Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1887.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Defunct.

The Vancouver *Advertiser* is said to be defunct.

Has No Show.

W. H. Curran, of Thetis Island, is said to have no show as a candidate for election in the Vancouver district.

Inland Revenue.

Mr. Gosnell, who has been connected with the inland revenue department at Hamilton for some years, has been detailed for duty in this city and is now on his way out.

Quite Correct.

Guardian: Perhaps, the tactics pursued by the opposition are the very best under the circumstances, although, to the casual observer, they would appear to be causing a great waste of time.

Killed Far from Home.

James Kelly, a native of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, forty-three years of age, was killed near Seattle last week by a train of lumber running over the middle of his body.

Nearly Completed.

The shaft of the Yosemite was placed in position nearly two weeks ago and the new wheel is about completed. The vessel will probably be ready for service on Monday next.

Femme Suffrage.

Hon. Mr. Robson's bill to admit women to the franchise was defeated in the house yesterday, 17 to 5. The members voting in favor were: Robson, Higgins, Semlin, Stenhouse and McLeese.

To Be Sent Home.

Tacoma *Ledger:* The two Kane brothers mentioned some days ago in the *Ledger*, who are at the Puget Sound College hospital, will be sent on Thursday to their mother, who is now in North Saanich, B. C.

Meeting of Presbytery.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Columbia, Presbyterian church in Canada, will be held in the First Presbyterian church here on Wednesday, the 2nd March, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Mild.

The weather last night brought with it the impression that the back of the winter is broken. So mild and spring-like was the atmosphere that an overcoat was considered superfluous. Walking in places is still bad but on many of the sidewalks the snow has melted away.

Doesn't Ooze.

The Vancouver *News* says there is no truth in the statement that the new C. P. R. hotel at Vancouver will have to be entirely rebuilt, as the mortar is oozing beneath the bricks. If that paper read its home exchanges better it would find that the report came from that quarter.

Frozen Feet.

Old Teena, the demented colored woman who will be remembered for the past twenty-five years as a "picker up of unconsidered trifles" about the streets, dressed in rags and tatters, had her feet badly frozen during the recent cold snap. The mayor hearing of her serious condition, called at her little hut off Fort and Vancouver streets yesterday and will interest the Benevolent society in her behalf.

Conversazione.

An interesting entertainment will be held in the Sunday school room of the Reformed Episcopal church on Tuesday next, commencing at eight o'clock. The tableau of the "Magic Mirror," which has been improved upon, will be repeated. The Sunflower Chorus, an amusing sketch will also be given. We understand that the preparations for the latter have been kept quiet, and will surprise all who attend by its novelty.

Interior Cattle.

Mr. W. P. Greaves brought down 130 cattle from Nicola to New Westminster, 70 of which came on to Victoria. They are all in good condition. The cold in the interior continues, and it is estimated by those who ought to know that nearly one-third of the cattle in the province will not come through the winter. A rough estimate of the total number of cattle in British Columbia places it at over 100,000.

Naval.

The Japanese man-of-war Unibi-kan left Singapore December 23rd for Yokohama, and nothing had been heard from her January 19th, causing considerable anxiety. The Japanese government dispatched several vessels in search of her. The Unibi-kan was a new vessel, built in Europe for the Japanese government, and was on the way to Yokohama to be delivered to the naval authorities there. She cost about a million dollars to build, and the contractors had fully insured her.

Manager Howe Did Right.

Manager J. P. Howe has been fined $75 for refusing to allow three unfortunate women to occupy a box at the New Market theatre, Portland. Our exchanges condemn the jury for its verdict. The case will be appealed and it is not improbable that the costs will be paid by subscription, unknown to the genial manager. The *Astorian* says: "He deserves the thanks of all respectable theatre-goers everywhere for a persistent effort to abate a nuisance—viz: the seating of prostitutes among respectable people in an audience." So say we all of us.

The Vancouver Extension.

A correspondent of the Vancouver *News* writing from camp 11 on the Port Moody and Vancouver extension, sends the following news: To-day the rails have been laid to this camp, which is two and a half miles from Moody and six from Vancouver. There are at present 500 men working on the extension. The superintendent of construction expects to have the rails laid into Vancouver by the 1st of March, which they will be, provided the weather continues favorable. Mr. P. Cody, one of the energetic foremen of the line, met with a serious accident last Thursday whilst engaged in blowing up a stump which had eight kegs of powder under it. A stone struck him on the hip which will cause him to be laid up for some weeks.

A Conflict.

About three o'clock yesterday afternoon an Indian ran into the outer room of the city gaol and informed the officials in charge that a terrible fight was in progress in a shanty on Cormorant street. Officer Hawton was detailed to look the matter up, and proceeding to the place arrested a Fort Rupert Indian named Coslass, *alias* Harry, and an Indian woman named Mary. They were taken to the gaol and locked up. Those who saw the fight say that it was a most disgraceful affair, and from the appearance of the woman it would seem to have been a bloody one at least. She has a deep gash in the back of the head, the wound having been inflicted by the man who used a bed post. An attempt at suicide was made by the Indian in his cell, but his design was frustrated by Officer Smith who handcuffed him.

A Grand Meeting.

Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare met with a grand reception last night. The Victoria was packed and seemed to be in full accord with the popular candidates. It is very evident that the electorate is determined to send to Ottawa tried and trusty followers of Sir John. When Capt. McCallum knows more about Dominion politics he will not thrust himself upon a Canadian audience. But the old proverb always holds good: "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." Radicalism and Liberalism would seem to be synonymous terms. Such an auspicious opening of the campaign is a matter of congratulation. It must have seemed to even the most disinterested spectator that the vast majority of the audience sympathized with the views so ably advocated by Baker and Shakespeare.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The usual weekly meeting of the city council was held last evening.

Present—His worship the mayor in the chair, Couns. Grant, Styles, Harris, Braden, Pearse, Higgins, Vigelius, Coughlan.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Of these there was but one—from Ed. Pascoe, late sanitary officer, in connection with his suspension and asking that he be reinstated. Also stating that he had for four months refused to accept any money. Laid on the table.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Coun. Braden's motion having been pasted on the pound bulletin board was laid over for one week.

DEFERRED BUSINESS.

The report of the street committee read at last meeting was again read and the matter of dispensing with the services of the second street superintendent was taken up.

Coun. Styles moved and Coun. Pearse seconded, that the council now proceed to vote on the question as to which superintendent's services should be retained. Carried. A ballot having been spread resulted in J. Dewsnap receiving the majority of votes.

BANK-CREDIT BY-LAW.

The above by-law was then taken up.

Coun. Grant moved that $40,000 overdraft be allowed.

Coun. Styles thought that the sum should be $25,000.

Coun. Barnard was in favor of a $40,000 overd aft.

Coun. Vigelius moved in an amendment that $30,000 be the limit, seconded by Coun. Higgins.

The amendment was then put and carried.

The by-law passed its second reading.

VEHICLES BY-LAW.

Coun. Higgins moved the first reading of the by-law to amend the vehicles by-law. Carried.

SANITARY OFFICER.

Report from the sanitary committee stating that they had found that the sanitary officer had been accepting money from various scavengers, and that he had been suspended in consequence.

Coun. Braden moved that the council go into committee on the report of the sanitary committee. Seconded by Coun. Higgins.

Coun. Pearse moved in amendment that the matter be referred back to the sanitary committee for a more definite report. Seconded by Coun. Barnard.

Coun. Higgins stated that this was one of the most pitiable cases that had ever been before the council. The man was utterly destitute.

His worship thought that the man was the victim of a conspiracy, and those who had bribed him were the more guilty parties.

The amendment was then put and carried.

Coun. Higgins moved a reconsideration. Seconded by Coun. Braden and carried.

Coun. Pearse's amendment was again put and carried.

REPORT

From the street committee recommending that several works on sidewalks and roads be carried out; also that several bills for damages be paid. Report received and adopted.

Coun. Harris asked for the number of workmen now employed; also the contracts other than James Bay bridge.

Coun. Styles stated that only three or four men were now employed.

NOTICE.

Coun. Pearse gave notice that at next meeting he would move that a permanent auditor be appointed.

REPORT

From the water works committee stating that it was impossible to give a proper supply to Mr. Redfern as the mains were too small. Report received and adopted.

Coun. Styles asked that the water works committee report what progress the engineer has made in preparing the plans for the reservoir.

NOTICE.

Coun. Braden gave notice that at next meeting of the council he will move that day work be discontinued on the reservoirs.

Coun. Pearse thought that there was a great deal of misapprehension in this matter. If the rock could be blasted by contract at a less figure than $1.50 per yard he would be in favor of a contract.

Coun. Vigelius stated that he knew that the rock was costing more than was stated.

Coun. Harris was in favor of the matter being put in a business-like shape. Nobody seemed to know how deep the blasting was to be or how much rock was to be taken out.

Coun. Higgins did not see why the water committee could not call for tenders.

THE WAIFS.

Coun. Braden said that nothing appeared to have been done in this matter.

Couff. Higgins stated that although he had not called the committee together, still he had not been idle and had accumulated a mass of evidence which would be laid before them shortly.

His Worship said that he was well aware that Coun. Higgins had been most diligent in this matter.

The council then adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MARINE.

Bark Viola from Liverpool consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co., is due.

Steamship Mexico is taking on coal at Seattle this week instead of Nanaimo.

Steamship Sardonyx arrived at Port Townsend yesterday morning from Texada.

Collier Alki was at Port Townsend yesterday and will proceed to Departure bay to load coal for Alaska.

The Guion line steamship Wisconsin from Liverpool for New York is ashore 15 miles east of Fire island. The stranded vessel was discovered at 8:35 yesterday morning. A fog had prevailed during the night. She is hard on the beach and a heavy sea is running; no communications have yet been had with the vessel from the beach, but her passengers and mails are stated to be safe.

The steamer Empire which arrived at San Francisco from Nanaimo yesterday morning brought Capt. A. H. Church and Engineer G. Harmon of the steamschooner Dawn. The Dawn while steaming around Astoria, Feb. 3rd, exploded one of her steam pipes and drifted over the bar to sea. On the 12th, when four miles off Yaquina city, she was picked up by the steamer Empire, Capt. Butler. The latter vessel attempted to tow her into Coos bay, but on account of heavy seas was prevented from doing so. Fastening a hawser to the Dawn she endeavored to bring her to this port. The hawser, however, parted and the Empire was compelled to let her go.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Arrived—Steamship Geo. W. Elder, Victoria; bark Enoch Talbot, Seattle; bark Mermon, Tacoma.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—The wrecks of the ship Kennebec and barkentine San Luis at San Pedro on Monday night, involved a loss of $100,000.

PERSONAL.

J. B. Ferguson was a passenger to the Mainland this morning.

Gideon Robertson and F. C. Innes were passengers from the Mainland last night.

Capt. W. N. Bole, M. P. P., went over to New Westminster this morning and will return on Sunday evening.

We regret to learn of the very dangerous illness of Miss Florence Dickenson, daughter of Edward Dickenson, Esq.

Dr. J. D. Helmcken was taken to St. Joseph's hospital yesterday. It is expected that the change will insure his speedy recovery.

James Cunningham of New Westminster, has gone to Eastern Canada, on a holiday trip and will be absent three or four weeks.

CLIFFER Almanacs for 1887, at Robt. Jamieson's. *

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of the First Session of the Fifth Parliament.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16th.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:20 p.m. Prayers were read by Rev. A. Beanlands.

Mr. Bole presented the petition of Donald Chisholm and others for incorporation as the New Westminster Southern railway.

PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Anderson, to a question of privilege, complained that the word "contagious" had been used by the *Standard* in printing a resolution of his, instead of the word "contiguous."

PROVINCIAL DEFENCES.

Col. Baker moved that representation be made to the Dominion government requesting that early steps be taken to carry out its policy declared in 1883, of stationing in British Columbia a battery of Canadian artillery; also requesting the Dominion government to take steps toward placing on a better footing the militia of this province, 1st, by the enrollment of new corps at Nanaimo, Vancouver, the Yale and Kootenay districts, and such other districts as may be deemed advisable; 2nd, by providing better and more suitable drill sheds for existing corps, and also by providing suitable magazines for the storage of powder and other ammunition.

Colonel Baker said that he brought forward this resolution, not as an alarmist, but as a matter of precaution. We could not look at the news received from Europe without being aware that the war clouds were rising well above the horizon and the thunder-clap might come at any moment. If no precautions were taken we should be found in the spring no better prepared for the emergency than we should be to-morrow. Let us ask what position we should be in if an enemy appeared off our harbor to-morrow and effected a landing. What force should we have to oppose them? There would no doubt be the leader of the opposition, with May in one hand and Bowsmot in the other, followed by his gallant little band and if he had time there is no doubt he would wear out the patience of the enemy.

What is the real force we possess to repel the landing of an enemy? We have the militia, artillery and volunteers of Victoria numbering only 110 men, and those of New Westminster numbering some 80. At the important town of Nanaimo there is no defensive forces, but happily the junior member for Nanaimo had informed him that he can muster 40 men if permission is obtained from the Dominion government for the formation of a corps. It is very evident that the total force at the disposal of the government is quite inadequate to the requirements of the case. We fortunately have in Colonel Holmes a most efficient and capable officer who in conjunction with his able lieutenant, Long, would be able to meet any emergency should it arise, but they cannot make bricks without straw. He was sure that his gallant friend, Major Prior, and also his combative friend, Lieutenant Bole, who so ably represented the militia force in the house, would agree with him in saying that it was absolutely necessary in case of emergency that the militia should have a force of regular troops upon which they might rally. Now what they asked in this part of the resolution was for nothing new, but only that the Dominion government should be asked to ratify and put into force that which they had promised to do in 1883, when they voted an annual expenditure of $57,000 for the formation of a corps of Canadian artillery numbering 137 men and officers to be stationed at Victoria. By the establishment of such a corps not only would a feeling of confidence and security be established, but there would be many collateral advantages which might, perhaps, be better imagined than described. Col. Baker then went on to show the necessity for establishing new corps of militia in various districts in the country, and pointed out that the mothers, daughters, wives and sisters of the province called upon the manhood of the country to protect and defend them and to come forward to provide recruits. He was sure that if the demand was properly put before the young men of the country it would meet with a ready response.

Mr. Prior, seconding the resolution, said no one who had not been a member of the militia knew with what difficulty it is maintained even at its present standing. The men were paid the same as in other parts of Canada, but that was totally inadequate for this province. He pointed out many difficulties which the militia of the province had to contend with, and hoped the resolution would have the effect of interesting the authorities at Ottawa in our behalf.

Mr. Bole discussed the defenceless condition of the province in a very good speech, and did not think there would be any difficulty in organizing militia corps in Vancouver, Chilliwhack, Maple Ridge, Langley, Surrey and Richmond.

Mr. Thomson—While expressing pleasure in speaking in support of the motion, felt doubtful of his ability to do justice to a subject of such great importance. It had already been remarked that affairs in Europe were assuming a very warlike appearance, in which there was good reason to believe England would be compelled to share. All would remember when two years ago there was a probability of war between Great Britain and Russia, how quickly a patriotic spirit was kindled throughout the province, how everybody, whilst willing to defend his Queen, country, and home, realized how almost entirely unprepared this province was for any organized resistance, and we are as unprepared to-day as we were then. At present the only protection for this coast is the few men-of-war stationed at Esquimalt and these may at any time be called away to some other quarter whilst we are exposed from another. Esquimalt, no doubt, was the strategetic point of the province, made so by its direct communication with Nanaimo thereby becoming the only coaling station on the Pacific coast; and for this reason the imperial government will doubtless take steps effectually to protect it. The batteries of Esquimalt would not protect the whole of the province because there is plenty of room for an invader to pass and make inroad to the unprotected harbors of Nanaimo, Departure bay, Vancouver and New Westminster. More especially should that place which he had the honor to represent be well fortified, because without coal the navy would be useless. The small sum of six hundred dollars granted by the government is perfectly inadequate in assisting the wants of those men who devote their time and labor in becoming efficient in the service. He should be pleased to see the amount trebled.

Hon. Mr. Robson felt that he should congratulate the honorable member for Kootenay for bringing this matter up and on the able manner in which he had done so. The importance of this coast to the British empire was now being fully recognized by the imperial government and at Ottawa, and he considered this to be a most opportune time for bringing this matter up. The honorable junior member for Nanaimo had very properly drawn attention to the exposed condition of the coal mines at Nanaimo. The protection of these was a matter overshadowing national importance, and the Dominion government should be thoroughly awakened to the necessity of providing better defences for British Columbia at once. Resolution passed.

PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS.

House went into committee on the bill entitled "An Act to abolish preferences amongst creditors in the administration of the estates of deceased persons." Committee reported bill complete with amendments.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Hon. Mr. Robson moved the second reading of "An act to amend the qualification and registration of voters." The question of extending the franchise to females having been fully discussed at three previous sessions of the house, the mover did not think it necessary to refer to it at any great length. He pointed out that by increasing the votes of the province its importance was correspondingly increased. In considering this matter there were higher questions to be taken into account. It was of the highest importance that British Columbia should take a high moral stand, and it was safe to say if women were enfranchised they would always be found on the side of morality. The privilege given them of voting at the election of school trustees had produced most desirable results and a new, healthy interest in the schools in the province dated from that time. It was nonsense to say if the franchise was extended to them they would not take advantage of it. He explained that in bringing in this bill he did so as a private member.

Mr. Dunsmuir had supported the enfranchisement of women on one occasion, but he had changed his mind, and did not think now that the ladies should have a vote.

Mr. Allen said the ladies did not want a vote.

Mr. Higgins said that he intended to vote for the second reading; but he wished the promoter of the bill to understand that if the measure reached the committee he (Mr. Higgins) would move a clause to compel women to sit on juries as well as in the legislature. He did not believe in half-way measures. If women did one thing they must do the other thing. If they were made citizens they must accept all the responsibilities of citizens. (Hear.) He did not agree with people who thought the average woman was not as intelligent as the average man. He had asked a man to-day, who was inveighing against the bill, what he thought women were fit for? and the man had answered, "to nurse babies and sew on buttons." (Laughter.) If he (Mr. H.) believed that women were fit for nothing else he would wish them all out of the world, and the house should pass a law to discourage their growth, as in China. (Laughter.)

Mr. Semlin did not see why this measure should be brought forward at this time, but he was nevertheless in favor of the principle. He pointed out that Queen Victoria afforded an excellent illustration of a woman discharging all the duties of high office without neglecting domestic demands.

Mr. McLeese said he had at one time opposed this measure, but he had changed his mind, and intended to give it his support.

Mr. Davie did not believe that this bill was desired by those whom it aimed to enfranchise. Nothing was said about the question at the last general election and he believed it would be out of place for the house to pass the bill. The enfranchisement of women had been found to work disastrously on the American side, and he would oppose it in British Columbia. It would bring out the most undesirable class of women to the polls.

Mr. Bole said the class of ladies who were always found in the vanguard of this movement were those who in the ordinary course of events had been unable to obtain husbands. He claimed that if the ladies were to be given a vote they should also be allowed to sit in the legislature, and as the bill would not grant that right he would oppose it in its present form.

Mr. Turner said this matter had been sprung rather unexpectedly on the house. He thought the women of the province should have been given some chance to say whether they desired the innovation or not. On the American side he was informed they would get clear of the woman's franchise as soon as possible.

Mr. Prior had a rather extended acquaintance among the ladies and knew they were satisfied to leave politics to the men. He moved that the bill be given the six months hoist.

Mr. Ladner seconded the amendment.

Mr. Orr was a bachelor but would have no objection to sitting in the house with a member on each side dressed in petticoats.

Mr. Anderson put in a protest to the bill.

Mr. Beaven, on the general question of female suffrage, was aware that much could be said. The privilege of voting at the election of school trustees had had a salutary effect and it was apparent that none were more competent than the mother to decide anything relating to the education of her child. He was, however, not prepared to vote for this measure now, seeing that the matter had not been discussed in public and had never been mooted at the elections which had taken place last year. The Ontario legislature and the Dominion house of commons had been recently dissolved because the franchise had been extended; it would therefore follow that if the house passed this bill a new election would naturally follow. So far as that was concerned he would hold up both hands for it. (Laughter.) He would support the motion to give the bill the six months' hoist.

Hon. Mr. Robson was sorry the honorable leader of the opposition had become a backslider. He found him now opposing a measure which he had so forcibly, eloquently and logically supported in 1884, 1885 and 1886. What was right in 1886 could not be wrong in 1887, and he did not believe there had been a correspondchange in public sentiment. He was not ashamed to admit as the honorable member for Yale had pointed out, that he (Mr. Robson) had himself opposed the enfranchisement of women on the floor of this house. He did not deny it, but he was glad to say that he had received more light and had become imbued with more liberal ideas than he was 12 years ago. The passage of the bill would not necessitate an appeal to the new constituency if a clause were inserted in the bill providing that it should not take effect till the next general election. It could not be claimed that the question had been sprung upon the house, because it was an old one and had been discussed over and over again in the house and through the press. The contention that only the most undesirable class of women would take advantage of the franchise was not a rational conclusion. All men who went to the polls were not respectable but the large majority were, and there was no reason to suppose that it would be otherwise with the women. He was not forcing the franchise upon them. If they did not desire to vote they would no more be compelled to register their names than men were. In conclusion he would say that in moving in this matter he believed he was doing his duty and acting in accordance with the wishes of those who had sent him here and that the bill would become law within a few years he had no doubt whatever.

On division the motion for the six month's hoist was carried by a vote of 17 to 5. Messrs. Robson, Higgins, McLeese, Semlin and Stenhouse voting against it.

RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. Robson laid before the house printed reports of conferences between the provincial government and Indian delegates from Fort Simpson and Naas river.

ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Attorney-General moved that the house on its rising stand adjourned till 2 p. m. Monday.

The opposition complained that the government were not ready with work for the house to go on with. Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker gave his ruling on a point submitted to him by Colonel Baker at a previous sitting, which was in effect that money clauses in bills could not be discussed by the private bills or railway committees till they had first been submitted to a committee of the whole house.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Davie will ask leave to introduce an act to repeal certain clauses of the Sumas Dyking Act, 1878, and to repeal the Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883.

Mr. McLeese will move for a return showing the expenditure incurred and liabilities unpaid in erecting a residence and lockup at the 150-mile house, Cariboo district, showing the names of all persons to whom money has been paid or to whom money is still due in respect thereof.

Mr. Higgins will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an Act to Consolidate the Public Act, 1885.

Mr. Allen will ask leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act to Provide for the 'Better Protection of Cattle Ranges, 1876.'"

Mr. Beaven will move for copies of all orders-in-council and correspondence showing all free or partial grants of land made or promised by the government to any person or corporation.

Mr. Ladner will move for copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and the corporation of Surrey concerning the letting of a contract for the Campbell river bridge in Surrey municipality, New Westminster district, and showing the amount of the contract price, the amount paid, and the amount outstanding.

Mr. McLeese will move for copies of all orders in council, minutes, letters, telegrams and other documents, and correspondence of every nature and kind whatsoever, in any way relating to the appointment of a mounted constable in the Cariboo-Lillooet district.

Mr. Mason will move: Whereas it is in the highest degree desirable to promote in every legitimate way the development of our quartz mines. And whereas, the class of machinery required for working such quartz mines is not manufactured within the Dominion of Canada; therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this house it is desirable that representation be made to the federal government requesting them to exempt from taxation all machinery that may be imported into the province for quartz mining purposes.

Mr. Thompson will move: Whereas, the extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island would be the means of opening up and settling a large extent of territory and developing its vast mineral, agricultural and forest wealth, as well as the extensive and prolific fisheries abounding along its shores, and whereas, in the event of war such extension would by affording rapid communication and ready means of transport, become an important factor in protecting the valuable coal stores, the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the naval establishment at Esquimalt against a foreign enemy. Be it therefore resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the lieutenant-governor in council, praying His Honor to urge upon the Dominion government and through it the Imperial government, the policy and duty of undertaking the said extension as a national work, or at least granting such liberal aid as will enable it to be carried out without imposing an undue burden upon the province.

Hon. Mr. Davie will ask leave to introduce a bill, to be intituled "an Act to Amend the Jurors' Act, 1883."

NOMINATIONS

For the Electoral District of Victoria in the Commons.

The nominations of candidates for the representation of Victoria district in the Dominion house of commons, took place yesterday between the hours of 12 noon and 2 o'clock p.m. Very little interest was manifested in the proceedings. The candidates were very particular, however, as regards their papers being correct, and the amount of money received into the government treasury is considerable. No addresses were made at the conclusion of the nominations, contrary to the eastern custom. The following were the nominations:

NOAH SHAKESPEARE,

nominated by Geo. Powell, Wm. Boddy, John Braden, Jos. Sharpe, Jas. Wallace, Frank Beegan, Willis Bond, R. W. Fawcett, Rowland E. Green, D. M. McLean, R. B. Fanouf, P. McDonald, Alex. Watson, jr., John Shopland, E. B. Marvin, Theo. Davie, J. H. Turner, J. R. McKenzie, S. Whitley, E. J. Salmon, C. T. Penwill, Jos. Gamell, John Flewin, S. S. Humber, D. Urquhart, Jas. Barnsley, Jas. Ferguson, Walter Walker.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,

nominated by Theo. Davie, J. H. Turner, Thos. Shotbolt, H. Brown, D. R. Harris, John Coughlan, C. E. Redfern, Geo. Jaques, George Welsh, Wm. Boddy, Jas. Andrews, R. Maynard, W. G. Elvird, F. Carne, ar., Jas. Porter, Wm. Buckett, R. J. Styles, T. B. Hicks, F. Reynolds, H. Gribble, H. Saunders, J. P. Elford, J. Buller, J. P. Burgess, E. J. Wall, D. Spencer, Wm. Lorimer, Rowland E. Green.

JAMES FELL,

nominated by John Grant, M. R. Smith, R. T. Clanton, John Hawkins, Henry Gribble, W. E. Baines, R. A. Anderson, John Barnsley, E. B. Marvin, R. Hall, G. H. Maynard, M. Humber, John Coughlan, J. H. King, H. Chaffey, James Baker, Phillip Smith, David Bamfield, George Garves, M. Morrissy, P. Harmon, Henry Moss, C. Taylor, P. A. Phillips, W. Lorimer, James Doughty, S. Reid, H. A. Morley.

WILLIAM ARCHIBALD ROBERTSON,

nominated by John Boyd, J. A. Salt, W. H. Thistle, J. Johnson, D. H. Riddell, Abel Beswick, Arthur Porter, John Robertson, Geo. H. Brown, Wm. Trickey, J. Hawkins, Jas. Holness, S. Cooness, John Sayyes, H. W. Johwl, Wm. Cowling, W. G. Fraser, C. K. Blake, John Matthews, Morris Moss, Charles Wilson, C. F. Beaven, T. Donovan, Jas. Elsworth, W. J. Smith, F. K. Winch, Jas. Baker, W. H. Snider, B. W. Pearse, Wm. Hunt.

ARTHUR EDWARD M'CALLUM,

nominated by A. N. Richards, Geo. L. Milne, J. C. McLagan, T. J. Burnes, T. McNab Stewart, Wm. Templeman, P. W. Dempster, W. J. Conlin, J. Stewart Yates, Jr Roland Hett, T. J. Jones, John Mortimer, C. B. Robelle, James Hastie, John C. Doherty, James Miller, Chas. W. Jenkinson, John Meston, James Walker, A. Muirhead, Danl. H. Riddell, Alex. Temple, W. G. Fraser, William Veitch, William F. Patton, Frank H. Curry.

HON. T. B. HUMPHREYS,

nominated by J. W. Rowland, T. L. Davies, Jas. Porter, Abel Beswick, John Woods, Fred. Reynolds, Wm. Prout, John Prout, G. M. Beak, Hugh McDonald, Reg. Nuttall, James Deans, Arthur Porter, Wm. Field, John Harris, D. F. Adams, A. S. Farwell, G. R. Lawrence, T. C. Bargwanna, Geo. Deans, Jno. Boyd, Jno. Irvine, James Tod, W. A. Elliott, T. Elliott, J. S. Shopland, J. R. Hett, John Sinclair, A. Donaldson, B. C. Pettengill, C. Gowen, Hugh Caldwell.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That the flower sales in Paris during the last three days of 1885, amounted to $600,000.

That Capt. McCallum, the grit candidate, was completely floored last night by Mr. Shakespeare on the home rule question. Evidently the former gentleman didn't know what he was talking about.

That in the course of a letter regretting that he could not attend the banquet of the New York Stalwarts in honor to the memory of Lincoln, Senator John Sherman, among other things, said that in the event of the republican party gaining power: "We could make suitable commercial arrangements with our neighbors of the Dominion of Canada, and thus avoid all future controversy about the rights of our people to fish in American waters, and in this way, by gradual measures, unite the interests and desires of our neighbors with our own."

POLICE COURT.

[Before Judge Johnson.]

Ah Que, a Chinese woman, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, remanded until to-day.

Ah Toy and Ah Kee, two girls, charged with being inmates of the house of ill-fame, were also remanded until to-day.

Mr. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, appeared for defendants.

David Blair, charged with obstructing passengers on the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf, fined $10 and costs.

Clara Gonzalles, a vagrant, was fined $50 or three months hard labor.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Fraser River Again Open—Steamer Belle Arrives From Nanaimo—Weather Soft.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 17.—The Fraser river is now open to this city. Steamer Belle with a scow load of coal arrived from Nanaimo to-day. Weather soft.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Naval.

The British war-ship Scout will sail seventeen knots an hour in smooth water, but, in making this speed, vibrates so much that even old sailors are made sick.

Sleighing.

It is reported that there is still good sleighing out in the direction of Saanich. In the city the beautiful is fast disappearing under the warm rays of a spring sun.

Summoned.

A summons was served upon Mr. Willis Bond yesterday, who is charged with unlawfully obstructing the sidewalks. The case will come before the police magistrate to-morrow.

Electric Light.

Mr. S. Z. Mitchell, who has returned from Vancouver, states that an electric light plant is now under construction in that city and will be started up in about ten days.

New Westminster Nominations.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 18.—Messrs. Donald Chisholm, conservative, and Thomas J. Trapp, independent, were to-day nominated as candidates for the New Westminster district, in the Commons.

Provincial Appointment.

His honor the lieutenant-governor has been pleased to make the following appointment: John Harrison Rowbotham, Esq., J. P., deputy surgeon-general, retired, to be a coroner for the electoral district of Cowichan.

Overworked

A great deal of dissatisfaction exists among the members of the police force with the new hours recommended by the chief and adopted by the police committee. They state, and with apparent good reason, that they cannot continue to do duty under the new regulations and live.

Renovated.

The office and reading room of the Driard hotel which has undergone an entire renovation, presents a rich and elegant appearance and is in keeping with the other appointments of that famous hostelry. The comfort of the guests has been well considered by mine host, who have provided fine easy chairs upholstered in Russian leather for the reading room.

Supposed to be Stolen.

The Chinese are getting honest. A pawnbroker of that nationality brought an overcoat to the police station last night and informed Officer Abel that a Chinaman had called upon him and had tried to raise fifty cents on it. Having a suspicion that the man had not come by the coat by honest dealings, he thought it best to retain the article of apparel and report to the police.

A Mystery.

A Chinaman, who recently rented a store on Cormorant street, went to close the place up last evening and discovered in one of the rooms a bundle of blankets. The fellow, who has a good record for honesty, locked the bundle up in an adjoining room and immediately reported the affair at the police station. It is thought the bundle contains some stolen articles.

Chinaman Assaulted.

A Chinaman appeared before Judge Johnson yesterday morning while the court was in session, and swore out a warrant against a lad, who he said had hit him in the face with a hard snowball. John had a large patch under his left eye about the size of an India rubber ball, and looked the very picture of innocence. The boy was arrested last night.

Feed Gone Up.

The effect of the recent cold snap on the feed market has been very satisfactory to the farmers, but is correspondingly hard on the livery stables. The supply being cut off from the Fraser bay has gone up to $27 per ton and straw finds a ready sale at $6 per load. There has also been a considerable advance in the price of grain, and dealers do not anticipate a reduction till another crop is gathered. In view of these facts it would appear that it is not on cold days that a farmer gets left.

The Appeals.

LIB.-CON.	GRIT.
ONE UNITED DOMINION, UNION AMONG ALL CLASSES.	PROVINCIALISM, SECTIONALISM.
PROGRESS, FAITH IN THE COUNTRY, CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.	RETROGRESSION, RULE OR RUIN. PREDICTIONS OF RUIN.
RECORD OF GREAT THINGS ACCOMPLISHED.	SLANDER AND ABUSE AND MISREPRESENTATION.

The Political Situation.

The meeting on Wednesday night seems to have awakened considerable excitement. Small groups of men might be seen yesterday on the street corners discussing the situation. A few grits were mixed up in the groups, which were decidedly in favor of the conservative principles expressed by Shakespeare and Baker at their meeting, and the grits, when they attempted to palm off their old chestnuts, were promptly sat down upon by the strong arguments of their opponents.

A Full Court.

Judge Johnson had his hands full in disposing of the cases brought up yesterday morning, and a more dilapidated crowd of prisoners could not well be imagined. One woman had her eyes blackened, another a bruised countenance, and another a gash on the side of her head. The court was crowded with friends of the belligerents and considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings. The judge has evidently made up his mind to stop these disgraceful fights which occur from time to time among the Indians, for he promptly fined the principal offender $25, and in addition sent him up for three months with hard labor.

The Old Time Boodlers.

The old time Boodlers sit and mourn
The happy days gone by,
When "Alock" ruled in Ottawa,
And the Boodlers lived on pie;
When Angelin, Speaker's chair,
Was fed on printing pap,
And the Goderich harbor line was dropped
Into "my friend Moore's" lap.
When steel rail Boodle slopped around,
And "Brother Charles" grew rich,
And Jones and Vail their pickings got
From printing jobs and sich;
When Cunningham and Bannatyne
Declined to face the house,
And Norris, Workman, and the rest
Kept quiet as a mouse.
When Nixon and a hundred more,
Each got his little share,
And naught but jobs and perquisites
Were borne upon the air;
When thousands upon thousands
Were spent in bribes and vice,
And Canada was transformed to
The Boodler's Paradise.
But now, when honest Government
In Ottawa does reign,
And the Boodlers get no Boodle,
They cry aloud in pain—
"Oh, for the good old days again,
When Boodle was about,
They never will return, unless
We turn these Tories out!"

Assaults on Chinese.

Several cases of assaults on Chinamen have been recently reported. While snowballing was good it was no uncommon sight to see a crowd of small boys peppering a celestial and to see the latter holding an open umbrella before him charging through the crowd something after the style of a mad bull. But young British Columbia must have its fun, and even if the temporary discomfiture of the Chinamen were caused no one felt that the case required his interference. Brutal unprovoked attacks upon these people is a different matter. It is reported that a number of young men standing at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, on Sunday pelted a Chinaman who was passing, and the latter being moved to give back some jaw, was beaten by one of the hoodlums till blood was streaming from his mouth and nose. Another case of a Chinaman being assaulted on Yates street yesterday morning and struck in the face by a young rowdy, is reported. That such brutality should be practiced on the streets upon a defenceless people is a disgrace to any community, and every good citizen should use his endeavors to promptly put a stop to it. If there is not a policeman at hand to arrest the offender when these outrages are committed those who witness them should be doing nothing more than a simple act of justice if they secured his apprehension and punishment.

CABLE NEWS.

Defeated the Rebels.

MANILLA, Feb. 16.—The expedition under the governor of the Phillipine Islands which went to Mindenas, shelled that place, drove the natives after a skirmish expedition, landed and erected forts previous to proceeding to the interior.

The sultan of Tooloo assisted by Spanish troops defeated the rebel natives and forced them to submit to his authority.

Kaulbars Appointed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16. Gen. Kaulbars been appointed *attache* to the Russian embassy at Teheran, the capitol of Persia.

"Plan of Campaign."

DUBLIN, Feb. 16.—The interest in the case of the Traversers is increasing. The court was crowded to-day. None of the defendants were present at the opening of the court, but some of them looked in occasionally during the day. They were seen around the city this morning and otherwise enjoying themselves. The indulgence shown the defendants by the court makes the trial appear to be farcial. Solicitor Gen. Gibson, on behalf of the court, stated the counts in the indictments and reviewed the history of the "Plan of Campaign." He defied counsel for the defense to prove that the "plan of campaign" was a legal institution. The authorities, he said, were unable to prove that the Traversers had met together, but they could show that they had worked together in an illegal and criminal conspiracy. The case was adjour