The Colonist.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1890.

From The Daily Colonist, Feb. 7.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Customs Changes.

Mr. Atkins, of the Victoria Customs House, has been removed to the long room, vice Mr. Graves to the statistical room. This change will have the effect of giving an additional check clerk to facilitate the work for the public.

On the E. & N.

The snow on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, which for a time menaced the traffic on the line, is slowly disappearing, each day making a very perceptible difference in the depth at the summit. Fortunately the snow is going slowly and no danger from sudden thaws, and consequently wash-outs and flooding, is to be anticipated.

From the North.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz arrived from the North at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a small freight, consisting of box wood and hides. Among the passengers were: Mr. Stapledon, Inverness; S. Campbell and Mr. Pidcock, indian agent. Everything is reported as being quiet up North on account of the heavy fall of snow.

There Should be an Enquiry.

The primary cause of the deplorable accident on board the steamer Sardonyx, which cost the life of Chief Engineer Fox, is being earnestly discussed in marine circles; and it is said that the C.P.N. Co., intend to make a searching enquiry into all attendant circumstances, in order to fix the blame, if any is to be attached to negligence of due precautions, where it belongs.

Due to the Floods.

Owing to the prevalence of floods in California and Oregon, where the greater portion of the mutton and lamb consumed in Victoria is imported from, there is a great scarcity of both of these classes of meat in the city at present. Unless traffic is speedily re-opened a mutton famine will in all probability be felt in Victoria; the provincial supply being entirely inadequate to the demand.

Fatal Accident.

Mr. B. Evans, the usher of the Supreme Court, received the news yesterday of the death of his grandson, Oran Boyce, from the effect of a gun shot wound accidentally inflicted by himself. Young Boyce, who was only fourteen years old, was out duck shooting at San Juan Island at the time of the accident, and died six hours after receiving in his stomach the contents of the gun he was carrying, and which was discharged while he was climbing a fence.

Sealing Matters.

The letter published in yesterday's issue and recently received by a Victorian from a prominent resident of Washington, in regard to the patrolling of Behring's Sea, was read with interest by all connected with the industry here. It will not, however, prevent the sealers leaving for that sea, as the vessel owners have another letter which they consider equally to be depended upon, which states that very few, if any, seizures will be made this year.

Columbia and Kootenay Navigation Co.

A party of gentlemen, of whom Messrs. J. A. Mara, M. P., J. F. Hume, Wm. Cowan, Jno. Irving, Robt Sanderson, and F. S. Barnard are the leading spirits, are applying for a certificate of incorporation for a company to be called the "Columbia and Kootenay Steam Navigation Company," with the object of running passenger, freight and towing steamers on the Columbia and Kootenay rivers and Kootenay lake. The headquarters of the company will be at Revelstoke, and the capital stock will be $100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of $100 each.

In a Bar-room Quarrel.

Under the above heading an item was published yesterday morning, which, it has been since ascertained, was scarcely warranted by the facts. In the first place the young man it may have led the public to believe was most in error, was not in the city at the time, and consequently was not concerned in the fracas in any way. The fight arose over personal grievances and was settled by personal combat to the satisfaction of all concerned. This correction is made in justice to the young man, who considers himself unjustly assailed through the falsity of information considered thoroughly reliable.

Engineers Quite.

A meeting of certificated marine engineers was held in T. B. Norgate's office last evening, about fifteen being present, and Mr. Wm. Sommerville filling the chair.

A committee was appointed to draw up a petition to be sent to Ottawa, requesting the government to amend the law so that engineers must either be British subjects or residents in the Dominion for five years before obtaining certificates. A committee was also appointed to draft by-laws for a society to be called the "Victoria Marine Engineers." Several other things of importance were brought up, but not disposed of.

In Happy Union.

At Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon Rev. F. Hobson united in marriage Mr. H. Hudson Roper, of Victoria, and Miss Ada A., second daughter of the late Jesse Noble, of Weston, Ont. The bride wore cashmere trimmed with moire satin, lace scarf and bonnet, en suite. Her sister and bridesmaid, Miss Mary Noble, was dressed in a pretty costume of white nun's veiling and lace. Mr. H. R. Roper, brother of the groom, supported him, and the wedding party came to Victoria by the Islander, where Mr. and Mrs. Roper will make their home. Mrs. Roper received many pretty and valuable presents, including a fine piano, in testimony of the good wishes of the many friends of the young couple.

Signs of Progress.

In the resume of the building outlook published a few days ago several omissions were made, unintentionally, of buildings to be this year erected, and which will prove very creditable to Victoria. First in importance is the brick block which Mr. Turner intends building at the corner of Douglas and View streets, and for which the ground is now being cleared. Then there is in contemplation the new block on Government street for Mr. Oliver, of San Francisco, and a new brick for Mr. R. T. Williams on Broad street at the termination of View. These three blocks alone will probably total $50,000 or $60,000 in addition to the estimate of $2,000,000 made a few days ago. The work of pulling down the old buildings to make room for Mr. Joseph Sommer's new store on Government street was commenced yesterday by Mr. Maurice Hamber, who was successful in obtaining the contract.

Very Eccentric.

Yesterday afternoon a lady called at The Colonist office, accompanied by a gold-headed umbrella, which she laid on the counter while she was engaged in transacting some business. Before she had completed her business another lady (?) entered, bought a paper, handed her nickel across the counter, and carelessly picked up the umbrella and walked away. The owner of the gold-headed protector from floods, missing it shortly afterwards followed the absent-minded lady up the street, and discovered the end of the lost treasure peeping from beneath the captor's dress.

Approaching the party in possession she asked her if she had not picked up the wrong umbrella by mistake. With profuse apologies the kleptomaniac, who lives on View street and whose name has been given to the police, handed over her prize and walked quickly away. Her eccentricities in this line are becoming uninteresting through losing their novelty, and she is respectfully advised to discontinue them.

The Surrey Dyke is Safe.

It was expected that the Surrey dyke and dam, constructed last fall, had been swept away by the late severe storms. These reports were not correct. The dam across the Serpentine river is as sound and solid as the day it was completed, and the ice did it no harm whatever. The dyke has suffered a little damage at several places where breaches were made by the water in the earth embankments, but these breaks can be easily repaired and at a very small expense. On the whole, the dyke stood the unusually severe storms, and the grinding of the ice against its sides, in a most satisfactory manner, and the substantial quality of the work has been proved by the resisting power it has shown during the last two weeks. It may be years before the dyke is required to stand the same strain again.—Columbian.

Important Undertaking.

Port Townsend Leader: Messrs. Arthur & Merriwether, the photographers, were engaged last evening on behalf of the war department at the national capital to take a number of views of Port Townsend bay and surroundings for the use of the government. Captain Russel Glover, of the revenue cutter Wolcott, has received orders to place his vessel at the service of the photographers in securing views of the points at the entrance of Admiralty Inlet. The secretary of the war department has telegraphed for three views each of Point Wilson, Admiralty Head and Marrowstone point, one from each side and the third a square front view of each of these points. General Miles is now in Washington and urging the passage of the fortification bill, and it is for his use in securing this that these photographs are now ordered to be sent to the department with Captain Bainbridge's certificate of their accuracy. The fortification of these points as contemplated by General Miles will involve an outlay of $5,000,000. The cutter will proceed with the photographers to secure the views within a few days.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WRESTLING.

Dan McLeod, Nanaimo's pet, is still in San Francisco, training hard at the California Athletic Club. He has had the common affliction, the grip, but is now himself again, and as sturdy as ever. It is supposed that Dan is being coached by some of the best in the profession in 'Frisco, and that when he returns he will be a much more scientific wrestler than ever. McLeod always was acknowledged to be a "game" man, but sporting men while admitting his strength and enthusiasm, acknowledged his lack of science, which acquired once, will make him a thoroughly first-class man, one whom it will be hard for any to down.

THE RING.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Jack McAuliffe, accompanied by his backers and trainer, Billy Madden, has arrived here from Portland. McAuliffe is somewhat stout at present, and his three week's exhibition on the way out has taken little if any weight off. Jack on arriving went over to see his old friend Dempsey, who is in training at Neptune Gardens for his battle with the Australian Champion middle weight, Billy Meerhby. McAuliffe does not underrate Jimmy Carroll's ability as a fighter in the least. He thinks his opponent worthy of the closest attention from any light weight fighter before the public.

Billy McCarthy severely injured a finger of his right hand yesterday morning in training, but says he will not disappoint the California club on the 18th of this month.

Pete McCoy and Patsy Kerrigan are training together at Barney Farley's, and the former is a close favorite for his fisticuff with Charley Gleason this month at the Golden Gate club.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Articles for a fight at the California Athletic Club on March 20th, for the lightweight championship purse of $3,000 and a side bet of $5,000 were signed last night by Jack McAuliffe, of New York, and Jimmy Carroll, of Boston.

MITCHELL MAULS MACE.

Glasgow, Feb. 7.—A boxing match for points between Charles Mitchell and Jem Mace took place here this evening and was won by Mitchell. Mace was badly punished. The match was for $5,000 a side.

LOST IN THE STORM.

The Chief of the Saanich Tribe and Eight Companions are Drowned.

Early yesterday morning the Indian police here received information of the finding of a canoe in the Gulf bottom up, when off Mud Bay with eight persons missing. The canoe was drawn ashore at Cordova Bay on Tuesday, January 30th.

The finding of the canoe leads to the inevitable conclusion that it was swamped during the recent storms and all its occupants were lost. They were nine in number, all Saanich Indians, among the number being old Chief Sepitas, one of the best known Indians on Vancouver Island.

Sepitas' party was composed of his two sons, Ocean and August, his wife, the wife of the younger son, two Victoria Indians, Jim Jackson and Old Man Willie, and two Mud Bay Indians.

Becoming anxious for the safety of their comrades, the Indians on the Victoria ranchere sent out searching parties every day since Sunday last, and it was one of these searching parties that found the empty canoe. The mourning for the lost ones was keen and sincere in the ranchere last evening.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Victoria has, without any exception, the lowest rate of insurance of any city on the Pacific coast.

The Methodist church property on the corner of Yandora and Broad streets was purchased by Mr. Amor DeCosmos for $30,000.

Summons have been issued for several Indians, who will app ar upon a variety of charges in the provincial court next week.

Land has been sliding in all directions in Seattle owing to the heavy rains, especially where deep cuts for streets have been made in the hills.

The appointments to the U. S. consulate here will, in all probability, not be made for several months more, owing to the recent afflictions in the cabinet.

Jim Naas, a Seattle bartender, has confessed to the killing of Indian Pete by shooting him. The murder was a most deliberate one.

It is supposed that John Lickenfelder, who has been living in a cabin near Irondale has been murdered. He had a fight with a well-known tough named Larry Kelly, on January 27th, thrashing the latter, and disappeared the same night.

PERSONAL.

Francis Bourchier returned home last evening.

Miss Abbott arrived from Vancouver last evening.

W. Lubbe returned from the Sound last evening.

N. P. Snowden was a passenger to Vancouver this morning.

Lieut. Lang, R.N., was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

B. VanVolkenburg was a passenger by the Islander last night.

T. R. Pearson and wife returned to the mainland this morning.

D. J. Munn and Geo. Cunningham will be passengers to San Francisco to-morrow.

W. H. Barrett, of Rhodes & Barrett, was a passenger from Port Townsend last evening.

C. D. Rand and D. Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, returned home by the Islander this morning.

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Principal Hagan.

A despatch received from Kamloops last evening reads as follows: "Mr. Hagan has received official information of his appointment as principal of the industrial school at Kamloops, and formally took charge of the institution this morning. The appointment gives general satisfaction.

"The Paris of the Pacific."

The City of Puebla left San Francisco two days after the United States mail steamer Richard Rush, remained eight hours at Victoria and Port Townsend and reached Seattle before the Rush passed Seattle on her way to Tacoma. The Rush did not dare to cross the Columbia river bar, so brought the mails for Portland, etc., to Puget Sound.

Out of Luck.

Early yesterday morning a man a little under the weather, mistook the window of the New York restaurant for the door and walked through it, smashing things up generally. This house seems to be rather unlucky, yesterday morning's occurrence being the third time this year that someone has walked through the windows.

Looking for Cameron.

Deputy Sheriff Williston of Kansas City arrived in Victoria last evening in search of a young man named Fred Cameron, who recently embezzled $4,000 from his employer in that city. The American officer has definite information that the man he is looking for is located near Victoria. The young fellow's downfall was caused by women and wine.

A Town of Itself.

In speaking of the intentions of the Victoria Lumber and Mfg. Co. at a council meeting a few evenings ago, Mayor Grant said that if the company located at Esquimalt they would, probably build a couple of hundred of neat and comfortable houses for the use of their employes. Should all these homes be occupied it would, at the lowest estimate, give a population of at least 600, quite a little village in itself, and an immense addition to Esquimalt, while drawing supplies from and consequently benefitting Victoria.

The Clan McKenzie.

It is estimated that it will cost $30,000 to put the wrecked British ship Clan McKenzie into condition for sea. The cost of raising the ship and putting her alongside the wharf in Portland where she now is was $19,500. The hole in her bow which was bulk-headed is five feet below the water line and is about twelve feet square. She is also badly damaged astern. No trace of the remains of the two sailors said to have been crushed to death in the forecastle have been discovered, and it is generally supposed that they deserted.—Astoria Pioneer.

Killing Deer for Their Hides.

A letter received from River's Inlet brings the information that Indians there killed 100 deer in twenty-four hours on the beach for their hides and left the carcases to rot. It is usual in the north for the deer to come down on the beach in large numbers to feed on kelp when the snow commences to get deep, and very often they are unable to get back in the woods, which gives the Indians a splendid chance to club them to death, a chance which they very naturally take advantage of as they receive good prices for the hides.

Base Ingratitude.

On Thursday evening a hack driver, whose business keeps him out all night, was accosted by a well-dressed stranger, who asked him for 50 cents to get a meal. The young man, with true benevolence, took the stranger to a restaurant and ordered a meal for him, and also gave him the use of his room for the night. When he went home at 5 o'clock yesterday morning the man was still in the room, and apparently was sleeping peacefully; but when the benefactor woke up in the afternoon his room mate was gone, and the owner's $7 in silver. It is not yet known whether the man is still in town or whether he got up in time to take the Sound boat at 6 o'clock; the latter course was most likely pursued.

A Splendid Structure.

The building of Bastion street bridge has been completed with the exception of filling in the approaches, and this will be finished in a few days. Messrs. Williams, West & Co. certainly deserve great praise for the practical manner in which they have finished this substantial structure, and especially as they have been working under great disadvantages during the frosty weather and winter storms that have visited this city during the past few weeks. This bridge will make an excellent promenade for the residents of Nanaimo during the summer months, as there is abundant room for a large amount of traffic. It is to be hoped that the outer side of the bridge, the outer side is protected by a high and strong railing, and the inside by chains, so that pedestrians are quite out of danger when promenading this bridge. Nanaimo is gradually coming to the front, and this structure will certainly count among the serviceable pieces of architecture with which this city abounds.—Nanaimo Free Press.

The Sound Greyhound.

Muir M. Picken, the marine architect of Port Townsend, has prepared the model and plans for the Rapid Transit Navigation company's revolution, to Mr. Picken's model is that of a boat 220 feet long, with a breadth of beam of 26 feet and depth of hold of 12 feet. She is to be a twin screw propellor, and Mr. Picken is confident that machinery can be put in her that will give her a speed of twenty-two knots an hour. The model is now on exhibition at the office of the company in Seattle, and has been inspected by a number of steamboat men. All that have seen the model and examined the plans and specifications are confident that, if given the power, the steamer will make the time stated. The steamer is to be built by an incorporated company, the capital stock of which is to be $125,000. All of the stock has been subscribed, and as soon as possible articles of incorporation will be filed. The model is being held at the office of the company so that all the stockholders may examine it, and until the stockholders as a body take formal action, nothing toward letting the contract will be done.—Exchange.

Port Townsend Custom House.

A Port Townsend letter, dated Feb. 6th, says: Hon. John N. Scott, superintendent of construction, received yesterday from the superintending architect of the treasury department instructions to advertise for sealed proposals for the brick and stone superstructure of the new custom house being erected in this city, to be submitted on or before February 20. He also received drawing of the floor plans, elevations and details of the completed building, and from them can be gained an idea of the imposing grandeur and beauty of the structure that will soon adorn the port of entry. When completed after these plans, it will be beyond doubt the most beautiful edifice on the Pacific Coast. The walls are to be of stone with ashlar facing, the columns, capitals, friezes, cornices, etc., are to be all carved in stone. There are to be no counterfeits in the structure. The designs of the ornamental work of the friezes, arches, etc., are most beautiful. On the first floor above the basement will be the postoffice and various apartments needed by the customs service. The second floor is occupied by the United States court-room and apartments belonging thereto. This part of the plans was added since the original appropriation was made. When Judge Scott was in Washington last June he had upon the department this provision of the plans.

The Police Charge Book.

Ah Sing, a resident of Chinatown, was arrested last evening charged with assaulting a fellow countryman on the 3rd inst.

Peter Irvine was arrested over Rock Bay yesterday afternoon for being of unsound mind. Peter was acting in a very eccentric manner, and the police were consequently sent for.

A couple of pretty tough-looking characters called at the station last evening and said that they had been robbed of $10 in a cabin on Herald street. The police do not place much reliance on the information, but are looking into the case.

An Amusing Case.

It took the officers all their spare time to keep order in the policecourt yesterday morning when the case of Mrs. Droscowitz, charged with screaming on the street, came up. Several witnesses were called, all of whom the defendant, to use a mild term, called liars. In defence she stated that she had screamed out loud as her tenant was hard of hearing. She kept on rambling over a lot of words that no one could understand, when his honor refused to listen to her any longer she commenced pleading to the clerk and the spectators. After she was finally quieted down his honor explained to her that she would have to pay $2, the costs of the summons.

The Unlucky Evangel.

The steamer Evangel, which had been lying at Port Townsend for several weeks undergoing repairs, made necessary by damages received at Port Angeles, was completed Monday. On Tuesday, while on her way to Seattle, the cylinder head blew out, necessitating a day's delay. On Thursday on her return from Seattle when off Marrowstone Point, her new rudder broke loose. An attempt was made to run her to Port Townsend, but without avail. She whistled for assistance, and the tug Polneer responded and towed the rudderless steamer to port. She was to have been placed on her usual Nash Bay route yesterday, but owing to the accident the Discovery will be utilized.—Port Townsend Leader.

Assembly Gossip.

When the members of the Legislative Assembly entered the halls of debate yesterday afternoon, each member found on his desk a neat little business card directing him to call at the parlors of the only professional manicure in Victoria. The idea was a new one to a few of the august assemblage and, after turning the pasteboard over in his hand several times, each honorable member inquired: "What does she want to do with us?" "Shine up your finger nails and make your hands beautiful," replied the hon. member for Saanich, and Irish's very expressive "Oh!" the curious one announced his curiosity satisfied. Just before the adjournment of the House, however, the little business cards were brought into wonderful prominence. Mr. Speaker Higgins commenting upon the fact of their distribution in the Assembly room and stating that he would take steps in future to prevent any such nuisance as the distribution of advertisements in the House. "When men of enterprise," he said, "had provided a much more effectual method of advertising—the newspaper—there was no occasion for the parliament of British Columbia being flooded with handbills, etc., and he would give orders to the officials to prevent any such matter entering the doors in future."

To a person unaccustomed to the peculiarities of parliaments, there are many things even about the local legislature which are new and surprising. For instance, in the pronouncination of certain words frequently used in connection with departmental work, separate and distinct styles exist within and without the legislative halls. The word revenue furnishes a shining example. In opening the present session it was duly emphasized re-ven-ue, with the accent on the ven, in accordance with what some one alleges to be the English parliamentary custom. Mr. Speaker Higgins has since adopted it, and re-ven-ue is the correct and proper thing only henceforth.

Mr. Speaker Higgins entertained the Cabinet and a large number of the members at dinner last evening, this being the first dinner party given by him since accepting the Speaker's chair.

PERSONAL.

D. McIntyre, of Vancouver, is at the Clarence.

H. Abbott returned to Vancouver this morning.

D. M. Eberts has returned from the Mainland.

J. W. Griffiths, of Port Townsend, came over last evening.

N. P. Snowden was a passenger from the N. island this morning.

E. A. Barry was a passenger by the North Pacific last evening.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod came over from Vancouver by the Islander.

N. Lader arrived from San Francisco by the direct steamer yesterday.

J. G. Hawkins was a passenger by the Islander this morning.

Peter Steele returned this morning from a visit to the Eastern Provinces.

Dr. and Mrs. Walsh were among the arrivals by the Islander this morning.

T. Cunningham, M. P. P., and J. Hendry, left for Westminster this morning.

Frank Adams, of E. B. Marvin & Co., returned home on the Queen of the Pacific.

Capt. G. Collins and wife were passengers to Victoria by the Queen of the Pacific.

R. Campbell, sr., of "the corner," who has been laid up for the last week, is improving rapidly.

George Stelly and John Coughlan will leave for the south in a few days on an extended tour.

Capt. P. Larkin, of St. Catherines, accompanied by his daughter, arrived by the North Pacific last evening and registered at the Driard.

Henry Cleghorn, outside manager of the Canada Shipping Co., Montreal, spent yesterday in Victoria on his return from California and left for the east this morning.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Ducks are to be found in extraordinary numbers near the head of the Arm.

Mr. Æ. P. McDonald, of Fort street, had his leg badly cut by an axe yesterday morning.

Calthorpe alias Capt. Mallaby is being closely watched by a Scotland Yard detective in the east.

No news had been heard of the missing schooner Glad Tidings up to the time the Boscowitz left Fort Simpson.

No less than four crops have been taken from Gabriola Island during the past year—potatoes, tomatoes, corn and potatoes again.

Henry M. Stanley (not the explorer of the Dark Continent,) and Maud Faser, both from Tacoma, were married in this city last evening.

The city collector asks that all parties having accounts which were passed by the council last Wednesday call at the office to-day for their checks.

A boat belonging to D. Stewart, of Esquimalt, was stolen during Monday night by a party of sailors from one of the ships, to aid them in deserting.

It is rumored that W. Hutchins, well known in this city and at Vancouver, B. C., has been drowned at Valparaiso, Chili, whither he went as mate aboard the bark Gitana.

Mr. A. Marshall, the Scotch evangelist, commences a series of services on Sunday evening at 7:30 and the week nights following, Saturday excepted, in the Gospel Hall, Moody's block, corner of Yates and Broad street.

Jno. Ferguson, a corporation workman, met with a bad fall last evening on Johnson street, near Grimm's new factory, where for months past the sidewalk has invited an accident, thanks to the attention given it by the energetic street committee.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Iowa, at Boston from Liverpool; Saale, at Southampton from New York; Lahn, at New York from Bremen.

Steamer Maude sails for Skidegate and way ports on the 12th inst., and the Louise will follow a few days later.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Fifth Parliament—Fourth Session.

NINTH DAY.

Friday, Feb. 7, 1890.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p. m.

Prayers by Rev. J. E. Starr.

PETITIONS.

Col. Baker laid before the House the petition of Harry Abbott and others, respecting the construction of a railway from Kootenay Lake to Columbia River. Tabled.

Col. Baker presented the petition of C. D. Rand and others, in reference to a railway from Golden City to Cour D'Alene. Tabled.

Mr. Cunningham presented the petitions of the New Westminster Street Railway Co., the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Co., the British Columbia Mill, Lumber and Timber Co., and the Coquitlam Water Works Co., asking incorporation. Tabled.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. Tabled.

The petition of Wm. K. Marston and others, in reference to Seymour Creek was read and ordered to be printed.

The petition of the settlers of North and South Cedars, Bright and Oyster districts, re the Swine Act was on motion received.

OUT OF ORDER.

Mr. Speaker ruled out of order the petition presented by the hon. senior member for Yale applying for a trail from Yale town to Siwash Creek, as it asked for an appropriation.

Mr. Semlin protested against Mr. Speaker's ruling, and said that he had looked carefully into the petition and could not see that it was not admissable.

Hon. Mr. Beaven contended that a petition should not be ruled out of order because the granting of the request contained involved an expenditure of money.

Mr. Speaker quoted authorities for his ruling, and the discussion ended.

A RETURN.

Hon. Mr. Robson presented a return of orders-in-council, reports and other documents relative to the cancellation of teachers' certificates in 1879.

REPORTED.

Mr. Martin, on behalf of the Private Bills Committee, reported the standing orders complied with in the bill in reference to the Crow's Nest & Kootenay Railway. On motion received.

TO AMEND THE GAME ACT.

Mr. Ladner asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the 'Game Protection Act, 1889.'" Leave granted. Bill read a first time; second reading on Monday.

NOT READY.

Mr. Semlin said that he was not yet ready to proceed with his resolution to institute an enquiry into certain matters connected with the Education Department, which had stood on the notice paper for several days.

Hon. Mr. Robson proposed the hope that the hon. member for Yale would not delay his action unnecessarily or indefinitely. If there was to be an investigation he wished to see it proceeded with promptly, so that it might be completed before the close of the session; and he would take good care that there should be an enquiry.

Hon. Mr. Davie also suggested that the moving of the resolution should not be delayed. It was surely not the wish of hon. members to keep the country in little feeling by the display of his motion on the notice paper.

Mr. Semlin said that he would act as soon as he possibly could.

Hon. Mr. Robson replied that if action was not taken soon by the hon. member for Yale, he (the premier) would move for an enquiry.

BUSH FIRES.

Mr. Croft asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the 'Bush Fire Act, 1888.'"

Leave granted. Bill read a first time; second reading Monday.

FRASER RIVER BUOYS.

Mr. Cunningham moved:—

That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, respectfully requesting that a telegram be sent by the Premier to the Government at Ottawa regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the buoys at the entrance of Fraser river; said buoys having been displaced by recent storms, notably one buoy, having entirely disappeared, and praying that immediate instructions be telegraphed from Ottawa to have this important matter attended to without delay."

In moving this resolution the hon. member for New Westminster City took occasion to address the House at considerable length. When coming over from Westminster a few days ago, he said, the steamer on which he was a passenger met with clear, calm weather, and could have proceeded without delay had the buoys been in their proper positions. He condemned the gross negligence of the Dominion Government. He thought the time had come when on matters of this kind the House should take a stand for provincial rights. If the Dominion government had been very remiss in their care of the Fraser river, the navigation of which, and the lumber interests on those shores, had been badly neglected. From the absence of the buoys on the Fraser, lumber and farming industries had suffered, and he hoped that the House would take action by unanimously adopting the resolution, to induce the Dominion government to do their duty in regard to the caring for the Fraser river.

Mr. Ladner seconded the resolution and it was adopted.

PROVINCIAL VOTERS.

Mr. Duck moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson: "That an order of the House be granted for a return of the number of voters on the respective voters' lists of each of the electoral districts throughout the province up to the latest date."

The mover of the resolution said that he had observed on the notice paper for some days past a somewhat similar motion. The one would, however, involve considerable expense in the preparation of a complete list of names, while the resolution which he had the honor of placing before the House asked only for the total number of names in each district, which he thought would as completely cover the ground.

Hon. Mr. Robson said that he would support the resolution. Circulars had been sent to the collectors of votes in each district asking them to hand in their complete returns at the earliest possible date. A number of returns had already been received, and the others might be produced in supplementary returns on their arrival.

The resolution carried unanimously.

A QUESTION.

Mr. Orr asked the hon. the Premier: "It is the intention of the Government to include the polling division of Burrard Inlet in the polling division of Vancouver City when such city is declared a polling division?"

Hon. Mr. Robson—I am not yet in a position to give the hon. gentleman the information asked for.

CHANGES.

On motion the name of Mr. Duck was substituted for that of Col. Baker on the Private Bills committee; and that of Mr. Ladner for that of Mr. Semlin on the Railway committee.

TO VISIT THE FRASER.

On application of Mr. Cunningham, chairman of the Select committee appointed to enquire into the construction and failure of the North Arm bridges, the committee were authorized to visit the spot and there prosecute their enquiries.

POINTS OF ORDER.

Hon. Mr. Beaven called the attention of Mr. Speaker to what he alleged was an irregularity in the introduction of the Licenses Amendment Bill. It was a measure relating to trade and commerce, and, he asserted, should have originated in committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker promised to give a decision on the point taken on Monday.

Hon. Mr. Beaven also claimed that there had been certain irregularities in the introduction of the Government measure relating to railways. This measure, he contended, should have been read a second time to the House before being referred to a committee.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the bill was in order, as the committal of the bill meant its committal to a committee of the whole House, not to a standing committee.

MUNICIPALITIES ACT.

Mr. Semlin asked leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to amend the "Municipalities Act, 1890." Leave granted. Bill read a first time; second reading on Tuesday.

LEGAL PROFESSIONS.

On consideration of the report on the Legal Professions Bills, Hon. Mr. Beaven moved to amend clause 2 by striking out all the words after the word "call" in the 13th line down to and including the word "Barrister" in the 27th line, and by striking out all the words in the 34th line, after the word "call" down to and including the word "Solicitor" in the 37th line.

The proposed amendment was fully discussed, and upon a division was rejected.

Mr. Cunningham moved to amend section 35 by striking out the words, in lines 14 and 15, "the Benchers, or some person or persons to be appointed by them," and insert in lieu thereof "one or more Judges of the Supreme Court."

The amendment met with general endorsement and was adopted.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved to amend section 35 by substituting "or" for "and" between "dependencies" and "Provinces," in line 7. Carried.

Mr. Cunningham moved to amend section 36 by striking out the words on lines 14 and 15, "the benchers or some person or persons to be appointed by them"; and to insert in lieu thereof "One or more judges of the County Court." Carried.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved to amend section 36 by inserting "or dependencies," in line 7, between "Colonies" and "or." Carried.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved to amend section 9 by adding thereto—"In construing the said imperial Statute, 'England,' or 'England and Wales,' as the case may be, wherever used, shall be read as 'British Columbia'; and wherever any of Her Majesty's superior Courts of Law or Equity are mentioned or referred to, such mention or reference shall be held to mean 'The Supreme Court of British Columbia.'" Carried.

On motion the report on this bill was ordered to be considered on Monday.

MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The House went into committee upon the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill, Mr. Smith in the chair.

The committee reported progress, and will sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House rose at 5:45 p.m., to sit again on Tuesday at the usual hour.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

The Rugby match on Saturday afternoon, the result of which has not yet been settled, came off, but not the satisfactory game of football (if it was football), as disputes seemed to be the order of the day and nearly every point, no matter how insignificant, became the subject of lengthy argument on both sides. Nanaimo won the toss and chose down hill with the wind slightly in their favor, and at about 3:30 Victoria kicked off. From then till half-time it was chiefly a game between the winner side scoring and the ball being kept pretty well in the centre of the field. When play was resumed after half-time, the game became more lively and was slightly in favor of Nanaimo. After various loose scrimmages and throwing out of touch in which much time was wasted without any benefit to either side, one of the Nanaimo men made a run and succeeded in getting to the goal line of the home team, when he was stopped by Rhodes and thrown back inside the field where he fell on the ball. Then the voices of players, spectators and umpires mingled with strange discordance; however, after a lengthy discussion, a scrimmage was formed where the ball was put in play, and a Nanaimo heeling out, one of their backs succeeded in making a short run. The game went on for a brief time in a fairly orderly manner, until a man being collared and "held" called the referee, who, on being appealed to by the captain, whistled, and several of the Victoria team stood by and watched one of the Nanaimo team make, against slight resistance, what was called a "try," which, after being disputed with great vehemence, was allowed by the captain of the home team, under the protest that he appealed to the referee on the ball being held, which was refused by the referee as shown by his whistling. However, the nature of the dispute in all its details, and the point to be settled, will be laid before the committee of Rugby Union of the province, whose decision will be final.

NOTES.

Many of the players bear conspicuous marks of yesterday's fray in black eyes, broken noses, etc.

Last evening the two committees of the respective clubs met and selected the team to play the Mainland in the forthcoming Island-Mainland match, which is to be played on the 1st March, either at Victoria or Nanaimo.

WRESTLING.

The wrestling tournament of the Victoria Athletic Club will take place early in March; the entries in the several classes being so far, as follows: heavy weight—Theo. Bernhardt, Leon Bernhardt and E. D. Shade. Middle weights—D. A. Gallagher, Wm. Kelly and C. Moses. Light weights—Jos. Weiler, Charles Rossells, H. Mellish, J. Aden and G. Tite. The boys are practising hard each evening, W. H. Quinn coaching them all.

THE TURF.

At a meeting of the directors of the Victoria Jockey Club last evening it was decided to give a purse of $500 and a piece of plate at the spring meeting, to be held on or about the 24th of May, for a race to be called the Queen's Plate, open to all maiden horses bred, raised and owned in the province.

The "Derby" to be run in the fall of 1892 promises to be the greatest event in racing circles ever held in the province.

The club have also decided to issue season tickets entitling holders to the privilege of using the track at all reasonable hours, and also of attending the spring and fall meetings without extra charge.

HERE AND THERE.

HE WENT-AS-HE-PLEASED.

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 8.—The 48-hour go-as-you-please race closed today with the following scores: Cartwright, 275 miles; Messier, 254; Taylor, 235; Connor, 207; Golden, 197; Hirty, 190; Tracy, 165; Hegelman, 158. Gus Guerrero, manager of the race, disappeared early in the evening, leaving numerous unpaid bills, and the sheriff was put in charge of the box office.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

From The Daily Colonist, Feb 9.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Up Goes Mutton.

In consequence of the floods south the supply of mutton for the Victoria market has failed almost entirely, what little there is in stock selling at twenty cents, a rise of eight cents. Mr. Goodacre, of the Queen's Market, is importing direct from San Francisco.

Donations.

The committee of the Refuge Home wish to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for donations during the month of January: Hon. Jno. Robson, Dr. Spencer, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. Siddall, Mrs. Pendrey, Miss H. Leak, Mrs. M. Hunter, Mrs. Burkholder, Mr. Hayward, Dr. T. J. Jones.

City Police Court.

In this court yesterday, F. Conley, charged with forgery, was remanded until Monday. Remands of this case are becoming monotonous. Ah Sing, charged with assaulting another Chinaman, was also remanded until Monday; bail being accepted, the prisoner giving his bonds for $50 and one security in the same amount.

Disabled.

The Victoria sealing schooner Pathfinder, Capt. Morgan, which left port several days ago for the Southern hunting grounds, put back yesterday morning for repairs, having lost her rudder head and her topmast in one of the recent storms. She will be refitted immediately, and expects to get out again on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Travelers.

The City of Puebla carried the following passengers for San Francisco yesterday: W. Petit and wife, C. L. Packard, R. G. Herbert and wife, W. Alexander, Wm. Junor, Mrs. L. M. Brook, R. Van Wolkenburgh and wife, D. Juneau, G. Stelly, J. Coughlan, H. McLellan, E. Marvin, jr., George Raymond and wife, W. Chase, A. S. Chase, D. Spencer, R. G. Cunningham, A. Bunster, W. Urquhart.

Worthy Charity.

On Saturday evening next "C" battery band, assisted by the very best local talent, will give a grand concert in The Victoria for the benefit of Mrs. C. H. Hewlett, widow of the late Quarter-Master-Sergeant, who lost husband and child by death a few weeks ago. The concert will be a thoroughly first-class one, and its charitable object should be sufficient to fill the house—pit, circle and gallery.

Zola's Prohibited Fiction.

Yesterday morning Port Inspector H. H. Stevens, made a seizure of two large packages of proscribed literature, in passage through the mails to a local bookseller. The consignment consisted of an assortment of "Zola's Romances"; not the first, it is alleged, that the same firm have received in the course of the last few months. The penalty provided by law for the offence of obtaining interdicted fiction by mail, is seizure and destruction of the works and a fine of $200.

Freight and Trade Notes.

The City of Puebla took twelve bales of deerskins for San Francisco.

Two carloads of whiskey, one of lard, and one of mixed merchandise formed the Olympian's cargo last evening.

Another full carload of whiskey was brought by the Islander last night.

The freight by the steamer Louise yesterday consisted of 711 packages.

Another Industry.

President McElroy and ex-Ald. Farley, of the Toronto Rubber company, are expected to arrive in the city in a few days with the object of establishing a branch factory here. If they cannot make satisfactory arrangements the factory they will open a branch office. Mr. C. F. Gallagher of the same firm is in the city at present, and will remain until Messrs. McElroy and Farley arrive.

Real Estate.

F. G. Richards & Co. report their sales for the week as