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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Friday's Evening Times.

For Australia.

The Australian mails arriving at New York from Liverpool on the Servia will reach San Francisco on the morning of Saturday, 22nd. The Australian steamer Mariposa, which should have sailed on the 20th, has been held until the 22nd to receive mails and passengers bound for Australia.

Concert in Camp.

Company A, B. C. B. G. A., in camp at Macaulay Point, gave a concert and reception to visiting friends last night. The camping grounds were gaily decorated with bunting and flags and illuminated with Chinese lanterns. Captain Smallfield addressed the invited on the humorous side of camp life.

The Quadra's Work.

The Dominion steamer Quadra, Capt. Walbran, went out this morning with the agent of marine aboard, to inspect the new beacon now in course of erection at Kelp Reef, Haro Strait. The work already done was found in good order, consequently the beacon will be proceeded with at once and in a short time the new beacon will be in position. The Quadra has been busy in Barclay Sound exchanging the old revolving apparatus at Cape Beale lighthouse for a new one, clearing the trail from the lighthouse to Barclay Creek and doing other necessary work at that station.

MALLOY PLEADS GUILTY

To a Charge of Indecent Exposure to Innocent Little Girls.

William Henry Malloy, alias Squires, was charged in the police court this morning with indecent exposure to innocent little girls. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence. After the remand it was learned that Malloy had rendered himself liable on a more serious charge. He was recently employed as bartender at the Elbow Bay saloon, Esquimalt. Yesterday Malloy was in the saloon by himself, the proprietor being gone to town. When he returned the doors were closed and a little child was knocking for admittance and crying. She was asked why she wanted to get into the place. "For your sister, sir," she said. "What is your sister doing in the saloon?" "She is in there with a gentleman, sir," replied the child.

The gentleman referred to turned out to be Malloy. The little girl who was in the saloon with him says that Malloy gave her five cents and took her into his lap to see how fat she was. She was pressed to tell him where her father was. This information the child gave to Sgt. Levin, who, with Constable Mount were then hunting for Malloy on the indecent exposure charge, when they heard of the other case. The little girl to whom Malloy is said to have exposed himself are daughters of respectable people.

Malloy is 40, stoutly built, and his face is a good index of his evil nature. He was asked in court if he was not known as Squires. He replied that his own name was Malloy. He did not say anything of the fact that he had been previously accused of a charge equally as disgusting as the one to which he pleaded guilty this morning. He said he was a widower, but is known to have had a wife living in Vancouver, who charged him with beating her and living upon the little money that she was able to make sewing and washing.

If the parents of the children can be induced to let them give evidence in the police court, the charge of indecent exposure will be supplemented by other indictable charges, and Malloy may be committed for trial.

MACKENZIE CENTENARY.

Resolution Passed and Committee Appointed Last Evening.

An enthusiastic and representative meeting was held in the Pioneer Hall last evening to commemorate the centenary of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's arrival on the Pacific coast. J. J. Austin occupied the chair. Letters from Mayor Beaven and Senator Macdonald, regarding their inability to be present, were read. Mr. Begg (Crofters), of the committee, introduced the business of the meeting, giving a long history of Sir Alexander's trip and the hardships he endured. Senator Macdonald, Mr. Jameson, T. B. Hall, Mr. Muir, Rev. Mr. Robson, Rev. Currie and Rev. Dr. Campbell also addressed the meeting.

Senator Macdonald said he regretted not being able to tell them much about the great and brave explorer, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, as very little beyond his own narrative was written about him and that was out of print. "I have here a copy of some of his travels," said the senator, "but they were sent of the Rocky mountains, and there can be no doubt of his having reached the Pacific coast somewhere north of Vancouver island about Bella Bella. He was a strong and courageous man, enduring much privation in his journeys, having great trouble with Indian guides and boatmen, and often brought to the verge of starvation in such a wild and unexplored country. It is most proper to commemorate the work of this brave man in some fitting way, in which the province as a whole should join. Although it is not altogether satisfactory paying a tribute to this kind when neither the subject of it nor any relatives may be living to appreciate the honor, yet it is well not to allow such occasions as a centenary of this nature to pass unnoticed. It is gratifying to think that Sir Alexander's services were appreciated by his countrymen, who conferred on him the honor of knighthood. To such men as this explorer, enterprising, energetic and venturesome commercial men Great Britain owes her colonial empire. They were the pioneers of civilization and commerce, backed by British protection, ending in absorption by conquest or by the right of discovery. The chairman has spoken of the progress made on this continent since the journey of Mackenzie to the Pacific. There are few persons now living who have seen more marked progress on this coast than I have. From a few white men when I first landed here we are what you see us to-day. There were

large camps of Indians in Victoria and on different parts of the coast, and here I must pay a tribute to their good behavior. They committed few depredations and fewer crimes, and they were friendly and useful. Affairs moved very quietly and slowly here until the discovery of gold on the Thompson and Fraser rivers in 1858, from which time marked progress was made, and so we have gone steadily on. In paying honor to the memory of Mackenzie another pioneer should not be forgotten, to whom we are indebted for Vancouver Island being a part of the British empire—that is Mearns, an Englishman formerly in the navy, who traded between China and the west coast of this island, which was then in the possession of Spain. Ships of war of that nation visited the coast periodically, when they established military and naval stations on a small scale, and owing to the seizure and imprisonment of Mearns and his crew by the Spanish authorities, the British government, on the petition of Mearns, interfered and in that way Vancouver island became ours. This commercial pioneer's memory might be mentioned on some other time, but in the meantime we have to deal with some tribute to the memory of Mackenzie.

The following resolution was carried: "That this meeting express its sense of the importance of the centenary of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's arrival in visiting the North Pacific coast, and that efforts be made to procure the assistance of the Provincial Government to mark the occasion of the centenary of that event, and that this connection be made by the presentation of a portrait of the distinguished explorer be enlarged from an engraving, prefacing his own account of his travels and same to be preserved in the Pioneer Hall, or adjacent to the walls of the new Parliament buildings when completed."

The following committee was appointed: Senator Macdonald, Messrs. Muir, Begg (chairman), Austin, E. J. Hall, Jameson and his worship the mayor, with power to add to their number.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The 15 Chinamen sentenced in their absence by three New Westminster magistrates to pay fines aggregating \$850 are happy once more. Their fines will be returned to them, as the prosecution is unwilling to proceed further in the matter owing to the strong expression of opinion given by the Chief Justice when their case was laid before him by Mr. Hinchken, who acted for them on appeal.

The following cases will be tried next week, after which comes the Long Vacation. Jack Sossy vs. Jacky, his wife and children, on a writ of habeas corpus, given by the Chief Justice when their case was laid before him by Mr. Hinchken, who acted for them on appeal.

Mr. Justice Walkem made an order in chambers fixing the trial of Bishop vs. Sheriff McMillan intends to appeal to the Privy Council from the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of Davies vs. McMillan. It will be remembered that the plaintiff bought the stock-in-trade of a certain Victoria trader, then in insolvent circumstances. The goods so bought were afterwards seized by the sheriff under executions issued on judgments recovered after the sale. On the trial of an impounded issue could not be found, the jury found that the trader had sold the goods with intent to prefer the other creditors who then had judgments, but the plaintiff did not know of any such thing. The County Court gave judgment against Davies, holding that the goods seized were now his goods, and that judgment was affirmed by the court in banc. The plaintiff afterwards brought an action against the sheriff for trespass in seizing the goods and obtaining a verdict, which was set aside by the Full Court, the majority of the judges holding that the County Court judgment was a complete bar to the action. On appeal the Supreme Court of Canada held, reversing the decision of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, that the evidence showed that the plaintiff purchased the goods in good faith for his own benefit, and the statute against fraudulent preferences did not make the sale void; that the County Court judgment was not a decision of an inferior court of limited jurisdiction, could not operate as far in respect of a cause of action in the Supreme Court and beyond the jurisdiction of the County Court to entertain, and that such judgment was set up as a bar, it should have been specially pleaded by way of estoppel. The application made to-day before Mr. Justice Walkem was for an order to stay all proceedings in order to allow the sheriff to appeal to the privy council. It was adjourned until the 24th.

The Full Court did not sit to-day.

U. P. R. Indictments.

Tacoma, July 21.—In the United States District court yesterday the local representatives of the Canadian Pacific railway, Messrs. Thompson and Child, pleaded not guilty to the charge of violating the interstate commerce law by passing a cutting. The case will not, therefore, come up for argument during this term of court. The indictment was drawn with a view of rendering it impossible for the company to defend. Now that the officials have pleaded not guilty, the prosecution anticipates little trouble in proving that they are guilty. The railroad people seem also to be confident of showing at the proper time that they have not violated the interstate law in this case.

Special Agent Kretschmer, of the interstate commission, has left the city, as has also Mr. Nellis, who bought the ticket of the Canadian Pacific to Boston for \$65, the alleged cut-rate price. They both went in the direction of Portland, but did not leave by the same train. Mr. Kretschmer left word that he was going to New Orleans. Before going he said: "This Canadian Pacific matter has been under consideration for a long time by the commission. It will now be settled whether or not the Canadian roads come under the jurisdiction of the interstate law."

How to Get "Sunlight" Picture
Send 25 "Sunlight" soap wrappers (wrapper bearing the words "Why Does a Woman Look Old Sooner Than a Man?") to Lever Brothers, Limited, 43 Scott street, Toronto, Ont., and you will receive by post a pretty picture, free from advertising and well worth framing. This is an easy way to decorate your home. The soap is the best in the market, and will only cost 1c. postage to send for a few. Write your name and address on the wrapper. Write your address carefully.

George Strachan, of Winnipeg, is at the Victoria.

From Saturday's Evening Times.

Cedar Hill.

The school act has, according to all accounts, been altered, as there are now five trustees for Cedar Hill public school. J. Irvin, Joseph Nicholson and Mr. Morrissey, and yesterday two more were elected, Messrs. Knight and Moore.

Justly Punished.

In the police court Malloy was charged with indecent exposure to innocent little girls and sentenced to a year in jail with hard labor. The court told Squires that he ought to consider himself lucky that evidence was not forthcoming to convict him of indecent assault.

Dismissed From the Service.

Engineer H. Taylor of H. M. S. Nympha was tried by court-martial at Esquimalt yesterday for drunkenness and assault. The decision reached was dismissal from the service. The court was composed of Capt. Hughes-Hallett, H. M. S. Garnet; Capt. French, H. M. S. Royal Arthur; Commander Huntington, H. M. S. Nympha; Lieutenant-Magistrate, H. M. S. Royal Arthur.

Reception at Duncan's.

Bishop Perrin returned yesterday from Duncan's, where, on Wednesday last, a reception was given in his honor. The reception was given by the local clergy being represented by Revs. J. A. Leakey, D. Holmes and E. G. Miller. Addresses of welcome were read by W. H. Elkington, churchwarden of St. Peter's, and W. P. James, rector of St. John's. The bishop responded. The ladies of St. Peter's church afterwards provided refreshments.

Likes Victoria.

In Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper of July 2nd appears an article on "Run through Canada," by the editor, Mrs. Catling. That gentleman, who is in Victoria on the 24th of May, and he refers to this city in the following complimentary manner: "From noon till night Victoria, on the celebration of the 74th anniversary of the birth of our Sovereign, presented as pretty and cheerful a scene as any I have ever seen. The city is well situated, and the harbor is a beautiful one. I would try the capital of British Columbia."

Whiskey Seller's Arrested.

The steamer Ina of Vancouver, with 200 gallons of whiskey, has been seized and her crew of three men arrested. The seizure and arrest was made by Constable Anderson at Toke Inlet. Supt. Hussey was not enough to show in this respect. This society was formed chiefly to provide opportunities for social enjoyment; that the elder sons of Scotia might have reminiscences of their native land and frequently before them, and that the younger men, descendants of Scotchmen, might become familiar with the more prominent features of the customs and history of their fatherland, and a knowledge of the different positions held by their forefathers in British Columbia and elsewhere throughout the world.

The New Line.

F. C. Davidge, who has completed arrangements for placing a line of steamships on the Seattle-Orient route in connection with the Great Northern railway, returned home last evening. The steamer will make a short stop at Victoria, the first one arriving in August. For the present the line will be chartered for the route, but the company intend building steamers which will be ready by May 1st, 1894. These steamers will be principally for carrying freight, but will also be used for passengers. The line will be managed by Samuels, Samuels & Co., represented on the Sound and British Columbia by F. C. Davidge & Co.

Search Party Organized.

Superintendent of the Provincial Police F. S. Hussey returned last evening from the Mainland. While there he organized a party to go up Squamish valley and endeavor to ascertain what became of the two young men, Clarke and Braden, who were lost last year. Clarke was a survivor sent out by the government to locate land. He was accompanied by Karl Braden, a young English artist. Nothing has been heard of them since. There are many theories as to what became of them. Some think they were foully dealt with, while others are of opinion that they were drowned. The party sent out by Superintendent Hussey is composed of Stuart, another white man and an Indian. They are all well acquainted with the valley and will spend some time endeavoring to find out what became of the missing men.

A Pupil of Gerome.

Among the arrivals in Victoria during this month came with the intention of making the city their home, was Mons. Rome Quentin, a gentleman whose name is very familiar in Parisian art circles. M. Quentin is a pupil of the great Gerome, and between the studio of that famous master and the ateliers of L'Ecole des Beaux Arts has spent several years, a very busy life. To have been spoken well of by Gerome is certificate enough for any rising artist, and M. Quentin has enjoyed that flattering distinction. He has exhibited for some years in the Paris salon, and has won many recognition from the critics of the great capital. M. Quentin's special subject is portraiture and figure painting. For years he has devoted his time and talents to these fascinating branches of art, and his success has not been without question. M. Quentin has opened a commodious studio in the Duck building, Broad street, and has already received the congratulations of many Victoria artists who have called to greet their distinguished brother-in-art. A Times representative in conversation with M. Quentin asked him what he thought of British Columbia scenery. The Parisian could not find words to express his admiration of its grandeur and sublime beauty, but said it was a painter's paradise.

VISITING PLACES OF INTEREST.

The Lieut.-Governor and Ottawa Officials Visit the Quarantine Station.

A special train with the palace car Maude attached, returned last evening from Nanaimo with a party composed of the following: Hon. Edgar Dewdney, lieutenant-governor; Hon. Theodore T. M. Daly, minister of the interior; Deputy Minister Burgess; Hon. Forbes G. Vernon, chief commissioner of lands

and works; Dr. I. W. Powell; Col. E. G. Prior; Mr. P. Thomas; Mr. P. D. J. Reid, M. P.; D. M. Eberts, Q. C.; M. P. P.; Joseph Hunter, M. P. P.; superintendent of the E. & N. Railway Company; A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs; and H. K. Prior, general freight and passenger agent of the E. & N. On Thursday the party visited points of interest in Cowichan district, among which was the Kuper Island industrial school. They proceeded to Nanaimo and Wellington yesterday morning and visited the mines. They were entertained by Mayor Haslam, S. M. Robins of the New Vancouver Coal Company and Mr. Bryden of the Wellington mines.

This morning Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, Hon. T. M. Daly, Deputy Minister Burgess, Hon. P. O'Reilly and other gentlemen visited the quarantine station at Albert Head and also called at Williams Head, where the new station is being erected. They were taken down on the government steamer Princess.

AN ACT OF COURTESY.

The Wallace Society Places a Portrait of "Crofters" Beggs in Its Hall.

At the regular meeting of Sir William Wallace Society last evening, after routine business, the president introduced the subject of the celebration of the centenary of the arrival of Sir Alexander Mackenzie at the Pacific coast, and alluded to the action and prominent part which their oldest honorary member, Mr. Begg, had taken in connection with that event. He considered it to be the duty of the society to acknowledge their appreciation of Mr. Begg's assistance in that particular in some manner, and as he had procured a portrait of that gentleman he would propose that it should be placed in the society's hall, as a tribute of respect and a memorial of the Mackenzie centennial. The president then submitted the following address:

On behalf of the Sir William Wallace Society of Victoria I have much pleasure in thanking Mr. Alexander Begg (known the world over as the Crofters' Friend) for the very active and hearty interest he has taken in commemorating the centenary of the arrival of Sir Alexander Mackenzie on the Pacific coast.

As a token of our esteem for Mr. Begg as a Scotchman and a man, we have procured a portrait of our venerable Crofters' friend, which will be given an honored place in the hall of the society. Its presence will constantly remind us of his sterling worth and keep alive our warm regard for him. Mr. Begg, by his birth and his British Columbian by adoption, more appreciate more than Mr. Begg the great possibilities of our Pacific province—the land of limitless resources and treasure house of untold mines of wealth. With hearty thanks to Mr. Begg for his noble and sinner of the land, British Columbia's advance in the next century must eclipse the wonderful progress recorded during the last 100 years, proud thought that progress has been.

(Signed) "ROBERT HAMILTON JAMESON, President."

Mr. Muir heartily endorsed the action of the president, which could not fail to give great satisfaction to the present and future members of the society. It was a well-deserved tribute to Mr. Begg, who had taken a lively interest in the society since its formation, and who had latterly in the Mackenzie centennial; indeed he (Mr. Muir) thought it doubtful for the energetic action of our honorary member the memory of that important historical event would have been allowed to slumber in silence. For this part he would like to see the portraits of all the members of the society placed around the hall, that the familiar countenances of their co-workers and associates might be kept fresh in remembrance. There was not enough zeal shown in this respect. This society was formed chiefly to provide opportunities for social enjoyment; that the elder sons of Scotia might have reminiscences of their native land and frequently before them, and that the younger men, descendants of Scotchmen, might become familiar with the more prominent features of the customs and history of their fatherland, and a knowledge of the different positions held by their forefathers in British Columbia and elsewhere throughout the world.

Mr. Begg briefly replied, acknowledging the compliment they had conferred on him by giving him a place near the portrait of the great "uncrowned king of Scotland," Sir William Wallace, in whose name this society was in a position to do much good socially in this city. If any good could be done by the society, many public affairs could be dispelled, great improvement might be made in the way in which a large portion of the spare time of pleasure-seekers is spent. The society, he would say, requires no more than a few of the popular entertainments and concerts, which have been so much enjoyed would doubtless be well received and would draw the lovers of innocent pleasure towards the Sir William Wallace society. The remainder of the evening was enjoyed by listening to the stirring strains of the bagpipes, ably "manipulated" by the society's piper, Mr. Robertson, formerly pipe-major of the Dundee volunteers, and danced by Willie Anderson, which included "Shean Trews" and a Highland fling, were next given. Mr. Patterson sang the "Macgregor's Gathering" and the "Silver Tassie" with good effect. "Robin Tamson's Saddle" by Mr. Muir, was joined in with a hearty chorus, and "Annie Laurie" was led by R. H. Jameson. "Auld Lang Syne" by the company concluded the meeting.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau, lieutenant-governor of Quebec, sails from Southampton July 29th.

Although heavy showers have fallen at Kingston at intervals, farmers on the south side of Wolf Island are suffering from drought. No rain has fallen there since April 16th.

The East Elgin Conservative convention tendered the nomination for the Ontario house to C. A. Brower, ex-reeve of Yarmouth, and he was given a week to consider the matter. The recent session of the Ontario legislature has been a success. The Toronto street railway has taken action against the city for \$750,000 per year loss and damages to permanent roadways laid in conjunction with a change of rails necessary for the electric service. The railway wanted to do the paving, but the city refused to allow it.

Fifteen thousand people attended the Winnipeg Exhibition on Thursday.

G. Hibner & Co.'s furniture factory at Beeline was damaged to the extent of \$5000; insured.

Cattle shipments from Montreal during the present week were light, amounting to only 2300 head.

Winnipeg will send delegates to the third Reciprocity Convention, called to meet at Duluth on October 10.

Cornell's dwelling, Hurlbut's blacksmith shop and Barber's carpenter shop at Wolseley, were totally destroyed by fire.

Kingston papers say a combine in coal and wood has been formed there, and that coal will be \$7 a ton and wood \$6 a cord.

Justice Bain at Winnipeg dismissed the application appealing against the appointment of three liquidators for the defunct Commercial Bank.

A fearful thunder, rain and hail storm occurred at Liverpool, Queen's county, N.S., doing great damage to the crops, blowing down fences and smashing windows.

Raphael Bellmore, who for 38 years filled the position of inspector of inland revenue in Montreal, has been superannuated at his own request. J. T. Vincent, assistant inspector, succeeds him.

Albert E. Wilson, accused of murdering Mary J. Marshall in Warwick four years ago, has made a full confession that he killed Miss Marshall. He was in love with the girl and was consumed with jealousy.

The steamer Lake Nepigon, recently stranded in the straits of Belle Isle, has arrived in Montreal and her cattle have been sent to the stock yards. After discharging, the ship will return to Quebec for repairs.

The general consensus of opinion in North Bruce is that Mr. H. T. Potts, of Arran, will be the tariff reform candidate for the House of Commons at the next election. It is questionable if Mr. McNeill would care to face the music in that event.

Evidently the Polson Engine Works Company are through with their operations in Owen Sound for good, says the Times. During last week they have removed six carloads of their heavy machinery to Toronto, including the immense rollers weighing 30,000 pounds, the steel shears, etc.

Twenty-nine years ago, Mrs. Elizabeth Begley, of Montreal, and John S. Foxton, of Hamilton, were engaged to be married. Circumstances over which they had no control prevented the contemplated union, but they met accidentally in Hamilton during the present week, and are now man and wife.

A rather peculiar celebration will be held at Queenstown heights next week. It will be in commemoration of the capture of Fort Niagara at the mouth of the Niagara river from the French in 1759 by Sir William Johnson and his little army of regulars and Indians. The fort is now in possession of the States and garrisoned by a regiment of United States infantry.

A 4-months-old baby girl was left in the waiting-room of the Union Station, Toronto, lately. A note was found in the folds of the dress, which stated that the G. R. R. people, in making up their assets for the ensuing year, might include the foundling as a valuable asset. The baby was taken to the Infants' Home.

The American Iron Company has rented the Clute & Jenkins iron mine adjoining the Cox Hill mine, back of Belleville. The same company is in treaty for the purchase of the Nugent iron mine, one mile and a half west of Cox Hill. Mr. Nugent was notified that his iron ore is the purest that has been sent to the World's Fair.

On a recent afternoon a small panic was caused by the explosion of a motor in a Toronto street car. Passengers were greatly surprised while the car was in motion by a burst of smoke through the crevices in the floor, and began a hasty exit, some in their excitement making for the windows. The explosion knocked up the trap door in the car and set fire to the cushions. The car was rendered useless for a time.

The deficiency in the Brantford water supply has been causing grave concern. The commissioners have decided to construct two large reservoirs in the vicinity of the present works. The water will, it is expected, filter through about 300 feet of gravel and reach the well from which it is pumped into the city. This scheme, the commissioners anticipate, will place the water supply of Brantford beyond any doubt or question for many years to come.

The assignment of R. G. Meikle, a Lachine banker, a few months ago with liabilities amounting to \$90,000, did not prove serious to the farmers of that district, as from present appearances the estate will not pay more than 25 cents on the dollar. It appears the insolvent banker kept neither a ledger nor profit and loss account book. He cannot now explain how his investments have been placed. He had never struck a balance. The only book kept by him was a petty cash book.

The Quebec correspondent of Le Monde says: The faithful who assisted at mass yesterday morning in the Jesuit church had a little surprise. In his sermon the officiating father in making a comparison between the heads of the Roman Catholic church and those of the English church, said: And who is the head of the Church of England? A woman, a queen. I know well, but a woman after all, who even in the eyes of her own subjects is certainly not a model for her sex. A light murmur of surprise was heard coming from the pews.

A dispatch from Mackenzie Island, Michigan, states that a young woman named Lillian Souther, a native of Petrolia, Ont., succumbed there in consequence of being unable to bear the disagreeable of being raped by a soldier named Wm. Badgley. Letters written by her revealed her motive and Badgley's crime, and her body and Badgley's face showed the violence of the struggle that took place. Badgley is in custody to await the result of the coroner's inquest. He was found in the hold of a Canada-bound steamer. Talk of lynching Badgley has been prevalent among the other soldiers.

—U.S. Consul Myers says the shipments from Victoria to the Sound show a marked increase during the past two weeks.

A QUESTION OF LEGALITY.

School Board's Power to Pay Specialists From the General Fund.

The school board met last night. Architect T. C. Sproy wrote objecting to the report of Architect Fripp on the school plans. Mr. Sproy thought that his plans should have been accepted. Trustee Yates said Mr. Sproy was laboring under a delusion. Mr. Fripp had nothing to do with the matter of acceptance. Mr. Sproy will be informed to that effect.

The subject of heating school houses was laid over for further consideration. Samples of slate blackboards from 8744 were referred to Soule & Day for their opinion.

Mr. Ewart addressed the board on toilet equipments and Mr. Harris asked for the contract of supplying school desks. The board will examine a sample desk. The residents of South Ward petitioned against the Wilson school site. Petition filed. They will be informed their petition came too late for action, as the site had already been accepted.

William Murray and Edward Bragg applied for the position of clerk of works of the new school buildings. Filed. Applications for positions as teachers were filed.

A resolution was passed asking Trustee Richards to resign his position on the school board.

The subject of heating the schools by the steam-draft system was laid over. The Attorney-General will be asked for his official opinion as to the legality of the board employing teachers in special branches such as music, drawing and shorthand. The superintendent of education had a long talk with the board on this subject. He thought that salaries for these special subjects could not be paid out of the general school fund.

VERNON AND VICINITY.

Mining, Ranching and Rattlesnake Killing in the Great Okanagan.

(Vernon News.)

We hear that Mr. Jarvis has sold his interest in the Harris Creek mines to Thos. Ellis and Capt. Short. Thos. Ellis of Penitence has bought the ranch of Mike Keoghen at Okanagan Falls, paying for it, we understand, \$20,000.

It is reported that a fair placer prospect has been discovered up in the direction of White Valley. Capt. Short went up to examine on Saturday last. The Spallumcheen river is higher than it has ever been known to be at this time of the year, the water being almost as high now as at any time last spring.

A new find is reported from Harris Creek. Mr. Baggley and some other prospectors are at work there, and have brought out a piece of rock from a new location that is pronounced good. Penitence has an immense crop of rattlesnakes this year. Mr. Couson, engineer on the Aberdeen, ran across them on Saturday and the man who assisted him at the killing of it declared that to be the second rattler he had killed that day.

Some interest is now felt in the mine near C. Bagnall's ranch. Mr. Muir and two men have the shaft down and, with encouraging indications of a paying mine, if not a bonanza. The outcroppings extend for miles, and already parties are seeking locations to stick a stake in.

Last week Frank Harvey of Kamloops took through here a band of about 1,600 sheep, which he bought at Sprague, in Washington Territory. A number of them were for H. H. Bros. of Calgary, and the balance for himself. Mr. Harvey reports very full times in Washington Territory, where some are glad to work at any price, and will work for \$1 a day.

The latest move in "Harris Creek" is the transfer of Mitchell Jarvis' interest in the Lily May to Capt. Short. This gives the captain some very valuable property to handle in addition to his own two claims which he located—the King and the Glory Queen. On the Lily May, which was the discovery claim, a tunnel has been run in for a considerable distance and shows good rock. The claims located across Harris Creek are evidently a continuation of the same ledge, as the strikes correspond in elevation, direction of claim, etc.

A Traveller's Tale.

OTTAWA, July 17.—W. F. Sparham, of 35 Neptune street, a traveller for a long time, tells an interesting story about the cure of a kidney trouble that has afflicted him for the past nine months. Ever since attacked, Mr. Sparham tried physicians' prescriptions and other remedies, but none had any effect. He constantly suffered pain, which finally became so intense that he could not sleep. Death seemed the only possible deliverance from his suffering. He got a box of Dodd's kidney pills from Henry Jones, a druggist here, and that one box effected a cure. Mr. Sparham is today the happiest man in the Ottawa valley, and he has many friends who rejoice with him.

Markham's Arctic Record.

It is a fact not generally known that Rear Admiral Albert H. Markham, whose vessel, the Camperdown, annihilated the flagship of the British Mediterranean squadron in the recent manoeuvres off Tripoli, was the leader of the expedition of 1875-76, under command of Captain (Sir George) Nares. The name of no more gallant commander appears in all the annals of Arctic exploration, and the exploits of few travellers have done more to establish a reputation for English pluck and dogged determination than that terrible struggle with the frozen sea which alone retrieved the fortunes of the most elaborately equipped expedition that ever sailed the northern waters.

Markham's "farthest" (83 degrees and 20 minutes) has since been eclipsed by the "farthest north" of Lockwood Brainerd (83 degrees and 24 minutes, 1882), but this does not detract from the respect for an achievement which carried the British standard many miles nearer to the pole than has been possible before. Rear Admiral Markham is without question one of the first of our Arctic explorers. In his work, "A Polar Recollections," published in 1881, he states his conviction that the Franz-Joseph Land route to the pole offers greater possibilities than any other—a conclusion which is to-day supported by many Arctic experts.

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