

LOCALS.

Donald, who is to take Roman Catholic diocese according to advice of Father Brabant, reach day.

A seismograph had a quake felt on the morning of the 19th, and a well of the important quake have been registered at Maryland, observa-

well will be confined to several days, owing to a at Esquimalt Monday attempting to Board cars. Mr. Whitwell down on the sidewalk, severe sprain of the in-

arton, rector, of Ched in Christ Church Ca- morning at a special con- held in connection with being of the Women's tions, which was held

meeting of the Ep- of the Metropolitan id Monday evening in the the church. An inter- was given during the of Hainsworth on "The of Longfellow." A tations and religious w's works were given.

A ball team will be down play the James Bay at Oak Bay. The game is at 10 o'clock in the mainus is reported to lineup this year. The will be as follows:

Shanks, 3b.; Brown, 1b.; White, cf.; McIl- ancy and Hall, substi-

was sentenced to one ment with hard labor out on Tuesday on the a cheque knowing it. On hearing the sentence Then I claim deporta- immigration law as an I have not been two da." He was told he claims at the end of the additional eight months two former charges of

ys issue of the Specta- weekly journal published nest McGaffey, secretary ver Island Development article on the recent campaign, under the magnation and Enthusi- stria." In sympathetic ally writes of the part ayed in the inception of agination ruling the g to Napoleon and how ried it through.

occurred on Tuesday residence, Mrs. W. 422 Pembroke street, of ington. Deceased was Glasgow, Scotland, and age. He had been a city for the past 33 well known here and ed. He is survived by aughters, Mrs. Spofford Clyde, and one son, D. n. all of whom reside in

ER'S EXPERIENCE. In your issue of yester- dent gives his impression he Nechaco valley. My ob- is to say that within the ks I have travelled a por- d myself in search of land twenty odd settlers, but nearly every good valley all been taken up by ranch- a ago, and what would be and third land left, had chiefly by Americans trying to find the Indian Mu- river is now thrown t, quite a lot of good stained in the Fraser Lake is certainly no land worth in the Nechaco, Bulkley, Chisago, Bonapart and

dent is correct in his sions, but wrong in advi- purchase a good team of a foolish enough to buy on to go on a land hunt for trouble, and will sur- vey correspondent has done wagon usually take three whips trees, log chain, and bit of tools. Even then in the face, as after riboo wagon road there are y of the valleys, but only the only successful way to northern British Columbia is three to go together, take ng pan, pot, knives, forks, rates, hobbies and tie lines, and oiled slicker; also a and two or more pack ad- stage from Ashcroft to purchase five ponies at each, purchase all provi- on the two ponies, each the others. Then one can everywhere they wish, where the poor unfortunate within miles of a with a stop at any odd spot, to to hobble and tie the the fire or pitch the tent, mouth organ lives up the time. The cost is a mere at the purchase of a team which costs from \$25 to and hard to get; wagon, eak, \$20; schooner, port, \$15 eak, \$20 upwards; besides Hay and oats must also the ponies can pick up at From old 22-year settlers echer, of Fraser River, ve the climate is similar egnis about November 1st March 1st to 15th.

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INTERESTING ADDRESS BY FRANK KERMODE

Variation in Queen Charlotte Species Was Clearly Explained.

Instead of confining his paper to the caribou of Queen Charlotte Islands as expected, Frank Kermode, curator of the museum at the Natural History Society Monday, extended his remarks to cover the whole caribou family. Some of these species Mr. Kermode said were fast disappearing and the present was an opportune time to study them.

In the course of his paper Mr. Kermode outlined the habitat and chief characteristics of the different species of the animal, laying particular stress on those found on this continent.

New species, said the lecturer, were formed through the isolation of a large group of animals, which for a long time were kept distinct from the rest of the race and through peculiarities of the country or other reasons developed peculiarities of structure.

For instance, the woodland caribou have the brow antler or plow coming down the face, sometimes almost to the nose, while the Queen Charlotte Island caribou are without the brow antler.

In describing the caribou of the Queen Charlottes, Mr. Kermode stated that they were very small, about the size of a mule deer and very light in color, in this respect not unlike the reindeer of the old world. The antlers were also small, even though the animal from which they were taken was old.

A number of interesting pictures were then thrown on the screen, and these very clearly illustrated the color between the Queen Charlotte variety and the others which were pictured.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, in which a number of compliments were paid Mr. Kermode on his work in connection with the classification of the animals and his former efforts to prove their existence. The meeting then adjourned.

OPERATIC STAR TO WED. Engagement of Geraldine Farrar and Signor Scotti.

Melrose, Mass., May 18.—Absolute devotion to their art and determination not to marry until their names had become famous, is the story of four young singers that become known to-day as a result of the recent announcement of the engagement of Geraldine Farrar to Eliezer Scotti, the baritone.

Ten years ago Miss Farrar, beginning the career that has developed so successfully. Associated with her were three other ambitious young singers. They were Ena Kippers, now the wife of the Milan opera, and also of the Milan opera, and Maude Abramson, favorite soprano of the late composer, Oreste Bimboni.

When they separated a decade ago to pursue their studies in various European musical centres, the agreement was made. Before Miss Farrar announced her engagement to Scotti, each of them received a letter asking their consent to the marriage.

It was that Miss Farrar had won fame sufficient to justify a matrimonial venture, and two weeks later the engagement was made public.

REMARKABLE STORY. Number of Arrests May Follow Death of Woman in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, May 18.—An investigation into the death of Mrs. L. Oust, a young French woman, which occurred recently at St. Laurent, a settlement forty miles northeast of this city, made by the police authorities yesterday.

The expected birth of a child this woman, who was attended by neighbors only, a doctor not being present, went into convulsions and, as supposed by those present, died. A priest was called in, and he said an effort should be made to save the life of the unborn child. At his bequest neighbors performed a Caesarian operation and delivered the child alive. The mother was not dead, and during the progress of the rude operation revived, and hey shrieks, she not being under an anes- thetic, showed the agony she was enduring, but it was too late to desist and the operation was completed, the mother dying at its close. The child is living yet and was baptised by the priest. The police will make a number of arrests.

MAY CALL EXTRA SESSION. Governor of Washington Awaits Report of Legislative Committee Before Taking Action.

Olympia, Wash., May 17.—If the report of the legislative investigation committee shows that State Insurance Commissioner Schively has been guilty of irregular conduct in the administration of the office, but that he cannot be reached under the law, Governor Ray will, it is believed here, call a special session of the legislature to take up the question of impeachment proceedings.

It is apparently well informed circles here is stated that the Governor has been furnished information that, in effect, will be the committee's report, and as the call ready to issue, it is declared, as soon as he receives the report. Just when the report will be submitted is a matter of some doubt, but according to one member of the investigating committee it will not be handed in until the inquiry into all the state offices which is to be investigated has been completed. This would be a long time in June.

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ADVANCE IN WAGES FOR STEEL WORKERS

Announcement is Made by the Independent Companies.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17.—Announcement was last night that 35,000 employees of the iron and steel companies having headquarters here and in this vicinity will receive an advance in wages, averaging 10 per cent on the first of June or the first of July.

Some of the manufacturers have already posted notices of the increase, and others it is said, will do so within a few days.

The United States Steel corporation has made no announcement of an increase in wages, but it is said that the Jones & McLaughlin company, the Republic Iron and Steel Co. and other independent companies will restore the wages paid prior to the first of last April, when a general cut was made.

At the general office of the Republic Iron and Steel Co. notices have been posted of a revision of the wage scale on June 1. This company employs 10,000 men at various points. The Jones & McLaughlin Co. employs 10,000.

These wages, it is said, will all be increased after the first of June. It is also announced that after June 1, independent companies will not accept any orders for steel at the present prices.

PLAY FAN TAN FOR HAND OF CHINESE GIRL

Defeated Suitor Makes Savage Attack on His Rival.

San Francisco, Cal., May 18.—Because of his ability at fan tan, Ah Moon is basking in the smiles of pretty Foy Toy, a Chinese girl, while preparations for their wedding are being made. The fact that Moon bears upon his broad countenance disfiguring marks of a personal encounter with Charles Dong, who also loved the small Foy Toy, but whose fan tan ability is not so marked, makes no difference to the maiden.

Moon and Dong were suitors for Foy Toy's hand and following her decision that they must decide between themselves who is the better man, a game of fan tan was agreed upon. They played, but after Moon had won an easy victory, the defeated one attacked him savagely, and but for the interference of the police might have inflicted more than facial injury upon his rival.

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ASSESSMENT MUCH LARGER

JUMP OF \$3,689,000 IS THE LARGEST YET

Increase General All Over City—Ald. Turner Thinks It Might Be More.

A gratifying increase in the assessment of real estate in Victoria was reported to the city council by City Assessor Norman Monday. The total this year is \$28,330,400, an increase of \$3,689,000 over last year. Land is assessed at \$17,966,200, compared with \$15,285,005, an increase of \$2,681,195. Improvements are assessed at \$10,374,200, as compared with \$9,995,640, an increase of \$378,560. This is the largest increase which has ever taken place in the assessment from one year to another, and indicates how rapidly the city is growing. In this connection the following table will be of interest:

1907	15,285,005	9,995,640	24,640,885
1908	17,918,250	8,226,830	21,945,080
1909	10,992,845	7,877,290	18,770,135
1900	10,646,990	7,526,270	18,173,260
1901	10,575,420	7,045,720	17,621,140
1902	10,712,750	6,945,205	17,657,955
1903	10,735,690	6,754,905	17,490,595
1904	10,814,280	6,552,420	17,366,700
1905	10,940,800	6,326,770	17,267,570

Ald. Turner said that some time ago he had made the statement that the assessment could be increased sufficiently to produce all the revenue needed to meet the increased expenditure without raising the rate. Last year some lots of his own in London avenue had been assessed quite low enough. This year the assessment had been reduced on them, although he considered their value had increased, and he was asking \$300 more a lot for them. The assessor was absolutely straightforward and honest in his work, but had too much to do to be able to be sufficiently conversant with land values.

The mayor said the assessor had far too much work to do, and recalled his own suggestion that two assistant assessors be given him, one effect of which would be that the roll would be ready early in the year.

It was decided that the first sitting of the court of revision will take place on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 10 a.m.

PICKING OF FLOWERS GIVING OFFENSE

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SITES TO BE CHOSEN BY CIVIC COMMITTEE

Ald. Humber Succeeds in Securing the Adoption of His Resolution.

At the city council meeting Monday Ald. Humber moved the resolution of which he gave notice, some days ago, calling for the preparation of plans and estimates for five public conveniences and the selection of sites for them by the mayor and three aldermen.

All the council believed this was a matter which needed attention, but the mayor and Ald. Henderson voiced the opinion that there would be no money available this year. The mayor saw no use in passing a resolution which the council could not provide funds.

Ald. Humber said he considered the matter so important that he would introduce a bylaw to borrow \$10,000 if necessary when an estimate of the cost was received from the engineer.

Ald. Turner pointed out that in any case the sites could be selected now. Ald. Henderson remarked that the engineer had plans which he prepared a few years ago.

Ald. Humber feared that his proposal would be killed altogether, in view of the objection raised as to finances, but he had the satisfaction of seeing it go through. The mayor named Aldermen Humber, Turner, and Raymond, with himself, as a committee to select sites.

No Flood at Causeway Yet.

Ald. Bishop remarked that the last time he was out at the Gorge he noticed the flood had been taken away, leaving no place for people to land. The mayor said he did not know anything about it.

Ald. Bishop pointed out that the holiday would soon be here, when people would want to use the float. There should be a light provided there also. The mayor said the float was not to be placed at the Causeway but nothing was being done for the convenience of the people at that point.

The mayor said it was not easy for the engineer to get out all these things. Craigflower road, from Arm street to Russell street, Russell street, from Skinner street to Langford street, and Oak Bay avenue, from Port street to Foul Bay road, will be graded, drained and laid with tar macadam as works of local improvement, the owners to pay two-thirds of the cost.

A protest was read from a Richardson street woman, billed for local improvements between Moss and St. Charles streets, that the works were not yet done, although commenced about two years ago.

The protest was referred to the streets committee for report. Wm. Henderson, resident architect of the Dominion Department of Public Works, returned a tax bill for \$24.56, stating that the department refused to pay a yearly tax but would pay a bulk sum. There was no use sending bills till this question was settled, as the city had several times been notified.

The letter was referred to the city solicitor. A report from the sanitary inspector, stating that the incinerator was badly in need of repair, was sent to the engineer.

The Spring Ridge committee will be asked to meet the streets committee at 7.30 on Friday evening. By-law was put through their first stages covering the removal of parts of Esquimalt road, Douglas street and Toimale avenue and the maintenance of boulevards on Belleville street and Government street.

The attention of the sanitary inspector will be called to the caterpillar nuisance. The report of the streets, bridges, and sewers committee was adopted as follows:

1. Recommended that the work of building a wharf in front of the Electric Light station, between Telegraph and Herald streets, be done by the city under the supervision of the city engineer. Estimated cost \$2,000.
2. Recommended that a sewer be constructed on Chamberlain street from Cowan avenue northerly, at a cost of \$1,000.
3. Recommended that permission be granted to Messrs. F. Burns and company to construct a driveway over the sidewalk at the rear of their premises, the work to be done by the city under the supervision of the city engineer at the company's expense.

LEPERS ROAM THE STREETS OF PONCE

European Expert Tells of Laxity of Porto Rican Authorities.

New York, May 18.—What is said to be alarming laxity on the part of the Porto Rican government in the care and control of persons suffering with leprosy was brought to the official attention of the United States government by Dr. Edward Ehlers, one of a party of four European experts who have been studying various diseases prevalent in the West Indies, who arrived in New York on the steamer Caracus from Ponce. Dr. Ehlers said that under present conditions in Porto Rico it is possible for many lepers to emigrate and carry the disease into the United States.

"In the city of Ponce," he said, "I found leprosy very prevalent, and I saw many victims in the streets of the city. Two men in an advanced stage of the disease I observed begging in the market place."

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THREE MONTHS AND NO REPORT

ALDERMEN TALK OF DILATORY METHODS

Merits of Paving Materials Again Occupy Attention of Council.

From time to time little matters crop up in council illustrating the delays that take place in civic affairs sometimes. Monday, for instance, a letter was read from Dr. C. R. Richards, V. S., asking what the council was doing in regard to the tenders for the civic veterinary work, sent in some months ago.

About three months ago the matter was referred to the fire wardens, who made a report shortly after from which two members dissented. The report was sent back, but nothing has been heard of it since. Dr. Hamilton continues to do the work, as in the past.

Ald. Fullerton, chairman of the wardens, said the matter was to come up at their next meeting, at which he wanted Ald. Humber to be present, and meanwhile Dr. Richards' letter could lie on the table.

"Let us be men and not boys, and settle this matter here in council and now," Ald. Humber said. "What is the good of waiting for the wardens to report? This is something like the report of the civic investigation, which never will be settled, apparently."

Ald. Ross seconded the motion to deal with the tenders there and then. The mayor objected that the council could not take the matter out of the hands of the fire wardens.

"But they are taking a long time to deal with it," Ald. Ross pointed out. "It does appear to me that after two or three months it is time the committee made a report of some nature," said Ald. Turner. "We are entitled to a report and I think the committee are not giving up information about this."

Ald. Humber, Raymond, Bishop, Turner and Ross voted for immediate action. Ald. Stewart, McKeown, Mable, Fullerton and Henderson voted to wait for the fire wardens' report, which is promised in a few days. The mayor, asked by two or three aldermen how he voted, said against the motion, and the letter was then tabled until the wardens report.

His worship made a statement about his not having a costing vote, but having an equal right to vote with the other members, and corrected the statements in the city papers that his worship had accepted the park board resignations.

"This is a little hot air," remarked Ald. Turner, recalling a phrase used against himself recently.

A New Paving Material. Again on the matter of Cormorant street paving, which is to be laid with granite from the west side of Douglas street to the east side of Store street.

Ald. Turner, replying to questions, said granite was a proved pavement. Ald. Fullerton declared that if this pavement was going to be laid as an experiment he would vote against it. He protested against going to America can cities for experience, instead of confining attention to our own eastern cities. In Toronto asphalt blocks were being used exclusively now.

"There are only two kinds of pavement for Victoria, vitrified brick and wood blocks," said Ald. Humber. "No Yankee can come over here and switch Russ Humber."

For granite there voted Ald. Turner, Raymond, Bishop, Ross and Stewart, and against it Ald. Humber, McKeown, Mable, Fullerton and Henderson. Again the mayor had to be asked how he voted, but he declared the vote, when he stated that the motion for granite was carried. He expressed the opinion that so long as it was confined to one street he had no objection to a material being tried.

J. E. Skene, a petition was received representing over 90 per cent of the owners on Douglas street, from Humboldt street to Cormorant street, asking for Haasam pavement instead of bituthill pavement.

Ald. Turner declared that he had a lot of information showing that Haasam pavement was a failure and had never been laid twice in any city. He would be sorry to see it laid here.

Ald. Henderson remarked that he had heard the same of bituthill, if it came to that.

The petition will be sent to the city assessor, as against the bituthill by-law, but if the latter is defeated the question will still be open.

Telephone Poles. H. C. Whiffen, Pembroke street, wrote to thank the council for its