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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—There died at Victoria on Wednesday Dinah Donald, wife of M. Parsons, aged 49. She was a native of Bruce County, Ont.

—A leading merchant has bet a prominent manufacturer $100 that the Liberals will win at the general election—a pretty safe bet for the merchant.

—The season for salmon fishing does not open until the 15th of this month, although many thought that it was legal to fish on and after March 1st, and many have done so.

—Arthur Lemons, the child rescued from the clutches of Peter Bellinger, has been taken to Westminster, where he will be placed in the Roman Catholic orphanage, the Sisters having offered to look after him.

—Mr. Justice Walkem has admitted F. Hughes to bail at $2,000, $1,000 for himself and $500 for two sureties. Hughes having been committed to jail at Kamloops to stand trial on an alleged charge of blackmail.

—It is reported that estimates are being prepared for the installation of an electric logging railway on a large scale near Burrard Inlet. Electricity will be generated by water power and transmitted some distance to the limits.

—The Bank of Montreal is again being urged to establish a bank at New Denver. A refusal is met with the Imperial bank will be requested to open an office. Falling that several New Denverites will open up private banks for cashing checks.

—It is understood that the B. C. Paper Manufacturing Co., whose mills are at Alberni, will be wound up in a couple of weeks and that a new company will be organized to take over the mills, which, it is expected, will be again in operation in six weeks under the management of Mr. Dunbar. The plant will be improved by the addition of new machinery.

—Ald. Ed. Bragg has determined to bring "the Victoria electric light works muddle," as one of the aldermen has christened it, to as speedy a termination as possible. He yesterday bulletined notice of a formal resolution "that the Finance committee be authorized to pay out of the general revenue for the current year, all wages now due in connection with the new electric light works, and also the contract price for the shafting and belting."

—The fact that camelias are now in bloom in the open air in Seattle at this early season of the year demonstrates conclusively that for "flowers that bloom in the spring" the Puget Sound climate is unsurpassed. Vancouver is not far behind. Spring bulbs are in bloom in all parts of the city and they look very pretty in well kept grounds. It is time for fresh blossoms to reach the editor's table—don't all speak at once.

—Three Chinese employes of the Hotel Dallas, Victoria, had a close call on Tuesday night. A charcoal fire which they had lighted in their little room in rear of the hotel taking them very close to the gates of death. They had as usual sealed all windows, and when they failed to wake in the morning and a forcible entry was made they were found all but dead of suffocation. Dr. O. M. Jones gave the sufferers immediate attention and they are now themselves again.

—The residences of Dr. J. A. Powell, Luke Pither, J. McMillan and Fred Carne, Victoria, were visited by burglars on Tuesday night and that of Mrs. A. E. B. Davie on Monday night. From Dr. Powell's booty to the value of $50 was taken, Mr. Pither's windows resisted the burglars effectually, Mr. McMillan lost a gold watch and other jewelry and Mr. Carne a gold chain. The theory is that a gang of San Francisco's burglars have taken advantage of the cheap rates to pay Victoria a visit. Vancouverites, look to your bolts and bars.

—William Snyder is a Tenton boy who resides in Victoria city, and he has been paying attentions to a maiden fair and witty. John McIntosh, a laundryman, presumed to escort the charmer home and he saw fit to say that naught upon the way did harm her. This roused up William Snyder, his temper flew so high, that he hunted up that laundryman and smote him in the eye. To the justice shop went McIntosh without a pause or halt, and charged bold William Snyder with an unprovoked assault. The magistrate asserted we should all control our cholers, and he mulcted William Snyder to the tune of twenty dollars.

—The council of Victoria is considering the advisability of making an important change in the manner of employing city solicitors. Ald. Bragg has given notice of the following resolution: "That the city employ a qualified legal adviser at a salary of $125 per month, whose duties shall be as follows—to be present at all regular meetings of the council, to advise the council on all matters affecting the interests of the city, to draw all by-laws and all contracts and do all city conveyancing, and to conduct all legal correspondence on behalf of the city, but not to conduct city cases in court." The duties of the city solicitors under the present arrangements are much less comprehensive and the retainer is but $500 per annum.

—The young Conservatives of Victoria organized a Macdonald club on Wednesday evening. H. E. A. Robertson moved and H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., seconded the resolution formally establishing the club, and after that part of the constitution respecting the officers had been agreed upon, the following were unanimously elected: President, W. H. Ellis; vice-presidents, A. E. McPhillips, Herbert Cuthbert and Charles E. Jones; treasurer, S. D. Schultz; secretaries, J. Taylor and Ernest Braun. A committee consisting of H. E. A. Robertson, Beaumont Boggs and W. Ralph Higgins was appointed to choose from the long list of members a representative executive committee to act with the above named officers as the executive. Several speeches were made.

From Friday's daily.

—A new post-office has been opened at Craigellachie, with J. Willis as postmaster.

—The Seattle Chamber of Commerce will memorialize the United States Government to prevent the running of the Alaska boundary line.

—No fresh burglaries were reported in Victoria yesterday. It has been learned that Mrs. A. E. B. Davie's residence was entered by the parlor window, and that before being disturbed the intruder secured $1.50 in cash.

—Notice is given in the Official Gazette that the Lieut.-Governor in Council has further postponed to July 1st the coming into force of An Act to Secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance.

—Notice is given in the official Gazette that Norman McLean, of Vancouver; J. W. Sexsmith, of Richmond municipality; and Robert Wilson Harris, of Vancouver, have been incorporated under the name of the Provincial Canning Company, Limited, with a capital stock of $100,000. The principal place of business is Eburne, B. C.

—The fate of M. N. Nelson at Seattle recently is a warning to others not to fool with elevators, the running of which they do not understand. Nelson pulled the lever while the regular attendant was for a moment away from the hoist. When it started upwards he got scared and tried to jump out, with the result that he was killed.

—In the Supreme court at Victoria on Thursday before Mr. Justice Walkem the case of Turner, Beeton & Co. vs Price's cannery came up for hearing, being a suit for reclamation on 1,322 cases of salmon sold by defendants to plaintiffs in 1892, plaintiffs claiming the goods were misrepresented. Defendants deny misrepresentation. The case was adjourned.

—It may be interesting for the sake of comparison to know that in Hamilton, Ont., the official inspection of milk last week showed the percentage of butter fat to run from 5 to 3, only one sample was as low as 3 and the average was 4. The average in Vancouver, according to the last published test of Inspector McGeer, was about 3.15 for vendors and 3.49 for stores.

—It is reported that at Spokane, Wash., great excitement prevails over valuable gold discoveries in Trail Creek, B. C., and hundreds of prospectors are leaving the city daily for the new gold fields. Within the past 10 days Trail Creek, from being a wilderness, has been transformed into a town of over 2,000. Several Butte City capitalists are organizing a big company for operation there.

—The Medal of the Royal Humane Society was presented to Phillip Austin at Victoria on Thursday night for saving the life of Mrs. Hewerton in Cowichan lake last summer. The challenge shield won by No. 3 Co., B. C. B. G. A., for general proficiency was also presented. For this No. 5 Co., Vancouver, stood second and would have won it only that, without the equipment, they were not up in gun drill.

—W. B. Townsend, the seed inspector on behalf of the Government for district No. 1, was in the city to-day on his way through the portion of the district lying north of the Fraser to make an investigation of the condition of affairs there. He reports that farmers generally are hard at work ploughing and preparing their fields for seeding, and that the prospects are most encouraging for a large area being put under crop this season.

—A man who has returned to Vancouver from South Africa says that it is no place for white people. The fever and malaria entail more expense than many men earn, unless drug store or undertaker is the lucky one. Mr. Dunbar, the