CITY SUPREME IN DOING WORK

RATEPAYERS CANNOT QUESTION METHODS

Rockland Avenue Case is Decided in Favor of the City.

Citizens have no right to question the manner in which a city council carries out public works, granted that there has been no fraud, nor any means of making a protest other than at the polls. Having passed a local improvement by-law it is the duty of council, without interference, to perform the works it called for.

This was the gist of a judgment delivered Wednesday by Mr. Justice Irving in the suit brought by J. Arbuthnot, F. B. Pemberton and Joseph Sayward, suing for themselves and other ratepayers subject to special assessment under the Rockland avenue improvements by-law. The plaintiffs alleged that the macadamizing of that roadway had been done in an unworkmanlike manner; that, in fact, what was put down was not really macadam at all. Before going on with the case the city secured the direction for the hearing of argument on the point of law involved in the first paragraph of its statement of defence, which was as follows:

"The defendants contend that the statement of claim is bad in law and discloses no cause of action against them. The defendants are, by the Municipal Clauses Act, entrusted with governing powers and authority over municipal roads and streets and works therein, and submit that their discretion as to the mode of exercising such powers is, save in special circumstances not alleged in this action, not open to question."

Argument on the point was heard this morning. W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister, and J. P. Mann, city solicitor, appeared for the city, and for the defendants A. E. McPhillips, K. C. and H. G. S. Heisterman.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that the council had initiated a work of paving Rockland avenue with tar macadam, but this was petitioned against and stopped. Another by-law was then drawn up, under which the street was macadamized, and now certain ratepayers sought to have it declared that this was not the work they desired done. The position taken by the city was that there was no ground whatever for the action; that the municipality was vested with authority to determine these matters, and there could be no appeal to the courts by ratepayers unless there had been fraud or misappropriation. Urban municipalities were different from rural municipalities in regard to local improvements in this respect, that before any work was done in country districts an assessment was fixed and there was a court of revision held. Mr. Taylor suggested that probably this was because the members of rural councils were not so amendable to their constituents as in cities.

His lordship, who in a private capacity as a property owner on Cook street, has had some experience with Victoria's council, inquired whether it was suggested that urban councillors were amendable to their electors.

"They are too amendable sometimes," the city barrister replied. "Instead of being independent, each man has something whispered in his ear, and if they pay attention to all they hear thus it results in a tangle."

Mr. Taylor cited British, Canadian and New York decisions in support of his argument that councils have absolute control of expenditure, that they cannot delegate their power and therefore could not accede to the wishes of two or three owners out of forty-one as to methods of administration. Once they had jurisdiction their authority in carrying out works was absolute. In support of this he quoted the decision in Mrs. Cameron's case, arising out of the extension of Birdcage Walk.

Mr. McPhillips contended that the plaintiffs had a right to object if what they got was not what they were supposed to be getting. Macadam, as a road material, had a well-known meaning, and the paving on Rockland avenue did not comply with this, nor even with the city's own specifications. If work done did not satisfy ratepayers, surely they had a right to appeal to the courts. It could not be contended that the legislature intended to place citizens in the position where a council could do as it pleased, assess them for the cost of works and they be helpless.

"I think the plaintiffs have made a mistake in the way they have brought action; in the manner of taking their remedy," said his lordship in giving judgment. "The case comes before me on a question of law, and I have to determine whether the point raised by the defendants in paragraph one of their defence is good. I think that paragraph sets out the correct position of a municipality according to the principles of municipal government established by the Municipal Clauses Act. The jurisdictional pre-requisites having been satisfied there is no excuse for any person from the assessment for work done in a case of this kind, and no person can interfere with the corporation in the way it is doing the work. The details of the work are controlled entirely by the corporation and its officials.

"It is to be remembered that this is not a contract between these people and the corporation. This is a work being done by the corporation for the good of the citizens at large, the payment for which is imposed in part on the citizens at large, and in part upon those persons who are supposed to derive a peculiar benefit from the work being done in front of their property. So far as I can see, the remedy for persons in the position of plaintiffs is one that can only be sought by applying to the ratepayers at the time of a general election. I think the question must be decided in favor of the defendants."

A question arising as to the main action, his lordship said he found no case against the city, dismissing the action with costs, but granting a stay of execution until the next sitting of the full court, at which an appeal can be heard if the plaintiffs desire to appeal.

ONLY TABLE FOR DAUGHTER.

Newark, N. J., June 15.—A dining-room table valued at $15 is the sole bequest made to an only daughter in the will of Mrs. Frances Hartley, the widow of a millionaire gun manufacturer, probated here. More than $1,000,000 is distributed among other relatives and friends and several bequests of from $1,000 to $5,000 are made to servants. No reason is given for the cutting off of the daughter, Mrs. Helen K. Jennings, of Madison avenue, New York City.

FITZPATRICK WILL COME TO THIS PORT

Steamer Taken on Time Charter by Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

According to advices received by the Tacoma Ledger the Osaka Shosen Kaisha is to operate on their run between Tacoma and the Orient, calling at this port. The company has one steamer, the Tacoma Maru, about completed, and the Seattle Maru well under way. The Fitzpatrick will alternate with these pending the completion of the third steamer, the Chicago Maru.

The Fitzpatrick, Captain Hutchison, left Calcutta May 14th for Kurrachee, and is scheduled to leave Yokohama for this port August 14th. She will be the second vessel of the fleet to sail, the Tacoma being scheduled to leave Yokohama July 17th, reaching here August 2nd.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha line are purely freighters. There is no accommodation for passengers. Only three of the vessels have been laid down so far.

CANADIAN WOMEN SPOILED BY COURTESY

So Declares Ontario Minister—Will Not Take Off Hats.

"A man meets a woman on the street and takes off his hat to her no matter how cold it is. In the street car he vacates his seat for her, sometimes without even thanks. Men take women to skating or opera, then to supper. The bills may run high, but they do the handsome thing by ladies. She lets them, and sometimes boasts of all that is spent on her. This goes on all the time; then when women are asked to do a simple thing like removing their hats in church for the benefit of the men they get mad."

Thus spoke Rev. W. M. Crewe, of Norfolk Street Methodist church to the Women's Mission Society of the Hamilton conference at Guelph. He compared the lives of women in China to that of the Canadian women, expressing grave fear that Canadian womanhood was being spoiled by courtesies. But few hats were removed in response to the appeal, though the women were manifestly uncomfortable.

HUMAN LIFE INCREASED BY FOURTEEN YEARS

Longer Life Due to Better Understanding of Nature's Laws and Use of Such Medicines as Dr. Chase's KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS.

During the last century the average life of man has increased by about four years. Insurance statistics prove this.

What is the reason?

People are learning to take better care of their health and to follow the laws of sanitation and hygiene.

The first law of health and the most important calls for, "Daily movement of the bowels."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have helped to prolong the life of many because they have enabled them to follow this first law of health.

A torpid, sluggish condition of the liver and kidneys is certain to bring constipation of the bowels, clogging of the digestive and excretory systems, poisoning of the blood and give rise to the most dreadfully painful and fatal of diseases.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills purify the blood and cleanse the system as no other treatment can because of their unique and combined action on the filtering and excretory organs—the liver, kidneys and bowels.

Mrs. R. Morrow, Bracebridge, Ont., writes:—"For years I was troubled almost constantly with constipation of the bowels and never got anything to do me the lasting good that has been obtained from Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They not only relieved that trouble, but have entirely cured the headaches from which I used to suffer, and have improved my health in a general way."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

CAPITAL GUN CLUB SHOOT.

Some exceptionally good scores were made at the competitions of the Capital Gun Club held on the 13th inst. The attendance was large. For the Dupont trophy, the shooters being handicapped according to standing in the percentages list, Leavell and Stevenson tied with 24 birds each. The Nobel prize was carried off by Leavell with a score of 42 out of a possible 50. In a series of competitions which followed these two events, L. E. Leavell made some very fine scores, in one case breaking fifty birds straight, a feat seldom achieved at shoots in which the crack shots of the world take part.

NEW RECORDS ON WILLOWS TRACK

SOME CLOSE RACES WERE RUN YESTERDAY

Results of Events Which Were Pulled Off at the Meet Yesterday.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Day Star, E. C. Blum's five-year-old chestnut gelding, carrying 115 pounds, put up a track record yesterday that will take a whole lot of beating, 150 1-5 for the mile and one-sixteenth. This is one second faster than Mattie Mack's run over the distance on Wednesday. The race was easy for the big horse, which went to the post a three to two favorite, and galloped all the way taking the front position at will and winning with a lot left. My Pal, second, has previously had a couple of runs, but has never been near the money. Benvolio was the surprise of the race, however, closing 3-1 to show, and only losing second money by a head. Many near the post thought Dundas had landed a second purse, but the judges' verdict was universal for the Engstrom horse.

The races finished yesterday with the horses in the following order:

First race—Four and a half furlongs. Selling. Maiden two-year-olds. Value to first $150.

Horse and Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
Metropolitan, Lycurgus	6-5	2
Miss Picnic, Alarie	6	10
Ketchel, J. King	2	1
Cesarilass, Quay	20	30
Risky, W. Kelly	10	15
Two Oaks, Hardwick	30	40
Alarmed, McEwen	5	6
Tarrago, Golden	30	40

Time—:56.

Second race—Five furlongs. Selling.

Horse and Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
Titus II., Shale	5-2	3
Rose Cherry, Matthews	20	30

Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first $150.

Wilmore, F. Kelly	30	30
Blameless, Madden	6	6
Gyros, W. Powers	50	60
Fah't'r Stafford, J. King	3-2	3-2
Traffic, Gargan	4	4
Hattie Dodson, Brooks	6	6

Time—1:03 2-5.

Third race—Five furlongs. Selling. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first $150.

Horse and Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
Bucolic, Alarie	1-2	3-5
Herives, W. Kelly	5-2	2
Irish Mail, McEwen	6	6
Nellie Racine, Hobart	6	8
Prince Brutus, McLaughlin	15	12
Incentive, Yaeger	50	50
Mr. Bishop, Callahan	20	30
Basil, Gargan	20	30

Time—1:02 2-5.

Fourth race—One mile. Purse. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first $150.

Horse and Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
Capt. Burnett, Lycurgus	3	3
Johnstown, McEwen	3	7-2
Fredonia, Anderson	6	6
Fantastic, J. King	8	10
Altamor, Matthews	6-5	1
French Cook, Quay	15	20

Time—1:42 3-5.

Fifth race—One and a sixteenth miles. Selling. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first $150.

Horse and Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
Day Star, Brooks	6-5	3-2
My Pal, Lycurgus	15	20
Benfolio, J. King	10	15
Colbert, McLaughlin	8	15
Joe Nealon, W. Kelly	5-2	2
Santee, McBride	3	4
Iras, C. Wright	6	10
Cheers, Blair	20	30

Time—1:50 1-5.

Sixth race—Seven furlongs. Selling. Fillies and mares. Three-year-olds and upward. Value to first $150.

Horse and Jockey.	Op.	Cl.
Emma G., Alarie	4	3
Mattie Mack, Anderson	3-2	3-2
Sophomore, Brooks	6	6
Mil. Daughter, W. Powers	50	50
Metlakatla, W. Kelly	8	8
Illusion, D. Riley	6	4
Queen Alamo, McLaughlin	20	20
Dainty Belle, J. H. Smith	10	15

Time—1:30.

JEFFRIES AND BERGER BOX SIX ROUNDS

Pittsburg, Pa., June 16.—When he appeared here last night to give a six-round boxing exhibition with Sam. Berger, Jim Jeffries received a great ovation.

In response to demands for a speech before the bout, Jeffries said: "I can't say any more than the newspapers have said, but when the right time comes I will deliver the goods."

The rounds of the bout were short, averaging a little less than a minute each. Jeffries did the leading and delivered practically all the blows, Berger taking the punishment.

Jeffries appeared to have lost a great deal of weight, but was still heavy. He was extremely fast on his feet, however, and very quick with his hands.

—The cup which W. H. Wilkerson is to present to the jockey who wins the Derby event on Saturday next is on exhibition in the window of Mr. Wilkerson's jewellery establishment on Government street. It is a fine trophy and is being much admired.

—Tenders are being called for by the city purchasing agent for a quantity of exhaust piping for use in the installation of the pumps for the salt water high pressure system. All tenders must be in by 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, June 21st.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fegan, who were the guests of Mrs. David Spencer during their stay in town, left Monday for Vancouver, en route for Toronto, where they will remain some time before returning to England. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fegan expressed themselves charmed with Victoria, more especially with her broom and roses.

THE HOME PHYSICIAN

SOME HINTS TO KEEP PEOPLE WELL.

Ninety-nine per cent. of the ordinary sicknesses are caused by the bowels, the kidneys or the skin.

As you know, these organs are the great purifiers of the human system. They filter impurities from the blood and pass them from the body. If the kidneys, bowels or skin weaken or get tired out or fail to do their regular work—then the blood becomes laden with impurities and poisoned. If it be the fault of the kidneys, then the skin is overworked in its efforts to throw off the excess of urea or waste matter. The glands become inflamed and enlarged—pimples break out—and there may be a rash or eczema of the skin. If it is the fault of the skin, then the kidneys are strained by overwork and there is constant pain in the back, dizziness, neuralgia, headaches and rheumatism. If it be the fault of the bowels, the blood is poisoned, the skin and kidneys weakened, the stomach upset—and, of course, there is Constipation and Biliousness.

How easy it is, then, to be free of all these troubles!

"Fruit-a-tives" is not merely a remedy for any one of these troubles, but a cure for all. "Fruit-a-tives" act on the skin, the liver and the kidneys. "Fruit-a-tives" keeps all these great organs well and strong, and thus insures the blood being always pure and rich. With "Fruit-a-tives" in the house to take at the first sign of not feeling well, you need not have a day's sickness. Fifty cents a box, 6 for $2.50, or trial box, 25c. At dealers or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF LICENSE LAWS

Mayor Hall Laments Fact that Lash Could Not Be Invoked.

The license of the White Horse saloon on Humboldt street was on Tuesday suspended for the term of 30 days from date by the verdict of the license commissioners who heard the charge brought against the proprietors, Hans Keison and Neil Hansen, by Licensing Inspector Handley that the licensees had allowed women on their premises during prohibited hours.

In giving their decision Mayor Hall, chairman of the commission, said he regretted the board had not the power to impose the lash upon men who entice young girls into saloons and supply them with liquor. He intimated that the license regulations must be rigidly enforced.

The case was that on the morning of May 27th Inspector Handley, in company with Constable Duncan, went to the White Horse saloon at 12.30 a.m. and found two young girls, the daughters of respectable people, in a rear room in company with a male companion. They had heard the sound of female voices from the street. The three had before them glasses which had apparently contained liquor.

There was a second charge of selling liquor during prohibited hours. This, however, the board felt was not proved, but held there was sufficient evidence to show the proprietors had been guilty of allowing women on their premises after closing hours. The mayor said the board regretted it had not the power to order the lash to be used on the male companion, and that the regulations must be observed. All breaches for the future will be dealt with with the full rigor of the law.

STRAWBERRY VALE AND GARRISON PLAY DRAW

Good Batting by Men on Both Teams—Askey Bowls Six.

Work Point Garrison and Strawberry Vale played a draw at the last match at Work Point barracks. The Strawberry Vale men are getting into form and several good scores were made. Strawberry Vale made 188 and the Garrison 122 for two wickets when time was called. The scores were as follows:

Strawberry Vale C. C.

Rosier, b Askey	32
Chandler, b Warder	0
Hewett, c Warder, b Askey	5
Goetrel, b Askey	0
Schwengers, b Askey	70
Holmes, l b w, b Askey	2
McNamara, c Bromley, b Warder	28
H. S. Ives, not out	14
Goodwin, c Thomas, b Askey	4
L. Ives, c Gillan, b Thomas	17
Sea, c Buxton, b Askey	0
Extras	16
Total	188

Garrison.

Askey, b Hewett	35
Thomas, not out	54
Needham, c Holmes, b McNamara	21
Roberson, not out	6
Extras	6
Total for 2 wickets	122

DARK ROYAL WINS ROYAL HUNT CUP

Ascot Race Track, England, June 16.—Dark Royal won the Royal Hunt cup race, the feature of to-day's events at the fashionable Ascot meet. He was quoted at five to one in the betting and carried considerable money. Sir Martin was the American entry in the race and was posted at 18 to 1. The Hunt cup, which is worth $1,500, is accompanied by $7,500 in cash.

DEATH OF SENATOR THIBEDEAU.

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, June 16.—Senator Jos. Rosaire Thibedeau, sheriff of the district of Montreal, died this morning. He was born at Cap Sante in 1828 and appointed to the Senate in 1878. He was made sheriff in 1890.

FIVE STEAMERS ENTERED TO-DAY

TWO BLUE FUNNEL LINERS ARRIVE

Spokane Bound North With Many Excursionists—Puebla Leaves.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Five steamers were this morning headed for Victoria and all arrived early. The two Blue Funnel steamers came in together, the Ning Chow outward bound for the Orient and Liverpool and the Antilochus to discharge the cargo which she brought from Glasgow, Liverpool and Hong Kong. Besides these steamers the Spokane called with 174 tourists bound for Alaska on the first of the regular twelve-day voyages; the City of Puebla outward bound for San Francisco, and the Iroquois on the ferry service from Seattle. Four of the vessels tied up at the outer dock and made things busy there for a short time.

Captain Allan, of the Ning Chow, was ill in bed when the steamer left. He suffers periodically from attacks of malarial fever, and just now he is down with it. The steamer has a small cargo, only about 3,000 tons being taken across the Pacific. This consists almost wholly of lumber and whale oil. The vessel is taking two Chinese who have been deported and two Japanese women who were brought out for immoral purposes and who are being shipped back as not desirable.

The Antilochus has about one thousand tons to discharge at this port. This consists very largely of iron and steel which is distributed amongst the Marine Iron Works, the Victoria Machinery Depot, the B. C. Marine Railway Co. and E. G. Prior & Co. She also has 22 tons of paints for the Staneland Co., 12 tons of paint materials for the Staneland Co., 18 tons of marble for A. Stewart & Co., 2 tons of cutlery for the Hickman Tye Hardware Co., 16 tons of silicate soda and 10 drums of caustic soda for Winn & Holland, 5 tons of tin plate and hoop iron for the B. A. Paint Co., 13 tons of borax for the Pioneer Coffee & Spice Co., 10 tons of salt for H. Moss, and 14 tons of window glass for Pilkington Brothers.

Steamer Spokane had to undergo an inspection before being allowed to take passengers from this port. She visits all the scenic points up the Coast, returning via Vancouver, any passengers wishing to come here being sent over on one of the Sound ferry steamers. She took eight passengers from here. While she was in port this morning four valuable rings were stolen from the steamer. A young lady who was wearing them left them in the wash room for a few minutes and on her return they were gone. She notified the police, but without any good result.

The City of Puebla had 150 passengers bound for San Francisco. A few of these were from this port.

WILL BUILD SCHOOL ON LEIGHTON ROAD

Board Selects a Site—Tenders Called for Moss Street School.

It was decided by the school board, at a special meeting on Tuesday, to purchase a site for another school, to serve the needs of the eastern portion of the city. On the recommendation of the buildings and grounds committee a property on Leighton road, near Bank street, will be purchased, the price being $2,400. The board not having funds available for anything but maintenance, the city council will be asked to provide $1,500, the board to make the amount good out of the current appropriation for maintenance.

Trustee McIntosh urged the purchase of a site in Oaklands, to serve a rapidly-grwing section in the northeast portion of the city, and this will be considered later.

As there is less money available for repairs than there are repairs to be made a report was submitted from the buildings and grounds committee as to the work which is imperative. During the summer vacation $2,220 will be spent on repairs and tenders will be called for the work at once.

The board considered the plans for the school on Moss street and adopted them, instructing J. C. M. Keith, the architect, to call for tenders, each trade separately, as well as for the heating and ventilating plant.

Supt. Paul made a confidential report on the teaching staff in the several schools under the board, and after being considered this was referred back to him for action.

AIRSHIP TESTS AT PETAWAWA CAMP

Baldwin Will Conduct Trials With Model of the Silver Dart

Ottawa, June 16.—The first Canadian experiments with airships for military purposes will be made at Petawawa camp shortly. Percy Baldwin, a University of Toronto graduate, who has been associated with Dr. Graham Bell in the successful flights of the latter's aerodromes at Baddeck, N. S., arrived at Ottawa this morning and will proceed to Petawawa to make arrangements for conducting trial flights at camp with a new model of the famous Silver Dart. The model will be shipped to Petawawa under an arrangement with the militia department.

—D. H. Bale has been awarded the contract for a residence for Mr. Wm. Baylis, to be erected on Fairfield road. He has also the contract for a residence for Mr. A. James, Richmond road.

—Monday at his residence the Rev. W. Leslie Clay united in marriage Mr. Dan Olsen, a real estate man of Tabor, Alta., and Miss Jennie Embartsen, of Willmer, Minnesota.

OVERDUE VESSELS.

Insurance on Holt Hill Increasing—Ship Australian Given Up.

Friends of Capt. Hunter, master of the overdue ship Australian, have abandoned hope for the safety of the well known mariner and his command. The long overdue ship, which disappeared while on a voyage from Mazatlan to Sydney, has finally been withdrawn as uninsurable at Lloyds. Capt. Hunter was here in the Australian in the fall of 1906.

The French barque Marechal de Noailles, which arrived at Queenstown May 23rd, was on the overdue list for some time at 3 per cent. She was 112 days out from Oregon when she arrived.

The British barque Holt Hill is on the overdue list and her reinsurance is increasing. The Holt Hill left Iquique on December 23rd and is now out 173 days.

The British barque Hougomont, which was on the overdue list, arrived safely at Rotterdam after a slow passage from Sydney.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF CHARTER MARKET

Charterers Are Wary in View of Fact That Plenty of Tonnage Offers.

Since the chartering of three steamers to load new crop grain, the market has settled down again into a state of absolute quiet, says the Commercial News of San Francisco. Crop prospects in the Pacific Northwest are unusually bright and a bumper yield is expected, but a large amount of tonnage has already been engaged and the prospect of plenty more when needed naturally keeps charterers wary.

Little lumber chartering is going on. The liner Arabia of the Portland and Asiatic line on her last trip outward secured a full lumber cargo for Shanghai at 3s 6d on deadweight, and the liner Rygja on her first trip in the same line has secured a full lumber cargo for Manila. The steamer Willesden has been taken for lumber Tureka and the Sound to Melbourne and Adelaide. These fixtures, with a couple of small coasters on Mexican account, comprise the week's business on offshore account. Coastwise business continues dull, the latest fixtures showing a rate of $3.25 from the Sound to this port for steam schooners.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 30@32s 6d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 35s; Port Pirie, 35s; to Fremantle, 37s 6d@40s; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s; Callao, 38s 9d@40s; direct nitrate ports, 38s@40s; Valparaiso for orders, 40s@42s 6d; 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African ports, 50s @53s 9d; to U. K. or Continent, 50s@ 52s 6d; Guaymas, $5.00; Santa Rosalia, $5.50; Honolulu, $5.

Weddel, Turner & Co.'s Australasian freight report, dated London, May 26, says:

West Australia—Two July steamers fixed to Karachi at 20s per load, also an early boat on time charter for a voyage home via New Zealand, delivery Freemantle, redelivery U. K.-Continent at 4s on deadweight.

South Australia and Victoria—There is nothing doing at present.

New South Wales and Newcastle—Following coal fixtures are reported: (Steam) Honolulu, 12s. (Sail) West Coast, 15s; direct nitrate ports, 13s. 9d @14s 3d; Peru, 16s 6d one port, 17s 6d two ports.

WEDDED AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., June 16.—Few Toronto weddings have caused the interest manifested in the marriage of Miss Eallen Necora Melvin-Jones to Rev. T. Crawford Brown, solemnized this afternoon at half-past two in St. Andrew's church. The bride is the only child of Senator Lyman Jones and the groom is the minister in charge of St. Andrew's. The church was crowded to the doors with a brilliant assemblage of guests and friends while the streets outside were lined by interested crowds. Miss Louise Manning, of the Soo, and Miss Dewa Davis, of Vancouver, were bridesmaids.

—Tatoosh, an Indian, from Alberni district, called at the police station this morning to ask the police to locate his missing daughter, Lizzie. She left home about two years ago and has not since been seen by him. Tatoosh says he is now fast getting towards old age and would like to see his daughter once again before he dies.

—The pond of stagnant water at the corner of Hillside avenue and Bay street, caused by the building of permanent sidewalks and the cutting off of the former natural outlet for surface water—down the middle of the road—is getting worse. Aid. Mable was taken to the spot and shown what he describes as a frog-pond. It is stated that three children have recently been taken out of neighboring houses with scarlet fever. The city engineer will look at the place and report, although the mayor thinks it is up to the owners to drain the properties.

—Wong Kee, the Chinese who broke jail after being sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Magistrate Jay on a charge of vagrancy, was picked up Monday in Chinatown by Detective O'Leary and Constable Heather. He was returned to jail. Wong Kee has been at large for over a week. He was sentenced and sent to Hillside avenue jail and made his escape during the early hours of the next morning. He is now safely locked up again.

—Dr. Spencer has just returned to the coast from a local option tour in over twenty towns and reports a growing sentiment among the people on the question. Everywhere, he says, he had interesting audiences and organized a score of new leagues; and in every electoral district visited, there seems to be a determination to nominate local option candidates on both sides of politics, whether the party caucus approves or not. In the early fall Dr. Spencer will visit and lecture for a week in each of at least ten large centres on the subject of government for the people, by the people, and the advocacy of a local option law.

BITTER ATTACK ON F. J. HENEY

BRANDED AS HIRELING OF RUDOLP SPRECKELS

Attorney for Calhoun Continues His Argument for the Defence.

San Francisco, Cal., June 16.—Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney was the object of a bitter attack by A. A. Moore, when he resumed his argument for the defence in the trial of Patrick Calhoun to-day. Volley after volley of perfervid rhetoric, surcharged with invective and insinuation were aimed at the head of the prosecutor. Heney was branded as a hireling of Rudolph Spreckles, and as the head of an organized force of criminal detectives.

The address of the veteran attorney was, in point of expression and rhetoric, one of the cleverest and most sensational arguments ever delivered before a jury in this city. The defendant was accompanied to court by his wife and his two daughters.

Moore asserted that the effort to connect the defendant with the bribery of the former supervisors of the city was farcical.

"Why name Calhoun in the matter at all?" he inquired. "Despite all the spying, boring of holes in doors, looking over transoms and the traps that have been set, there has never been a particle of direct evidence against the defendant.

"Director Leach, of the United States mint, was the first man to mention the name of Calhoun in the case, and his testimony was only to the effect that Calhoun had placed $200,000 in the mint and later had it delivered to his assistant, Tirey L. Ford. Much has been made by the prosecution of the fact that Ford asked that the money be paid to him in currency. Gold, as you know, is very heavy. The prosecution points to the fact that currency was wanted as a suspicious circumstance, but Ford, according to the testimony of Leach, did not press the matter, suggesting that the gold given him at the mint be changed into currency at the headquarters of the relief committee, of which Leach was a member."

Proceeding, Attorney Moore said: "We next come to Rudolph Spreckles, of whom I would like to say more, and will hereafter. He says that before the fire Mr. Calhoun practically offered to put a conduit system on Pacific street regardless of the fact that the grade there is a very steep one—a very generous offer on the part of Mr. Calhoun, I think. But Spreckles refused to allow this. He also admitted here that he told the defendant that he meant war—and war is what he meant."

Moore then made a determined effort to neutralize the effect of the damaging testimony given by former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, who was called by the prosecution.

"If you knew," he said, "that 'Big Jim' Gallagher had confessed to a whole body of crimes—dirty crimes, had confessed that he was a perjurer, had confessed that he was an informer, would you, if you met him on the street and he spoke ill of a friend of yours, consider what he said? You would not send a dog to the pound on his testimony, much less a man who has his life, liberty and honor at stake. You cannot convict a man on the unsupported testimony of an accomplice. The law will not permit it. Nothing is dearer to a man than his liberty. When this is endangered, he will swear falsely to keep from going to the penitentiary. Many innocent people lost their heads during the French revolution on the testimony of informers, and to think that the informer in this case is an Irishman. The Irish people hate an informer."

Several members of the jury are said to be of Irish extraction.

SUVERIC COMING.

Over Thousand Tons Freight for British Columbia Ports.

Steamer Suveric, of the Andrew Weir line, sailed for Victoria on Monday the 14th instant, and is due to arrive here about the last of the month. She is bringing over a thousand tons of freight for British Columbia points. Of this 450 tons is for the C. P. R. under the working arrangements by which the line is handling the surplus freight for the railway company. Of the C. P. R. freight 350 tons goes overland.

—Tenders for the supply of carbons for the street arc lights have been received from Hinton Electric Company, Canadian General Electric Company and National Carbon Company, and have been referred to City Electrician Hutchinson for report.

—In the case of Cross vs. E. & N. Railway Company, an action for damages by a man who lost his leg last fall on the track near the city boundary a date for trial was fixed Wednesday by Mr. Justice Irving on application of R. C. Lowe. The case will come up on or about June 28th. For the company H. H. Shandley secured an order for a special jury.

—A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday in the Roman Catholic cathedral, when Mr. E. Goerg was united in marriage with Miss Ida Vogel, the Rev. Father Brabant officiating. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Berlanger, of the Olympus cafe, on Yates street, and a wedding breakfast was served there immediately after the ceremony. The young couple will reside in Victoria.

—A number of fine specimens of Vancouver Island copper ore were received at the office of the Development League Tuesday. Some of them came from the Koksilah company's mines near Cowichan station and others from the Southern Crown mine at Uchucklesit. These specimens will be used by the league for the purpose of advertising the mineral resources of the island.