

**BRIEF LOCALS**

**Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.**

*From Tuesday's Daily.*

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian school district will be held on August 24th this year.

There were 21 births, 12 marriages and 10 deaths in Victoria during the month of June.

At the election in Gordon Head school district on Saturday to select a trustee to fill a vacancy on the board, William Dean was elected.

James Fletcher, entomologist of the agricultural department at Ottawa, will address the convention of farmers and fruit growers at Agassiz on July 26.

After the services at Metropolitan Methodist church Sunday night six Japanese, converted at the mission, 140 Johnson street, were baptized by Rev. Solomon Cleaver.

A dispatch from Grant's Pass, Ore., says the north-bound train of the Southern Pacific was robbed last night, and the registered bags from Victoria, B. C., were rifled.

It is now settled beyond a doubt that Dalton McCarthy, M. P. will be in Victoria on July 12th on the occasion of the Orangemen's picnic. He has written the lodge expressing his intention to be present.

George Dickson, who attempted to commit suicide at the outer wharf on Thursday night last, was arraigned in the police court this morning, but as the witnesses were not on hand the case was remanded until Thursday.

One of the bears at the park got loose on Saturday and made things lively for the caretaker and Constable Redgrave, who tried to catch him. They lassoed him and tied him to a tree. In an attempt to get away he choked himself to death.

Thomas Hodges and Miss Annie Skelch were married this morning. T. Sehl supported the bridegroom and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lizzie Skelch. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges left this morning by the Sehome for a tour of the Sound cities.

The question as to whether a lady can hold the position of school trustee in a rural district has been referred to the superintendent of education. In Oak Bay district on Saturday Mrs. M. Cannon, D. H. McNeil, R. T. Williams and C. Piper were nominated.

As the steamer Islander was leaving the harbor on Sunday morning the deck was badly wrecked the outer broom, near Sugar Loaf rock. The tide was quite low at the time and it was necessary to run pretty close to the channel, so the accident was really unavoidable in one way. The cost of replacing the broom will not be very great.

Among the guests at the Diard are Elder Woodruff, president of the Mormon church, and Mrs. Woodruff; Geo. M. Cannon, ex-delegate to congress from Utah, and first counsellor of the Mormon church, and Mrs. Cannon and Joseph Smith, second counsellor and nephew of the prophet, Joseph Smith, who was killed fifty years ago. He is also accompanied by his wife, Elder Woodruff is traveling for his health.

The customs returns for June are as given below:

Duty collected	847,769 55
Other revenues	8,946 71
Total	856,716 26
Exports, produce of Canada	1,115,021 00
Exports, not produce of Canada	4,488 90
Total	1,119,510 90
Imports, dutiable	1,322,514 00
Imports, free	45,778 00
Total	1,368,292 00

Canadian Gazette, June 13: In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Birkmire asked the secretary to the treasury whether the government of British Columbia had made any application to Her Majesty's treasury for the advance of the whole or any part of the sum of \$150,000 authorized to be advanced to them under the British Columbia Loan Act, 1892, for transferring families from crofter parishes in the highlands to British Columbia; and, if so, what had been the result. Sir J. Herbert replied: "No, sir, the treasury has not received any such application from the government of British Columbia."

From Wednesday's Daily. A letter from Lillooet says: "The weather is very hot here, 64 degrees in the shade. The Fraser river is rising rapidly."

At the annual meeting of the Oak Bay school district for the election of

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trustees Mrs. Janet Moody and Messrs. R. T. Williams and C. T. Piper were elected for three, two and one years respectively.

The trustee election in Parkville school district resulted in the election of Mrs. Florence H. Davis and William Morrison for two and three years respectively to succeed George Plummer and Henry Pillar.

William L. Challover, of the firm of Challover & Mitchell, of this city, was married at Toronto on June 24th to Miss Hattie Elliott Diprose, daughter of Robert Diprose, of Toronto. The wedding took place at Erskine church, Rev. W. A. Hunter, B.A., officiating.

J. H. Warner has presented a fine black bear to the public park at North Saanich. The bear was captured at Alberni and obtained by Mr. John Brethour, who, gazing on the sudden influx of visitors to Sidney yesterday, felt so elated that he took to the hills for "bits," a figure which Mr. Warner at once snatched at.

Canadian Gazette: Although the ecclesiastical dignitaries to whom was entrusted the appointment of a bishop to succeed the late Dr. Sillitoe in the diocese of New Westminster, British Columbia, have not chosen a native Canadian, they have selected a gentleman whose work is well known in Nova Scotia. Dr. John Dart, the new bishop, comes from Higher Broughton, Manchester. He took his B. A. at Oxford in 1867, and his M. A. two years later. After a short experience of colonial church work in Ceylon under Bishop Cloughton, of Colombo, Dr. Dart went in 1867 to Windsor, N. S., to take charge of the University of King's College there, and the following year the college conferred on him the degree of D. C. L. upon him. He remained at Windsor as president of the college until 1885, and during his nine years' residence in Nova Scotia filled the office of Canon of Halifax. The breadth of a continent separates New Westminster and Halifax, but Dr. Dart's experience in Nova Scotia cannot but prove of value to him in his new bishopric on the Pacific.

From Thursday's Daily. The superintendent of education has declared illegal several elections in rural districts where women were elected trustees. The school act only gives him the privilege of having women on the trustee board.

W. Stamer, with B. B. Marvin & Co., of this city, is repairing a few days ago. He was working around a tin of tar oil with a light when the oil exploded. His face was severely burned. It will be some time before he will be able to be around again.

Richard Carter, Jr., a blacksmith of Comox, has disappeared. Carter left the Windsor Hotel, Nanaimo, on the morning of June 16th, intending to take the train for Victoria, and has not been seen since. He was well known here, but nobody can be found who saw him here since June 16th.

The sealskins forming the catch of the schooner Umbrina, shipped from Hakodate to R. P. Rihet & Co. on the steamship Empress of China, were shipped here on the steamer last night. The skins arrived in very good shape, but the casks, not very good in the first place, were a little battered up. The skins will be repacked here in strong local manufactured casks and shipped from here to London. They will probably be taken at an early date. There are 1,100 skins and they will fill about 25 casks.

As usual a large number of Victorians are celebrating the fourth of July. Close on two thousand people are visiting the Sound cities, while other attractions have also secured their quota.

The Kingston last night had over five hundred excursionists for Port Townsend and Seattle, principally the latter city, and this morning the Sehome and Rosalie had between 300 and 400 passengers each. The Rosalie was from the Rosalie. The Islander also took a large number to the first trip and about the same number on the second. Most of those who are spending the day on the American side will return this evening. Several hundred attended the A.O.U.W. picnic at Shawanigan Lake, two trains leaving the city for that pretty resort. The city was pretty well deserted and many of the stores were closed.

Geo. Dickson, charged with attempting suicide, was brought into the police court this morning and part of the evidence in the case taken. Watchman Nichols told the story of the encounter at the outer wharf when Dickson tried to jump overboard. He said Dickson made a run along the wharf and ran nearly 200 feet before he caught him. Dickson clearly declared his intention of jumping overboard, and it was a struggle to restrain him. Dr. Geo. Duncan, who examined Dickson, said that he was not now sure whether he was sane or otherwise, although he had passed the first examination very satisfactorily. The witness could tell better after further examination. The case was then remanded for a week. Dickson denies that he intended to hang himself, with the rope made from shreds of his shirt found in his cell. He told Jailer Allen that he wanted to be sent to jail that he might have food and shelter. He said he had tried to get work and had failed and was reduced to starvation.

**FROM ALBERNI**

Schoopars Maude S and Minnie Got Crews—Mining News.

Alberni, B. C., June 30.—Captain McKell, schooner Maude S, leaves for the north on July 1. The Minnie leaves the same time with eight canoes. Mr. George Brown has just arrived from China. He is bringing a good supply from both quartz and placer claims.

**MAJORITY REMAINS FIRM**

**Motion to Rescind Action in the Water Works Contract Matter Defeated.**

**Original Contract Ordered Signed—Two Important Sewerage Reports.**

The majority of the city council stuck to their colors in the filter beds contract matter, rejected a proposal from Contractor John Haggerty and ordered the corporate seal affixed to the contract with Walkey, King & Casey at the meeting held last evening. The vote on the matter was unchanged throughout. There were several matters of importance brought up during the evening, including two interesting reports from the sewerage committee. All of the aldermen were present at the meeting and Mayor Teague presided.

**The first communication read was the following:**

"Gentlemen: I am informed that Ald. Macmillan has given notice of his intention to move that new tenders be called for the filter beds contract, in order to supply the cement necessary to do the work. This course I consider is hardly fairly dealing with my tender. Although I am an opponent of the work, I believe the city would be better off if it accepted my tender. If you decide to accept this proposition and prefer other security to that which I have already given you in compliance with your advertisement, namely, 5 per cent. deposit, would you accept a bond in twice the contract amount, of ten per cent? This, of course, on the understanding that my check for 5 per cent. would be returned to me in exchange for the bond. Trusting you will not consider these suggestions impertinent."

**"JOHN HAGGERTY."**

Ald. Wilson moved that the letter be laid on the table for further consideration. Ald. Humphrey seconded, and the motion was agreed to without discussion.

Hales & Bell wrote and submitted a proposal for paving block paving on streets and crossings.

Hales & Bell referred to the street committee to report. Ald. Macmillan, Partridge and Bragg urged that at least a small amount of the work be done if only to try the experiment. They believed it would prove satisfactory.

Chief Deputy presented his monthly report. He asked advice as to the testing of hose, for which process the department has no proper gauge. He also asked that uniforms be bought for the regular men, and also reported the number of fires in the last month and six weeks. The report went to the fire warden.

Market Superintendent Johnson reported that during June the market revenue was \$127,900. The report was received.

Messrs. Solly, Brown and Richards complained of bunks and mites from the Canada Paint Company. It was explained that the matter was already being acted upon and the letter was sincerely referred to the sanitary officer.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$7,294.70 out of the general revenue, \$314.46 out of the electric light fund, and \$312.04 out of the water works loan. The reports were all passed.

The Home committee reported that Mr. Hildersbach, the caretaker, would reside at the home, recommended that the application of John Walsh for admission be refused, as there was no room, asked for permission to tear down certain old shacks about the place, and submitted a new series of rules for the government of the home.

Ald. Humphrey and Partridge objected to the Old Men's Home committee having power to discharge an inmate. They believed the committee should have power to suspend, but that the power to discharge should remain in the hands of the council.

Ald. Cameron and Macmillan said the rule was an old one, but they personally did not care to insist upon the matter. The former suggested that a special meeting be held to go into the matter, but the latter said the rules should be printed at once. The change asked for was agreed upon and the report and closed rules were adopted.

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This arrangement makes a short connection for buildings on the west side of the street and correspondingly lengthens those for buildings on the opposite side, hence the complaint in question, the applicants claiming compensation for extra expense beyond the centre of the street in making connection. We find an amendment to a report of the street committee of September 24th, 1894, passed by the council, which reads as follows: "Where the main sewer is laid on one side of the street, connections must be made so that they can be properly adjusted, that is, that long connections will not have to pay more than short connections, in other words, both sides of the street to pay as if the sewers had been laid in the centre of streets." The Government street sewer was put in previous to the passing of this resolution. The connections first referred to in this report are south of Fort Street. The balance of the connections on this street from Fort street north were put in by the city and have not yet been assessed against the respective properties affected. We are of opinion that the resolutions quoted above affects all connections on Government street alike. We would therefore recommend that the question of compensation to Messrs. Redfern and Harris be left in abeyance until all properties similarly affected be taken into consideration and a general arrangement made equitable to all.

The report was received and adopted after a short discussion. The sewerage committee reported recommending that the flushing of sewers be left to the direction of the sanitary officer and that the services of the man now employed occasionally for the purpose be dispensed with. Received and adopted.

The sewerage and street committees presented the following joint report: Regarding the question of connecting the new parliament buildings with the city sewerage system, which matter was referred to us, we have the honor to submit the following report: Your committee having thoroughly examined into the matter, and visited the grounds in company with Mr. Battenbury, architect for the government buildings, and the city engineer, recommend that a sewer be laid from the existing sewer on McClure street to Belleville street, thence along Belleville to Menzies, and that lateral sewers be laid from the Belleville street main along Birdcage Walk and Menzies street to Birdcage Walk to extend to the permanent sewerage system. By extending the sewer to Menzies street and up Menzies street to Superior street, not only would a more economical and convenient method of sewerage that the present method of connecting the government buildings than would be obtained by extending the sewer along Birdcage Walk only, but provision would also be made for sewerage the drill hall and several other buildings now discharging into the harbor, and is a matter of public sentiment. The infraction had been threatened for some time but had not been filed, and he believed the majority had acted very fairly.

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Ald. Partridge held that the motion was a distinct one and required a notice. The mayor agreed with him, declaring the motion out of order.

Ald. Humphrey said a motion to disapprove of the Haggerty letter would be in order and simply changed the first part of the motion.

The motion was then put and lost 4 to 3. Ayes—Ald. Humphrey, Williams, Wilson and Macmillan. Nays—Ald. Hall, Partridge, Cameron, Bragg and McLellan.

Ald. McLellan's motion was then put and carried 5 to 4, the nays simply changing to the ayes.

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He passed up a copy of Cushing's Manual, which the mayor declined to accept as an authority.

Ald. Macmillan said that he felt sure of his rights, but if the council did not want to be helped out of a trouble he would not try to force it to it.

Ald. Humphrey said he had heard an alderman say he believed in public meetings and thought the council should be guided by them, and he wanted to say that he believed in the public meeting of last week the most convincing he ever heard of.

Ald. McLellan said he had brought in his motion to give the mayor the authority necessary to sign the contract and bring the matter to an issue. He had not changed his mind since the meeting. He did not believe that the real ratepayer had much of a show at such gatherings. He was more certain than ever that Walkey, King & Casey were the proper firm to get the contract. He wanted to see a good piece of work done, and every workman and merchant paid dollar for dollar.

Ald. Wilson quoted the Procedure by-law to show that there was a perfect right to move for reconsideration.

The Haggerty letter was also taken up from the table and Ald. Humphrey moved that his suggestions be carried out and Haggerty given the contract. Ald. Williams seconded the motion in an earnest speech.

Ald. Wilson supported the motion and advised the majority to recede from its position. A great deal of trouble and delay in the legal quagmire would be avoided, and he felt sure the work would be successfully carried out.

Ald. Humphrey said that Mr. Haggerty had long ago bid even lower than that proportionately and had been successful. He did not care about a man's character, but wanted to see a good cheap job done.

Ald. Macmillan said he had been twitted about receding from day labor, but as a matter of fact he was as great an advocate of it as ever. He, however, did not believe in trusting day labor to the hands of its enemies. They followed out a general rule of awarding tenders to the lowest tenderer, and as far as he knew had never questioned another tenderer before. Why should they deviate here he could not understand, and could not do anything else conscientiously than vote for the motion of Ald. Humphrey.

Ald. Bragg said that the advice of some of his minority about hurrying up was good, and for that reason he was going to stand by his colors. Some of them call for fresh tenders he would prefer to have the work go to John Haggerty. He defended the right of the council to pick upon the tender which they regarded as the proper one.

Ald. Cameron said that he had based his original position on the advice of the engineer, had so explained his stand to the public, and was still of the same mind. He was opposed to making any change in the conditions contained in the tenders, and held that if they made any changes everybody should have the benefit of them. He was not certain about the public meeting, but was relying on public sentiment. The infraction had been threatened for some time but had not been filed, and he believed the majority had acted very fairly.

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**NEWFOUNDLAND**

Governor O'Brien Will Close the Legislature Today. St. John's, Nfld., July 4.—The legislature will be prorogued today, that last duty being the last public official act of Governor O'Brien's career. Much denunciation of the government has been aroused by the passage of a bill last night dividing \$1,000 among seven provincial trustees appointed by the shareholders of the Commercial Bank last winter after the crash. The supreme court discharged those trustees after a fortnight and declined to allow the payment. The court then appointed regular liquidators. Now the government compels the bank to pay the trustees the above sum. No opportunity was given to arouse public opinion to the bill. Tonight there will be an exciting debate over the contingencies bill, which contains allocations of money to the government newspapers and officials at the house in the shape of bonuses for extra services which the opposition will fight to the bitter end.

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