

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

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 the Municipal League was held last night, for the purpose of arranging for ward meetings. Eight new members handed in their names, and meetings will be held during the next few days in all the wards of the city.

The sub-committee of the city council on light, railways and tramways held their first meeting since yesterday, when a letter was read from the city clerk of Victoria in regard to the V. V. & E. Ry. A reply was ordered to be sent to the effect that the council could not see its way clear to ask the provincial government to assume the sole responsibility of constructing a railway to the Slooan, 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.

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.

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A meeting of Liberals was held on Wednesday evening, when it was decided to assist the cannermen and the board of trade in connection with the ministerial banquet. Mr. J. C. McLagan interviewed Hon. Mr. Davies in Victoria as to holding a public meeting here.

The remains of the late David Geddes will be sent to Belgrade, Ont., for interment. The funeral will be held in Victoria, and will take place on Sunday, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F.

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-storeskeeper of the C.P.R., is mentioned as a likely candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward 2, and also Mr. T. F. Neelds.

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.

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.

The library board held its usual meeting yesterday, when it was reported that a large number of new books had been purchased from New York and London.

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 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 approaching municipal elections were discussed.

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.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, Dec. 10.—A public meeting will be held in the city hall this evening to discuss municipal matters.

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 burglarized during his absence and clothing valued at about \$10 taken away.

Four arrests were made by the police yesterday of doubtful-looking characters, who will be brought up to-day on the charge of vagrancy.

Between 45 and 50 miles per hour was the velocity attained by the wind yesterday morning, according to the report of Captain Peale.

Mr. H. C. Chamberlin and wife were passengers on the Warrimoo for Honolulu, a change of climate being desirable for the benefit of Mr. Chamberlin's health.

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 Transcontinental Coal Co. was united in a large consignment of freight yesterday.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Dec. 10.—It has been decided, for the winter months, to hold meetings of the Miners and Mine Laborers' Protective Association, every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Geo. A. Taylor, head carpenter of the New Vancouver Coal Co., was united in matrimonial bonds to Miss E. A. Feuten on Monday evening in St. Philip's church, Cedar district. Rev. E. G. Miller officiating. The wedding was private, only a few intimate friends were present.

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POINTS ON "SPRAYING"

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 meeting of the Victoria District Fruit Growers' Association Mr. R. M. Palmer, provincial inspector of fruit pests, gave a highly interesting and instructive lecture on the spraying of fruit trees and bushes, before a large and attentive audience.

In commencing, Mr. Palmer said that spraying must not be regarded as the one thing necessary to make any orchard 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 latter were neglected, still spraying would need to be done, to ensure satisfactory results to the fruit grower.

In the course of his remarks, which were given only in part, Mr. Palmer explained that the best spraying would be 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 could be obtained from him), and to make themselves acquainted with the life history, habits and appearance of the common injurious insects, as without 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 addition to these methods various substances are used to prevent the attacks of insects, which are offensive to them, or act as mechanical barriers against their operations. In most cases remedies intended to be used against one class of insects are useless against those of another class.

At the close of the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the residence of Mr. Geo. Woobank, Cedar district, where a splendid supper had been prepared. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor received many hearty congratulations, with numerous well wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

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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.

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 Southern Kootenay needs the Crow's Nest Pass Railway very much indeed.

A new lode has been discovered on the Corey claim on Bee Mountain. This claim lies to the northwest of Rossland, between the Giant and Nevada claims, and adjoins the Golden Queen. It was purchased recently by C. J. McCraig of Montreal for \$35,000.

What is supposed to be one wall of the Consolidated St. Elmo lode has been broken into by the tunnel now being driven by the St. Elmo company through the Consolidated company's ground. A foot of solid copper pyrites has been disclosed.

In the Jumbo mine a drift 12 feet in width has been started from the main tunnel to the south cross-cut, distant 1000 feet from the main tunnel. Mr. 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.

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