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acts relating to these companies that leases granted to them shall contain a covenant prohibiting the employment of Chinese or Japanese.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Williams asked the chief commissioner of lands and works: "What is the value of work done and value of materials supplied by Frederick Adams under his contract re new parliament buildings, as certified to by the architect? Also amount paid to said Frederick Adams under said contract?"

Hon. Mr. Martin—The architect's certificate of December 14th of the value of the work done and materials supplied by Contractor Adams gave the amount as $109,000. The amount paid to the contractor was $104,150.48.

The private bills committee reported that the standing orders had been complied in respect to the petition from the corporation of Nanaimo re the official survey.

The Harrison Hot Spring bill passed through committee without amendments.

The debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Williams that the government shall introduce legislation for the purpose of enforcing the residence of a supreme court judge at Vancouver.

Mr. Cotton said it was absolutely necessary to have a judge at Vancouver. There had not been a judge there for several weeks and much hardship had been caused.

Hon. Mr. Davie asked what method the mover of the resolution would adopt to force a judge to reside at Vancouver.

Mr. Williams thought the government should devise the means. The matter could be settled by providing that the new judge to be appointed should reside in Vancouver.

Hon. Mr. Davie—It is the chief justiceship that is vacant. The Dominion government is not likely to order the chief justice to reside in any particular portion of the province.

The motion was adopted.

The house went into committee, Mr. Mutter in the chair, to consider Dr. Walkem's homestead bill. To give members an opportunity to introduce amendments, the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Eberts moved the second reading of the county courts bill. The amendment proposed to allow either a plaintiff or a defendant to transfer a case from the supreme court to the county court.

The bill was read a second time, there being no discussion.

Hon. Mr. Martin continued the debate on the estimates. He read a letter in the News-Advertiser and correspondence in regard to the expenditure in the municipality of Richmond. He contended that it was the duty of the government to make liberal expenditures in depressed times. The government, however, had passed their examination and been granted a certificate by the electors. The government were earnestly working for the advancement of the province.

Mr. Williams took this occasion to congratulate the premier upon his contemplated elevation to the bench. He had heard that at a public banquet held last evening it was stated that this elevation was to take place. He would also congratulate the hon. third member for Victoria, Mr. Helmcken, upon the contemplated advancement of that hon. gentleman to a position in the cabinet. He understood these elevations were hinted at at the banquet held last evening. Referring to the remarks of Mr. Rithet, Mr. Williams said that if the opposition attacks upon the government were feeble, the government's attempts to justify their acts were equally feeble. The hon. the chief commissioner of lands and works had grown eloquent over the tactics followed at the recent elections. That gentleman only obtained his re-election by appealing to the strong railway company whose road ran through his district. Then there were the methods pursued in Vancouver. Yesterday the attorney-general said the government had made no promises to the citizens of Vancouver. If what the attorney-general said was true one government candidate at Vancouver was placed in an unenviable position. Mr. Tatlow, the government candidate, made the statement that the attorney-general promised to extend provincial aid to a dry dock and normal school at Vancouver. If the government never intended to extend that aid he did something unworthy the attorney-general of the province. The promises were made simply to influence the electors. When Mr. McPherson said that Nanaimo had received $45,000, the hon. member for South Nanaimo district called out, "What did Nanaimo ever get before?" He would in answer ask, was Nanaimo ever before represented by a government supporter? He did not want any further evidence of the dishonesty of the government. He would like to know why the house had been called together. Nothing had so far been brought forward that justified the government in calling an early session. Perhaps they were so hounded by their creditors that they wanted the members of the house to be present to support them. He was surprised at the attorney-general thinking so lightly of the act of breaking open ballot boxes that he did not think it necessary for the house to interfere. A very flagrant breach of the law had been committed, and yet the attorney-general did not think it necessary for the intervention of the department of justice or the legislature. The attorney-general said, "Show me the criminal and I will deal with him." Whoever heard such an utterance? What were the police for? The premier in this matter had acted like a politician, and not like a statesman or prime minister. It was not the duty of the member for Chilliwack to ferret out criminals. The province supported a police force for that purpose. It was very poor policy for the government to force settlers to pay their arrears now that the times were hard. The arrears should never have been allowed to accumulate. It was a wonder the government did not use the certified checks given by the contractors for the parliament buildings the same as they had used the other trust funds. Mr. Adams, the contractor for the buildings, had put in a tender for $444,508, which included the steam heating, but the heating was given to another man, and Mr. Adams' tender is now for $380,000. Although when calling for tenders the government had stated that the successful tenderer would have to give bonds for the due performance of the contract, Mr. Adams had never been asked to give these bonds, the only security the government had from him being a certified check for 2 per cent. of his tender. Why were not all the contractors treated alike? Was it a business proposition? Mr. Adams could simply say "if there is any profit in it I will finish the work and if not the government can finish it." It is a case of heads I win, tails you lose, just like the Nakusp & Slocan railway. He predicted that the government's action in not securing bonds from the contractor would cost the province a couple of hundred thousand dollars. Then, again, although the specifications said the contractor was only to receive 75 per cent. of the value of work done, Mr. Adams had received $104,000, while he had only done work to the value of $109,000. He compared the debt of British Columbia with that of the other provinces and went on to say that the cost of civil government was increasing while the revenue continued to decrease. Although the revenue from various sources had fallen short last year the finance minister estimated the same sources of revenue for 1896 higher than he did last year. If the government had to go to the money markets for another loan they would have to go with a different statement than they have previously gone with. The last loan was to convert the debt of the province and previous ones were for public works. This time they wanted money to pay debts that had already been incurred. It was to be feared that they would not be able to borrow money for this purpose on such favorable terms as they had received when borrowing other moneys. For the sake of the province it was to be hoped that they would be able to get favorable terms, but he feared that they would not. The government were still increasing the cost of civil service. It was proposed to appoint a crown solicitor, and a smaller matter was the vote of $300 for the trip to Ontario of Prof. Odlum, the government candidate who lost his $200 deposit at Vancouver. He would not say that the sum was voted to recoup Prof. Odlum for the $200 he had lost and the time he had spent by becoming a government candidate.

Mr. Sword contended that the people had voted for the government under a misapprehension of the government's policy of the past, and also because they were lead to believe through the promise of the attorney-general that much better provision would be made for productive public works. He would be willing to support the government in making much larger appropriations for these works, of course, always supposing that they had the money. The trouble was that they spent too much on unproductive public works. The minister of finance had referred to the vote for a crown attorney. If he turned up the public accounts he would find that the amounts paid professional men for attending to crown cases did not amount to as much as the sum to be voted for the crown attorney. Although not objecting to a vote of $25,000 for a survey in connection with the Fraser River overflow, he thought that vote was just an evasion of promises made to protect land. There was much land that would not be affected by the survey, which should be protected. The government had all through the debate tried to imply that the opposition objected to liberal appropriations for productive public works. What the opposition claimed was that the government did not have enough money to expend on productive public works, as they expended too much on unproductive work. He contended that the real value of the province's bonds would be known when another issue was made. The finance minister had stated that the Nakusp & Slocan railway bonds had been issued at 3 1-2 per cent. When he said that he was deceiving the people, as they were issued at 4 per cent. He could not understand why the bonds guaranteed by the government were not as good as the straight bonds. He had made calculation and had come to the same result as the member for East Lillooet had arrived at. If the 3 per cent. bonds were worth 98 the Nakusp & Slocan bonds should have brought 117 instead of 102. There could not be any difference between the value of straight bonds and guaranteed bonds, as the only security the bondholders had in either case was the province, whether there was a sinking fund or not. The finance minister said that the market price of the province's bonds was 98. The government would not get that price for a new issue.

Hon. Mr. Davie—We don't expect it.

Mr. Sword—The reason that they would not get the market price was because they were again borrowing. It was too bad that the government did not bring down the correspondence respecting the bonds. He had hoped that before this time it would be known in just what position the Nakusp & Slocan railway was. There were rumors that the C. P. R. had not yet taken over the road. If the government knew anything about this they should enlighten the public. Action should be taken to do away with the mortgage tax. This had been repeatedly brought to the attention of the minister of finance. The man who borrowed the money had to pay the tax and therefore he paid a double tax on his land. It was only fair to ask that the tax be done away with or that the taxes on mortgaged property be reduced. Some move should be made to take advantage of the provision for the appointment of official scalers of logs, a number of candidates having passed the necessary examinations. It was a remarkable thing that certain special warrants issued in Nov., 1893, did not come up at the session held in January, 1894. One of those warrants was for a large amount for commission and expenses in connection with the parliament buildings loan. It looked very much as if those warrants were not brought before the house at the last session because they would show that the province would have to make up a deficiency for the parliament buildings, which would not have looked well just before the elections. Then there were other sums that had been expended during the year that should have been sanctioned at the last session. He hoped the government would see their way clear to strike out the vote for the fifth minister. It was a reflection on the government supporters to allow that vote to remain on the estimates. He was sure that all would rejoice with the finance minister in the unexpected find of a million dollars in connection with the arrears on lands. It would be interesting to know how long these arrears had been accruing, and it did not reflect much credit on a government that did not before find out that a large sum was due to them for land sales. It would reflect more credit on the government if they could show a decrease in the amounts in the estimates for the civil service and an increase in the votes for productive public works.

Mr. Mutter held that the members of the house did not have enough information to determine the per capita debts of the different provinces. He then moved the adjournment of the debate, which motion was adopted.

Mr. Rogers presented a petition from the Vancouver Gas Company against certain amendments to the Vancouver incorporation act which they held would interfere with their rights.

The Speaker gave his decision on Mr. Helmcken's motion to amend the small debts act, deciding that he could introduce the amendment on the third reading.

The house adjourned at 6 o'clock.

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THE MARKETS.

Short Summary Covering Articles of Every Day Consumption.

In the markets all is preparation for the holidays. Turkeys are coming in, raisins, citrons and currants are being displayed, mince meat opened up, and stocks of fruits and nuts and candy increased. Turkeys will very likely be cheaper this season than has been the rule. Stocks are large with rather low. Wheat is firmer with brighter prospects of heavy shipments and a decline is expected. Prices are already marked prospects and local prices of flour have been advanced. This will be welcome news to farmers who will hope that the advance will be of upermanent nature. California navel and seedling oranges are in. The former retail at 50@65 cents per dozen. New California lemons are also in and are selling well at 35 cents per dozen. Prospects for Christmas trade are very good.

Retail prices are below:

Flour	
Albany	4 50
Ogilvie's (Hungarian)	5 00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5 00
Premier	5 00
Three Star	4 50
Victoria	4 50
Wheat, per ton	30 00@35 00
Oats, per ton	34 00@40 00
Barley, per ton	32 00@35 00
Middlings, per ton	30 00
Bran, per ton	27 00@30 00
Ground Feed, per ton	30 00@35 00
Corn, whole	45 00
" cracked	50 00
Cornmeal, per 10 lb	40
Oatmeal, per 10 lb	50
Rolled oats, per 16	5
Potatoes, local	1@1 1-2
California sweet potatoes, per lb	2@3
Cabbage	02
Red cabbage	03
Hay, baled, per ton	18 00@20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00
Onions, per lb	4@5
Eggs, per doz	50
Eggs, eastern	25
Sugar per pound	6 1-2
Butter, island, per lb	35
Eastern Butter	25@35
" American, per lb	18@20
Hams, American, per lb	20
" Canadian, per lb	17@20
Bacon, American, per lb	22
" Rolled, per lb	18
" Long clear, per lb	17
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard, per lb	15@20
Pig's feet, per doz	75
Tongues and Sounds, per kit	2 25
Meats—Beef per lb	6@15
Mutton per lb	6@15
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@15
Veal, per lb	9@15
Lamb,	33@34
Chickens, per pair	1.50@2.00
Turkeys, per lb	18@20
Geese, per lb	15@18
Fish—Smoked salmon (spring) per lb	15
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	10@12
Rabbits, apiece	50
Salmon (Smoked), per lb	8@10
Halibut	10@12
Smoked halibut	12 1-2
Cod, per lb	8@10
" (Nfld), per lb	12 1-2
Small fish	5@8
Smelts, per lb	10@12
Sturgeon, per lb	10@8
Herring (Labrador), per doz	50
" (smoked) "	50
Eastern oysters, fresh, per quart	75
Fruits—Apples, per lb	03
Bananas per doz	20@30
Oranges—California navals	50@65
" Japanese, per box	75
Lemons, California, per doz	35
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00
Pineapples, apiece	15@50
Quinces, per lb	3@5
Cranberries, per quart	25
Oregon Apples	04

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BRIEF LOCALS

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—The ship Colorado, loading lumber, will sail for Sydney, Australia, the end of the week.

—Northern Light juvenile branch, A. O. F., were banquetted last night by the Companions of the Forest. An interesting musical and literary programme was furnished afterward.

—A Neah bay Indian bearing the illustrious name of Ben Butler was arrested on Government street last night in an interesting state of intoxication. In the police court this morning he was fined $5 and costs. He is in the lockup pending the payment of the fine.

—A vacant store on Government street has been hired by the British Columbia Benevolent Society, and Christmas donations to the poor are being stowed away. The school children have contributed an unusually large quantity of provisions.

—The Teachers' Institute has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Mr. E. B. Paul; Vice-President, Miss Lawson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. Ross; executive, Miss A. D. Cameron, Miss Barron, and Messrs. Tait and Muir.

—At the induction of Rev. P. McF. Macleod at Central Presbyterian church to-night, Rev. J. Murison will preach; Rev. Dr. Campbell will address the minister and Rev. D. MacRae the congregation. Rev. T. Rogers presides. The ceremony begins at 7:30.

—At a special meeting of the Conservative Association held last night a resolution of condolence and regret at the death of Sir John Thompson was passed. It also pledged the association's support to Mackenzie Bowell, the new incumbent of the office. The resolution of condolence will be engrossed and forwarded to Lady Thompson.

—The Victoria Amateur Minstrels met last evening to receive the report of the treasurer and executive committee. The total receipts were shown to have been $1144.00, and bills to the total of $1090.85 were audited and passed. The reports were received and adopted, the committee were given a vote of thanks for their work and the treasurer was authorized to forward to the Victoria lacrosse club the balance of $47.15.

—The school children have again come to the aid of the poor. The little ones have daily been bringing flour, potatoes, apples, sugar, tea, coffee and other articles along with them to their respective schools, until, at the present there are large cart loads at the schools which will be handed over to the Benevolent Society. Names of the deserving poor sent into President Burnes or to the Times office will receive attention.

—H. M. S. Wild Swan, a screw sloop of eight guns, 1130 tons and 300 horse power, was commissioned at Devonport on December 6th for service on this station. The following is a list of her officers: Commander, Macvey Napier; Lieutenants D. St. A. P. Weston, Sampson, Sladen and W. H. Dutton (R. N. R.); engineers, H. Gainsford; paymaster, C. H. A. Ward; gunner, Fred G. Blewett. This vessel served a commission on this station about four years ago.

—The charge of attempted murder pending against Y. Osawa, who was alleged to have stabbed Fred Wollaston on the arm on James Bay bridge, a week ago last Saturday night, was dismissed in the police court this morning. Magistrate Macre did not regard the evidence against the Japanese as sufficiently strong to warrant him in binding him over for trial in the higher court. None of the witnesses who saw the assault could identify Osawa or suggest anything connecting him with the affair, and the only thing that pointed to him as the assailant was his own admission to Constables Perdue and Hutchinson that he had run after some men who had broken his window.

—Perseverance lodge No. 1, I. O. G. T., held their weekly meeting last evening in Temperance hall, Pandora street. After the opening services there was a recess. On resuming business the grand chief templar, who was present, was called to the chair. The following programme was then rendered: Solos by Mr. Moody and Mrs. Newbiggin, accompaniment by Mrs. L. Hall. The reading of the lodge paper, Truth by Miss Townsend, was well received and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the editors. The grand chief templar, Rev. Mr. Green, gave an address setting forth the doings of the order in the upper country, which was well appreciated and called forth a vote of thanks. his closed the evening's entertainment.

From Thursday's Daily.

—Miss Mary Jane Owens, of Tolmie school, has won the first prize in composition. She wrote a historical essey that would have been creditable to one of mature years. This is not the first time that Miss Owens has taken high honors.

—The Y. M. C. A. team has decided not to enter the junior association football club's competition for the trophy. Owing to the non-attendance of representatives of the Wanderers the meeting of the junior association was not held.

—James H. Woods, of Alberni, has a delusion. He thinks he is a second cousin of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, and that he has been promised a lucrative billet by the autocrat at Berlin. Woods is also an inventor of no mean ability. He claims to have invented an Atlantic greyhound that ploughs the briny deep at the rate of a locomotive. Dr. Duncan and Dr. Wade have examined Woods and have pronounced him insane. Woods is in the provincial police station but will soon be taken to the Royal City.

—Some time last night a thief paid a visit to the steamer Sadie, lying at Porter's wharf, and stole three pairs of blankets. Captain Barry reported the matter to Chief Sheppard this morning, and an endeavor will be made to catch the thief.

—E. McKinnon, alias Jim Anderson, is in the city jail charged with the theft of a diamond locket and chain from Mr. Lange of Douglas street. Chief Sheppard arrested McKinnon in the act of pawning his booty. The case will come up in the police court Friday morning.

—The marriage of George C. McKiel, conductor on the E. & N. railway, and Miss Fannie Calvert, took place last evening at the Four Mile House, Craigflower, F. N. Corbin and G. M. Calvert supporting the groom and bride. The marriage service was performed by Rev. D. MacRae. Mr. and Mrs. McKiel took last night's steamer for Portland for their wedding trip.

—John S. Hickford, of the Dominion steamer Quadra, and Miss Ada E. Unwin, were united in marriage yesterday at St. Saviour's church, Rev. Canon Paddon performing the ceremony. The Misses Dora and Nellie nwin, sisters of the bride, attended her, and they as well as the bride were prettily gowned. Mr. Hickford was supported by C. Bloomquist. The couple will make Victoria their home.

—The induction of Rev. P. McF. Macleod as pastor of Central Presbyterian church, James Bay, took place in the church last evening in the presence of a crowd that filled the place to the doors. Those who assisted in the induction were Rev. T. H. Rogers of Wellington, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. D. MacRae. The address delivered were all very able. Services closed with the singing of the doxology and benediction was pronounced by Rev. Rogers.

—A large and varied collection of minerals of the United States and Canada, and particularly of the province of British Columbia, is on exhibition at the board of trade building. The exhibition belongs to Mr. H. Rutland, and is the result of years of patient labor. To examine the specimens would be a treat to a study of geology, and they would prove equally interesting to the practical miner.

—Long Do, the Chinaman charged with robbing Russell & McDonald's store, was, after a hearing in the police court this morning, committed for trial. Officer Cameron gave evidence as to the arrest of the prisoner, whom he caught removing the goods from an old building near the store which was robbed. Mr. Russell fully identified the stolen property and a pretty complete case was made out against the accused. About one third of what was stolen was recovered.

—The gentlemen's sale of work at the Calvary Baptist church on Tuesday night drew a large crowd on account of its novelty and comical features. The ladies had a refreshment table and a table with ladies's fancy work on it, but still the great attraction was the department presided over by A. B. McNeill. There were all manner of articles made by men. The tripe supper served by Messrs. Mills and Walker was a feature. During the evening the glee club, led by G. F. Watson sang, E. Clarke gave an address. Mr. Firth sang and Mr. Baldwin spoke.

—Rev. Father Woods, S. J., is a guest of Bishop Lemmens at the palace, on Yates street. During his stay in the city he will deliver the following course of lectures at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral: Friday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m., subject: "Faith and Its Dignity;" Saturday, 22nd, at 7:30 p.m., subject: "The Obligations of Faith;" Sunday, 23rd, morning, at 10:30, subject: "The Exercise of Faith; evening, at 7 o'clock, subject: "The Enemies of Faith;" Christmas midnight, subject: "Influence of Faith in the World." Christmas, 10:30, subject: "The Church, the Preacher of Faith;" Sunday, December 30, 10:30 a.m., subject: "The Rewards of Faith;" 7 p.m., subject: "The End of the Year."

—His Worship Mayor Teague, Adjutant Archibald and Thomas J. Burnes, who are very kindly serving as the board of management on the charitable movement started by the Times, have secured room 7 of the market building, and on Saturday will be there from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive donations. They have found many needy persons, and serviceable shoes and clothing and food of any kind will be most welcome. They have very kindly volunteered to take full charge of it and see to its distribution. About every house are different articles of clothing of no further use to the wearers, but they would prove very welcome to improperly clothed poor people. Adjutant Archibald and Mayor Teague have a most worthy plan in hand. It is to start a sort of restaurant where the hungry may be fed. There are a couple of available rooms in the market, they can be fitted up for little or nothing, and the Salvation Army promise to take hold of the matter. It is proposed to run it on lines of the strictest economy and yet make it self-supporting in as far as that is possible. Meals will be served at cost to the hungry if they have any money at all and free to the absolutely impoverished. There will be a wood sawing department, where an able bodied man can earn his food. The idea will very likely be put in effect in a few days.