and intelligently discuss public affairs; whose integrity and probity are unquestioned; who have a stake in the land; who can be depended upon to do their duty in every emergency, and, above all, who will earnestly urge the cutting down of all unnecessary expenditures and advocate the lopping off not only of Jamieson's withered branches of the protection tree, but a judicious digging at its roots as well. British Columbia demands that the gifts bestowed upon it by a beneficent Providence should be exercised to the end that it attain its natural destiny in the Confederation.

BONUS TO SHIPBUILDING.

We are pleased to observe such active steps being taken by the Boards of Trade in this city and New Westminster with regard to shipbuilding, and think the petitions in circulation urging the Government to do something in the way of a subsidy to set this infant industry on its feet are being largely signed. We are not as a rule in favor of concessions to every new scheme which promoters seek to foist upon the public, since very often these are of a wildcat nature and have not the vitality to make them self-sustaining, and all the sort of gallivanting activity that is first fused into them by the bonus passes off, they generally die out by degrees and ultimately disappear. Shipbuilding does not come under this category. Its fruits will be permanent. In various conversations we have had with persons posted in the wants and requirements of this port, and, in fact, of all the ports of the Province, it is learned that ships of a light draught which could enter many of the shallow harbors of the world are a great necessity. Those that come here for lumber are mostly old crafts that have been built for other trades and are of too deep a draught for many ports, and in this way the business is handicapped to a very serious extent. In Puget Sound in years gone by vessels were built in the shipyards there in large numbers of an exactly suitable character, and to-day they are carrying lumber into ports which the ships that had at the Hastings or Moodyville mills could not enter on account of drawing too much water. If we built our own merchant fleet here we would soon have just the kind of vessels suited to the business and of the places to which the product of our mills could be exported would be increased very materially. Ships constructed here and sailing under our own flag would have the world for their field of operations, with advantages to us far-reaching and important. As regards the effect of employment of labor at home, there is no enterprise so well calculated as this to set the wheels of commerce in motion. Woodmen, mill hands, carpenters, joiners, blacksmiths, sailmakers, riggers and others all have their places. If six ships of 600 tons each were put on the stocks here in a season it would mean an expenditure of $150,000 to $200,000. And why should not so large an amount be circulated this year? If the Government would give a bonus of $5 or $6 a ton it would be a great encouragement and active operations would be begun at once. The increased amount of timber cut would pay the Government in the way of stumpage, and the outlay would actually cost the Province nothing. There is no doubt that the Chinese Empire will be opened up when the war ends. The rulers of that vast territory will have been taught that an effete civilization is an anachronism at the present day and has disadvantages not comparable with political existence, and the country will be developed, like Japan, in a methodical manner. British Columbia as a next door neighbor will enjoy the benefits of such a change at once, and we ought to be ready to enter into the competition for supplying the wants of the Mongolians from the very start. With shipbuilding employing labor and material here, with our vessels laden with lumber and other natural products seeking a market in the Orient, the cup of our prosperity would be full and this would become the home of a happy and thriving population.

UNEASINESS OVER GOLD EXPORTS.

In the United States, and for that matter all over the continent of America, there is considerable uneasiness in financial circles over the gigantic proportions the gold being exported from New York has attained. Last week's operations were the largest in any period since 1893. For the previous week the quantity amounted in value to $6,800,000, which was the largest since the run of last summer. Commenting on the situation the New York World states the gold reserve in the banks on the 19th inst. was reduced to $70,712,185. Since Nov. 22nd, when the gold, from the second issue of bonds began to come in, the Treasury has lost more than $40,000,000 in gold. The United States and the world's production of gold having increased largely during the past year, it seems strange to the uninitiated that the Government should have such difficulty in maintaining its reserve. The trouble is due to three causes: (1) There is a deficiency in the revenues. The expenditure of the Government exceeds its receipts by about $5,000,000 per month. As gold is the coin of ultimate redemption, so gold is the ultimate source of payment when the funds are low. If the Treasury could make "both ends meet" it would have less difficulty in protecting its gold reserve. (2) The Government's natural source of supply of gold was dried up when it abandoned the policy of requiring customs duties to be paid in gold. As pointed out in an article in the Social Economist for January, "Since March 1 1892 the receipts of the Treasury from customs duties have amounted to $395,000,000, but only about $20,000,000 of this amount has been paid in gold." The remainder was paid in legal tender notes. The Government has no gold revenue with which to meet its gold liabilities or the export demand. (3) As has been frequently explained in the World, foreign distrust of the currency and of other corporate management has sent to the Republic for sale or in settlement of balances that would otherwise have been paid in goods or money a large volume of our securities. This explains the extraordinary fact that while there was a balance of trade on merchandise (including silver) of $188,834,000 in its favor last year, the net loss in gold was $81,200,000. Add to these causes the fact that the Government has outstanding over $300,000,000 in paper money redeemable in gold, by law or by official interpretation, and reissuable after every redemption, and the trouble with the gold reserve is no longer a mystery.

One of the most notable celebrations so far this year was the anniversary of the entrance into the Imperial Parliament of Sir Charles Villiers, the Nestor of the House of Commons. Not since the House of Commons began in the thirteenth century, and not in connection with a representative body in any other civilized land, has such an anniversary been observed. Sir Charles Villiers, now in his 94th year, was elected member for the busy manufacturing city of Wolverhampton on Jan. 10, 1835, and he has sat in the same constituency without a break for 60 years. Numbers of others have succeeded in getting into the fifties, but this full three score beats the record. It is true that Mr. Gladstone entered Parliament full two years earlier, but he had his vicissitudes, like most other Parliamentarians, and he had earlier to seek another home and New-ark, which first returned him, because it was blotted out as being a mere "pocket borough." Sir Charles Villiers was one of the fathers of the British free trade movement, and he has lived to see the principle of trade freedom adopted by every politician of note, Liberal and Conservative alike, as a truly British, truly fair principle. He has again and again pointed out that Great Britain did not adopt trade freedom because the people had been enriched by "protective" tariffs, but because they had been impoverished, and in many instances starved, in order that a few might be made rich. And this veteran economist agrees with Lord Salisbury that any attempt to again impose a "protective" tariff on the mass would bring about a condition equivalent to a prevalence of civil war.

THE OMENS ARE GOOD.

Little "OL" is a pleased man to-day. He can boast now a complete Ministry, since the remarkable victory of the Commissioner of Public Works at Kingston. Such a sudden turn over is remarkable and undoubtedly indicates a change in the tide of public feeling. Dr. Smythe the Conservative standard-bearer, was successful at the recent general election by ONE ballot and now comes the Hon. William Harty, the Liberal champion, and wins by FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR votes. The Liberal gentlemen were the opposing candidates last May at the general election. Sir John Macdonald's old stamping ground, it is very evident, cannot be depended upon to return a supporter of Sir Mackenzie Bowell when the din of battle fills the air. We quite understand that a number of Conservatives, recognizing that the local administration of public affairs in Ontario is well nigh perfect, lend their countenance to the Reform candidates for the Legislature while adhering to their political affinities in Dominion contests. Still the overwhelming victory achieved by Mr. Harty will strike terror into the Ottawa wigwam. This, in conjunction with the powerful and convincing speeches delivered at Montreal by the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Oliver Mowat and Mr. William Paterson, M. P. for South Brant, which thousands were unable to hear owing to the fact that they could not gain admittance to the crowded hall, must greatly enthuse the freedom of trade army and give the soldiers fresh heart for the combat. Confident as we are that, under the fiscal policy advocated by the Liberals this magnificent country would emerge from the morass in which it now flounders, the signs of the times, prophetic of a new regime, are very encouraging and necessitate earnest work on the part of all in the endeavor to bring about an era fraught with beneficial results to every man, woman and child in the Dominion.

UNFOUNDED REPORTS.

The rumor which was flying around the city yesterday to the effect that the Australian liner Miowera had been lost at sea could no doubt be traced to its source if proper means were employed. It is difficult to believe that a citizen would invent such a yarn. The person capable of doing so is a parasite upon humanity. Little could such an one measure the grief of those in this city, and elsewhere, who have relatives and friends aboard, and of the widespread sorrow that would cast a blight over many homes for a period. On the face of it the story was a falsehood. There could be but a slight possibility of gaining intelligence of such a disaster unless by a passing vessel, and the moment such arrived in port it would be flashed through the news agencies to every point, especially to this city, which is the recognized headquarters of the fleet on the Pacific coast. We confess we cannot believe there are "wretches" in the epithet a gentleman prominently connected with one of our steamship companies employs in a private letter to this journal with reference to the originators of this cruel fabrication—in our midst sufficiently depraved to start a bald lie of this character in cold blood; but the fact that it was quite current is well known. Thoughtlessness, perhaps, may have something to do with these constantly recurring canards, and it is hoped the last has been heard of them. Those who are fond of practical jokes should weigh the possible consequences of their pranks.

MOWAT ON TOP.

The successful candidate in West Algoma yesterday for the Legislature of Ontario was Mr. James Conmee, who is a native of Sligo, Ireland, and who settled near Belleville, Ont., where he engaged in the lumber trade and afterwards removed to the township of Sydenham, County of Grey. He was educated at the common schools, and at the Owen Sound Grammar school. Mr. Conmee saw service in the American civil war, having enlisted under Gen. Custer. Since then he has been largely engaged in railway construction on both sides of the border and is now interested in the lumber industry. He has been Mayor of Port Arthur, where he resides, and which yesterday gave him a majority of 60, Fort William placing 18 to his credit. Mr. Conmee was first returned to the Assembly as one of the division of Algoma into two constituencies in 1885 and at the following general election met with no opposition. Since then success has marked his political career. Like the Hon. Mr. Harty, who scored a triumph in Kingston the previous day, his religious faith is that of the minority of the Canadian people, and his victory is another death-blow to the bigots whose day is fast closing. Mr. Conmee is an ardent Liberal and a devoted follower of Sir Oliver Mowat, who can now snap his fingers at both the Conservatives and the Patrons of Industry. Lucky dog!

There is considerable grumbling and much dissatisfaction exists amongst our citizens in reference to the assessment levied by the corporation against their properties. Some assert, and truthfully we think, that values are entirely fictitious and far beyond the market price. The system in vogue here of a person, or persons, sitting in the City hall and placing values on lots or otherwise, of which they know nothing personally, not even having visited the locality, is so absurd that the wonder is it has not been remonstrated against long ago. Property in no instance should be assessed at more than 75 per cent. of its actual selling or cash value, and as outside or unproductive real estate has taken a tremendous tumble within the last two years the present worth only should be taken into consideration. There has not been such a sweeping decline in inside property. The only possible chance now for redress is to apply to the court of revision or appeal for a rectification of the wrongs under which many suffer. Threats are being made that the matter will be taken into the courts, where it will be urged that a general reduction of 25 per cent. on the city's total assessment be effected.

Hon. J. H. Haggart, of Halifax, has written a letter to General Montgomery-Moore thanking him for the valuable assistance rendered in carrying out the arrangements in connection with the funeral of Sir John Thompson.

ENDERBY AND THEREABOUTS.

A Carnival of Accidents—New Trail Opened—Social Gossip, Cold Weather.

Enderby, Jan. 26.—Mr. Marwood met with on Tuesday last what might have been a been serious accident. He was standing on the back end of a sleigh, when the horses started unexpectedly, throwing him backwards with great violence to the ground. It was at first feared that he was badly injured, but we are glad to see that he is now getting about again, and we trust that he will soon be quite well. —The storekeepers who have the contract to supply the mill with cordwood ought to be prohibited from giving the work out to Siwashes. Considering everything, the Indians enjoy a pretty easy life. They have the best in the land, have no taxes to pay, and have a natural instinct for hunting and fishing, by which pursuits alone they are able to obtain a very good living. They are practically independent and are but little effected by hard times. While men have not these advantages, and now-a-days, in this valley they cannot afford to lose any opportunity of earning a few dollars. There are scores of men around Enderby striving hard to get a start on their ranches who would be thankful for a little work to help them through the winter, and they naturally feel agrived when they see work to which white men have the first claim given to Siwashes. —Some of the settlers have been busy cutting a trail from Salmon Arm to Deep Creek. Mr. Tobin drove his sleigh through the other day, this being the first travelled vehicle over the road. G. Neave has erected a dwelling house on his ranch. It stands on the bank of the creek about a quarter of a mile beyond Wellington Boyes's. —We have had quite a series of accidents here lately. Jack Lambert, who was helping on Neave's building, fell from the top to the ground a distance of about 21 feet, alighting on a block of wood. He was severely bruised and shaken, but, fortunately, escaped without serious injury. Walter Owen has sprained a foot; S. Appleby a wrist and George Little dislocated a thumb. Mr. Gardom has received a telegram from his son, Basil, stating that he and his invalid brother, whom he went to England to fetch home, embarked on Thursday last on the return voyage. —An entertainment was given in the town hall at Armstrong on Monday night, in connection with the Presbyterian church, and was followed the next evening by a children's treat. —Gus Schubert gave a dance the other evening at which more than 60 people were present. —As I foretold some weeks ago, another of our bachelors has joined the noble army of martyrs. Robert Bailey was married on Sunday last to Miss Tomkins. The ceremony took place at Armstrong, and was performed by the Rev. Knox Wright, the happy couple subsequently returning to Enderby. A numerous party serenaded them in the small hours of Monday morning. We have always held that if courtship is bliss, matrimony is blister. We trust that Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will, in their experience of married life, realize only the adjectival sense of this saying. —The New Year's dance at Mara was such a success that it was resolved to repeat it. The second one took place yesterday week, and was, like the first, held at Mr. Appleby's. There was a large attendance, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. —The Mara settlers are going to make an effort to erect a town hall this year. The building is to be made of logs, and it is proposed that contributions shall be in kind. The work will be pushed forward as soon as the snow disappears. Lumber for the roof, door, etc., will be required, and as soon as she can collect her outstanding accounts she and her husband will remove to Chilliwack, where they formerly resided, and where they now have a farm. The business has been purchased by Messrs. Bell, Hyndman & Ellis, who will put in a dressmaker at once and a milliner later on. —Teams are still being hired for the purpose of hauling ore from the C. P. R. Co. at Revelstoke. Four four-horse teams left Enderby for Revelstoke on this evening's train. People sending a two-horse team get $4 a day from the time the horse leaves home away until they are returned, and the company undertake to send them back in as good a condition as they are at the time of leaving. They are conveyed to Revelstoke and back again free of charge. —A hockey team from Enderby and Mara went up to Vernon on Thursday last to play against a Vernon team, who had challenged them, and it was decidedly intended to make mince meat of them. They warned Enderby to send the best players they could, as their own team was particularly strong, and included the captains of the hockey clubs of Vernon might have spared its anxiety, however, for the visitors inflicted a crushing defeat, scoring two goals to nothing. The game was played at Long Lake, which is a much better skating rink at the rink. The distance was a mile and a half, and the prize a purse of $5, which Ernest Oliver, Enderby, carried off, beating Alec. Birnie, the holder of the mile champion belt, by about 100 yards. —Last night a ball was given at the public hall here by 15 bachelors. We should like to mention by name the genial hosts to whom we are indebted for so enjoyable an entertainment, but, apparently on the principle of not letting their left hand know what their right hand doeth, they have especially requested us not to publish their names. We are bound to respect their wishes, and can therefore only thank them under their collective and self-chosen title of 15 bachelors. There were about 70 people present and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The music was supplied by two professional violinists, and Arthur Campbell acted as master of ceremonies. The ladies' toilets were very pretty and varied. There were three which struck us as being especially beautiful, but not being versed in the mysterious and technical details of feminine fashions, we will not attempt a minute description. Indeed there were so many charming costumes to be seen that it would be invidious for us to particularize. We fear that a few of the ladies have this morning, after inspecting their dresses by daylight, been anathematizing—only in the most lady-like terms, of course—those of their last evening's partners who did not wear gloves. We noticed that very few of the gentlemen adopted this precaution against damaging light dress fabrics, and light gloves, which so many of the ladies had donned for their benefit. We noticed two little girls of about 8 or 9 years of age; one the daughter of Mr. McKay and the other of Webb Wright, we believe, who danced together very prettily. Some of the guests came a great many miles. We were pleased to meet among others, quite a number of our Mara friends. The room was nicely decorated with colored curtains, flags, evergreens, etc., and it looked very bright and pretty. A few faces began to grow pale as the small hours advanced, but the dancing was kept up wit hspirit and vigor to the very end, and when, at about 3:30 o'clock, the well-known strains of Cheer, Boys Cheer arose, the voices were strong, clear and sonorous. In fact, it was in some respects much better singing than we ever hear at church. —The temperature has been somewhat variable here during the past week, having ranged from 32 degrees above to 4 degrees below zero. This point was reached on Wednesday night, and is the lowest that has yet been recorded during the present winter.

MERCURY.

FAIR LANGLEY.

Langley, Jan. 26.—The new municipal council met in the town hall on the 21st inst., and having been sworn in proceeded with the transaction of business, with P. Jackman, reeve, in the chair. A petition from the ratepayers asking for an audit of the accounts for some years past was presented and held over for further consideration until next meeting. George Rawlison was again chosen as clerk, treasurer and collector, and applications were called for for the office of assessor for the year. —The annual meeting of the congregation was held in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. There was a fair attendance. Rev. Alexander Mogee, pastor, gave a short statement of his services during the past year, after which Douglas Symington, secretary and treasurer, read his report and account, and stated that the affairs of the church were in a promising condition, having no debts outstanding. John Maxwell, P. J. and Douglas Symington were re-elected church managers, and Messrs. Carter and Simpson were also chosen. The report on the Sabbath school by D. Symington was very favorable, the attendance of children being regular and in goodly number. —A concert of considerable merit was given in the Presbyterian church on Friday, the 25th inst., the proceeds of which will be applied to defray the expenses of procuring hymn books and necessaries incidentally required for the sacred building. Amongst those present were the Rev. A. Mogee, A. Dunn, of Wharnock, and A. N. Miller, Wesleyan minister of Langley Prairie. Rev. A. Dunn occupied the chair. The numerous pieces were gone through in a most creditable manner, quite equal to a professionally trained choir, and the solos, duets and other vocal performances were much applauded. Miss Janet Wilkie sang with much effect On, Ye Tears, which was notably appreciated, and the singing of Miss L. Mavis, Miss M. McMillan, Mrs. Campbell and the male voices in their several parts were all that could be desired. The instrumental music and accompaniments on the organ and violin were very effective and pleasing. Mrs. Campbell presided at the organ and R. White performed on the violin, both marked efficiency. At the close a vote of thanks, moved by John Wright, seconded by the Rev. A. N. Miller, was passed to the chairman, who responded in suitable terms, whilst William Jardine returned thanks for the chairman's observations concerning the choir. The following was the programme: Chorus, When the Worn Spirit; solo, Eternal Rest, Jardine; duet, organ and violin, Mrs. Campbell and F. White; solo, Oh, Ye Tears, Miss Janet Wilkie; quartette, Weary of Earth; solo, The Lost Chord, D. Symington; reading, Children's Hospital, A. H. Hawkins; duet, Convent Bell, Jardine and F. Powell; solo, Where is Heaven, Miss Laura Mavis. Part II: Duet, organ and violin, Cornelius March, Mrs. Campbell and F. White; solo, Vesper Hymn, F. Powell; quartette, He Shall Sustain Thee; solo, Calvary, Mrs. Campbell; solo, Resignation, D. Symington; reading, Rev. A. Mogee; solo, Better Land, Miss McMillan; chorus, Good Night Beloved; solo, Thy Voice is Near, W. Jardine; chorus, Lord's Prayer.

MATSQUI MUNICIPALITY.

The last meeting of the old council was held on Monday, Jan. 21st, with the undermentioned members present: Reeve McDonald, Councillors Trethewan, Marsh and Balsa. Communication was received from G. W. LePeurre, thanking the council for their kind hearing at a previous meeting and leaving the matter of remuneration for services at Aldergrove cemetery to the consideration of the council, and if it pleased the new council to reappoint him as commissioner he would accept the position. It was moved by Coun. Balsa and Marsh that L. LePeurre be paid the sum of $10 in full of all demands up to the end of the municipality year; carried. W. Mackie's account for nails for Aldergrove cemetery fence was passed for payment. Coun. Marsh reported that he had inspected Mr. Carmichael's road and found that he had laid about 100 yards of corduroy, all but 8 or 10 being on stringers, and recommended that he be paid the sum of $15 for the work. On motion of Couns. Marsh and Balsa the work was allowed. Coun. Marsh reported that outstanding contracts would be soon completed. Coun. Balsa reported that all work with the exception of contractor Maclure's bridge, was complete. The reeve gave a detailed statement of the expenditure of $187, balance on account of $200 received by the Government for the preliminary expenses of the council, and which was placed by the council in the hands of the reeve, stating how complete their term of office retired.

The new council, consisting of the undermentioned gentlemen, having made the usual declaration then took their seats: Reeve Alben Hawkins; Councillors Richard Robb, McLeod Morrison, James Balsa and John T. Wilband. Before proceeding with his opening address the reeve requested the council to appoint a clerk; after such council had given notice of the matter it was moved by Couns. Balsa and Morrison and carried that John LePeurre be re-appointed clerk and collector for the present municipal year at the same salary, viz., $200. The reeve in addressing the councillors stated (1st) That he regretted that there was not in hand for the building of a town hall; (2nd) that he considered it advisable to procure a suitable table and six chairs for the council, as the present accommodation of school seats were uncomfortable and inconvenient for the proper transaction of business; (3rd) that as he was very anxious to this improvement, the matter was discussed and laid over for further consideration; (3rd) that he would submit for review the amount of the payment of back taxes. The council appeared unanimous in their resolve to take active steps as soon as possible to pass measures to empower them to make a tax sale of all lands two years in arrears; (4th) that they should proceed to an early appointment of an assessor as the by-law in force mentioned that his work should commence on the 1st February; and that he considered it would be advisable to call for tenders, leaving it to the applicant to state the remuneration required; (5th) he suggested several amendments to the cemetery by-law, amongst others a commission's report should be received yearly; money paid to the clerk for lots should also read "to the clerk of municipality" and one-half lots should be available, etc.; but in his opinion, with regard to by-laws, a by-law amended should be ended by repealing it and passing a new one; the expenses of advertising would be about the same and confusion prevented; (6th) he was who had not seen the municipal; (6th) that a map of the municipality scale, four inches to the mile, showing roads and matters of interest, should be obtained and framed for official purposes; the clerk undertook the work of preparing the same. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A copy of a resolution sent by Mr. Brewster, presumably for the council to adopt and pass, was read. The contents referred to the building of a traffic bridge across the Fraser river at New Westminster, and suggested that in the event of private companies or the city of New Westminster finding it constructed the same, that the Legislature should be respectfully requested to pass an act to empower the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to receive plans and let a contract for its construction. The letter was laid on the table. Coun. Balsa gave notice that he would introduce a new cemetery by-law. The clerk was instructed to call for tenders for the position of assessor, the applicant to state remuneration required; the tenders to be sealed and marked "Tender for Assessor," and handed in to the clerk up to the hour of meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, when the same would receive consideration. The lowest or any tender would not necessarily be accepted. The clerk was instructed to furnish the necessary stationery, etc., for the use of the council. The clerk was requested to find bonds for the sum of $1,000, Th. Pollard's account for cutting down a fallen tree on the Yale road, under instructions of Ward councillor, was ordered paid. The council then adjourned to Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 11 a.m.

LANGLEY COUNCIL.

The newly elected council met at the Town hall, Langley, on Monday, January 21st, at 1 p.m., and took the oath of office. Present the Reeve, P. Jackman, Jr., and Couns. McDonald, Simonds, Brockie, Poppy, Fleming and Mackie. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Communications were received from R. Shortreed, J.P., stating that he had duly administered the oath of office to the newly-elect reeve; received and filed. From J. M. Drummond, re graveyard fence; laid over until next meeting. From various ratepayers petitioning for a five years' audit, cost not to exceed $100; received and laid over. From W. Bissett, protesting as a ratepayer against the acceptance by the council of H. West's contract for building a bridge at mouth of Salmon river, as it was not in accordance with specifications; Couns. Simonds, McDonald and Brockie were appointed to inspect the same and report at next meeting. G. Rawlison was appointed clerk, collector and treasurer for 1895 at a salary of $250, $10 for all stamps for collections, and took the oath of office. The following committees were struck: Finance, Couns. McDonald, Brockie and McVey; health, Couns. Simonds, Poppy and Fleming; license, Messrs. Mackie and Shortreed jr., J.P., and Couns. Fleming and Brockie. Coun. Simonds and Brockie were instructed to have the worst places on the townline repaired by next meeting. The clerk was instructed to apply for seven copies of the municipal act, also to procure the necessary stationery. The clerk was instructed to apply to the Government for a grant in aid of opening roads, etc. The salary of the assessor was fixed at $110, and applications ordered to be called for for next meeting. Couns. Poppy and McVey were instructed to inquire into the condition of the McKenzie family at Alder Grove and to report at next meeting. The Reeve and clerk were instructed to arrange with the Bank of B. C. for an overdraft of $1,500. Each councillor was empowered to expend $25 in meeting cases of emergency only arising between meetings. Notices of motion, Highway by-law, Coun. McDonald; by-law, for return of assessment roll, Couns. Simonds. Council adjourned until Saturday, Feb. 2nd, to meet at the Town hall, Langley, at 10 a.m.

Two Chicago capitalists are in Winnipeg endeavoring to purchase the entire lumber cut of the Portage district mills for this year, provided they can make satisfactory terms. They say that the pine forests of Minnesota are rapidly being depleted, which sends the United States dealers and lumbermen into the northwestern Ontario woods for their supply.

Sanford Fleming, who is in Toronto, says that should the United States determine to lay a cable from San Francisco to Honolulu and at the same time assist to the landing of a British cable on some one of the Hawaiian Islands, the general interests of commerce would be greatly benefited.

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POULTRY AND PET STOCK.

The First Annual Exhibition a Decided Success.

It is the duty of every citizen, young and old, male and female, married and single, rich and poor, to see the poultry show that is now in progress in the Bullivan block on Cordova street. Those who attend will be well repaid for the time and money spent, and they will besides be assisting in an enterprise that is worthy of all encouragement. The awakening of a healthy interest in poultry raising will do more good than a barrel of enthusiasm over a bonus proposition. This city should be surrounded by prosperous poultry ranches from which a supply of fresh eggs could be had at all times at prices at once profitable to the producer and easy on the consumer. The Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock Association are working towards that end and they have assumed a big risk without any possible chance of personal benefit beyond what will be shared alike by every member of the community. The judge, H. S. Ball, who has been secured at a considerable expense, is one of the leading authorities on poultry in America, and his presence gives the show a good standing. He says that while he has seen larger collections of poultry he has never seen a better one, and he freely admits that the show has been to him a most agreeable surprise. The admission is only 25 cents for adults and 5 cents for school children. The World hopes the citizens will patronize the show in large numbers this evening and tomorrow.

PRIZE LIST.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Cockerels, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley and Wallis & Taggart. Hens, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, J. W. Brandreth; 3, C. W. Riley. Poulets, 1, W. S. Lindsay; 2, W. S. Lindsay; 3, C. W. Riley. Breeding Pens, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. Spice; 3, J. W. Brandreth. Cocks, 1, 2 and 3, C. W. Riley.

White Plymouth Rocks—Cocks, Wallis & Taggart. Cockerels, 1, Wallis & Taggart. Hens, 1, Wallis & Taggart; 2, Wallis & Taggart. Poulets, 1, Wallis & Taggart; 2 Wallis & Taggart. Breeding Pens, Wallis & Taggart.

White Wyandottes—Cockerels, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley. Hen, 1, C. W. Riley. Pullet, 1, C. W. Riley. Breeding Pen, C. W. Riley. Silver Wyandottes—C. W. Riley took every prize in this class.

Black Javas—Cock, 1, Wallis & Taggart. Cockerel, R. Trimble. Hen, Wallis & Taggart. Pullet, R. Trimble.

American Dominics—Cock, 2, E. Trimble. Hen, 1, E. Trimble.

Light Brahmas—Cock, C. W. Riley. Cockerels, 1, 2 and 3, C. W. Riley. Hens, 1, C. Hoffman; 2, C. Hoffman; 3, C. W. Riley. Pullets, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley; 3, C. Hoffman. Breeding Pens, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley; 3, C. Towler.

Dark Brahmas—Cocks, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley; 3, C. W. Riley and Wallis & Taggart. Cockerels, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, Wallis & Taggart; 3, C. W. Riley. Hens, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley; 3, C. W. Riley. Pullets, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley; 3, A. Robertson and C. W. Riley. Breeding Pens, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, C. W. Riley; 3, C. W. Riley; 4, Wallis & Taggart.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—Cockerel, R. Jervis. Poulets, 1, R. Jervis; 2, Wallis & Taggart and R. Jervis.

Buff Leghorns—Cockerels, 1, S. S. Craig; 2, Wallis & Taggart; 3, Wallis & Taggart. Poulets, Wallis & Taggart; 2, S. S. Craig.

Single Comb White Leghorns—Cockerel, 1 and 2, C. W. Riley. Hen, J. B. Jopson first; C. W. Riley and Wallis tied for second; C. W. Riley third. Pullets, Wallis & Taggart 1; C. W. Riley, J. G. LeCappalaine tied for both second and third; M. C. McLean fourth. Breeding Pen, C. W. Riley 1; Mrs. C. Barley commended.

Black Minorcas—Cocks, Wallis & Taggart 2; Cockerels, C. J. Ireland, commended. Hens, Wallis & Taggart 1; C. J. Ireland 2; J. Armstrong 3; Wallis & Taggart 4. Pullets, Wallis & Taggart 1; G. Stapleton 2; Wallis & Taggart 3; Wallis & Taggart 4. Breeding Pen, H. Sturdy.

The judge had a difficult job before him in judging the cats, the results of which is as follows: Tabbies, 1, C. Doering; 2, Mrs. Grant; E. E. Fewster. The first two prize takers weighed exactly the same, 12 lbs., while the third weighed 11 lbs. H. Lee took first prize with his long-haired cat.

Buff Pekin Bantam—Cockerel, J. Robertson; hen, C. W. Riley; pullet, 1, J. Robertson; 2, C. W. Riley.

Single Comb White Leghorns—Cocks, 1, 2 and 3, C. W. Riley; 4, Wallis & Taggart; 5, C. W. Riley; cockerels, 1, C. W. Riley; 2, Wallis & Taggart; 3 and 4, C. W. Riley; hens, 1 and 2, C. W. Riley; 3, Wallis & Taggart; 4, C. W. Riley; breeding pen, 1, 2 and 3, C. W. Riley; 4, Wallis & Taggart.

Red Caps—Hen, 1, Wallis & Taggart.

Cornish Indian Game—Cocks, Wallis & Taggart; cockerels, 1, M. C. McLean; 2, J. F. Gibson; hen, 1 and 2, Wallis & Taggart; 3, J. F. Gibson; 4, M. C. McLean.

Black-Breasted Red Game Bantams—Cock, 1, John Thompson; cockerel, John Thompson; hen, John Thompson; pullets, 1 and 2, John Thompson; breeding pen, 1, Wallis & Taggart; 2, W. Tower.

Black Red Game—Cock, 4, Fred. Steel; cockerel, 1, John Thompson; 2 and 3, Fred. Steel; hen, 1 and 2, John Thompson; 3, Fred. Steel.

Black Sumatra—Breeding pen, Trimble & Wrigglesworth.

Pit Game—Cock, 1, W. Banham; 2 J. B. Jopson; 3, W. H. Steeve; 4, R. S. Cadwallis; 5, Lilley & Banham; stag, 1, 2 and 3, Lilley & Banham; pullets, 1, Lilley & Banham; 2, W. H. Steeve; 3, Trimble & Wrigglesworth; breeding pen, 1, Lilley & Banham; 2, E. Trimble.

Pit Bantam—Cock, 1, A. Thomps n; cockerel, Wallis & Taggart; hen, A. Thomp on; pullet, Wallis & Taggart.

Red Game—Cock, 1, Fred. Steel.

White Game—Cock, 1, Wallis & Taggart; hen, Wallis & Taggart.

Silver Duckwing Game—Pullet, Fred. Steel.

Malay Game—Cockerel, Wm. Sanderson.

Golden Seabright Bantam—Cockerel, W. Robson; pullet, W. Robson.

Golden Spangled Hamburg—Cock, H. Sturdy; cockerel, J. H. Browne; hen, 1 and 2, H. Sturdy; pullet, 1 and 2, H. Sturdy, breeding pen, Mrs. C. Barley; 2, H. Sturdy.

Silver Spangled Hamburg—Cock, H. Sturdy; cockerel, H. Sturdy; hen, 1 and 2, H. Sturdy; pullet, 1 and 2, H. Sturdy; breeding pen, H. Sturdy.

Silver Gray Dorking—Cock, 1 and 3, H. Sturdy; hen, 2, H. Sturdy.

PIGEONS.

Antwerps—1, Thos. W. Stonehouse; 2, C. R. Kino.

Jacobins—1, C. W. Riley.

Red Pied Pouters—1, C. W. Riley.

White Pied Pouters—1, C. S. Philp; 2, Thos. W. Stonehouse.

Fantails—1, Fred. Steel; 2, L. Oppenheimer.

Blue Fan—1, Fred. Steel; 2, C. S. Philp.

Black Fan—2, T. W. Stonehouse.

Black Carrier—T. W. Stonehouse.

Blue Carrier—T. W. Stonehouse.

High Fliers—1, T. W. Stonehouse; 2, Fred. Steel.

Dragons—1, T. W. Stonehouse (two varieties); 2, Fred. Steel.

Tumblers—1, C. S. Philp.

Red Tumblers—1, T. W. Stonehouse; 2, Fred. Steel.

Black Owls—1, T. W. Stonehouse; 2, S. Philp.

Almond Tumblers—1, C. Philp.

Black Trumpeters—1, C. S. Philp.

Mottled Trumpeters—1, C. Philp.

White Trumpeters—1, C. S. Philp.

Archangels—1, C. S. Philp.

Turbets—1, C. S. Philp.

DUCKS.

Pekin Duck—1 and 2, W. S. Lindsay.

Rouen Duck—1 and 2, H. Sturdy; 3 F. K. Twigg.

The people of Vancouver should not forget that they owe much to the Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock Association. It, in the face of a very material risk, organized an exhibition that has never been excelled in the Province, and the result is an awakening of interest in such matters that is bound to bear good fruit in the future. On Saturday, when the exhibition closed, there was a very good attendance and the show was freely expressed that if the show could have been kept open for a couple of days this week the attendance would have been much larger.

The annual meeting of the association was held on Saturday night, when there was a large attendance. The interim reports of the various officers were well received. A letter was read from Hon. J. H. Turner saying that Vancouver would be remembered in the distribution of the $300 grant to such affairs. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Pres., Thos. Dunn; vice-pres., Frank Barnard, M. P., F. C. Cotton, M. P. P., J. C. McLagan, ex-Ald. E. Trimble, R. P. McLennan, ex-Ald. Wm. Towler, Vancouver; H. Sturdy, Plumper's Pass; Jonathan Thompson, T. W. Stonehouse, R. P. Wallace, Nanaimo; H. R. King, New Westminster;