the steamer City of Puebla : ton, Miss S. Ashton, E. Wave, urrie, Mrs. E. Johnson, E. nnie, Mrs. Lee and daughter, Wm. Gillis, E. B. Gillis and

tern Gate Preceptory.

evening the new commandery ts Templars will be instituted. with a membership of about s under the most promising number of distinguished brethttle and other Sound cities are conduct the proceedings.

as will be Prepared.

s Hooper, architect, met the the Gorge Road Methodist he parsonage, last night, and instructed to prepare rough he contemplated new church. will be submitted and discussed meeting of the trustees, to be two weeks.

South Vancouver.

couver is the name of the new extending from the east line townsite to Point Grey in the m Burrard Inlet to the Fraser. persons interested was held in n Saturday afternoon, and so The necessary preparations to government have been taken.

Knights of Pythias.

m rank, K. of P. meets this n candidates awaiting initiamysteries of knighthood. On ng, a lady lecturer, whose subnd Humor, and who is at prestle, will appear before the their families in the lodge mission to the lecture being only

t Won't Do Here.

t with a calliope, which has me sound as a police whistle, ers on the Government street chase last night. Evidently was a stranger, and had yet to alliopes are all right over the n't do here, as they conflict olice-calls, and work confusion nded.

g Every Preparation.

sentative in the city of the Morris J. Bissell, is making ation calculated to add to the hose who go from Victoria to by the George E. Starr, next e steamer will leave her wharf, arbor, at 9 a.m., and, returnre Angeles at 4 p.m., giving six hours in the Gate City. A ill accompany the party.

Gone to the East.

White, ex-M.P. for East who has been on this veral weeks, with a view to pment of lumber interest he has returned East to perfect ments that he was making ill be back about the middle ediately upon which construcl be commenced on the largest the province. It will in all e located on Vancouver Island.

nd to Have His Man.

siwash was making things Reserve last night, when an his appearance upon the scene. gler thought that an immenment was in order, and took to policeman following. When e harbor, the Indian, with his for the water, plunged in; but r followed; and his determinwarded. The siwash was drawn and sulky, but willing to go e the officer led.

Temperance Orators.

lectures of the present series last evening at the Pandora church, by Messrs. Smith and mperance advocates, who are crusade against liquor. The ounced the liquor traffic and licensing the sale of intoxilecture was illustrated by l comparisons, and was listened by those present. At its con a dozen persons joined the ociety.

iven a Bad Name.

, Alderman Hunter and Mr. , J. P., sat as a Board of Limissioners, yesterday, to hear n for a transfer of the Club se to John Cort. After hearppard, who gave the place a good name, confining his cipally to women termed "boxwas decided to adjourn the of the transfer until Septemather Nicolaye, in his sermon w's pro-cathedral, last Sunday occasion to handle this place hout gloves. He claimed to be of most startling information and termed the theatre "a upon the earth."

ter L. Terry's Pardon.

Harrison's pardon of Chester noted smuggler, was received n Monday, by United States own. In March, 1888, Terry jointly with Erwin A. Gardge of smuggling and facilitatnsportation of smuggled merTo the latter charge Terry leaded guilty, and his case was The President says that whereup and caused to be sold all which he was possessed, and proceeds to be put in the Fedy, thus evincing the highest repentance, and as the Federal rney recommends executive conditional pardon is granted. dered to the Seattle authorities n Victoria three years. He is ail.

A Musical Family.

V. Clarke, of this city, is one ber of a large musical family, rtion of which arrived from land on Sunday last. Each of brothers and sisters has had experience on the concert e family is, therefore, in itself efficient concert company. It tion to make a short tour of British Columbia and Washingeir first entertainment at The ly in July, when the probe made up of the choicest solo vocal music, violin and piano amatic recitations. The ladies Mrs. Clarke, the Misses Minnie, Ophelia, Amy and Mr. Clement Rolandy and Mr. , pianist and solo violin. The ave just concluded engage Crystal Palace and Covent on.

f St. George propose to have a e very shortly, particulars of announced in a later number.

PREMIER ABBOTT.

Some Particulars About the New Chief of the Conservative Party.

That Famous Annexation Manifesto—Reasons Which Led Mr. Abbott to Sign It.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 15th, 1891.—"The King is dead—long live the King." For some days previous to His Excellency taking action in reference to the summoning of a gentleman to undertake the task of forming a ministry, the name of Hon Mr. Abbott had been mentioned in many quarters as that of a man who would be acceptable as the temporary leader of the Conservative party. But, after all, it came as a surprise to the politicians assembled here in Ottawa when the announcement was made that Sir John Thompson had recommended His Excellency to invite Mr. Abbott to become Premier, and that Mr. Abbott had accepted the responsibility without restraint or limitation. It was 10 o'clock on Saturday morning last that Mr. Abbott undertook the task. He asked until this morning at 10 o'clock to enable him to make the effort, and he has been successful. There were some in the rank and file of the Conservative party who believed that the time had come when there should be a thorough reconstruction of the Ministry that it should be strengthened with the best material, but these are satisfied now with matters as they exist, as the most positive assurances have been given that the Cabinet will be reconstructed after the session. Mr. Chapleau's attitude during the past two or three days has been the subject of much comment, but he is thoroughly in accord with the new chief of the Conservative party and will work harmoniously with the Government. It is not betraying any cabinet secrets, however, when the statement is made that Mr. Chapleau will secure a better portfolio when the reconstruction takes place—most probably the Railway Department. The new First Minister, I presume, is very little known in your province; in fact, taking Canada throughout, it is not unnatural to suppose that his appointment will have come as a great surprise. Those who have been acquainted with Mr. Abbott for years and know something of his sterling qualities recognize in him a staunch Conservative leader, one who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of our lamented chieftain in the highest degree. Two or three years ago Mr. Abbott retired from public life, only to be called back to parliament to become the Government leader in the Senate. During his tenure of office in that capacity the enormous work devolved upon him of handling all the Government measures, of explaining their details, &c., and, in this way, he became familiarized in a higher degree than most people conceive with the affairs of government. Mr. Abbott is an approachable man, a man of the highest intellectual ability, but possessing withal a kindly courtesy and a genial tact, which were the leading characteristics of the deceased Premier. The two First Ministers of the Dominion since Confederation were of Scottish birth and parentage; the new First Minister is a Canadian, native, and to the manner born." His life has been spent in our midst and his conduct, both in law and politics, prove him to be one of Canada's most gifted sons. He first entered politics in 1857, and became a member of the Executive Council of the old Province of Canada in 1862. Two bills which he introduced while in Opposition, in 1864, have added to his fame as a lawyer. The first was the Jury Law Consolidation Act for Lower Canada, and the other an act providing for the collection of judicial and registration fees by stamps. The main principles of these two measures have been retained in subsequent legislation. At the general elections in 1872 Mr. Abbott was elected to Parliament as member for his native county of Argenteuil, and in the following year, as the legal adviser of the late Sir Hugh Allan, he became a prominent figure in connection with the Pacific scandal. Elected again at the general elections of 1874, he was unseated, and Dr. Christie, the present sitting member, returned by acclamation. Mr. Abbott was again defeated in 1878 by Dr. Christie. The latter, however, was unseated in 1880, when Mr. Abbott captured the county. The new First Minister was associated with Sir Hector Langevin on the Letellier mission to England in April, 1879. He was called to the Senate in 1887 as leader of the Government in that House without portfolio, and the manner in which he has performed the duties have brought to him the highest encominums of men in both parties. Mr. Abbott has been prominently connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway for a number of years, first as its chief solicitor and latterly as a director. As an indication of the esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Montreal, he was elected mayor of that city in 1887 and 1888, and during that time filled the position with credit to himself and honor to the city where he makes his home. One feature in his past career is already being thrown at him, namely, the fact that many years ago he signed the now famous annexation manifesto. Buried in the recesses of the Senate debates is an explicit statement of the reasons which led Mr. Abbott to take that course in his younger days, and it is somewhat singular that the explanation which he gives should have been the outcome of some quizzing observations on the part of a British Columbian. It was in the course of a debate in the Upper House in March, 1889, that the burly Senator from Westminster, Mr. McInnes, made a sneering allusion to the inconsistency of Mr. Abbott's position to-day as one of the staunchest advocates of British connection, when it was a well known fact that he had signed the annexation manifesto away back in the forties. When it came to Mr. Abbott's turn to reply he dealt with the subject as follows:

"The annexation manifesto was the outgrowth of an outburst of petulance among a small portion of the population of the Province of Quebec—which is amongst the most loyal of the provinces of Canada. Most of the people who signed the annexation manifesto were more loyal than the English people themselves. There were a few gentlemen of American origin who seized a moment of passion into which these people fell, to get some hundreds of people in Montreal to sign that paper. I venture to say that with the exception of those American gentlemen there was not a man who signed that manifesto who had any more serious idea of seeking annexation with the United States than a petulant child who strikes his nurse has of deliberately murdering her. They were exasperated by the fact that when 10,000 men who had suffered distress and disaster in an unfortunate rising before those days, petitioned the Governor of the time being to retain for the consideration of Her Majesty a bill which they believed to be passed for paying the men whom they blamed for the trouble, the Governor-General with an ostentatious disregard, as they believed for their feelings, and in contempt of their services and of their loyalty, came down out of the usual time in order to sanction the bill. The people were excited and done many things that they ought not to have done. They behaved in a very rough manner to His Excellency, which they ought not to have done, and within two or three days, whilst still under the influence of this excitement, a number of them signed this paper. But there was no evidence of any agitation by these people for annexation. Before the year was over it was like the showers of last season; and as for the people not being censured, for their signatures to this document, I can speak for myself and for some of the men who have not been without distinction in their careers in this country, who signed that document more than forty years ago. I had the honor of being at that time an ensign of militia. I received a letter inquring if I was the person who had signed that manifesto. I replied that I was, and my commission was immediately cancelled; I was reduced to the ranks. Sir John Rose, who subsequently became one of the most prominent men in the country, who was, when he died, one of the confidential advisers of His Highness the Prince of Wales, had his silk gown taken from him, and I remember well his disconcerted look when he entered the court, and instead of taking his place besides the Queen's Counsel, took a back seat beside Mr. (now Judge) Johnson, who was in exactly the same position. I am often reproached with that; it does not trouble me much. When I raised 300 volunteers at the time of the Trent affair, in three days, in the loyal and gallant old county of Argenteuil, I received from the representative of my sovereign the commission of colonel. and I thought that condoned the offence of my youth, and I have twice led that battalion to the frontier, to assist in repelling invasions of brigands from within our neighbor's territory. I am wrong in detaining the House with these reminiscences. Old age is always garrulous, and I am only exemplifying the period of life which I have reached. This panacea, (Commercial Union), which Mr. McInnes advocates, and which like a Sangrado in politics he sticks to when everybody else abandons it, is certainly identical with the resolution of Mr. Hitt, which possesses the same characteristics as I understand Commercial Union to be."

I have thought it well to resurrect this particular speech of Mr. Abbot's, as it furnishes an effective reply to Grit misrepresentations at the present time.

THE CORNER STONE LAID.

Interesting and Impressive Ceremonies at St. Alban's Church School, Nanaimo.

NANAIMO, June 23.—The corner stone of St. Alban's Church school was laid, on Monday, under Masonic auspices, in the presence of a very large congregation of people. The ceremonies and services were of a most imposing and impressive character. The ceremony of setting the stone was preceded by a procession, which formed at Masonic hall and marched to the place where the school is being erected. Ashlar Lodge, A. F. and A. M., assisted by officers of the Grand Lodge, conducted the ceremonies.

After an opening hymn and a prayer by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Tovey, an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Masonic fraternity conducted their solemn and imposing services. Grand Master Marcus Wolffe, by the aid of a magnificent silver trowel presented by the committee of St. Alban's church, laid the stone and declared it to be "well and truly laid." A collection was taken up and the sum of $200 realized. After the corner stone ceremonies were concluded, an elegant banquet was served at Forester's Hall. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Tovey, Dr. Praeger and Mr. W. H. Perkins, wardens of the church, made short addresses and discussed the financial condition of the church and its efforts to erect the school. Fully $2,000 had been raised toward the school fund. Grand Master Wolffe, J. E. R. Leggatt, Rev. Mr. McRae, Archdeacon Scriven and others spoke and thanked the ladies of the congregation for the excellent work they had done. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

THROUGH TO SUMAS.

Demonstrations in Honor of the Arrival of the First Regular Passenger Train.

SUMAS CITY, June 22.—The first regular Canadian Pacific through passenger train arrived 25 minutes late of schedule time, to-day. It was expected that the Provincial officials, and the mayors of Vancouver and New Westminster would be on the train. There was some disappointment at their absence, but the band was on hand and played national airs, and salutes were fired. A photograph was taken of the train. Mr. W. G. Sharp, mayor of the city, welcomed the party in these words:

"Gentlemen we welcome you to the City of Sumas, the gateway to our Sound terminus. The connection of your road with the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway completes the longest continuous railway circuit on the globe. We trust that your relations may always be amicable, and our common interest firmly united."

The train consisted of an engine, baggage car, one regular coach and three sleepers, and carried about 200 passengers, among whom were Assistant Superintendent William Downie and Master Mechanic Lacey Johnson, of the Canadian Pacific.

The party was joined by about 30 citizens at Sumas, among whom were Dr. R. U. Leitch, A. R. Johnson, Charles Walsh, W. W. Nash, Mrs. William English, Customs Inspector C. W. Snyder and wife, J. G. McGregor, customs auditor in St. Paul, and S. H. Soule. correspondent.

THE MINERS' STRIKE AT GILMAN.

All the Steamers on Puget Sound Now Go to Nanaimo or Tacoma for Coal.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: As a result of the trouble at the coal mines most of the boats which have heretofore coaled at Seattle have been forced to coal at Nanaimo and Tacoma. The large tugs frequently came to Seattle for their coal, but now they all go to Nanaimo, and some of the ocean steamers that would have taken cargoes of coal from Seattle have had to go to Nanaimo to load; and the boats which run through to Tacoma now take their fuel from there. Some of the small boats have changed from coal to wood for fuel.

Why Struggle.

WHY struggle with exhausting diseases when you may be promptly cured by the use of nature's remedy—Burdock Blood Bitters—the perfect cure for dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, sick headache and all forms of bad blood from a common pimple to the worst scrofulous sore.

THE GRAND LODGE.

British Columbia Masons Hold their Annual Session at Kamloops.

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year—A Grand Banquet Closes the Session.

The Grand Lodge of Free Masons of the Province of British Columbia concluded its annual meeting, on Saturday last, at Kamloops. The session was opened on Thursday morning, Grand Master McKeown presiding. There were present:

Bro. Marcus Wolfe, D.G.M.; Bro. Clute, G.S.W.; Bro. Dr. Clarke, G.J.W.; Bro. Bishop Sillitoe, G.C.; Bro. W. J. Quinlan, G. Sec.; Bro. H. E. Heisterman, Grand Treas.; Bro. J. E. Phillips, G.S.D.; Bro. D. B. Kelly, G.J.D.; Bro. M. Lees, G.P.; Bro. McGowan, G. Marshal; Bro. W. Trickey, G.T.; and Bros. Johnson, McAllister and Stone, Grand Stewards.

The following is a list of delegates to Grand Lodge, as taken from the register:

Victoria, No. 1, (Columbia).—Bros. A. McKeown, P.G.M.; B. Williams, S.W.; W. B. Brown, J.W.; G. S. Russell, P.M.; W. J. Quinlan, W.M.

Vancouver, No. 2, (Quadra)—Bros. J. E. Phillips, W.M.; H. E. Heisterman, P.M.; D. H. Ross, P.M.

Nanaimo, No. 3, (Ashlar) — Bros. J. Abrams, W.M.; W. K. Leighton, S.W.; J. W. Coburn, J.W.; A. E. Lees, P.M.; M. Wolfe, P.M.

Cariboo, No. 4.—Bro. J. Stone, W. M.

Vancouver, No. 7, (Mount Hermon)—Bros. J. McAllister, W.M.; G. Thomas, S.W.; N. C. Okley, J.W.

New Westminster, No. 9. (Union)—Bros. Right Rev. A. W. Sillitoe, W.M.; R. B. Kelly, P.M.; Peter Grant, P.M.; John Buie, P.M.; J. S. Clute, P. G. M.; W. A. Duncan, P. M.; Henry Hoy, P.M.; Wm. Mosson, P.M.

Kamloops, No. 10.—Bros. J. Bannerman, W.M.; D. M. Hosker, S.W.; Geo. Lawes, J.W.; S. Clarke, P.M.; J. Ogden Grahame, P.M.; S. J. Tunstall, P.M.; E. Stewart Wood, P.M.

Donald (Mountain Lodge)—Bro. J. B. Johnson, P.M.

Vancouver, No. 12 (Cascade)—Bros. J. W. Horne, W.M.; W. O. Millar, S.W.; W. R. Dunne, J.W.; L. C. R. Johnson, P. M.; D. Cartmel, P.M.; A. H. B. McGowan, P.M.

Spallumcheen—Bros. G. H. Rochdale, W.M.; J. Hamill, P.M.

Charters were granted to new lodges at Comox and Revelstoke, and the application for a charter from Mission was held over. A memorial stone was ordered to be erected at Victoria to commemorate the memory of Brother Henry Brown, late Grand Secretary. Memorial pages were ordered to the memory of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, Thomas Mowatt, and Gen. Albert Pike, late Grand Commander of the Supreme Council A. and A. Scottish Rite, and Chief of the Royal Order of Scotland.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge was reported sound with a good balance on hand.

The election of officers resulted as follows: M.W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Nanaimo, G.M.; R. W. Bro. W. Downie, Vancouver, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. S. Clarke, Kamloops, S.G.W.; R.W. Bro. P. Grant, New Westminster, J.G.W.; V.W. Bro. E. D. McLaren, Vancouver, G.C.; V.W. Bro. W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, G.S.; V.W. Bro. H. J. Heisterman, Victoria, G.T.; Bro. W. Trickey, Victoria, G. Tyler.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters were appointed: No. 1, R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Russell; No. 2, R. W. Bro. N. B. Ufford; No. 3, R. W. Bro. J. Hamill; No. 4, R. W. Bro. J. Stevenson; No. 5, R. W. Bro. J. Frame.

The following Grand Lodge officers were also appointed: J. W. Horne, S.G.D.; A. E. Lees, J.G.D.; A. McAllister, G.S.W.; Wm. Manson, G.D. of C.; T. B. Pearson, G.M.; J. B. Johnson, G.S.B.; Jas. Abrams, G. Standard, B.; J. E. Phillips, G. Pur.; James Stone, G.O.; E. J. Peck, G.H.; Rasdall, E. Stewart Wood and E. J. Salmon Grand Stewards.

At the conclusion of the labors of the Grand Lodge, the brethren enjoyed a grand banquet at the Grand Pacific Hotel, as the guests of the local lodge. The toasts were: "The Queen, God bless her," "The Prince of Wales and the Royal Lodge of England," "The Grand Master Elect," "The Past Grand Master," "The Retiring Officers," "The Visiting Brethren," "Kindred Societies," "The Press," "Our Absent Friends," "Our Hosts," "The C.P.R." and "The Ladies."

The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

INTERIOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(From the Sentinel, Star and News.)

VERNON.

Mr. T. Ellis reports Mrs. Ellis and family to be rapidly recovering.

Canon Cooper, F.R.G.S., well known to many of these employed in railroad construction in this district, is bringing out a party of settlers, next month, to British Columbia. He is one of the few who make a judicious choice of the immigrants they bring to this country.

The right of way has been cleared along the entire line of the S. & O. and the grading completed, with the exception of six miles. Grading is being carried on in town between the school-house and Mr. Girouard's property. The first 25 miles of the line is being ballasted, and work on that section is almost completed. Freight trains are now running to Enderby, and a regular service so far will probably commence next month.

We are glad to state that Mr. G. G. Mackay has bought Mr. Ellis' ranch at Okanagan Mission, consisting of 3,000 acres, which will be divided up at once into acre blocks. The announcement of this transaction was reserved by us until the deal had been actually concluded. The land is well known as the best in the Mission valley and there is little doubt but that great benefit will result from its subdivision, as it is admirably adapted for fruit culture. It will at once be surveyed and cut up into 20 and 40-acre fruit farms, and offered for sale at reasonable figures.

Mr. Thompson, of Granite Creek, has lately staked off nearly the whole of Boundary flat, four miles long by one mile wide, between Kettle river and the boundary line, in coal claims. It is believed that he is acting in the interest of Victoria capitalists. The first coal location was made by John East, and this claim is now the property of the Spokane and Northern Railroad. Another seam has been discovered by John Thornton on Mr. Ray's ranch, about two miles above Elliott's on Boundary creek. This coal can be more easily developed—owing to its location—than the Rock creek coal, and its quality for smelting purposes cannot be surpassed.

Last week Mr. W. G. Alcock, the enterprising prospector, located a large deposit of valuable yellow ochre on Mission creek. This has been tested by a practical painter, and proved to be of good quality. Near the same place he also discovered several springs of Lithia water, valuable for medicinal purposes. The latter we believe to be the second discovery of similar water in North America—the other spring being in Florida. It is much used for rheumatism, disease of the kidneys, etc, Mr. Alcock left on Saturday for Penticton, in company with Mr. G. Rees, of Vancouver, a coal expert. The latter is making a thorough investigation into the coal deposits lately discovered at the junction of the Osoyoos and Similkameen trails, southwest of Dog Lake.

KAMLOOPS.

Seven prime Polled Angus bulls have been purchased by Mr. J. T. Edwards, North Thompson. The animals are from the famous Pope stock farm, Ontario, imported here some time since by Mr. T. Roper. Mr. Scott, who had charge of the animals, is about leaving for Salt Spring Island, where he has purchased a range from Mr. Henry Croft, Victoria.

Mr. James Stone, of Barkerville, was in town the other day, and reports the mining prospects as very good. At Forks, Quesnelle, things are looking well, and about sixty Chinese are busy on the Hepburn. Mr. J. D. Whittaker, representing an English company, is sanguine of a good output from some claims which have already been worked, by going further down. Mr. McGee talks of getting plant on Slough creek which he will operate without delay.

Not satisfied with any of the offers made for their property, the owners of the Queen Victoria, a copper lead on the north side of the Kootenay, have been busy for the past few weeks doing more development work. The tunnel is now in about 35 feet, and is crosscutting the ledge. The ledge has been stripped in four or five places and is from 90 too 100 feet wide. The ore carries copper and silver and is low grade. The face of the tunnel is now in the best mineral they have struck so far.

REVELSTOKE.

The heavy rains of the past week have brought the river up again almost as high as it was a few weeks ago. Wet weather at this time of the year generally has the opposite effect.

The C. & K.S.N. Company's new steamer was launched at Nelson, on Monday last, the populace of the booming town turning out to celebrate the event. Mrs. S. M. Dawys fired a bottle of wine at the boat and christened her "Nelson."

The steamer Lytton continues to do a big passenger traffic, almost every berth being engaged every trip, both up and down the river. Owing to the cold weather the tourist traffic has not been large as yet, but there are good evidences of a big business in that line yet.

Capt. Fitzstubbs on Monday entered on his duties as gold commissioner, etc., for the district. Judge Tunstall left town Sunday evening for Kamloops, and although no ostentatious farewell was accorded him, his departure is a matter of keen regret.

A BENEVOLENT ORDER.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W., Next Month.

The Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. will hold its annual session in Victoria in July. It embraces representatives from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and during its session will bring into the city in the neighborhood of 500 visitors. Members of the order in this city have made extensive preparations for the entertainment of the members of the Grand Lodge, and they will be extended a public reception at The Victoria on the evening of July 14th.

The Grand Lodge will assemble on July 15th, in Odfellows hall, and probably be in session three or four days. On the evening of Friday, July 17th, the members of the local lodges will give a social to their visiting brethren and the families at Philharmonic hall.

The local committees are:—

Reception—F. G. Richards, D. H. Ross, Capt. J. D. Warren, John Coughlan, W. Dably, S. Leiser, H. Gribble, and J. T. McIlmoyl.

Social—Messrs. Coughlan, Becker, Stamford, Miller, Powell, Chritchley, Jackson, Leiser, Mansell, Ross, and Dinsdale.

The A. O. U. W. is one of the strongest benevolent organizations in America, and numbers in its ranks some of the most prominent men in the country.

THE ORIENTAL MAILS.

The Empress of Japan Fails to Deliver a Mail at Victoria.

When the steam tender went out to the Empress of Japan, on Monday night, one of the first questions asked of the officer in charge of the big steamer was: "Have you any mails for Victoria?" When the answer came back "yes," General Manager Fullerton replied: "Get them ready and we'll take them ashore." And yet the mails were not transferred to the waiting tender, but, with the freight for Victoria consignees, were carried past their doors, to be sent over from Vancouver when convenient.

Mr. Allan Cameron, agent of the C.P.R., was asked why the mails were not landed at Victoria. He stated that when he boarded the vessel he asked for the Victoria mail. The second officer, in whose charge all mail matter was placed, said that his receipts did not call for a Victoria bag. However, he went to the mail room and searched among the bags there, but could not find any. Although a Victoria mail came on the first Empress, none arrived on the Parthia or on the Japan, and Mr. Cameron is of opinion that the Canadian postal authorities have failed to inform the Oriental postal people that Victoria mail must be sent separately. This is the only reason he can assign for the failure of the steamer to carry separate Victoria mails. The mails are handed over to the steamship at the various ports, and the vessel authorities have nothing whatever to do with them except to receive and deliver at destination.

Whatever is the cause of the non-arrival of mails, the matter should be at once taken up by the Board of Trade and Board of Aldermen, and the matter rectified.

An enquiry at the post office, last night, elicited the fact that no special bag from the Orient came down on the Islander. Victoria's China and Japan mail was re-sorted in Vancouver, and came here one day later than it ought to have come.

The Sullivan-Slavin Fight.

NEW YORK, June 22—Charles Johnson and James Wakeley, according to their announcement, called at the office of the Illustrated News this afternoon to meet the backers of Frank P. Slavin and Sullivan, Slavin's friends, however, did not put in an appearance, and Johnson and Wakeley, after wasting an hour for them, decided to allow the $1,000 deposit to remain with the News, so that Slavin's backers can cover it whenever they are ready.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Annual Meeting of the Board Held Yesterday Morning at the City Hall.

Presentation and Adoption of the Yearly Report and Discussion Thereon.

The school trustees held their annual meeting in the Council chamber yesterday morning, Mr. Hayward in the chair. There were present Messrs. Walker, Mallette and Erskine, and in the lobby were Messrs. McMicking, Dr. Milne, Wm. Dalby, W. E. Cameron, John Jessop, John Kinsman, Alex. Wilson, Cornelius Booth, W. H. Bone and John Fullerton. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Secretary Erskine and approved.

The following report of the past year was then submitted:—

To the Electors of the Victoria City School District.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Your trustees, in presenting their annual report, have to state that at the commencement of the school year every reasonable effort was made to arrive at a satisfactory understanding with the Department of Education with regard to the expenditure of monies voted for school purposes.

The whole matter was laid before the authorities without result, and a special deputation appointed to interview the Minister of Education failed in obtaining a hearing.

Your Trustees than proposed "that a proper proportion of the amount voted for contingent expenses of the schools, be paid monthly into the bank credit of the Trustees," but this offer was also refused; whereupon, encouraged by your approval, the Board declined to incur any further responsibility until previous liabilities had been paid.

Since that time the office of a Trustee has been a sinecure, the educational authorities assuming the right to provide everything required, employ janitors, and expend the contingent fund as they pleased. The duties and responsibilities of the Trustees were thus limited to the removal and appointment of teachers, and some of the changes made, the Board believe, were beneficial to the working of the schools and approved of by a majority of the electors.

The attendance at the public schools, your trustees are pleased to state, keeps pace with the rapid growth of the city—the numbers now attending being 1,597, with an average daily attendance of 1,360—these numbers are greatly in excess of any previous year, and the necessity of increased accommodation becomes more apparent; and your trustees hope that their successors in office will give this matter their early attention by enlarging the present ward schools, or providing new graded schools.

The sum of money raised by the school concert, for the purpose of furnishing a gymnasium, still remains deposited in the Savings Bank—the authorities having promised, but failed, to provide a building suitable for such a purpose.

On the 30th of the present month, under the provisions of the "Public School Act, 1891," the present trustees must cease to act as your representatives, and your own duties and privileges, as school electors, will, on that day, be taken away and vested in the powers that be.

The trustees, under the new law, will be appointed; three by the Council of Public Instruction, and four by the City Council, and time only will tell whether the action of this appointed body will be such an improvement upon the doings of elective bodies generally as to justify this retrograde movement, especially as the powers of the new trustees enable them to incur large liabilities which the unrepresented city ratepayers will be compelled to pay.

Your trustees believe that the promotion examinations still continue to be held too early, and that the regular school work is seriously disorganized in consequence, from examination time to the end of the term.

In conclusion the Board return thanks for the confidence reposed in them in the past, and trust that their actions have met with your approval.

(Signed). CHARLES HAYWARD.
W. WALKER.
RICHARD HALL.
C. E. MALLETTE.
R. ERSKINE, Secretary

Victoria, B. C.

The report led to a lengthy discussion.

Dr. Milne said that there had been a great deal of friction between the trustees and the department, and he thought the trustees ought to explain their position.

Chairman Hayward said the department had refused to pay one bill of $5 for a notarial copy and tracing of the Windsby letter, and consequently it did not feel like incurring any other indebtedness.

Mr. Walker thought the board were justified in their stand, and that the bills of the board should be paid by the Government. A discussion then ensued upon the action of the Government in refusing to pay the $5 bill, which was participated in by Messrs. Mallandaine, Dalby, Dr. Milne, Wilson, Hayward and Mallette. The latter said that the board could not present another bill after one had been refused. Hon. John Robson, the premier, had insulted one delegation, and since then the board had not incurred any indebtedness. Mr. Mallandaine was of opinion that the report was too strong, but the speaker did not consider it half strong enough. Mr. Mallandaine did not think that the delegation had been insulted, but Trustee Hayward, as one of the delegation, thought otherwise. He said that when the delegation had stated a fact to the premier, the hon. gentleman said he did not believe them.

Mr. Hayward then drew attention to the scriptural quotation employed by Mr. Robson regarding Joseph and his brethren trying to ruin him, but which had resulted for Joseph's good. So it was in the case of the principal who had been dismissed by conspiracy among the trustees.

Dr. Milne said that all reports had heretofore been of a nature friendly to the Government, and Mr. Wilson had always opposed them, now that the Government was criticised he came out in support of it.

Mr. Wilson emphatically denied that he was acting as the mouthpiece of the Government.

Mr. Shakespeare reported a nuisance at the Johnson street ward school, at which there is a large open drain in a filthy condition.

Mr. Wilson made a recommendation that the Government be petitioned to employ as teachers only total abstainers.

The report of the board was adopted unanimously, and a vote of thanks was tendered the trustees, after which the meeting adjourned.

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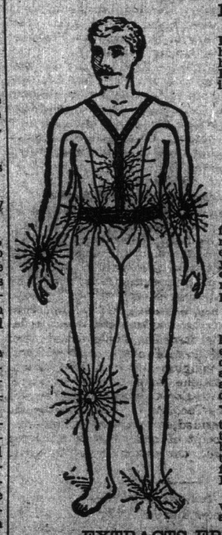

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WM. H. PHELPS,
Secretary.
Barkerville, B. C., 10th June, 1891. je19-w

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