

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Parliament Buildings Committee Report Again the Subject of Discussion.

Hon. Mr. Davie Gets His Obnoxious Amendments Into Vancouver City Act.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The speaker took the chair at two o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from Dominion Lodge, I. O. G. T., in favor of the Sunday observance bill. Read and received.

Mr. Kitchen moved that whereas owing to the loss occasioned by the floods last summer many of the farmers are in absolute need of seed grain, and are devoid of the means of obtaining the same; be it resolved, that in the opinion of this house it is desirable that the government should take into consideration the advisability of making advances of seed grain to meet actual requirements.

The resolution was altered to bring it in order.

Hon. Col. Baker thought it would be establishing a bad precedent.

Dr. Walken pointed out that the government had already established the precedent, they having assisted the settlers at the time of the flood.

Mr. Forster contended that the government had made themselves liable to assist the settlers. Assistance had been offered from the east, and the government had telegraphed east that the province was able to take care of the settlers.

Hon. Mr. Turner held that the government had done right in refusing assistance from the east. If one business was assisted all would have to be assisted.

Mr. Minter thought that the government should lend assistance to the farmers who suffered from the floods, it to be returned when the farmers are able to do so.

The resolution was passed.

Mr. Semlin, on a question of privilege, suggested that the committee not to have the house adjourned on Friday, but to sit for another week to allow of full consideration of the important question that the attorney-general had brought up yesterday respecting the parliament buildings committee's report.

If the house sat for another week the matter could be referred back to the committee.

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Mr. Semlin—That is more reason why the committee should go into the matter.

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ment until we have the printed evidence before us.

There being an objection the motion could not come up until Thursday, and the speaker ruled any further discussion out of order.

The house went into committee on the Vancouver incorporation act amendment bill.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved his amendment to prevent cities from competing with private companies which are carrying on water works, gas and other systems in cities. This is the amendment which the attorney-general says is for the protection of capitalists against the cities.

Private capital, he contended, had to be protected or the streets would be overcrowded with men out of work and their starving wives and children.

Mr. Cotton opposed the amendment on principle, and also because neither the companies nor the people had asked for the same. Taking the gas company, when they were incorporated they never asked for a monopoly. At present Vancouver was paying three times more for gas than New Westminster, and if the city wished to do so they should be allowed to supply the people with cheaper gas.

The house had no equal right to force certain conditions on one party to an agreement, which the attorney-general was practically trying to do with Vancouver. The attorney-general was giving to companies monopolies which they have not now got. The clause in the act of 1892 which allows the corporation to go into the business of gas and other works, which the attorney-general said had been smuggled into the act, was drawn in the handwriting of the hon. Theodore Davie and was introduced at the suggestion of Mr. Horne, the late member, who was at the time a large shareholder in the street railway company and thought it would be a good thing to sell out to the city. He did that amendment in his possession. If the attorney-general wished to protect capital why did he not look after the local capital? Was it not in the interest of every citizen to get cheap light? The attorney-general did not care for the citizens, but proposed to put a few companies in a better position than they asked to be put in.

Hon. Mr. Davie denied that Mr. Cotton had an amendment in his handwriting. He had never introduced the amendment.

Mr. Cotton—I have the amendment, and it is in your handwriting. I did not say that you introduced it, but that you drew it. I introduced it myself at the suggestion of Mr. Horne.

Captain Irving spoke in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Hunter was not opposed to competition, but he did say that public money should not be used in competition with private enterprise. No one wished to restrict reasonable competition.

The committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The house rose at 5.50.

EVENING SESSION.

The house again went into committee on the Vancouver city amendment bill, and the debate was continued on Hon. Mr. Davie's amendment.

Mr. McPherson entered a protest against the amendment.

Mr. Cotton said one of the reasons why the mayor and aldermen were opposed to the bill was because there was a suit pending between the city and the Vancouver electric light works, and they did not wish the house to interfere with a question now in litigation.

Mr. Williams also opposed the amendment.

The amendment was adopted on division.

Numerous other amendments were introduced, some were passed and others defeated, and the bill was reported complete.

The house adjourned at 11.10.

A FORCIBLE DISCUSSION.

Edgar Crow Baker Has a Slight Altercation With James Angus.

Edgar Crow Baker and James Angus had a little encounter on Government street this morning, and the former is to be brought into police court, to answer a charge of assault. The dispute arose over a very simple matter, as far as can be gathered from all reports. The Victoria Electric Company, of which Mr. Baker is secretary and managing director, rented an account to Mr. Angus, in which the latter claimed his private account and the account of the firm he represents were mixed. He sought Mr. Baker this morning and asked for an explanation. It seems that they have not been speaking for some time, and Mr. Baker reminding Mr. Angus that he had hit him on the street, asked him why he came to him then. Mr. Angus' reply was that he was not then speaking to him as "Edgar Crow Baker" but as "the secretary of the Victoria Electric Company." Then it was that Mr. Baker took him by the neck and shook him. Mr. Angus was very much excited over the thing, and declared that Mr. Baker had attempted to choke him. Shortly after the meeting Mr. Angus appeared at police court and Clerk Page prepared an information charging Mr. Baker with assault. Magistrate Macrae was not in his office, but Mr. Angus was not at all disposed to wait for Constable Cameron he went before Thomas Shobert, J. P.

The summons was served this afternoon and the case will come up before Magistrate Macrae in the police court Saturday morning.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—James Free, agent, 91 Johnson st., shipped yesterday 300 feet of Dick's patent being to the Brunette saw mill, New Westminster.

—Alfred Peate pleaded guilty to the shooting of a doe out of season and was fined \$25 by Magistrate Macrae in the provincial police court.

—The Royal Templars meeting last night A. B. Fraser and W. Gleason gave reports of the grand council conference at Vancouver last week.

—The tramway directors met last night and chose Major Dupont as president, D. J. Jones, Vice-President, and Hedley Chapman, Secretary.

—S. A. Theson and Martin Christensen, two of the Bella Coola colonists, arrived down on the steamer Thistle. They are going back to Crookston, Minn., to put in the winter on the C. P. R.

—His Lordship Bishop Perrin will leave Friday morning for England, accompanied by Miss Perrin. They will cross the continent on the C. P. R. and will go from New and to Southampton by the American line. His lordship is making the trip for health and recreation, and will be absent from the city for a few months.

—Sergeant John Langley and Provincial Constable Hutchison returned this morning from a cruise among the islands in the naphtha launch. They did not go for pleasure but still they return considerably tanned and in first class health. The object of the cruise was to keep a lookout for sheep thieves, who have been rather bold in their operations lately. Although they did not catch any thieves, the trip may have a desirable effect of "shooing" them off.

—The Alaska Packers' Association is building a steamer at San Francisco, says the Port Townsend Leader. The new vessel will first touch the water in the Yukon river in Alaska. The vessel is so constructed that it can easily be taken north on a sailing vessel during the coming summer season. The steamer is a good-sized river boat, almost as large as the regular Sound steamers. She is 30 feet long by 24 feet beam, and will be built to stand rough usage by ice during the northern winters.

—The James Bay Athletic association at a meeting held last night elected officers and committees: Hon. Patron, Mr. A. C. Flimmerfelt; President, Mr. H. D. Hallock; M. P., Vice-President, Ven. Archibald Scott; Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Dallaine. Boating committee—Messrs. D. O'Sullivan, E. O. Finlayson, G. W. Jorgeson, E. E. Billingshurst and James D. Watson. House committee—Ven. Archibald Scott, Messrs. E. E. Bailey, W. R. Higgins, F. A. Gowen and H. B. Haines. Mr. G. H. Jesse was elected member of the association.

—The patent oil feeder found in the cabin occupied by John Murphy, J. Simpson and Peter Nelson who built up quite a reputation in a criminal way in a very few days, has been identified by the engineer of the steamer T. W. Carter, having been stolen from the vessel a week ago today. Murphy told Chief Sheppard this afternoon that there were two other men implicated in the different robberies and it is understood that he gave their names. It is probable, however, that they are out of the way by this time.

—All was mirth at the Busy Bee concert at Calvary Baptist church last night. The programme was as usual a musical and literary treat: Chorus, B. H. Bay; solo; recitation, Florrie Oskel; solo, Mattie Andrews; recitation, May Few; solo, Pearl Welsh; recitation, M. Smith; solo, Alma Roberts; duet, Effie and Lizzie Scott; dialogue, four girls; chorus, B. B. Society.

—The steamer Thistle arrived here today with an immense cargo of halibut, having altogether about one hundred thousand pounds. On Saturday sixty-eight thousand pounds of fish were taken in seven hours, which is perhaps the greatest amount ever taken anywhere in the Pacific in anything like that time. The fish will very likely be shipped at once, part to San Francisco and the rest to the east, and it is not improbable that the steamer Thistle will go to the Sound herself without the trouble of shipping by the City of Kingston being taken.

—Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., held their weekly meeting last evening in the Temperance hall, Pandora street, where a good number of visitors were present from the three sister lodges. After the opening ceremonies there was one sister admitted by card and a brother initiated to the order. The officers entertained the lodge with a programme of songs. Messrs. L. Hall, Ayers, Maynard, Russell and Cormack sang, and Mr. Wilson, C. T., gave a reading. Coffee and cakes were plentifully supplied, for which the officers received a hearty vote of thanks, and quite a lively time was spent. Visitors are always welcomed by the lodge.

—Work has been resumed on the government buildings. Mr. Adams is at Haddington island, Mr. Spittlehouse is directing the work here and Architect Huttonby is being backed by the government, and the premier is being groomed for a fast, high moral finish in the whole trouble. It is said that the leader of the government will take a decided stand in the house against the contractors and will produce some correspondence in his speech that may contradict some of the evidence given before the select committee. His move will be to have the matter referred back to the committee. That will shelve it, if nothing else, until the next session, and then, well, it will be somebody else's funeral then.

—Peter Nelson and John Murphy were in the police court again this morning.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report



both to answer to the charge of pointing a revolver, and the latter in addition to be given a preliminary hearing on the charge of having broken into the counting room of the power house of the city. Nelson pleaded guilty to the charge and was given fourteen days with hard labor, while Murphy stood trial and was given a month with hard labor. It was of little use to send either of them to jail for the offence, as they had already been committed to jail for breaking into the bonded warehouse at the outer wharf. Murphy was then given a hearing on the charge of breaking into the power house office. The revolver stolen was easily identified and the act was committed by Murphy. Murphy is believed by the police to be an accomplished and energetic crook.

—The Victoria Chess club elected officers last night and drew up a constitution. There are 23 charter members on the roll and for the benefit of local chess players, the charter will be kept open till March 17, to give all a chance to join. After that date an admission fee will be charged. The officers elected are honorary presidents, Hon. Theodor Davis and Senator McLuskey; President, P. Schwenger; Vice-Presidents, P. T. Johnston and B. Williams; Secretary, Treasurer, R. H. Johnston; and committee—T. H. Piper, J. R. Hunnux and William Stewart. There are several first class players of this old Hindustan game in the Victoria club, Messrs. Schwengers Piper and Hunnux having more than a local reputation. Club nights are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. A handicap tournament will begin next Thursday, and during the progress of the game no doubt the club rooms at the Wilson will be filled with enthusiastic devotees of chess.

—From Thursday's Daily.

—Rev. W. W. Baer, formerly of this city, and recently of Nanaimo, is delivering a series of lectures at Columbia throughout Ontario. The lectures are illustrated with a series of views.

—The senior members of the choir of Christ Church cathedral and about 80 of their friends enjoyed a hop at the city and provincial police are now anxious for his recapture, but with the experience the prisoner now poses it is doubtful if he will again fall into the hands of the police.

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current in mooring and swept down on the Ariaki-Maru's bow. It is not yet known whether the Victoria will proceed for repairs, but it is evident that, even under favorable circumstances, her departure for Tacoma must be considerably delayed. The Ariaki-Maru has gone to Ujina to be surveyed, her stem being badly twisted.

—The young people of Emmanuel Baptist church gave the members of the Y. M. C. A. a reception at the rooms of the Association last night. There was a large attendance and the evening passed off very pleasantly. Rev. P. H. McEwen was chairman and the programme rendered was as follows: Instrumental music, Mrs. McIntyre, Rev. Mr. McEwen; General Secretary Carter's report of the work of the Association; song, If the Waters Could Speak As They Flow, Mr. A. E. Westcott and Miss Jones; quartette, Oh For the Wings, Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. McIntyre, Rev. Mr. McEwen and A. E. Westcott; Misses Pickard and Dods; reading, Miss McDiarmid; song, Mrs. McEwen; selection by choir. At the conclusion of the regular programme coffee and cake were served. Mr. Carter, the secretary, gave a detailed report of the present affairs of the association, which was very gratifying, for the showing was excellent.

NANAIMO NEWS.

Prisoner Wilson Breaks Jail—Planta Enquiry Postponed.

Nanaimo, Feb. 14.—Alexander Wilson was brought back from Duncan's by Chief Crossan and the preliminary trial took place yesterday. Wilson was committed for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction. Crossan took him to jail but did not think it necessary to watch the prisoner as Constable McLellan was to arrive shortly and remove him to the new jail. Wilson, finding himself alone, promptly took a bunk board and pried the iron bars, in front of the cell window, apart and succeeded in getting through. The corridor door was not locked and so he made his escape. The city and provincial police are now anxious for his recapture, but with the experience the prisoner now poses it is doubtful if he will again fall into the hands of the police.

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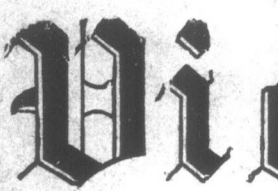
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INTERNATIONAL

United States Wants Nations to Devise to Protect Sea.

Will Attempt to Kill if the Proposition Favored.

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