THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. Lovell Withdraws His Lot and Another Site Needed for Proposed Fire Hall.

Final action on the purchase of a site for the new fire hall has been further deferred by the city council, but the question as to whether Mr. J. B. Lovell's property on the corner of Johnson street and Fernwood road should be purchased was definitely decided in the negative last evening. The fire wardens in their report last evening recommended the purchase of this property for $2,000. Mr. Lovell, however, wrote to the council stating that he understood that they did not want his property, and therefore he had pleasure in returning the $25 deposit money, with the information that his property was not for sale. On motion of Aldermen Phillips and Williams, Mr. Lovell's withdrawal was accepted.

Aldermen McCandless and Wilson moved that the fire wardens' report and all matters appertaining thereto be laid over for one week. After considerable discussion the motion carried.

An invitation from the International Mining Congress to the mayor and aldermen to attend their annual session to be held at Salt Lake City on July 7, 8 and 9, was acknowledged with thanks.

Hon. E. G. Prior, M.P., wrote stating that he had again interviewed Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture, in reference to the Darcey island lazaretto, and had been unable to get any further satisfaction from him. The communication was received and filed.

Hewitt Bostock, M.P., informed the council that he had received copies of their resolutions expressing the desirability of having the government carry out Mr. Sorby's scheme of harbor improvements, and providing a new rifle range in Victoria. He would place the resolutions before the respective ministers, and understood that in the matter of the rifle range an estimate had already been prepared.

In consideration of a communication from the school board it was decided to hold a joint conference next Friday evening to discuss the matter of estimates.

Mr. K. Chungranes complained that the windows of his house, on the corner of Toronto and Catherine streets, were being broken by the blasting which was going on opposite, and requested that these operations cease. The matter was referred to the street committee and city engineer.

James Wilson asked for $25 to pay for repairs to his buggy, damaged while in city service. The request was granted.

The Kamloops town council asked cooperation in having certain amendments to the liquor license act passed. The city solicitor will look into the question.

A number of local improvements recommended by the streets committee were approved.

The recommendations of the finance committee were adopted. Ald. Humphrey and McGregor raised an objection to an item of $70 for a sidewalk on the south side of Lansdowne road, but were not supported by the majority.

In connection with the bread by-law which came up for the final adoption, a petition from J. G. McDonald and 219 others was read requesting the council to pass the by-law as it stood, in spite of the protest sent in by a number of bakers last week. McMillan Bros., Simmons & Coker and Henry Clay also approved of the by-law as originally drafted.

Ald. McGregor moved the adoption of the bylaw. Ald. McCandless seconded the motion, which was carried, Ald. McCandless, Hall, Humber, Humphrey and McGregor voting yea and Ald. Phillips, Williams, Kinsman and Wilson voting nay.

The second reading of the sewer rental by-law was moved by Mayor Redfern, whose place in the chair was taken for the time being by Ald. Wilson. It was seconded by Ald. McGregor and carried. The council then went into committee with Ald. Wilson in the chair, and after some discussion rose and reported progress and asked the privilege of adjourning the discussion until next week, which was granted.

The estimates by-law also was considered in committee of the whole. Additional appropriations of $1,500 for two cottages to be added to the isolation hospital and $250 for the consolidation of the by-laws of the city were passed. The committee rose and reported to that effect, and the by-law was then read a third time and adopted.

On motion of Ald. McCandless, seconded by Ald. Kinsman, it was decided to call the attention of the Provincial and Dominion governments to the urgent necessity of having the Indians removed from the Songhees reservation and that arrangements be made whereby that portion of the reserve lying north of the Point Ellice bridge shall be deeded to the city for park purposes, at the same time giving the public free access to and from the water leading to the Gorge.

The council adjourned at 11 o'clock.

THE KINE TRAIL.

Description of the Route by a Klondiker Twenty-five Miles Up the River—Dogs Better Than Horses.

(From the Vancouver World.)

Two letters, dated March 3rd and 7th respectively, have been received from a member of the Yerex-Metcalf party that left here some time ago for the northern gold-fields by way of the Stikine river. The information conveyed as to the state of affairs along this route is very interesting. In the first letter the writer says that they were camped about 15 miles up the river, and do not intend moving until the Tupper party goes ahead and breaks the road, as it was too large an undertaking for a small party. "At this time and point," the letter proceeds, "there is two feet of snow and six to eight inches of water on the ice. We have broken the road from the mouth of the river to here and almost used up our horses and so have gone into camp. The Tupper party came up here three days ago with 10 teams, but cannot go any further just now. They are bringing up 75 men to break roads ahead of the teams, and expect to have to do the same for 25 miles. After that it is expected that the ice will be much better as by that distance we will have passed the coast range of mountains. Capt. Armstrong is at the mouth of the river putting together his two steam sleighs, so between them all we expect to have a good road. Outside of those two firms and Mackenzie & Mann there are about 150 horses on the river and at Wrangel about 100 men per day are passing up with hand and dog sleighs, all of them making good time. Each man hauls 250 to 300 lbs., and the dogs about 200 lbs. each. Those fellows haul up 10 miles and then go back for another load. On the road between here and the mouth of the river single horses can haul 1,500 pounds each. There are hundreds of dogs brought up here that are of no use whatever. About the only ones of any use are the huskies, which are worth from $30 to $50 each. Some dogs sold for $30 down the coast are given away for nothing up here. All goats have proved a complete failure. The Wildman party, one of the best equipped on the river, have sold and killed all the goats and are trying to get the Tuppers to take on their outfit. Four ferry boats are now running between the mouth of the river and Wrangel, making daily trips. Hundreds of tons of goods are being put off at Cottonwood island, and provisions are scattered every 100 yards or so from the mouth of the river up."

Writing on March 7, the same prospective miner says: "We saw Customs Collector Turner who passed up yesterday with the police, who are encamped at 20-Mile Point. We made a move of seven miles to-day, which will put us about 25 miles up the river. We may have to stop here for three or four days, waiting for more road to be broken, as it is impossible for us to do anything in that way ourselves. The companies have about 50 men ahead, breaking and brushing the road and are only able to do about two miles a day. The company (the Tupper company) would never try to get up on the ice only that they expect that the river will be better 25 miles further up. The weather is keeping very soft, no frost for nearly a week and to-day two teams went through the ice into the river. It is all guess work whether the river will break up from now on or be good for six weeks. Old-timers say that after that it will open at any time. Since the soft weather set in dogs are in great demand as the horses cannot get on without a road and there is always a good dog trail open. I write this more than anything else to tell you that if any of your friends are coming up here do not advise them to take horses by any means, as it is not at all safe, for any day may find a party waiting on the bank for a boat and dogs can go up the river at once. Each man coming up should have three dogs for not more than 700 lbs. load that will include clothes, blankets and dogs' feed, which is oatmeal and tallow. He should have a 16-inch hand-sleigh, seven or eight feet long. Camping places can be had every five or ten miles. We will keep our horses for a while longer, and if we see that we can get along without them, will leave them behind. As the coldest weather is over for this winter, do not have him (another member of the party) get any mackinaw clothes, as they are no good, and catch and hold all the rain and snow that falls within ten feet of you. Ordinary wool clothes and overalls are the best on the trail; and, as for dogs, good, strong, medium-sized ones are the best."

BUTTE MINERS PERISH.

Twenty-Five Burned in the Anaconda Boarding House—Big Chicago Block Destroyed.

BUTTE, Mont., March 21.—The Hall house, a three-story building used as a boarding and lodging house for the men in the employ of the Anaconda copper mines, was entirely destroyed by fire early to-day.

The building was on East Broadway. When the fire broke out, shortly after three o'clock, there were 300 men in it. Of these many are now in the hospitals, and others who escaped almost without clothes are scattered all over town.

Until the safe, now buried under tons of debris, is removed and the books examined and a roll called, it will not be known how many perished. The estimates of the dead now run up to twenty-five. It is known that sixty did not show up at the mines this morning, though many of these doubtless are with friends. The property loss is about $30,000.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the seven story Schoeneman building. Several people made their way to the street down the fire escapes. It is not believed that any lives were lost. The burning structure was located between two of the tallest sky scrapers in Chicago, the "Old Colony" and the "Manhattan." Both are fire proof and neither was damaged, but there was much excitement. About a dozen firms, including bookbinders and similar concerns, were burned out. Loss, $225,000.

THE PERFECTION OF REALISM

How Miss Camille Cleveland Demonstrated Her Devotion to Dramatic Art.

Among the members of Hoyt's "Stranger in New York" company, which Victorians will welcome on Tuesday evening next, is a young lady well known to British Columbians and the stage as Miss Camille Cleveland, and who offers in her charming self an admirable illustration of the extreme to which realism may be carried by a conscientious worker in the field of dramatic art.

Miss Cleveland, it will be remembered, was until a very short time ago, the bright particular feminine attraction of "A Bachelor's Honeymoon," visiting the Northwest with Mr. John T. Sullivan's company that so thoroughly pleased Victorians. Her role was that of the winsome woman from Stageland who became the bride of poor Bachelor, and for politic reasons had to be kept a secret treasure by that hapless individual, while all in ignorance of the facts his male acquaintances hastened to make their devotions at her feet.

Miss Cleveland filled the part delightfully, and now that she has left the company and cast in her fortunes with the Hoyt organization, the secret may fairly be given to the public.

There was as much truth as poetry in the "bachelor's honeymoon" for her. It happened that just before the company left Minneapolis she made up her mind to accept the suit of a persistent admirer very much of the bachelor type, and the marriage was duly celebrated in that city, where the groom has his home and large business interests. It was mutually agreed that "Miss Cleveland" should play out the season, the wedding being kept secret for the few months intervening, at the expiration of which the stage world will lose "Miss Cleveland" from its ranks.

The circumstances of the romantic wedding and yet more unique wedding trip solus coincided so curiously, however, with the strange story in which the bride played a part that, chapter by chapter, it all came out. And there it is.

Blood That is Bad.

Blood that is bad makes the whole body sick. Blood that is good makes the whole body healthy and vigorous. BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS makes good, rich, ruddy blood. I regard B.B.B. as the best medicine in the world to make rich, red blood. It cured me after two years suffering from weak, thin blood." JENNIE A. GLEASON,

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Escheats and Forfeitures Bill and Execution Act Amendment Read a Third Time.

Mr. Helmcken Wants the Dominion Government Asked to Refuse Corbin a Charter.

There was a light day at the legislature yesterday, most of the business being confined to shoving bills ahead a stage or two, and the Escheats and Forfeitures bill and the Execution bill were put through their third reading and passed.

The house was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Haslam.

NEW BILL.

Mr. Kellie introduced a bill to amend the Fire Escape Act, 1894. The bill was read a first time.

OUT OF ORDER.

Mr. Sword, seconded by the leader of the opposition, moved in another form the motion which was ruled out or order on Friday relating to re-paying to the Dominion sums amounting to $339,150, received in 1874 and 1875. Mr. Sword in support of this resolution claimed that the sum might be paid back out of the inscribed stock in the hands of the trustees, which would make it simply a change of investment and not interfere with the consolidated revenue.

Mr. Speaker was afraid that the motion was open to the same objection as the former one on the same subject moved by Mr. Sword on Friday.

The Premier to a point of order said that Mr. Sword by the resolution was trying to direct government policy, something that a private member could not do.

Mr. Semlin argued that the motion was in order on the same lines as Mr. Sword.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order. It dealt with the public money, and was open to the same objection as was the former resolution.

PRIVILEGE.

The Premier rising to a question of privilege said that he seldom rose to complain of newspapers, but he was compelled to now, as a palpably false statement appeared in an editorial of the News-Advertiser of March 18, which stated: "So thoroughly does the Premier realize his inability to reply to the speeches of the opposition that he actually resorted to the trick of getting the government's subsidized organ to publish what purported to be a speech made by him on the floor of the house, which he has since been compelled to admit he never delivered." The Premier characterized the statement as absolutely false. He never resorted to any trick of the kind, and he had the best of reasons for believing that the writer of that paragraph knew well when he penned it that he was writing what he knew was a falsehood.

The Chief Commissioner desired to make an explanation as to apparent discrepancies in the answers given by him to Mr. Vedder regarding the expenditure on the Matsqui dyke. The amount was $12,477.85 in the first answer, and $7,790.24 in the second, the apparent discrepancy being caused by the omission from the last answer of the estimated cost of the new dredge.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

Mr. Kellie asked the Minister of Finance—Is it the intention of the government to furnish justices of the peace with copies of the revised statutes of British Columbia?

The Premier—"Yes, with due regard to economy and the best interests of the province."

Mr. Kellie had a question on the protection of the river banks at Revelstoke which Mr. Speaker ruled out on the ground that it contained assumptions of fact and was not properly a question.

RETURN PRESENTED.

The Premier presented returns relating to revenue collected in various years, salaries of officers, hospitals and charities, amounts advanced to assist farmers on account of floods, etc.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS BILL.

The house went into committee of the whole on the Provincial Elections Act Amendment bill, Mr. Stoddart in the chair. The committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

PASSED THIRD READING.

The Execution act was put through committee, read a third time and passed.

The house went into committee of the whole on the Escheats and Forfeitures bill, Mr. Kidd in the chair. The committee rose, reported the bill complete, the report was adopted and the bill read a third time and passed.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The report of the Alice Arm railway bill was adopted.

The house went into committee of the whole on the Mountain tramway bill, Mr. Kennedy in the chair, and rose, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

The house went into committee of the whole on the Kootenay & Northwest Railway Company bill, Mr. Graham in the chair.

A good deal of discussion ensued on an amendment by Mr. Sword, to the effect that unless construction was carried along continuously on the line the charter would lapse within the ten years specified in the bill. The discussion was not finished when the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Higgins, before adjournment, was anxious to have night sittings forthwith, and push business through as rapidly as possible.

Hon. Col. Baker replied that work had been delayed for a week by the tactics of the opposition, but it was intended to commence night sittings this week.

PETITION PRESENTED.

Mr. Hume presented a petition from residents of Slocan City asking for five members for West Kootenay. This was ruled out of order as asking for the expenditure of public funds.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

LADIES' DAY IN THE HOUSE.

Members of the Fair Sex Present Their Annual Appeal for Enfranchisement.

To-day the members of the legislature will have to be on their best behaviour, for they are likely to have a large attendance of the fair sex watching the proceedings from the ladies' gallery. It will be the annual endeavor of the ladies to get recognition as the equals of men where voting is concerned.

The petition this year is probably the largest ever presented to the legislature of British Columbia, and contains no fewer than 1,200 names of voters and 1,300 other names, all asking that the provincial franchise be granted to women.

It was not quite decided last night as to who was to be the favored member selected to present the petition, and it is by no means improbable that the competition between the youngest and best looking members will be very keen for the honor.

THE EGG CRYSTAL.

Dainty Food Deliciously Served Made From Crystallized Egg.

A representative of the COLONIST called yesterday at the store of E. J. Saunders & Co. and demonstrated the excellence of crystallized egg as an essential of diet and cookery. In one of the spacious windows is arranged the necessary gas stove and utensils for cooking a variety of palatable food, in which the egg crystal is the principal ingredient. Delicious and dainty omelets, hot cakes, custards, cakes and ice cream, luxuries that the old-time prospectors never dreamt would become a staple feature of the modern miner, were eaten with relish. With the aid of the crystallized egg and Empress cream these, and other articles of food, may now be prepared and eaten at the most distant mines in the North, and their former rude fare of bacon and beans and indigestible bread largely and pleasantly added to. The presiding genius at the Saunders cafe is Mrs. Carrie Atkins, who explains the various advantages of the egg crystal, and to whose thorough knowledge of the art of cookery is largely due the excellence of the bill of fare.

THE STIKINE ROUTE.

A Cold Snap Puts the Trail in Good Condition for Light Travel.

The latest definite news as to the Stikine river is that given by Mr. A. S. Reed, who has just arrived from Wrangel. He started on Sunday, March 13, from Glenora, and made the trip to the mouth of the river by the Tuesday night, reaching Wrangel next day.

Mr. Reed has been in the Dease Lake country shooting big game during the winter, this being the fifth season he has put in in the northern country. He travelled from Glenora with a dog team, and says that a cold snap succeeding a thaw packed the snow hard with a fine crust on top, and made splendid travelling. On his way to the Coast he met fully 1,500 men either travelling towards Glenora or camped at different points, and by this time at least 400 men must have reached Glenora or Telegraph.

From the mouth of the river to the boundary line, a distance of thirty miles, there is a fine road perfectly suitable for horses and sleighs. As far as the boundary Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann's men have got a large quantity of supplies, and were pushing them ahead as fast as possible, taking all the advantage possible of the cold weather. He did not think, however, the cold snap would last for sufficient time to allow of the road being built on the ice as far as Glenora, but at present there was not the least difficulty for men with hand sleighs or dog trains to make their way up the river the whole way. The question however was how long the weather would remain cold as under ordinary conditions a thaw must come before long.

Queer Heart Feeling.

Queer feelings in the heart are daily complained of by multitudes of people—don't know the cause, but it makes them nervous irritable and unfit for either work or pleasure. Mr. B. A. Ross, Ailsa Craig, Ont., explains it. He says:—"It came from la-grippe. I was irritable, worried, dizzy, short of breath and had such a queer feeling in my heart that I thought I would give up the ghost. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills changed all this, and I am free to-day from all these troubles."

LAWYER SUES A JUDGE.

Defamation of Character Involved in Allegation That the Barrister is a Solicitor of Clients.

MONTREAL, March 21.—(Special)—W. A. Weir, M.L.A., has entered action against Judge Lafontaine, acting police magistrate, for $10,000 damages. The action is the sequel of a scene which took place in the police court on Thursday last, when Judge Lafontaine reprimanded Mr. Weir for giving advice to witnesses, and said he would report him to the council of the bar for soliciting clients.

Don't Let it Ache.

If your stomach, liver and bowels are working properly you will have no headache. BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS will keep you right, so there is no need to let your headache. There is lots of proof that this is so. "I had severe headache for over three years and was not free from it for a single day. Finally I used BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS, with the result that it has completely cured me." MRS. AFFLECK, Toronto.

YUKON CONTRACT PROSPECTS.

Report That Prominent Conservatives Will Support It in the Senate.

MONTREAL, March 21.—(Special)—Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann are in the city to-day and there are various rumors afloat as to the fate of the Yukon bill.

A member from one of the Montreal divisions reported that Messrs. Drummond and Sanford and several other wealthy Conservative senators will vote for the bill. On the other hand the inspired government organs do not appear so sure as they did a week ago.

Not so Easy.

It is not so easy to cure an obstinate cough; it won't cure itself. Norway Pine Syrup is the remedy indicated, because its record shows that it always cures coughs colds and all lung troubles.

FREE TO LADIES.

We will give one lady in each town or village a full sized $2 case of LUXURA, the only Toilet article in the world that will develop the bust or any part of the female form, remove wrinkles, etc. Write to-day for it. G. M. WIGGIN, 12 New 2d Street, New York.

Almost Prisoners During the Winter Months.

Confinement in Badly Ventilated Rooms Has Helped to Poison the System and Implant Seeds of Disease.

Thousands Have Lost in Strength and Weight and Are Broken in Health.

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND, THE BEST OF ALL SPRING MEDICINES, PURIFIES THE BLOOD, RESTORES NERVE FORCE AND LOST STRENGTH.

Among the first good results that are apparent from using Paine's Celery Compound in the early spring season is a perfect regularity of the bowels, good appetite sound, healthy sleep, and good digestion.

These benefits coming promptly with the use of Paine's Celery Compound naturally result in health building and the establishment of a vigorous system that is capable of resisting sickness and contagious diseases.

It should be remembered that spring weakness, nervousness, despondency, languor and that "tired feeling" prove that the matter in the nerves and spinal cord are not getting sufficient nourishment.

Paine's Celery Compound will quickly supply a fresh and abundant supply of nutriment for every tissue of the body; the great medicine is prepared for this purpose.

Paine's Celery Compound is the only medicine in the world that has earned the complete confidence of medical men and the best people in every part of the civilized world.

This world-famous medicine is the only one that can meet the needs of all who are weak and sick, and who have been confined in badly ventilated apartments during the long winter months. It quickly expels every trace of poison and disease, and gives a flow of rich, pure blood that insures perfect and true health.

If you value your life, beware of substitutes that are offered by some dealers. Paine's Celery Compound is what you need to cure you; take nothing else; it is a guaranteed spring life-giver and health-builder.

AND STILL THEY COME.

Big Steamships On Their Way With More Recruits for Klondike.

Departures of a Day for the North—Custom House Courtesy to American Callers.

British Columbia is now being looked upon by shipping men abroad as a good field for speculation—a good place for a disengaged ship to be. This may or may not be the reason why two large steamships are now voyaging here from different and remote points of the globe, or it may be that both are coming to enter the Klondike trade under private charter. The Cape Otway, a craft so new that her name has not as yet appeared in the shipping register, is one of these. She is from Australia, having left Sydney, N. S. W., on March 1, and is coming via Auckland and Honolulu. The ship is described as a beauty with elegantly furnished cabins, spacious freight holds, modern steam equipments on deck, and the lines of the most modern specimens of marine architecture. She is supposed to be carrying Australian Argonauts destined for the Canadian gold fields, but beyond this no one appears to have any knowledge of the mission she is on. A big exodus of Australian miners is looked for now, and it may be that the Cape Otway has simply been chartered by the Klondike Transport Company, known to have been organized in Sydney some few months ago. She will be due to arrive about the same time as the Miowera, on or about the 27th inst. The Ping Suey is the other vessel referred to as on her way to British Columbia. She left Yokohama on the 16th instant, and belongs to the same company as the Ningchow—the China Mutual Steam Navigation Co. She is of 3,079 tons gross register; her dimensions are 365x41.526 feet. She has a rating of 100 A1 in Lloyds, is of steel construction, and altogether is a splendid freighter. The C.P.R. liners Tartar and Athenian, en route here from the old country, should also arrive soon, the former being due on the 28th instant and the latter about twelve days later. Both will likely have to be slightly reconstructed internally before entering the northern trade.

STEAMER "DANUBE" AWAY.

C.P.N. steamers appear to have little trouble in fitting for northern ports, and the Danube, which went out last evening, was no exception to the rule. Leaving Vancouver, she will be full of freight. She will carry but few horses or dogs, however, as it is stated, and a good many prospective Klondikers are heeding the statement, that these animals can be readily and cheaply got at Skagway. The Danube's passengers, who number 150, are mostly strangers. The Victoria list is as follows: H. C. Stewart, P. C. Lanabon, F. W. Purdy, J. W. Calk, L. N. Colver, Brown, Ferguson, Whepley, Jones, Wiggin, Gibney, Mrs. Navarra, Metcalf, Clay, J. Spaden, Fred Gilbert, Fred Wilkins, A. T. Quail, D. Edgar, C. M. Larsen, A. Kramer, W. H. Roat, F. W. Fisher, John W. Clouse, C. Depentaugh, W. Jindeon, J. B. Collins, J. B. Vallentine, D. Bombonnais, A. Coeler, L. Bonlonger, Z. Longehamp, J. Blown, J. Sheret, P. C. Therob, O. A. Valentine, A. Tallion, J. G. Anderson, M. Belvir, J. W. Edwards, J. Donahue, D. M. Inlyoe, A. C. Thompson, O. B. Munn, W. Pierce, R. N. P. Creed, W. Jenkins, G. W. Brewer, A. McDougall, A. B. Taylor, H. Gibson, R. S. McDonald, J. J. Watson, J. Andrews, John Domer, F. H. Whitney, F. B. Jones, John Gibney, Mrs. L. G. Neoes, J. Wiggin, M. Gibeault, Inideau, L. A. Francois, O. Lamonte, J. A. Gannon, J. Lanonette, A. Moran, A. M. Campbell, A. J. Campbell, D. Home, D. P. Campbell, A. Vallentine, E. Vallentine. C. E. Faviar, J. G. Cooledge, A. H. Laurent, A. Fingue, K. Howard, K. Picaid, R. S. Smith, H. P. Hughes, M. Fallone, A. Taillon, A. Beodette, J. B. Cotelle, D. Picaid, A. Bourke, F. Hyland, T. W. Hyland, Dr. Stanfield and party of fourteen, Dr. Herman, Cooper, F. Derocher, C. Charbonneaux, E. Picotte, M. Picotte, Mr. Defoldsmith, T. W. Wanner, H. G. Campbell, J. F. Rarig, H. J. Fell, Thos. Milne, S. R. Fell, W. L. Lee, J. R. Carney, G. E. Lucas, A. Cinlie, C. E. Reynolds, H. R. Sedgwick, W. F. Hague, J. E. Bryant, J. Conroy.

OUTGOING SHIPS.

F. C. Davidge & Co. yesterday gave the Mist and Ramona dispatch for the north, where the latter will ply as a ferry between Wrangel and the mouth of the Stikine. The company report that prospects for filling up the Ningchow on her second voyage north are very promising. The ship left Wrangel for Skagway on Friday, and will therefore, it is expected, be no more than in time to leave again Thursday evening, on which date the Tees also sails. The Centennial will be leaving this evening, and will pick up a big freight and a number of passengers at Vancouver. It will probably be well on this morning when the Queen sails, as she did not arrive from the Sound until late last night.

SAILS DIRECT TO DAWSON.

The Halifax Chronicle contains the following interesting paragraph: "Capt. Stuart Gould and T. Corbett, of Great Village, will leave this week for Victoria, to join a little steamer which they, with others, are having built in that city for the run up the Yukon river. They expect to sail from Victoria same time in April, thence to Vancouver, up the coast and around the Alaskan peninsula to the mouth of the Yukon, and then to Dawson City."

CUSTOM HOUSE COURTESIES.

Not wishing to detain steamer or passengers longer than necessary, the Victoria customs remained open several hours longer than usual for the accommodation of those who arrived from the Sound en route North on the Queen last evening. There were in all 275 passengers, hailing from all parts of the United States, and it was to be noted that among them there were not a few Eastern Canadians. When let loose the crowd seemed to be lost as to the proper road into the city, and some found themselves nearer Beacon Hill than Government street at the end of a ten minutes' walk. In the dark, and to a stranger, the streets near the outer wharf are very puzzling, and sign boards and lights would be appreciated. The Queen remains in port until four this morning.

MARINE NOTES.

The Anchor liner Anchoria arrived at New York from Glasgow at 3 p.m. on March 21, says yesterday's C.P.N. bulletin.

Until the arrival of one of the managing owners from Peru, the bark Japan, which came here from Callo with a load of salt a few months ago, will lay up in the harbor. She was damaged badly in the upper works on her voyage to port, and repairs will not be effected until after the arrival of one of the owners. The bark is now anchored in James Bay.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

French Catholics May Accept the Government Schools—A Railway Rumor.

WINNIPEG, March 21.—(Special)—The Free Press says it is semi-officially announced in Roman Catholic quarters that the French Catholic schools of Manitoba are to be brought under the general provisions of the Manitoba Public School acts, and that greater latitude is to be given in teaching certain subjects than the law provides for. It is said that Mgr. Langevin will shortly take a seat on the Manitoba school advisory board. Members of the government refuse to discuss the matter, and say there is no change in the situation so far as they are aware.

The Free Press says if Mr. Wm. Mackenzie's financial negotiations in England are successful there will, so it is said on good authority, be a line of railway in operation from Winnipeg to the southeastern corner of the province by the time snow falls next fall. This will be a section of the proposed new line to Lake Superior.

Louis Coste, chief engineer of the public works department, Ottawa, passed through the city yesterday for the Pacific coast, where he will inspect lines and trails for the government.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Forces Assembling for Fight for All-Canadian Route to Kettle River Country.

Liberals Refuse to Investigate Mr. Bruneau—Drummond County Facts to Be Brought Out.

Money in Prospect for Prince Edward Island—The Judgeship Not Yet Awarded.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 21.—The Canadian Pacific magnates are here for the Kettle River railway fight to-morrow. The advocates of the charter to-night issued a circular to the members replying to Sir William Van Horne and the points mentioned in the telegraph despatches from Vancouver. In substance the circular objects to the Boundary Creek district being made a preserve for the Canadian Pacific.

The whole day in the house was taken up discussing Mr. Marcotte's motion that the privileges and elections committee hold an investigation into the circumstances connected with Mr. Bruneau's resignation. The motion was defeated by 79 to 39.

The Senate has decided to investigate the Drummond County railway matter, because the Commons committee is shirking proper investigation.

The writ for West Prince has been issued; nomination will be on April 6th, polling 13th.

It has been decided to refer Prince Edward Island's claims to arbitration.

A deputation from Manchester saw Sir Richard Cartwright to-day to ask for assistance for direct steamship service.

There has been no decision yet regarding the British Columbia judgeship. Mr. Fraser's friends say he is sure to get it, although there is considerable opposition to him.

W. T. Macoun, son of Professor Macoun, has been appointed horticulturist for the experimental farms.

DISREGARDING EXPERIENCE.

Swiftwater Bill Prepares to Take Unto Himself Another Wife, Even While Divorce Has Yet to Be Sought.

William Gates, Esq., more generally known as "Swiftwater Bill," is in Spokane just at present, astonishing his relatives and old friends with stories of riches beyond the dreams of avarice, gigantic business combinations evolved out of his own think-tank, and his importance generally, individually and in comparison with all the rest of the world.

In the few moments that he can steal from the cares of state and commerce, the fascinating William appears to be laying plans for a fresh matrimonial alliance. To save time in this regard he telegraphed ahead to his boyhood sweetheart to meet him at the train, which she did at 3 o'clock in the morning. The fact that he already has a wife does not appear to enter into his calculations.

"I haven't seen her since I went East," he said, "nor do I expect to. If she doesn't bring suit for a divorce, I will. Maybe not this trip, as I won't have ti me. But it's all off with her any way."

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W. O. Hughes, of St. Michael's, is registered at the Queen's hotel.

T. C. Bullen, a brother of W. F. Bullen and a former Victorian, is at the Oriental.

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