

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

San Francisco Want to Purchase the Montserrat-Overtime at Planing Mills.

Chinese Sanitation at Vancouver Native Woods for the World's Fair—L. O. G. T.

(Special to the Colonist)

VANCOUVER, March 14.—The Royal City planing mill is to be overhauled. The lumber trade here is becoming quiet.

Chas. Thulin came down on the Comox Sunday morning. He reports settlers busy enlarging their farms.

W. H. Sim has bought out the Dobson & Son coal and wood business.

Messrs. Perry Dickenson and J. Q. Barrow, of Tacoma, were here yesterday in connection with the Fraser Valley railroad.

The American tug Sine Lion towed the American bark Harry Morse into port yesterday.

Ald. Collins reported a very bad state of affairs in Chinatown. The Chinamen should be required, he advised the Council, to connect their houses with the sewers.

The position of Mud Bay residents for a canal was endorsed by the Council, and sent to Mr. Corbould, M.P.

The Council postponed for one week the discussion on guaranteeing the tramway bonds.

The exhibit of the native woods of the Province sent by the Hastings Mill to the World's Fair is very interesting.

One section of the spruce measures 6 feet 8 inches, and was cut 45 feet, 9 inches from the butt.

A section of Douglas fir measures no less than 7 feet 7 inches across, though cut 45 feet from the ground, so that the size at the butt must be enormous.

It is, however, expected that a still larger section will be obtained. Two limbs of Douglas fir measured 18 inches across, though cut 45 feet from the ground.

As well as a log of hemlock 3 feet in diameter. These were obtained from the Mill's camp near Hastings.

VANCOUVER, March 15.—The Vancouver minstrel will hold forth at Vancouver on the 22nd inst. Alf. Godman, of the Colonist, sits in the centre of the semi-circle, while the laugh makers at the extreme ends are Wis Cox and Harry Barry.

The old favorites, supported by Harry M. Gregor, Al. Larwell, Chas. Quigley and Ken Campbell. Wis Cox's song will be one of the features of the evening.

The march chorus greeting was composed by Mr. Treadall, leader of the City band, for the occasion. Sam Rob is the stump speaker for the evening.

Mr. W. Honeline, agent for the Chicago and Northwest, is in the city. He is accompanied by Mr. J. F. E. Warren, district passenger agent for the Chicago and Northwest.

The health committee compromised with Jno. Wolf, ex-scavenger, for \$250 each. He is not satisfied, as he says his contract was closed by the city.

There will be another mill between Briton and Hicks.

Coroner McNeilgan has received a letter from three loggers up Kootenay, that the body of a logger named James Shearer had been found. Deceased was from a place called Orvina, in the United States.

There were no marks of violence on the remains, which were discovered among the logs of a boom at Barborough Bay.

St. Andrew's church had a unique entertainment commencing with a play known as "Josiah Allan's Wife at Home."

The minor parts were taken by Miss Fanny McInosh, Miss Ferguson, Miss M. Johnston and Miss Connors, the last of whom is a visitor to the "At Home," sang "Annie Laurie." The whole affair created a great amount of amusement.

All the performers acted their parts very cleverly.

There are two cases of typhoid fever in the city and several cases of diphtheria. The child of Rev. Mr. Blair is hovering between life and death stricken with the latter disease.

Arrangements have been made for completing the Vancouver club building, which has been lying in an unfinished condition for nearly a year.

Three cases of the petty rascal of dobbing and cash have been reported to the police.

A. A. Barnes had part of his hand cut off in the Royal City mill. Isaac S. Clington, boiler maker, at the B.C. Iron Works, had both bones of his right arm broken by a chest of metal that fell from the hoist.

Frank Fisher's horse ran away in the park and smashed the buggy and broke Fisher's leg this morning.

A very successful revival meeting is being held in the Mount Pleasant Methodist church. Rev. Joseph Hall is being assisted by Mrs. David Robson.

Mr. Wm. Hamilton, of the Hamilton Manufacturing Co., has returned from the city. The train passed through a blizzard on the prairies, the thermometer registering 45° below zero.

Mr. Oliver Simpson has returned from Europe. Mr. Simpson says the winter was very severe in England. There was good skating for one month and the thermometer fell to lower than for years.

A false alarm of fire at 11 o'clock last night ended disastrously. John Campbell was driving the chemical engine, and when turning a corner was thrown violently to the ground, breaking his leg between the ankle and the knee. He was taken to the city hospital.

Mr. James Coville and family came yesterday on the Islander. Mr. Coville was residing at King's Island since 1890.

Twenty-seven Chinamen were ordered to scrub and white-wash their premises yesterday. The cubic space by-law was also explained to them. A sewer will be located in Fales creek and the Chinamen will be required to dump the accumulated filth of their dwellings on it, to be dumped in deep water.

WESTMINSTER, March 14.—No fresh cases of diphtheria have been reported this week. Chief Weston's children are nearly well.

A convention of delegates from the

lodges of the L.O.G.T. will be held in this city tomorrow for the purpose of forming a district lodge and electing officers.

None of the men working on the pile driver at Steveston on which Duncan MacLean worked have been affected with smallpox so far, and it is believed they will all escape.

However, should any cases occur the Provincial authorities have arranged to send them after them.

An old lady named Oliver died suddenly at her home at Mud Bay last evening. She was quite well early in the day, and the cause of her death is not explained.

At a special meeting of Harmony Encampment, No. 2, I.O.O.F., last night, it was decided to form a Canton of Patricians.

A charter has been sent for and the following officers were elected: Captain, J. E. Phillips; Lieutenant, J. B. Baker; Janitor, E. M. Gardner; Clerk, H. T. Kirk; Accountant, H. L. Caldwell; Standard-bearer, E. McDougall.

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 15.—The acting sheriff has notified the Great Northern Railway company that they must cease running over Mr. James Panch's property at Beowasville, if the action pending in the Supreme court is given in favor of the Sheriff, and a settlement is not made at once.

Thirty-five delegates attended the second annual Grand Lodge meeting of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Chilliwack Monday and Tuesday.

The visitors met with a hearty reception, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand Master, George W. Leiser; Grand Secretary, Grand Foreman, J. D. Warren; Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe, F. L. Radford; Grand Warden, George W. Leiser; Grand Deacons, George W. Leiser, H. Driscoll, Vernon; Outside Watchman, H. Hughes, Victoria. Representatives to Supreme Grand Lodge, Messrs. G. Leiser, W. H. Keary and H. Coy. In the Secretary's report it was shown that six new lodges were organized in the Province during last year, the total number now being seventeen, with a membership of 179.

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held at New Westminster on the 22nd inst. The lodge is a highly respected one, and is doing a good work.

William Zachary, a highly respected young farmer of Whonnock, died in the Fraser on Saturday evening last. He had been in Westminster during the day purchasing supplies for a "box" which he intended having this week, and on reaching Langley by the steamer Telephone he loaded his goods into his boat and started for home.

Yesterday search was made for the boat which was found fast on a snag in the harbor. One car was gone. It is surmised that the unfortunate young man slipped and fell overboard while attempting to push the boat. William Zachary was an Englishman, about 32 years of age, and had only been in the country about four years.

NANAIMO, March 14.—Caldwell & Lewis, merchant tailors, have dissolved partnership; the former will continue the business.

The late Robert Campbell, brother of Ald. J. Campbell, who died at Esquimalt on Sunday, was buried here this afternoon.

Deceased was a native of Cape Breton, aged fifty-two, and had spent most of his life in prospecting.

Captain Blackburn, of the steamer Montserrat, says that \$75,000 has been offered for the fall, was closed during the winter, but is now open every evening, and is largely patronized by the young men in the town.

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On Tuesday morning last the Colonist published a number of reports received by the reading room in reference to the rumored trouble among the Northern Indians, the last and most authoritative piece of information being contained in a letter to Superintendent Huxley from Mr. H. J. Kirkland, manager of the British Columbia Canning Co.'s establishment at River's Inlet.

Mr. Kirkland expressed himself as confident that tribal war was a long way off, and for particulars of the trouble referred the Superintendent to a detailed report furnished by the manager of the establishment at River's Inlet, Mr. S. McFarlane, the company's bookkeeper, who spent the winter at the Inlet. This report reached Westminster yesterday and is appended.

REPORT. (From the Nelson Tribune.)

While some of the mines on which development work is being done do not look quite as well as they did a month ago, others, again, look better; while the shipments have fallen off, the number of men employed has not decreased.

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opponents is that the better part of Commercial street has been undermined and that it would be impossible to erect brick and stone blocks with safety.

The city is negotiating with Mr. G. Gibson for the purchase of the portion of his lot now occupied by the Commercial street tunnel, \$500, and he has now the opinion that that amount will not adequately recompense him for parting with such a valuable frontage.

Should the city succeed in their deal with Mr. Gibson it will be necessary next to purchase a portion of the adjoining Sabiston-Wilcox property.

The water from England of Mr. G. W. Vancouver Coal Co., with his bride, will be celebrated next week by a grand reception in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, to which all the young people in town have been invited.

LADNER'S LANDING, March 13.—The dead body of a young man has been washed ashore at Boundary Bay, which, to all appearances, has been in the water some time.

From papers found on the body it seems to be that of Mr. H. B. Alexander, of Blaine. The young man had evidently been out shooting, and a number of cartridges were found on him, but how he came in the water is not yet known.

The new council promise well, as already reported. The work is being completed for the new season, which it is expected will be very busy one.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Important Report as to the Extension of the City Sewerage System.

A Sum of \$125,000 to Be Asked for the Construction of Surface Drains.

The usual weekly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night, His Worship the Mayor presiding.

There was a full attendance of members, with the exception of Ald. Beck.

The Finance committee recommended the payment of \$2,737, which was approved of. The street committee reported in favor of repairing Rockland avenue, and that they had invited Mr. A. De Cosmo to meet them on Tuesday next, re his claim. Ald. adopted.

ALD. McKEILGAN introduced a by-law, which would extend a street lighting, city hall, public market and fire department.

ALD. BAKER asked that the by-law be referred to him, to raise a sum of money to provide for the construction and improvement of certain surface drains in the city, to be read a second time.

ALD. BAKER thought the by-law impracticable and inconsistent, and asked that the opinion of the City Baristers be taken up on it. It would interfere with the Local Assessment by-law, and he believed that if passed the by-law would be unworkable.

The motion was carried. The Mayor proposed that the bonds of the City should be sold for the purpose of raising the money to be used for the construction and improvement of certain surface drains in the city, to be read a second time.

ALD. BAKER pointed out that some of the work contemplated by this by-law was not contemplated by the Local Improvement by-law, and he believed that if passed the by-law would be unworkable.

ALD. STYLES concurred. If they had power to borrow money for surface drains they would certainly have power to raise money to complete the sewerage system.

The Mayor expressed the opinion that the by-law proposed would conflict with the Local Improvement by-law, and he believed that if passed the by-law would be unworkable.

After further discussion the by-law was read a second time. It proposes to deal with drains on King's road, Work estate, View street and branches, Spring Ridge and Franklin road, Cook street, and branches, Michigan and Superior streets, George street, Menzies street, North and South Pacific streets, Victoria street, and other necessary drains not specified above.

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