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Vancouver Municipal Affairs-School Examinations-Anti-Mongolian League-Burglars at Work.

The Municipal Act as Affecting Certain Townships-Burglaries at Vancouver.

> (Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—A meeting of will be held during the next few days in all the wards of the city. Mr. W. Vermilyea was appointed secretary. The elections is on the increase, and although no definite announcements have been made by any intending candidates, there is evidence that there will be any amount of material to choose from. The Sabbath observance question will be imported into the fight by the league.

The sub-committee of the city council on light, railways and tramways held their first meeting since May yesterday, when a letter was read from the city clerk of Victoria in regard to the V. V. & E. Rv. A reply was ordered to be sent to the effect that the council could not see its way clear to ask the provinto the Slocan, but is strongly in favor of a road being built at the earliest possible moment, with such public aid and subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public interests.

The public school promotion examinations are being held to-day in all the of Captain Peele.

schools of the city. Two long freight trains containing Ogilvie's flour, consigned for Australia, arrived in Vancouver to-day. There are some 38 carloads for the Antipodes. Along the cars are streamers in large letters of red and blue, bearing the inscriptions: "Transcontinental Trade." "Special for Australia," "Ogilvie's Hungarian," "The Largest Individual Miller in the World," "God Save the Queen," etc. An attempt will be made to-day to photograph the train.

Mrs. Allan Cameron, sister of Mrs. Geo. Cassidy, will be a visitor at Geo. Cassidy's residence, Howe street, during ness is expected. the winter.

A meeting of the Anti-Mongolian League was held to-night at the city hall. Other matters of more immediate ed, for the winter months, to hold meetings of the Miners and Mine Laborers' them, or act as mechanical barriers est in the league of late, but it is now being revived and may be a feature of the coming elections.

and joined the firm of Bowser & Chris- will come up for consideration. tie, barristers. F. R. McD. Russell, brother of J. A. Russell, who recently

of restricting the importation of Chinese. ness and prosperity. A meeting of Liberals was held on Wednesday evening, when it was decided to assist the cannerymen and the connection with the interviewed Hon. Mr. Davies in Victoria

as to holding a public meeting here. from a residence at the corner on Pen-dril and Bute streets. The front door they made good their escape without having been able to get possession of any

The remains of the late David Geddes will be sent to Belgrade, Ont., for interment. The funeral to the C.P.R. depot will take place on Sunday, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. The banquet to Hon. Mr. Davies will

be held in the Hotel Vancouver on Monday evening. Tickets are \$5. The regular monthly session of the County court was held yesterday, Judge

Bole presiding. Several cases were called, but adjourned until to-day. The interest in the approaching municipal elections is increasing. Mr. Alex. McKenzie, assistant-storekeeper of the C.P.R., is mentioned as a likely candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward 2,

and also Mr. T. F. Neelands. Certain amendments, introduced into the Municipal act of 1896, are causing consternation in the suburban municipalities around here. The changes are said to have caused the wholesale disfranchisement of large non-resident taxpayers. North Vancouver, as a result, has, it is claimed, only one voter left and nobody qualified to sit in next year's council. South Vancouver's voters' list will be reduced probably to about 30 or 40 and Burnaby's from 400 to less than 50. One ward in Burnaby is left without a single voter and in case of two nominations no election can be made for that ward, whilst those qualified to sit in Burnaby's council of six are reduced to about twelve persons in all. Coquitlam is a still worse case, and it is doubtful whether it can elect a council. A delegation urging the provincial government to take remedial action at once will pro-

bably visit Victoria. Vancouver has now a burial question on hand. The present city cemetery is in parts, as yet unused, waterlogged, and it is doubtful whether these can be made fit for their intended purpose. Meanwhile the Roman Catholics mean to provide a cemetery of their own, and it is possible that a company may get up a This will, however, in all probability be

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs.

Homer street. ing vesterday, when it was reported that Francisco. a large number of new books had been purchased from New York and London. The librarian was granted the use of the

The committee appointed to examine the building and report as to its stability for the purpose of an institute stated that they had carefully gone into the matter

but were not at present in a position to make a detailed report.
The Nationalist Association, of Vancouver, held their usual meeting last

night, when matters pertaining to the approching municipal elections were discussed. The question of the purchase of the stone quarries at Granite Falls was brought up as a possible investment by the city and favorably considered.

Mountain Rose and Orphan Boy are the most active stocks in Vancouver at present. They have been selling for the past week freely for about one cent below the quotations generally seen in the newspapers. In Westminster, for a few days past, Snow Drop and Red Eagle night, for the purpose of arranging for Golden Cache has been transferred sevward meetings. Eight new members eral times from \$1.65 to \$1.75 in Vanhanded in their names, and meetings couver. Channe is still held very firm.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 10. - A public interest in the approaching municipal meeting will be held in the city hall this evening to discuss municipal matters. The candidates for the position of mayor and aldermen will be present and address the electors.

An attempt to burglarize the residence of Mr. Knight on Brantford street has been reported to the police, and Mr. Lander's house at Burnaby was entered during his absence and clothing valued at about \$10 taken away. In the latter case the marauders appear to have made use of the house for a day or two.

Four arrests were made by the police yesterday of doubtful looking characters, cial government to assume the sole who will be brought up to-day on the responsibility of constructing a railway charge of vagrancy. If nothing further can be proved against them they will be ordered to clear out of the city at short Between 45 and 50 miles per hour was

the velocity attained by the wind yesterday morning, according to the report Mr. H. C. Chamberlin and wife were

for the benefit of Mr. Chamberlin's health. The city loses in Mr. Chamberlin a desirable citizen and the rifle association an excellent member. The new warden of the penitentiary, Mr. Whyte, has taken the oath of office

and assumed his position. Communication with up-river points having been re-established the Transfer brought a large consignment of freight vesterday. The market will be well supplied again to-morrow and a large busi-

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 10.—It has been decid-Protective Association, every Saturday against their operations. In most cases afternoon at 3 o'clock. The first weekly J. J. Godfrey has withdrawn from the meeting will be held next Saturday, firm of Russell & Godfrey, barristers, when matters of the utmost importance

Geo. A. Taylor, head carpenter of the New Vancouver Coal Co., was united in pests and passed a creditable final in the legal exten on Monday evening in St. Philip's the place of Mr. Godfrey. The firm will church, Cedar district. Rev. E. G. Miller officiating. The wedding was private, VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—The anti-Mon-golian League held a meeting last night dence of Mr. Geo. Woobank, Cedar disand arranged for a deputation to wait upon Hon. Mr. Davies during his visit upon Hon. Mr. Davies during his visit many hearty congratulations, with numto Vancouver to state the case in favor erous well wishes for their future happi-

BOUNDARY CREEK.

(From the Boundary Creek Times.) C. B. Bash is again superintending de ministerial banquet. Mr. J. C. McLagan velopment work on the Victoria, Camp crease the difficulty of dealing with McKinney. The upper tunnel is now them.

An attempted burglary is reported in over 70 feet and the lower one 20 feet. The Boundary Creek M. & M. Co. men of the Big Ledge; assays from this

pretty ore from the Black Hawk, on which he recently sank a 13-foot shaft.

John Christie, after sinking thirteen feet on a sort of capping of pyrrhotite, struck a body of bluish-looking quartz that w

per ton. Mr. Moulton Barrett contemplated at one time installing a Zymean allowed to collect in the garden or orplant at Greenwood.

Republican Mining Company for the working of the Last Chance in Smith's camp. The company own the nonsuch, the Republic and the Last Chance. All which should be applied warm, choosen three properties are to be thoroughly exploited after the New Year. Jim Green is preparing to run a tun-

nel in on the ledge of the Mavis, Skylark camp. W. A. Boss, a mining engineer of re-

the purpose of inspecting a claim on Myers' creek, and he had hoped to spend a short time in Boundary to find out for himself if the current laudatory reports concerning the district were justifiable. Unfortunately the heavy fall of snow prevented him from carrying out this programme, but he fully intends to return to the camp in the spring. Mr Boss represents a wealthy English syndi-

NOT NEGOTIATING.

Washington, Dec. 9. - Minister Hatch, cemetery on joint stock lines, unless the of Hawaii, has authorized a denial of city takes action to meet the situation. the report that negotiations were progressing for a treaty of annexation between Hawaii and the United States. The report alleged that Secretary Olney John Clark was celebrated last evening at the residence of Mr. W. A. Clark, the Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs, who has been in Washington for the past The library board held its usual meet- week, has left for Honolulu, via San

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 10.—A petition against the election of Edward has been the custom for several years. van and Judge Fitzgerald at Alberton. \$452,000.

Provincial Inspector Palmer Delivers a Highly Interesting and Instructive Lecture.

Valuable Suggestions for Orchardists From a Practical and Eminent Authority.

At the last regular fortnightly meeters' Association Mr. R. M. Palmer, prothe Municipal League was held last seemed to have received more attention vincial inspector of fruit pests, gave a Coxey claim on Red Mountain. This audience.

In commencing, Mr. Palmer said that produce good, clean fruit, as, in addition, proper care, cultivation and a supply of plant food were essential; but it should be borne in mind that if the lat-ter were all supplied, still spraying would need to be done, to ensure satisfactory results to the fruit grower.

In the course of his remarks, which we here give only in part, Mr. Palmer explained that the subject of spraying was a very wide one and could be done but partial justice to at one meeting, so he would confine himself on this occasion to a general outline of the principles and practice of spraying, with a few illustrations of its application. He advised his hearers to study at their leisure the reports issued by the Board of Agriculture and the Provincial Fruit Growers' Association (copies of which make themselves acquainted with the life history, habits and appearance of the common injurious insects, as withpassengers on the Warrimoo for Hono-lulu, a change of climate being desirable out some knowledge of this kind it would be impossible to spray intelligently, and the fruit grower would be at a disadvantage. For spraying purposes most insects could be divided into two classes: (1) Those taking their food by biting or chewing the tissues of the leaf, stem or fruit; and (2) Those having instead of jaws a pointed tube or beak, which they push into the cells of the plant and through which they suck the juices of their host. In the first case, insects may be destroyed by placing particles of poison upon their food; in

the second, by applying to the insects some substance which kills by contact. In addition to these methods various substances are used to prevent the atremedies intended to be used against one class of insects are useless against those of another class. In spraying it is very important that the work should be done at the proper time. Nearly all insects, fungous diseases are much weaker, and consequently easier destroyed, at some one period of their existence than any other, and advantage should be taken of this fact in dealing with them. In the case of aphides, or plant lice these are comparatively few in number in the early part of the season, but when the conditions are favorable to them and food is abundant, during the growing season, they increase with marvel lous rapidity, and instead of a few speci-mens, we may have countless millions to contend with. Other species are very vulnerable during the early part of their life, but become much hardier and much more difficult to destroy as they develop, and also because they extend their operations over a larger area, in-

In speaking of fungous diseases Mr. Palmer said that in this district less from a residence at the corner on tender of the corner of tender of te being preventive in its action rather claim give \$35 in gold.

Tom Walsh brought in some very fungous diseases are destroyed or prefungous diseases are destroyed or prefungous diseases. vented from establishing themselves the action of the spraying The ore is galena and quartz showing mixture upon them. The manner in which parasitic fungous growths develop in the tissues of host plants was explained, showing that when they are well established, litabout ten feet wide between apparently the good could be done by spraying, and defined walls, on the Nightingale this the necessity of thorough work before week. Admiral Selwyn, the inventor of the Zymean process of extracting gold, silless truit, which is often left hanging to less truit, which is often left hanging to ver and copper, has written to say that he is confident that by this process Trail be trees, the necessity of having such the trees, the necessity of having such that by this process Trail gathered and destroyed was pointed (and consequently Boundary Creek) ores can be treated at the small cost of \$1.25

> chard should be gathered up and the W.T. Smith left on Sunday for Spo-kane to arrange with the directors of the For use during the dormant season and before growth starts in the spring, Mr. Palmer advised the No.11 spraying ing, if possible, fine weather for the work, so that the mixture can become dry and set, when it will adhere for a long time. It should be applied to all pute and experience, has been staying in Greenwood for the past few days for the purpose of increasing a dealy mixture (epress No. 4). fruit trees and bushes, as beside being a against fungous diseases, following closely the directions given in the reports. Fruit growers were also advised to apply to the experimental farm at Ottawa for copies of bulletin 23, which dealt at length with the subject.

At future meetings Mr. Palmer will deal more in detail with orchard pests, and give, when possible, object lessons would have your husband cheerful, on the orchard, and with specimens of loving and kind do your beking with infected or diseased fruit trees. hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Palmer for his instructive lecture, and a

very interesting discussion ensued. Before the meeting closed, Mr. Palmer announced that the annual meeting of the Provincial Fruit Growers' Associa-tion would be held in Victoria during January, when the subject of the co operative marketing of fruit would be the chief matter taken up. At the next meeting of this association, at Cedar Hill schoolhouse on Dec. 22, the subject of "Commercial Fertilizers" will handled in a practical manner by Mr

W. C. Grant of Gordon Head. MONTREAL, Dec. 10—The C.P.R. traffic returns for the week ending Dec. 7 were reading room for the annual Christmas Hackett (Patron) M.P., opened and is dinner to be given to those in need, as being heard before Chief Justice Sulli
\$35,000; for the same week last year.

FROM TRAIL TO ROBSON.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 10.-Tenders for the construction of the second section of the Columbia & Western Railway, from Trail to Robson, have been opened. The road will cost nearly \$60,000. It is expected that the contract will be awarded to a Butte firm.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, and Col. Domville, M.P. were in Sandon yesterday. They arrive at Kaslo to-day, and to-morrow they will be tendered a banquet in Rossland. They will leave for the Coast, via Spokane, on Monday, Col. Domville, in the course of a speech, said that the South-At the last regular forthightly meet ern Kootenay needs the Crow's Nest ing of the Victoria District Fruit Grow-Pass Railway very much indeed.

A new lode has been discovered on the claim lies to the northwest of Rossland, highly interesting and instructive lecter between the Giant and Nevada claims, ture on the spraying of fruit trees and and adjoins the Golden Queen. It was bushes, before a large and attentive purchased recently by C. J. McCuaig of Montreal for \$35,000.

What is supposed to be one wall of the In commencing, Mr. Palmer said that spraying must not be regarded as the spraying must not be regarded as the one thing necessary to make any orchard driven by the St. Elmo company through the Consolidated company's ground. foot of solid copper pyrites has been dis-

closed In the Jumbo mine a drift 12 feet in width has been started from the main tunnel to the south cross-cut, distant 100 feet. All the ore being broken down will pay to ship. Much free gold and tellurium is being found in this ore. Several sample assays made lately have gone at the rate of over \$100 to the

D. M. Linnard has concluded the purchase of the Gopher claim which lies between the Homestake and the R. E. Lee group. The price paid was \$41,000 cash. This deal consolidates under one management four of the leading claims in the south belt of the Trail Creek mining division, these being the Homestake, Growers' Association (copies of which could be obtained from him), and thus Work on all four claims has been resumed. An offer of \$100,000 cash, made on behalf of an English company for the Homestake alone, was refused yesterday.

FOR THE JAPAN COAST.

The sealer Mermaid, whose experience with a whale in crossing the Pacific two years ago, formed the theme of numerous newspaper stories, is again about to start for the Japan Coast waters. These hunting grounds will after all, it is said see nearly as many of the Victoria vessels this year as last. The rough weather off the coasts of Oregon and California leads some of the less venturesome sealers to decline experimental expeditions. They say these cruises may prove profitable, but the risk involved is hazardous in the extreme for all save the staunchest craft. The association, which practically regulates the entire industry, has completed organization, and at a meeting yesterday afternoon elected Mr. R. Seabrook, of R. P. Rithet & Co., its president, and Mr. Richard Hall its secretary. So far it has shipped no Indian crews, for of the four vessels that have sailed and the last to clear, the Mermaid, all carry white crews. The Mermaid's company numbers 22, and is captained by J. W. Anderson.

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