

The Weekly Times

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THE PENITENTIARY CHANGES.

The pressure of public opinion has at length forced the Dominion government into an acknowledgment of its error in reappointing James Fitzsimmons as deputy warden of the New Westminister penitentiary.

A NOVA SCOTIA JOB.

Some time ago a company called the South Shore Railway company was incorporated to build a railway through the counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne in Nova Scotia.

AGAINST SUBSIDY "MILKING."

Parliament is adding a new clause to the criminal code, intended to curtail the evil of election "boondling."

or promise any sum for the election of a candidate to the House of Commons. The clause, which is a very important one, aimed as it is at an abuse of long standing, reads as follows: "Section 133 is amended by inserting in sub-section one thereof, immediately after the paragraph lettered I, the following words:—Or J, being a president, vice-president, secretary or any officer or contractor of any railway company to which any subsidy, advance, loan or bonus of public money has been granted or made by the government or by parliament or by a provincial legislature, and while any part of such subsidy, advance, loan or bonus is a subsisting claim against the government, either directly or indirectly, by himself or any person in his behalf, subscribes, furnishes or gives, or promises to subscribe, furnish or give any money or any other valuable consideration, for the purpose of promoting the election of any candidate, or of any number, class or party of candidates, to a legislature or to parliament, or with the intent in any way influencing or affecting the results of a provincial or Dominion election."

A CHANGE OF TONE.

Dr. Weldon, M.P., and a number of the Conservative papers are making a vigorous effort to show that the Dominion government is not bound to propose remedial legislation for the relief of the Manitoba minority.

Arthur J. Balfour, the nephew and chief lieutenant of Lord Salisbury, in a recent speech made a passing reference to protection. He asked his audience "whether it were possible to have a healthy and prosperous community confined within the walls of big cities and engaged solely in manufacturing pursuits."

Toronto Globe: Canada and the United States, which treat the European coming with goods in his hand to barter as an enemy, cannot expect that he is going to get his food and raw material from them if he can get it from those who are willing to exchange product for product.

not a few manufacturers realize it just as keenly. With their help trade will be placed on a freer and sounder basis. But it may be many a long day before the country regains the chance it had then of cutting out the United States in the markets of the old world by offering greater inducements to the European buyer.

PURIFIED BY THE FIRE.

Firemen Destroy Unsanitary and Unsafe Buildings Condemned by the City.

The Old Home of Victoria's First Chinese Leper Among the Shacks Burned.

The firemen had a busy day of it engaged in the anomalous task of burning buildings, not saving them. After the fire at the Maryland Chop House on Government street this morning Chief Deasy decided to commence at once on the destruction of the unsanitary and unsafe buildings ordered "removed" by the city council.

The two old shacks at the corner of Government and Fisgard were then fired. These were known as the "leper shacks," for in the 60's an old leper, the first ever known on the island, lived in one of them.

The fire made Chief of Police Sheppard reminiscent. "I used to patrol this beat years ago and know those old buildings well," he said. "I remember the old leper, too, and often used to see him crawl across Government street to get water. He was our first leper, and a terrible sight he was. I guess it was dangerous to go near him, but we didn't mind it a bit. Death must have been a happy relief to him. As a constable I made hundreds of arrests around these old buildings. A number of Chinamen attacked me once upstairs in one of these buildings across on Government street and I had to fight my way to a window and jump to the street below. I did not draw my revolver, but I used my baton pretty freely. In the older days several cases of smallpox broke out in these cottages on Cormorant street, and it was a good thing to clean them out."

The five tumble down shacks on Waddington alley will not be fired but pulled down. Chief Deasy looked over the ground and concluded it would be unsafe to attempt to burn them. Sanitary Officer Conlin is getting figures on the cost of the work, and will let the work out at once, and by Monday or Tuesday a start will be made. The seven cabins on Humboldt street to be destroyed will receive attention some evening next week. They are to be burned and the work done at the earliest time convenient to the fire department.

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NEWS OF THE INTERIOR

Reported Discovery of Gold on the West Side of Okanagan Lake.

Some Interesting Items From the Mining and Agricultural Sections.

Mr. Robert Kerr, general freight and passenger agent, C. P. R., and Mr. Wm. Brown, district freight agent, C. P. R., passed through yesterday and proceeded down the lake on the Aberdeen. They will return on to-day's train and will have an hour or two in town, during which they are anxious to meet representative merchants and farmers and discuss freight rates with them.

Mr. J. R. Bailey completed this week the burning of the first kiln of brick turned out this season by the Vernon brick yard. The kiln contained about 200,000 bricks of much superior quality to any hitherto manufactured in this year.

Mr. Alexander Gilmore, of Victoria, who has been on a visit to this city for some time, has appointed Mr. Frank McClellan, solicitor, Vernon, as his agent and representative in this city. Mr. Gilmore owns considerable real estate in Vernon.

Hutchinson & Davidson have been, ever since the season commenced, making daily shipments of strawberries to the Northwest. Most of the fruit has gone to Calgary and intermediate points. It though some has been sent as far east as Medicine Hat.

The Methodists of Kamloops, of the B. C. Conference, intend gathering for an old time camp meeting at Salmon Arm on the 16th of July, continuing the rest of the week. The financial district meeting of Kamloops district will be held on the 17th inst. at the same place.

A telegram from Vancouver states that another colony of well-to-do Norwegians is expected shortly to migrate from North Dakota to the Okanagan district. A former colony of Norwegians is located further north at Bella Cools, and are doing satisfactorily, but the pioneers of the present colony regard even more favorably the drier and sunnier district of the Okanagan.

It speaks well for the soil, climate, and the thorough manner in which the work must have been carried out when we are able to say that out of 1,000 prune trees planted on Mr. Covert's ranch last spring hitherto not one has died.

Messrs. James W. Griffin and John Watson of Minneapolis have gone to Boundary Creek with A. B. Ralston, mining broker of Spokane, to examine the Helen mine in Skylark camp, with a view to purchasing it. Mr. Watson is a life-long miner, and Mr. Griffin, who is a prominent lawyer in Minneapolis, has also had a share of experience.

The Golden Eagle, an extension of the Stenwinder and Montezuma, Greenwood camp, was located by Mr. T. Lind on 22nd of June.

Capt. Wolley, proprietor of the Nelson Miner, paid a visit to Greenwood camp last Monday, leaving on the following Wednesday for Nelson. Mr. Wilbur, who acted as guide on this occasion, reports that Capt. Wolley was most favorably impressed with the size of the ledges in the camp.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Assessment and Sewerage Commissioners By-Laws Dealt With. A special meeting of the city council was held last evening to dispose of business left over from the regular meeting. Mayor Teague presided and there were present Ald. Humphrey, Macmillan, McLellan, Bragg, Cameron and Hall.

The writ in the case of John Haggerty vs. the city regarding the injunction proceedings on account of the council awarding the contract for the filter beds, etc., at Elk Lake, was read. Notice was given that the case would be heard before Hon. Mr. Justice Drake on Tuesday morning at 11. Referred to the city solicitor.

The sewerage commissioners' appointment and assessment by-law passed through several stages. This is the by-law which does away with the sewerage commissioners.

The assessment by-law was read a first and second time and passed through committee.

Ald. Hall called attention to the necessity of having an electric light in the bad stand at Beacon Hill Park.

Ald. Bragg said the matter had been placed in the hands of the superintendent a couple of weeks ago, but nothing had yet been done. He said he was very much dissatisfied with the superintendent, he not having attended to several matters referred to him. If things were not more satisfactory soon he would deal with the matter in a report.

Ald. Macmillan thought it looked very much like a matter of "huff," the council not having appointed the right man according to Ald. Bragg.

Ald. Bragg denied that he had anything against Mr. Hutchinson.

Ald. Hall thought the matter should be looked into by the electric light committee. The city was not receiving as much benefit as it should from the new system.

FARM PROPERTY PURCHASED.

Mr. J. D. Bryant Sells His Fine Farm at South Saanich. Messrs. C. G. Fox and A. G. Wrigley, two gentlemen who recently arrived from England, have purchased Hoedale, Mr. J. D. Bryant's farm at South Saanich. The price paid for the property, including the stock and farming implements, was over \$15,000. This farm is one of the very best on the Island. Mr. Bryant being acknowledged by all to be the most successful farmer in Saanich. His stock and farm produce have always won prizes at the various shows at which he competed. There is a fine new residence on the farm, and the various barns and outbuildings are well built and commodious. In fact everything necessary on a good farm is included in the purchase. Mr. Bryant, who has during his thirty years' residence in Saanich been a leader in the various movements for the benefit of the district, is not going to desert it altogether. After a visit to England Mr. and Mrs. Bryant will return to Victoria to take up their residence.

Messrs. Cox and Wrigley will take possession of their property immediately, the deal having been a cash one.

COINAGE OF SILVER.

A Secret Organization Formed to Advance the Cause.

Washington, July 5.—Another secret organization has been formed in this country for political purposes. It is called the Order of the Supreme Temple, Silver Knights of America, and its headquarters are 142 New York avenue in this city. The name indicates the purpose of the society to advance the cause of free coinage of silver. The knights are chartered in Virginia as a corporation. It is claimed that the leaders of the movement are prominent in all parts of the country, and that a great number of representatives and senators are included among them. At the general office in this city a number of clerks are engaged in sending out free silver literature. It is claimed that temples are now being formed throughout the country, and that the Silver Knights of America already show a considerable organization. It is expected by the projectors that by the time the next campaign is actively entered upon there will be lodges of Silver Knights in every town and hamlet in the United States. Access to the lodge rooms can only be obtained by means of secret passwords and signs, and discussions that occur there will be guarded with the utmost secrecy.

MEXICO TO ATTACK INDIANS.

And Rid Her Domains of the Troublesome Savages.

City of Mexico, July 5.—The inhabitants of the state of Yucatan are enthusiastic over the reinforcing of the federal troops there, and the orders to move against the rebel Indians encamped near the Belize (British Honduras) border. People are offering their money and services to the government. Yucatan has been having an Indian war for a great many years. As the savages find hiding places in the swamps and morasses in a region unexplored by white men, it has been difficult to follow them. These Indians have committed every form of atrocity. Many plantations have been ruined and the owners and their families murdered.

The campaign against the Indians must be tedious. It will be much like the war against the Seminole Indians in Florida. The soldiers are not anxious to be sent there, as the climate is frightfully hot and fever and hardships kill more men than do the Indians, who are as cruel as the Apaches and have marvelous ingenuity in warfare. But Mexico's settled policy is to rid her domains of savages and give the reclaimed lands to immigrants.



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