

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Yesterday Was Another of the Very Quiet Days in the House.

THE G. W. TELEGRAPH BILL PASSED

Victoria Electric Light and Railway Company's Bill Before the Committee of the Whole House—All Afternoon Spent on it.

March 7. The speaker took the chair at two o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Archibald Seaton.

Mr. Smith presented reports from the mining committee recommending amendments to the placer mining and mineral acts. Received.

Mr. Adams presented a report from the select committee on exporting, recommending that an expert dairyman be sent through the province.

Mr. Horne introduced a bill to repeal the wide tire act, 1892, and it was resolved: "That whereas the commercial importance of the harbor of the city of Vancouver is rapidly increasing, and there is commencing on the Pacific coast, and the most important in the interest of shipping and commerce on the Pacific coast; and where as it is necessary in the interests of shipping and commerce that a certain Burnaby shoal should be removed; therefore be it resolved that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honor to urgently request the Dominion Government to take immediate steps for the removal of said Burnaby shoal.

Mr. Horne dropped his long motion respecting Point Roberts.

The house went into committee, Mr. Macleod in the chair, to consider the Cariboo railway bill.

Mr. Adams moved an amendment that the route of the road should be approved by the house, not by the executive committee.

Dr. Watt thought the amendment might hinder the construction of the road, as the company might wish to commence work during the recess.

Mr. Adams said the farmers should be considered. The railway might be built in such a way that the market for the farmers' products would be taken away.

Mr. Booth argued that it would be better to allow the government to deal with the matter; the house might make a mistake.

Hon. Mr. Beaven considered the amendment was a desirable one.

Hon. Mr. Vernon said it would virtually kill the bill. No company would make surveys if there was a chance of the route being changed by the house.

Mr. Brown could not agree with the chief commissioner.

Hon. Mr. Beaven said the arguments of Mr. Vernon were insulting to members. He as much as said that members of the house were not capable of dealing with the matter, which the members of the executive were.

Mr. Rogers did not think there need be any fear of the company ignoring the agricultural portion of Cariboo.

Mr. Adams said he did not wish to see any reflections on the government. The company, it was said, wanted to connect with the C. P. R. at Kamloops, not at Ashcroft. If this change was made the road would enter Cariboo by the north door.

Mr. Foster—If the company intend to build through the agricultural district, what objection could they have to the amendment? The amendment was in the right direction.

Hon. Mr. Vernon said the selection of the route should be left to the engineer and the company.

Mr. Stoddard considered the amendment a good one. The interests of the farmer should be considered as well as those of the miner. The company could not show that it would be cheaper to build the road by not going through the farming district.

Mr. Kitchen said the fact was that the promoters of the road were the men who were asking for grants of land for hydraulic mines. If the road is to be assessed it should be built through the farming country. If it did not go through that country the farmers of Cariboo would be prevented from selling their supplies to the miners.

Mr. Brown said he was more in favor of the amendment than ever. When building was resorted to he made up his mind that there was something wrong. It had been said the company would not build the road if the amendment was made. That was building.

Dr. Watt moved to rise and report progress; to have time to confer with the promoters.

This motion was defeated and the amendment was put and declared to be carried.

Hon. Col. Baker disputed the ruling. The member for Cowichan did not vote.

Hon. Mr. Beaven—If he did not vote he should be counted in the affirmative.

Mr. Chitt—I did vote.

This bill was expected complete with amendments.

The Great Western Telegraph company's bill was finally passed.

The house went into committee, Mr. Seaton in the chair, to consider the Victoria Electric Light and Railway company's bill.

Hon. Mr. Beaven objected to the clause exempting the company from tax for four years. It would require that the election of the crown to do this. The proper time, however, to take a point of order on this would be when it was proposed to read the bill a third time.

Hon. Mr. Higgins said the company were working under peculiar circumstances. They had suffered materially by a disastrous fire, and being of great

benefit to the city they should be encouraged and placed on the same footing as the mainland companies. What the company want is exemption from provincial, not municipal, taxation.

Hon. Mr. Beaven had no doubt that the company had done a great deal of good, but it was not fair to other taxpayers to exempt the company. Mr. Eberle said the clause should be allowed to remain in the bill. Four years' exemption from provincial taxation would not entail any hardship.

The committee rose and reported progress.

Hon. Mr. Vernon presented additional papers respecting the Nakusp and Slocan railway.

The house adjourned at 5.30.

THE PRESBYTERY MEETING.

A Conference on the Macleod Matter Held This Afternoon.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island commenced yesterday afternoon in the assembly room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this afternoon. Among those expected to attend the session are: Rev. D. A. Macleod, of Nanaimo, moderator; Rev. D. Macleod, of Victoria, clerk; Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Victoria; Rev. T. H. Rogers, of Wellington; Rev. Alexander Tait, of Comox; Rev. Alexander Young, of Nanaimo; Rev. Ross, of Northfield; Rev. Chisholm, of Victoria; and Rev. J. H. Higgins, of Union, the laymen, J. D. Beattie and Alex. Shaw, of Nanaimo; Thornton Hill, of Victoria; Alex. Sharp, Wellington, and Alex. Mitchell, of Union. Nearly all were present when the meeting opened at 2.30 as was Rev. Dr. Hamilton, a visitor from Tacoma. Preliminary routine matters were taken up this afternoon, and it is expected that the session will be a short one.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) At the session of the presbytery yesterday afternoon the first business considered was the application of Rev. Joseph Hamilton to be received as a member of the Presbyterian church of Canada. The gentleman is a resident of Tacoma and a member of the Presbytery of Puget Sound. It was decided to recommend favorable action by the general assembly. Letters from the foreign mission committee of the general assembly regarding work among the Chinese and Indians were laid on the table for future consideration. Rev. A. B. Winchester presented a report on Sunday observance among other things urging upon the Dominion government the desirability of stopping work in the Esquimalt dry dock on Sundays. The evening session, as well as devoted almost entirely to routine business. The committee on the reception of Rev. Dr. Hamilton reported recommending that the requisite application be made to the general assembly. Rev. A. B. Winchester presented a report of the committee on foreign missions. It showed very gratifying success in the work among the Chinese here and on the mainland and at the Indian mission at Alberni. It was received and adopted. A report on temperance work, presented by Mr. Beattie, was read and discussed and received and adopted. A resolution was adopted declaring the presbytery to be in favor of the naming of churches in theological colleges by the general assembly. The meeting then adjourned until this morning.

At 10 o'clock this morning when the presbytery met, Rev. Dr. Campbell presided. The conference was held in the hall of the Victoria Hotel. It showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. It was received and adopted. A committee was named to arrange for a Presbytery Sabbath school convention during this year. The committee named Mr. Colman's application to be received for a special course of study under the presbytery was accepted.

Just before adjournment at 12 o'clock the moderator announced that it was decided to have the committee named to confer with Rev. P. McF. Macleod. A formal motion to that effect was carried and the moderator named Rev. Campbell, Rogers, Tait, Winchester and himself. The conference was set for 1.30 o'clock and a recess was taken until two o'clock. It was stated outside the meeting that the Macleod matter was not before the presbytery but might be brought before it.

11. Destitution in San Francisco. Those who think times are very hard in Victoria, may learn by reading the following from the San Francisco Examiner that there are times in the west much worse off. A particularly severe case of destitution was discovered yesterday at 214 Fourth street. The father of the family is a ship-carporter, and his reputation of being a good workman, but for months he has been without work and so far has been unable to secure any. The oldest son, a young man of about 24 years of age, is a printer, but so far has had no work this winter. A younger boy about 14 years old has managed to pick up a few nickels by odd jobs, but such jobs are scarce, and the whole family has been subsisting on the earnings of a daughter who works in a shirt factory, but whose weekly earnings do not exceed \$3. The rooms where they live are bare of furniture, and they are in constant fear of being ejected from the house, as they are several months in arrears for rent. Work of any kind has been suggested to every member of the family, but without success.

To make the hair grow a natural color, prevent baldness, and keep the scalp healthy, Hall's Hair Restorer was invented, and has proved itself successful.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

SHORT LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. (From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Y. M. C. A. rooms were opened at one o'clock this afternoon.

The legislature is to be petitioned with the view of closing the barber and tobacco shops on the Sunday.

Last evening's meeting of Acme lodge, I. O. O. F., took the form of a social, an interesting programme being presented.

The Hught & McIntyre log boom on Cowichan lake was not maliciously broken, as reported, the damage having been caused solely by the wind.

The Young People's association of the First Presbyterian church have postponed their weekly meetings until after the evangelical services to commence shortly.

H. P. Rihet & Co. will lay a wooden walk across Why street from their office to that of the C. P. N. Co. The council has granted the necessary permission.

Ald. Humphreys and Ledingham will likely call upon the members of parliament and to have the set relating to getting on the voters' lists amended.

Rev. S. Cleaver, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, and Rev. R. Macleod, of Nanaimo, exchanged pupils on Sunday. Both were heard by large congregations.

There was an inquest last evening on the body of the still-born infant found on the body of the late Mrs. J. H. Higgins, a visitor from Tacoma. It was found that the child was still-born after the body had been improperly disposed of.

Mrs. Hamberger, of Wellington, and Miss M. Leiser, eldest daughter of Simon Leiser, were married last evening by Rev. Dr. Philo. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few relatives and friends being present. Mr. and Mrs. Hamberger left this morning for Chicago and other eastern cities.

Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., met last evening in Temperance hall, when a very able and interesting paper was read by the Rev. Elder Townson.

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New York: Miss Clayton, Vancouver; Irving J. Cohen, New York; G. P. Denham, London; Dr. Elysha Shanzhai, J. E. Farman, Philadelphia; G. L. Farman, Philadelphia; Dr. and Mrs. Grinnell, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, London; Miss Jenkins, Vancouver; Mrs. Herman Keller, Butte City; M. Kripitrick, Miss Kripitrick, Miss Chisholm, Kipitrick, Butte City; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Levy, Chicago; Mr. Lowe, Shanzhai; J. C. Loveland, London; Mr. Mackay, Shanzhai; John R. Myers, New York; J. H. Pierce, Pittsburg; F. Reed, Jr., New York; Daniel O. Ripley, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rogers, Utica; Mrs. E. C. Seidmore, Washington; E. H. Sharpe, London; Miss L. Watson, Toronto.

The Wanauk packing company, Rivers Inlet, have sold out to R. P. Hight & Co. Ltd.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Rec.



(Mrs. G. M. Clyde) and many others who will deeply regret his death.

George Peacock was in court this morning, charged with the charge of stealing goods worth \$100.00 from the store of Mr. Peacock.

There was a large attendance at a concert held last evening in the hall of the Victoria Mission hall.

A. Chisholm occupied the chair of the members of the First Presbytery of Vancouver Island.

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Besieged by Native Above Territory.

A Relief Party Sent.

A Lodging House Wrecked by a Bomb.

Approval of the Draft Thrown to be Read by the House of Commons.

London, March 10.—The reports of disaster above territory. The draft on February 27th, last, was attacked a detachment of the British army of 80 men of the party are besieged in Membo Bay by an over of tribesmen. A detachment has been sent to their aid. Other reinforcements were sent.

Paris, March 10.—Last night a lodging house in Paris was wrecked by a bomb. The building was wrecked and other buildings in the neighborhood were damaged. The bomb was exploded by a lodger, who had been asked to leave the building. The man had threatened a bomb if he persisted in his refusal to leave. Both were put in jail.

Submitted to the London, March 10.—A privy council was held today. The object of the submission to the privy council was the royal warrant, which the reassembling parliament had formally approved.

Boarding a Boat London, March 10.—A man while attempting to board a boat, missed his footing and was crushed by the boat. He died today.

The British in Bathurst, Gambia, Malindi brigade made a land the purpose of attacking Chief Fodjalah's strongholds. The British met no resistance. The natives fled to their hideouts. The British were in the vicinity of the British wharves.

London, March 10.—The exports to Canada passed a good night and were this morning.

Canada and Pacific Cable London, March 10.—The trade between the United Kingdom and Canada for the month of February was valued at £40,457, an increase of £11,335 over the corresponding month of 1893.

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