

A JUNE FROST

Messrs Prior and Earle Found It Very Chilly in Victoria West Last Evening.

The Liberals Denounced, the Old Flag Waved and Promises Galore Made.

The Many Good Things That the Naughty Liberals Prevented B. C. From Getting.

Messrs. Earle and Prior met with a very cool reception in Victoria West last evening.

Mr. Prior repeated the set speech which must do duty during the whole of the campaign.

Mr. John Russell was voted to the chair. He hoped that a patient hearing could be given Messrs. Earle and Prior and then called upon Colonel Prior.

Colonel Prior, in opening, expressed pleasure at so many being present to listen to his dry speech.

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125 miles north to Butte Inlet. If those estimates had been allowed to be brought down there was a further appropriation for the postoffice, money for repairs to the Quadra, a new revenue cutter, new improvements at the quarantine station, money for Fraser river dykes, \$250,000 for Victoria harbor, a new caretaker's dwelling at the drill hall, a new dredger, surveys would be undertaken, a new fog alarm would be erected at the outer wharf and light-houses would be erected at various points all over the coast.

Mr. Cassidy—Hear, hear. But he was afraid of the progress that Japan and China is making. Why Chinese can live on the small of an oil rag? (Laughter.) We can't compete against such labor. He had actually bought six boxes of matches for eight cents. (Laughter.)

After denying any wrong motive in having introduced the gerrymander bill, Col. Prior pointed out that Mr. Martin should have shown him what the trouble was. He did not know that electors would have been franchised, anyhow, if they were down in two districts, and if they were knocked off one they could vote in the other!

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THE FACTS STATED.

Fearful of the Coming Crash, the Victoria Branch of the Tupper "Nest of Traitors" Try to Sell One Another.

TORY JUDASES AND THEIR PIECES OF SILVER

Side Lights on the Inner Working of the Conservative Club.

As is now generally known at the bye-election held in the city of Victoria last January, the most corrupt practices were resorted to in the successful endeavor to retain the seat in the government interest.

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of May, 1896, I met the said Thomas Tugwell on Government street, Victoria, and we began discussing the political situation, he being a canvasser for Messrs. Prior and Earle. In reply to my question as to how his canvass was progressing he said: "We admit that Mr. Earle has got no chance at all, and in my personal canvass I find he is losing ground every day."

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instead of what was coming to him. He said he had not got a cent and Potts would not give him the two dollars, and asked me to let him have the amount, and, as he states, I did promise to let him have that sum, and did leave the money for him at the New York hotel with Mr. Johnson, as requested by him.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) —Joseph Brown was yesterday committed for trial for breaking from the chain gang.

Approaches are being built at the barracks, so that the powder may be removed thither from the Beason Hill magazine.

The charge against David Kelly of attempting to break into the residence of Mrs. Smart, Colwood, was last evening dismissed.

Last evening William Redfern was committed for trial by Magistrate Macrae on the charge of setting fire to a building on Government street.

Captain Christensen called at the Times office to-day to emphatically deny the statement made by George Amorsen that he could influence the captain's political actions. The statement was made by Mr. Amorsen in his conversation with Mr. Richards, and Captain Christensen wished to give it the strongest kind of denial.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Reinhardt took place on Sunday morning at 3:30 from the late residence, King's road, and later from the Roman Catholic church. Rev. Father Nicolay officiating at church and cemetery. The pallbearers were J. H. Meldrum, Thos. McDowell, Fred Robinson, Albert Dewsnap, M. Steele and Joseph Mellon.

From Wednesday Daily. —The little son of W. H. Tipples, who was injured in the bridge accident, recovered consciousness yesterday, for the first time since the accident.

Last evening Magistrate Macrae committed for trial Morris and Fletcher, the two boys charged with stealing a boat from Capt. Dan McIntosh.

Miss Esta LeLievre, who was seriously injured by being run into by a "scorcher" while riding her wheel around Beacon Hill, is not yet out of danger. Mrs. LeLievre wishes to thank those who kindly assisted her daughter at the time of the accident.

The local preachers' association of the Methodist church held their monthly meeting on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. M. Humber, Topaz avenue. Mr. A. Lee read a paper on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures," which was discussed by Revs. Thomas Crosby, J. P. Betts and J. P. Hicks and Messrs. Humber, I. Slink, S. Okell, W. Morris, A. Malpass and A. Nobis.

Hon. G. B. Martin yesterday received a dispatch announcing the death of Wilford Chase, of Shuswap, at the age of 80. Mr. Chase, who was a native of New York, came to British Columbia in 1858 and entered the employ of Sir James Douglas. He left for the mines in the early sixties, and having been successful as a miner, purchased a farm in 1865. At the time of his death he had one of the finest ranches in British Columbia.

The organ recital of Mr. Geo. Burnett in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening was a success from every point of view. Mr. Burnett's playing pleased the most critical, and the other numbers, vocal solos by Mrs. Janion, Miss Russell and Mr. H. Kent were very pleasing. It is strange that so many sit directly under the gallery and focus of sound, thereby losing to a great degree the contrasting effects in combinations and fortissimos, tending to give the hearer inadequate ideas as to the organ's capabilities.

(From Thursday's Daily.) —Ald. Williams will ask leave at the next meeting of the council to introduce a by-law to authorize the sale of lands upon which taxes have been in arrears for two years.

At the meeting of the W.C.T.U. held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Gordon Grant, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the society on July 7th.

Charles Maidment, of the Mount Newton hotel was this morning arrested on the charge of supplying liquor to the Indian whose body was found on the beach at South Saanich. The hearing was remanded until Monday.

Last evening at the Y.M.C.A. rooms a very successful taffy-pull and concert was held. Mrs. H. Siddall made the taffy; Mr. Cline won the prize for the best puller of taffy and Mr. Siddall won the booby prize. The musical programme was provided by the Victoria band-hell ringers, Miss Burnett, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Brownlee and Mr. Jackson.

A dispatch from Quebec City dated June 3rd, to the Montreal Herald says: "Miss Marion Henrietta Clapham, third daughter of the late J. G. Clapham, M.P., was married to Mr. Edward Crow Baker, a wealthy merchant of Victoria, B.C., in the English Cathedral at 12:30 to-day. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec."

The annual meeting of the Arion club was held in the Hotel Victoria last evening. Mr. Percy Wollaston occupied the chair and the following officers were elected: vice-president, Geo. Jay, Jr.; secretary, H. Cave; conductor W. Greig; librarian, E. Martin. The managing committee includes the officers and H. Kent and Percy Wollaston. After routine business a pleasant social time was spent by the members.

The following jury was empanelled by Coroner Crompton at Saanich yesterday to enquire into the cause of death of the Indian found dead on the beach at South Saanich: John Sluagert (foreman), John Durance, Thomas Graham, Thomas C. Smith, James Hagen and Thomas Humber. Their verdict was: "We find that the deceased, an Indian named Jim Score, about 60 years of age, came to his death on Sunday, the 7th day of June, at Hagen's beach, South Saanich, by falling into the water and getting drowned while in a drunken state; from the evidence given we believe the deceased got his liquor from the Mount Newton hotel and that that was the cause of his death."

At the meeting of the Victoria National Policy Association held last evening at the residence of Mr. M. Humber, Topaz avenue, the following resolutions were adopted: "Resolved, that the National Policy is a disaster to the people of this province, and that it should be abandoned as soon as possible."

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