WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
31st December to 6th January, 1903.

The weather during this week, with the exception of the last day, was abnormally overcast, mild and rainy on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and in Cariboo comparatively mild and generally fair. The cause of these weather conditions has been due to the prevalence of high barometric pressure over the United States from California eastward, while from the coast of Vancouver Island and Washington an almost continuous series of storm areas have been passing eastward from the Pacific to the Canadian Territories. The heaviest rainfall occurred on Friday, 2nd, when in 24 hours 4 inches fell at Astoria, and one inch and a half both here and at New Westminster; on Saturday, 3rd, at Chilliwack, 2.22 inches was reported in 24 hours. At the same time several inches fell in the Kootenay district, where already much has fallen, and good sleighing prevails. In Cariboo two feet of snow was reported at the close of the month of December.

During the night of January 1st high easterly to southerly winds prevailed on the Straits of Georgia, as the centre of one of these storms was approaching the coast of Vancouver Island. On the 2nd and 3rd a pronounced warm wave spread up the Coast to this province, when the temperature rose to 60 in Oregon, 50 in Washington and 54 on Vancouver Island. This mild spell was followed by dense fogs on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia and the Sound on Sunday, 4th.

On Monday, the 5th, the southern high barometer area steadily moved northward to this province, accompanied by clear skies, sharp frosts at night and a change of wind to the northward. These conditions continued to the close of the week, when the barometer rose to 30.60 in. in Kootenay and fell to 29.90 in. off the coast of Oregon.

The weather was generally fair and mild throughout the Territories until the last day of the week, when a northwest gale and cold weather spread eastward to Manitoba, where several inches of snow also fell.

At Victoria the amount of bright sunshine recorded was only 4 hours; the rainfall was 2.13 inches; highest temperature, 53.9 on 3rd and lowest, 34.3 on 6th.

New Westminster—Rainfall, 2.72 inches; highest temperature, 50 on the 4th; and lowest, 30 on 1st.

Kamloops—Snowfall, 2 inches; highest temperature, 48 on 5th; lowest, 24 on 1st.

Barkerville—Snowfall, 2 inches; highest temperature, 38 on 5th; lowest, 6 on 1st.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—The County court sittings have been adjourned until Thursday, January 22nd.

—The monthly meeting of members of the Horticultural Society will be held in the city hall on Thursday evening, January 15th, at 8 o'clock; not on Thursday next.

—The Presbytery of Victoria will assemble in St. Andrew's, Nanaimo, on Sunday next, when Rev. Mr. Miller will be inducted into the pastorate. Rev. Dr. Campbell, moderator, will perform the ceremony.

—The drawing for the beautiful doll at Mrs. M. A. Vigor's, 81 Douglas street, resulted in little Miss Ethel Rivers, daughter of Wm. Rivers, 28 Stanley avenue, securing the prize. There were 500 tickets issued.

—John Williams, an able seaman on the ship Kenilworth, fell overboard from the vessel in Nanaimo harbor on Sunday. He was struck in falling and partially stunned, but was rescued by a fisherman, who was near at hand with a boat.

—Monday evening the regular meeting of the Tailors' Union was held, when officers were elected as follows: President, A. J. Kennedy; vice-president, J. Fraser; recording secretary, F. J. Knight; financial secretary, Percy Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. Barrett.

—The Bishop of Columbia acknowledges the receipt of $150 toward the Seamen's institute from the following: F. S. Barnard, Mrs. Dunsmuir, W. Fernie, A. C. Flumerfelt, D. R. Ker, G. A. Kirk, Hon. J. D. Prentice, T. R. Smith, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., C. Todd, A. W. Vowell and Messrs. R. Ward & Co.

—The employees of the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Company here were generously remembered during the Christmas holidays by their employers and by Mr. Galletly, of the Bank of Montreal, who has yearly given each of the young ladies a souvenir of the season.

—Arrangements have been completed for the installation banquet to be held by the I. O. O. F. in the hall next Monday evening. The joint committee met last night and farthered preparations for the event. The officers of Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will be installed this evening, A. Sheret, grand patriarch, officiating. The regular monthly meeting of the general relief committee was held last evening.

—At Labor Hall on Monday a meeting of Local No. 5, Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers' Union, was held, when the following officers were installed: President, Richard Ryan; vice-president, Edward Gilligan; financial secretary, J. Robinson; recording secretary, J. A. Tripp; treasurer, J. Creed; warden, H. Erskine; conductor, G. Brown; delegates to trades and labor council, J. Wheatman, R. Ryan and F. Henski.

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—About a year ago the city of Nanaimo purchased the waterworks which were formerly held by a private company. The results of the first year have been very satisfactory. The revenue for 1902 totalled up to about $19,000, while the expenses of operating the system were not more than a fifth of the sum, being between $3,000 and $4,000. There has therefore been a net profit of $15,000. An offset to this is the sinking fund and interest of the money borrowed when the works were purchased. This constitutes an annual charge of $6,125. Then there is the expenditure of the year on improvements which approximate $19,000, of which it is possible to pay off nearly half out of profits, leaving the remainder for next year.

—At Broadalbane, last evening, Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ira Lee, of Council City, Alaska, and Miss Minnie Lee, of New York.

—The annual meeting of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute for the election of officers will be held in the Royal Oak schoolhouse on Wednesday, January 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

—Owing to the public gathering called by the Mayor for Friday evening, it has been thought best to postpone the Y. M. C. A. meeting till Monday evening next, to meet in Harmony hall, View street, at 8 o'clock.

—"A Trip Through the Orient, Japan, Mongolia and China" will be the subject of a lecture delivered by Rev. Archibald Ewing, under the auspices of the Young People's Guild, of St. Andrew's church, on Monday evening, the 12th inst. The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

—The death occurred on Sunday last of Joseph Partlan, of Duncans. Deceased was 72 years of age, and a native of England. He had resided in Cowichan for 25 years, and leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss. Rev. Mr. Leakey officiated at the funeral, which took place yesterday.

—Monday afternoon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the marriage of Mr. Henry C. Janion and Marguerite, eldest daughter of the late Capt. Colin Campbell-Black, took place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Miss M. Black, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was attended by Mr. C. M. O'Brien. After a honeymoon to be spent on the Mainland Mr. and Mrs. Janion will take up their residence in this city.

—Military scrip can only be applied to agricultural land. The commissioner of lands and works has announced that this is the interpretation which is to be put upon the order governing it. It is not to be interpreted as giving the holders of the scrip an option of selecting timber lands. This latter course was contemplated by many, and speculation was being made of it by a syndicate on the Mainland who expected to secure considerable of this scrip, and apply it to the acquisition of timber limits.

—Referring to the Vancouver Ledger's story of an alleged cannery combine the News-Advertiser, of that city, says: "The announcement in a contemporary on Saturday that the negotiations for the cannery combine promoted by Mr. D. J. Munn, of New Westminster, and in connection with which that gentleman recently went to England, had been almost completed, is incorrect. Mr. Munn, who is now on his way back to the Coast, has been unable to raise the necessary capital for the formation of the company in England."

—Officers were elected as follows at a meeting of the Garment Workers' Union held in Labor hall Monday: President, B. C. Pettingell; vice-president, Margaret White; recording secretary, H. A. Cornell; financial secretary, Elna Roff; treasurer, Lizzie Freeman; guide, Florence Brown; finance committee, Sara McGillivary, Clara Chapman and Annie Strachan; board of trustees, Mrs. R. Wilson, Isabel Wilkins and Clara Merriman; executive committee, H. A. Cornell, C. Chapman, L. Freeman, M. Allen, E. Roff, A. McKenzie and M. Wachter; sergeant-at-arms, L. Newbigging.

—The police court enjoyed a lull on Thursday after an exceedingly busy two weeks or more. There were no cases on to-day's books. An amusing circumstance in connection with the Hatch case, which was disposed of by the magistrate, was the fact that even while in custody on the charge of stealing $45 from Geo. Rowbottom he was wearing a hat stolen from Warden John, of the provincial jail. Hatch had appropriated this together with some shoes and 22-regs when discharged from the institution, and with unparalleled audacity wore it under the very eyes of the police.

—There was a large attendance at the union prayer meeting held Wednesday at the First Presbyterian church. Addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Rowe and Rev. J. F. Vichert on "The Relation of the Church to Society." A. Huggett occupied the chair. A similar meeting will take place this evening at the same church, when Rev. Mr. Ewing, superintendent of Chinese missions in British Columbia, and Rev. R. B. Blyth will speak on "Mission Work Among the Heathen of the Dominion." Prayer meetings will be held in the respective churches as usual on Thursday evening.

—District Deputy Grand Master Harry Smith installed the officers of Temple Lodge, No. 33, at Duncans on the 27th of January. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, Christopher Dobson; senior warden, James Evans; junior warden, Andrew Peterson; treasurer, James Whittome; secretary, Thomas Pitt; senior deacon, D. G. Perry; junior deacon, James Campbell; stewards, John Hall and Ernest Price; inside guard, E. F. Clark; tyler, William Waters. After the ceremony of installation the D. D. G. M. on behalf of the lodge presented Samuel Robinson, the retiring master, with a past master's jewel. Refreshments were afterwards served and a pleasant evening spent.

—The annual spring show of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held in this city on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of next month. Much interest is being taken in this event by the local fanciers, and indications point to a large number of entries and a very successful show. A number of new birds have been added to the local pens during the year, among which may be mentioned a cockerel and three pullets (Red Rocks) for George C. Anderson from G. A. Anderson, Wenham, Mass. This gentleman is the owner of Savage, winner at all the principal shows throughout the East. G. D. Christie, 122 Government street, is secretary for the association, and will cheerfully give any information required to those interested. Catalogues are now being printed and will be distributed within a few days.

—David B. Reid died at his home at North Saanich Wednesday, aged 81 years and 7 months. Deceased was a native of Perthshire, Scotland. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral is arranged for Saturday at 2 p.m.

—There will be no basketball at the drill hall on Saturday night. The extra attraction will be the Big Four, while a splendid programme has been arranged by the band. T. W. Rennie, who played bass in the Fifth Regiment band and theatre orchestra, left the city with the Bostonians, having signed with them for the balance of the season.

—Another old-timer passed away at the Provincial Home, Kamloops, on Saturday night in the person of Richard Maltby, who was admitted to that institution in July, 1900, coming from Victoria in whose vicinity he had lived for 42 years. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, and was 68 years of age. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, Rev. H. S. Akehurst officiating.

—The bodies of the mail couriers, McIntyre and Abbey, who lost their lives in Taku Arm, have not yet been recovered. The most careful search has been conducted without success, although the mail bags were found some time ago. The place where the accident occurred is only about 300 feet wide, lying between an island and the mainland. In spite of having this advantage no trace of the bodies has been found.

—P. A. Babbington, D. D. G. M., assisted by an efficient staff, installed the officers of Columbia lodge, I. O. O. F., Wednesday as follows: S. Reid, N. G.; F. Taylor, V. G.; R. W. Fawcett, rec. sec.; Wm. Jackson, financial secretary; Geo. T. Fox, treasurer; Wm. Sommerville, warden; R. Marwick, conductor; W. H. Huxtable, O. G.; Chas. Minckler, I. G.; J. Pottinger, R. S. N. G.; T. L. Toy, L. S. N. G.; P. W. Dempster, R. S. V. G.; A. P. L. Calderwood, L. S. V. G.; J. S. Smith, R. S. S.; J. Vaio, L. S. S.; B. Deacon, chaplain. Dominion lodge officers will be installed this evening.

—The visit of President Howard, of the Western Fuel Company, to Nanaimo, will, it is fully expected, mean the further development of the coal fields acquired by them from the New Vancouver Coal Company. In addition to the shaft which is to be sunk on Newcastle Island, another will be opened near the old Northfield wharf at Departure Bay. At this point the same layer of coal which will be encountered on Newcastle Island will be struck. The New Vancouver Coal Company formerly operated at Northfield, the workings being much farther inland than the new shaft which it is intended to sink.

—The keeper, John Thompson, has made his annual report respecting Beacon Hill park. It gives in detail the work accomplished during the past year. As a result of the havoc caused by the storms at the close of the year previous 36 cords of wood were cut up and sent to the Old Men's Home. The deer are reported to be now in much improved quarters, and are doing much better. One half of the old deer park is leveled ready for seeding in the spring. The small lake has been thoroughly cleaned during the year. The keeper advises the regravelling of some parts of the roads and the cutting down of some of the dead trees. The inhabitants of the park at present are given as follows: Three bears, five deer, twenty-five guinea pigs, twelve rabbits, seven eagles, two owls, three peafowl, eleven swans, seven geese, twenty-four ducks, twenty-four pigeons, four cockatoos, one paroquet, one blackbird, one magpie, seven pheasants, two blue jays, two quail, one vulture and one hawk.

ROSSLAND RESOLUTIONS

On the Mineral Tax and Silver-Lead Question.

At a largely attended and representative meeting of the Rossland Board of Trade on Wednesday night two resolutions dealing with important aspects of the mining industry were unanimously carried. The first referred to the desirability of abolishing the two per cent. mineral tax because of its serious effect in preventing the utilization of so-called low grade ores of the Rossland and other camps. The resolution demonstrated in figures that the two per cent. tax represented a margin on actual profits as follows: Sixteen dollar ore 3.6 per cent.; on twelve dollar ore, 8 per cent.; on eight dollar ore, 16 per cent.; one six dollar one 22 per cent. The board strongly urged the removal of such a serious barrier to the utilization of Rossland's immense low grade ore reserves.

The second resolution referring to the silver-lead industry was moved by A. S. Goodeve and seconded by A. McMillan:

Whereas the silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, some 40 or 50 in number, after a conference with the smelters and refiners, held a meeting at Sandon on December 10th, 1902, and passed unanimously a resolution favoring increased duties upon lead and lead products;

Whereas a committee of such lead miners, of the smelters and of the united boards of trade have started East for the purpose of urging the Dominion government to give them protection as outlined in their resolution;

Whereas we believe relief to the lead mines and increased activity in these properties will create a demand for large tonnages of certain of the low grade iron ores of Rossland, which are now unprofitable to mine in connection with copper smelting;

Whereas the prosperity of our neighboring town of Trail, where are located not only complete copper works, but lead smelters and an electrolytic lead refinery, is dependent upon securing an adequate and regular supply of lead ores, which they are unable to do now and as the prosperity of Trail means prosperity to Rossland;

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the Rossland board of trade, do heartily endorse the action of the silver-lead miners of East and West Kootenay and we hereby respectfully urge upon the government the necessity of granting the request of the committee, now on its way to Ottawa, representing the silver-lead mines, the smelters and the united boards of trade.

The secretary is instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the ministers, the Senators and members of the Dominion parliament representing British Columbia, and to the press at the Coast and in Eastern Canada.

A SCHOONER AND STEAMER ASHORE

OTHER WRECKAGE HAS BEEN CAST ON COAST

Large Quantity of Flotsam Washed up at Carmanah—Queen City Returns With Salmon.

Old Father Neptune in one of his angry moods has been casting up more wreckage at Carmanah, that point at the southwestern extremity of Vancouver Island, which, during the winter season, is often littered with the remains of some vessel.

It will be remembered that in November last Lightkeeper Daykin, who is always on the alert for any tidings of disaster, reported that two miles west of Carmanah there was a stern of a large ship's boat, painted white and with the name "Erickson, Cardiff," in black letters appearing on it. In addition there were several long ash oars that were comparatively new. They had sennit in place of leather on them, but had no other distinguishing marks. Besides this wreckage there was the top of a mast. All was mystifying. Nothing could be identified, and the lightkeeper looked in vain for some further clue to the catastrophe at sea which had then evidently been of recent occurrence. At the time, however, he could make no further report. Now he sends a message to this city stating that there are lots of wreckage on the beach, including the remains of a small steamer and schooner. A life buoy appears in the heterogeneous mass and on it appears a name which Mr. Daykin thought might resemble "Vancouver." Another piece of wreckage has a name on it that is partly obliterated, the only letters that could be deciphered being RINTER, but how these are grouped he has omitted to say. The letters are about six inches long and carved in wood and painted white.

Since Mr. Daykin forwarded this news the steamer referred to has been learned to be the Vladimir, the little tug which disappeared from San Juan last week during one of the heavy blows on the coast. She had drifted down the Straits and eventually piled up on the rocks off Carmanah. Here she will probably prove a total wreck, for at this time of the year a vessel could not withstand the pounding which she would receive in so stormy a quarter. The Vladimir, as previously stated, is a small tug which had been employed in towing logs at San Juan, and her destruction probably means the loss of a thousand dollars. Fortunately there was no one aboard when the high winds dragged her from her moorings in the harbor and carried her seaward.

As for the schooner and the rest of the wreckage referred to little can be said in the form of definite information. There are some overdues, but had the wreck mentioned been either of these it is very probabl that the lightkeeper would have recognized it, unless it happens to be battered beyond recognition. This Mr. Daykin does not mention. The schooner for which most anxiety is felt, locally speaking, is naturally the South Bend, the sealer which never returned from Behring sea after last fall's cruise. Then there is the overdue Seattle schooner General Siglin, in search of which there have been many expeditions sent along the northern coast. There are other unfortunates, but as the dimensions of the craft wrecked are not obtainable the names need scarcely be given. So far as known no vessel has been on the coast with a name like the Vancouver.

Possibly the other wreckage mentioned is some that has drifted at sea for months and has now been driven ashore by the disturbed and stormy sea.

BARQUE AND CREW LOST.

In the gloom of a dark stormy night on Friday last a vessel was pitched on the rocks of Umatilla reef, dashing to pieces and leaving her crew to make their way ashore in as dangerous a surf as can be seen on the whole Pacific coast. How many perished cannot at the present writing be definitely stated. Two, more dead than alive, succeeded in reaching the isolated Ozette beach, where they found hospitable treatment at the hands of ranchers and Indians in that locality. They were too exhausted, however, to tell of their experiences, and, in consequence, only the most meagre details of the shipwreck could be wired to this city.

A Port Townsend dispatch says that the barque is the Prince Arthur, bound from Valparaiso for the Roads.

The first report stated that the wrecked vessel was the Prince Albert, but on inquiry it was learned that this vessel was out only 48 days from Capetown, and could not reach Cape Flattery in less than another 40 days.

A later dispatch says: "Whether an attempt was made to abandon the vessel and reach shore in the boats, or whether the crew remained aboard the wreck until swept away by the tremendous seas running, will not be known until the survivors recover sufficiently from the effects of their exposure to be able to tell the particulars of their terrible experience. The barque carried a crew of 20 men, including officers, and of these only two succeeded in reaching Ozette beach. Ranchers and Indians living in the vicinity of the wreck tenderly cared for the shipwrecked men, and when daylight came and the corpses of drowned seamen washed ashore, they were carried to graves dug above high water mark, and given Christian burial. The scene of the wreck is two miles South of Ozette, and about 15 miles south of Cape Flattery, and abreast of Umatilla reef. It is practically the same position in which the German ship Flottebek narrowly escaped destruction two years ago. Owing to the isolated location of the Ozette, no news was received until Tuesday, and that came in a letter from a settler near Ozette, and came out over a 40-mile trail between Ozette and Clallam Bay and thence by steamer."

The barque evidently mistook Tatoosh light for Flattery light in steering a course for up the Straits, and once in towards shore was carried rapidly on to the rocks by a heavy ocean swell.

The spot is marked by a number of sharp looking rocks against which the ocean swell beats with unbroken force.

The Prince Arthur is an iron barque of 1,598 tons net. Lloyds' rate her as an A1 craft of the following dimensions: Length 247 feet, beam 40 feet and depth of hold 23.7 feet. She was of Norwegian register and was owned by P. H. Roer, of Christiania. She was coming to British Columbia in ballast under charter to load lumber at Chemainus. The exact date on which she sailed is not known. The captain of the steamship Yeddo, which arrived from the same port last week after a passage occupying twenty-seven days, reported that the Prince Arthur had sailed shortly before his vessel left and, according to this statement, the Prince must have made a very fast passage north.

The wreck commemorates in a sad manner the first anniversary of the loss of the steamer Walla Walla and Bristol on the same day of the month last year.

A special to the Times from Port Townsend Wednesday says: "No additional details regarding the wreck south of Cape Flattery have been received. A message received from Clallam Bay this morning states that reliable information was received there and that the vessel wrecked is the Norwegian barque Prince Arthur. According to this dispatch the vessel went ashore on the beach eight miles south of Cape Flattery. It is probable that tugs will visit the wreck to-day, and on their return further details will be learned.

"A Clallam dispatch confirms the original report that only two were saved, and the balance of the crew, eighteen, were drowned."

QUEEN CITY FROM COAST.

A shipment of salmon from the Clayoquot cannery on the West Coast arrived on the steamer Queen City Monday, and will be forwarded from here to the Orient on one of the China Mutual liners. The shipment was landed at the outer wharf by the steamer this morning. Few passengers arrived on the vessel. There were a number of prospectors from different points along the coast. Joshua Holland, the local contractor, who had charge of the erection of the new cable building at Bamfield creek, and H. E. Newton, the San Juan mine owner. The buildings at the station are now about completed. The Queen City had an uneventful trip. Officers of the steamer confirm the story that the wreck of the steamer Vladimir has been found near Carmanah.

LEGAL NEWS.

The Full Court Sittings—In Chambers—G. Kircheimer Elects To-Morrow.

The first case on the list of appeals is still in course of argument before the Full court, viz., Nightingale vs. Union Colliery Co., in which the defendants are appealing from the judgment of Mr. Justice Irving, at the second trial of the case, awarding damages to the plaintiff in respect of an accident on the company's line of railway. A. Luxton argues the case for the appellants, D. G. Macdonell for the plaintiff.

The following cases are next in order for hearing:

2. Turner vs. Cowan.
3. O'Brien vs. Mackintosh.
4. Star Mining Co. vs. Byron White Co.
5. Tanaka vs. Russell.
6. McClary vs. Howland.

Chambers.

Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following matters in Chambers Wednesday morning:

Northern Counties vs. Munro et al—On motion of R. H. Pooley, for plaintiffs, a decree nisi for foreclosure was granted. J. H. Lawson, jr., and W. C. Moresby, contra.

Re estate of Catherine Medana—J. H. Lawson, jr., applied for leave to file plan of subdivision of property, which was granted, S. P. Mills, K. C., opposing. F. Higgins and J. M. Bradburn also appeared.

McKelvey vs. Le Roi—An order for payment out was granted. A. McNeill, K. C., for plaintiff, C. R. Hamilton, contra.

Drake vs. Curnow—An order for filing of executor's accounts was granted. W. C. Moresby for plaintiff, A. F. R. Martin, contra.

Oppenheimer vs. Brackman-Ker Milling Co.—S. S. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, obtained a fiat for increased counsel fee.

An interesting point has been brought up for decision in connection with the estate of the late Patrick Murphy. The deceased's will directs the executors to set aside $1,500 for bringing his body here for burial, and erecting a tombstone and keeping same in repair. The executors will apply on the 19th for a decision as to whether this direction is void for not stating the period of time during which they must keep the tombstone in repair.

To Elect.

G. Kercheimer will come up before one of the judges at 10 a.m. to-morrow to elect whether he will take a speedy trial or go before a jury at the next assizes.

—Wm. Cruckshank, a fisherman who has been living in his sloop which lies in the Gap at Nanaimo harbor, is believed to have been drowned. He came from his sloop in a skiff on Saturday to make some purchases in that city. The skiff still remains where he left it on the waterfront, and the fisherman has not been seen. It is feared that he has fallen into the waters of the harbor.

W. J. Graves, travelling representative of the Woodmen of the World, has just returned from Ladysmith, where he officiated at the annual installation of officers of that camp. The branches of the order at Parksville and Ladysmith he reports to be in a flourishing condition, both as to membership and financially. During the past year there have been no less than 30 camps inaugurated in British Columbia, the greater number of which are doing exceedingly well. He expressed himself as satisfied with the success of his efforts to put the order on a firm footing in this province. Although the work was taken up rather late in the year, through the energetic aid of others interested he was able to announce almost phenomenal progress during the last few months. Mr. Graves is making his headquarters at the Dominion hotel.

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SCHOOL PROBLEMS.

No. 1.

By Trustee Huggett.

To the Editor:—It has frequently been said that the High school curriculum is a preparation of studies adapted only to those pupils who have one or other of the professions in view, and that it does not meet the requirements of a very large percentage of our boys and girls. I would not for a moment be understood to underrate the very excellent and efficient work of the present staff, rather would I congratulate them upon the marked improvement in every division of the school. Nor would I be understood to say that the subjects now being taught should be eliminated, for I am persuaded that all the subjects prescribed are necessary and useful, and that if we want to keep up a high standard of education we must go on improving, if possible, the course of work mapped out by those who are in touch with the spirit and progress of our great national universities. I believe that we should provide the very best education possible, and thus give our boys and girls a good start in life.

But what is education? It is a big question. It means the teaching or training of the mind, and I presume that none of us will have finished our education until we shall be called upon to give an account of our stewardship. It cannot mean the mere acquisition of book knowledge, for a man might read whole libraries of standard works and yet not be educated. I take it, therefore, to mean that knowledge obtained from books, systematic study, natural phenomena, and the intercourse with others is only really valuable to the extent that such knowledge is applied wisely to the practical affairs and issues of life.

I believe, therefore, that the education given to our boys and girls should be very largely of that character that shall fit them to undertake successfully the duties of citizenship, and that will equip them for the great battle of life.

The education given in the High school, particularly should be thoroughly practical, and, with your permission, Mr. Editor, I will give my reasons why, if re-elected to the school board, I shall do all in my power to have an optional or commercial course of study introduced into the High school of this city.

In the first place, and I believe I am right in saying that not more than 10 per cent., let me say 20 per cent., of the pupils entering the High school ever complete the work of that institution, and the reason is not far to seek. It is not possible in a very large majority of cases for the parents of the boys and girls to keep their charges at school after the age of 15, and consequently about eighty or ninety per cent. never complete the work they commence. I am willing to admit that the education they receive is unquestionably helpful, but it is nevertheless to be admitted also that in one sense the time is wasted, inasmuch as unfinished work has no true value.

Now I am ambitious to see a course of work introduced which could be completed in two or three years, so as to make it possible for every pupil entering the school (who could not under ordinary circumstances take the regularly prescribed curriculum) to complete that course by the time most of them have to enter upon the sterner realities of life.

A practical commercial course is what I would suggest. This should be made optional and should be distinct from the regular course. A commercial teacher should have charge of the work, and a course prescribed covering two or three years. The children of the working classes would then have an opportunity of completing a course of a most practical nature, and the parents would be content in believing that they were receiving some real return for the school rates they are called upon to pay.

Ninety per cent. of our boys and girls will enter business or some branch of mechanics; if mechanics, then the business training will be invaluable; if business, then better prepared will they be to undertake in a businesslike manner the duties in store or office, and in such a way as will enable them to demand a much better reward than is generally given; for remember that the wideawake business man will recognize the fact that it is cheaper to pay a good salary to a competent clerk or office assistant than to pay a low salary to an incompetent one. If a "commercial course" were introduced, it would not be long before eighty per cent. of our boys and girls would be taking it, consequently the teachers—or some of them at least—would devote their attention to the new branch of study and thus supply the demand for instructors. What has been said regarding a "commercial course" will appeal, I believe, to every class of citizen, for I am satisfied that every boy and girl would be the better for a training along the line suggested.

Why not provide such a course? Instead of after having paid through the rates for the education of our children we are again called upon to give them a special course at some "commercial institute," or see them enter store or office for a mere pittance of a wage. Let Victorians appreciate the progressive spirit of the age and strengthen the hands of those who are prepared to advocate and carry out as far as possible such schemes along educational lines as shall make it possible for our boys and girls to enter life's battle well prepared to meet the competition created by those who in other parts of the Dominion have been favored so far with greater advantages, and who are coming West to fill positions that our own boys and girls should occupy, and which they never can if deprived of the privileges enjoyed by others elsewhere. Shall we not see to it that we do our whole duty toward the present and future generations by laying the foundations of a liberal and practical education? Is it not true that again and again our business men have said that they would gladly take our boys into their offices, but that they do not come up to the necessary standard. This, mark you, is no fault of the teacher; but the crowding of so many subjects which have no real practical value either to the boy or girl unless he or she is able to take the whole course prescribed, looking to graduation from the High school or matriculation to McGill or some other University. I hope, Mr. Editor, that I have made my position plain in this matter. I do not advocate additional expenditure, but the substituting of a course of study which shall meet the requirements of at least eighty per cent. of both scholars and parents, and by so doing amply repay to a still larger percentage of ratepayers the money they pay for educational purposes.

A "commercial course" should include, among other subjects, the following:

1. Modern bookkeeping.
2. Typewriting.
3a Principles of banking.
4. Principles of business.
5. Principles of advertising.
6. Modern languages, German or French.
7. Methods of successful business men and women.
8. Finance.
9. The resources of British Columbia.
10. The resources of other provinces.
11. The resources of the leading countries of the world.
12. Penmanship.
13. Domestic Economy.
14. Stenography, etc.

In closing, Mr. Editor, I would say that this is no new idea of mine, but during my visit to Great Britain and to many large Eastern cities quite recently my conviction was strengthened as to the necessity of introducing a "practical business course" into our own High school, and even into the public schools of the city. If elected, I shall certainly do my utmost to prevail upon the education department the advisability of making this very necessary change, or, rather, adding the course I have suggested as an optional set of subjects, so that our boys and girls can take either the business course or the regular course, or even a part of each.

ALF. HUGGETT.

C. E. Bengle, representing the Compressor Air Drill Company, of San Francisco, Cal., from whom the Yreka Copper Company has purchased a complete plant, with water wheel, for operation on their properties at Quatsino, is in the city, a guest at the Dominion hotel. He will leave for the West Coast for the purpose of supervising the installation of the plant as soon as possible after its arrival. Mr. Bengle said that the Yreka Company's machinery would supply power sufficient for the operation of between six or eight drills. It would be run altogether by water power. He expects to be busy getting the machinery in shape for at least two months.

BIRTH.

MORRISSEY—At Nelson, on Jan. 2nd, the wife of Joseph Morrissey, of a son.

LEAN—At Nelson, on Jan. 3rd, the wife of Capt. Allan Lean, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

HYNDMAN-ARMSTRONG—At Vancouver, on Dec. 6th, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D. E. Hyndman and Miss Elizabeth Armstrong.

GETZON-RACH—At Rossland, on Jan. 1st, by Rev. Father Welch, Frank Getzon and Miss Emma Rach.

BURR-WATERS—At Ladner, on Jan. 1st, by Rev. T. Oswald, John Burr and Miss Lizzie Waters.

DIED.

M'DERMID—At Vancouver, on Jan. 4th, Peter A. McDermid, aged 60 years, a native of Glengarry County, Ontario.

BROWN—At New Westminster, on Jan. 3rd, Jennet Elizabeth, widow of the late Dr. C. E. C. Brown.

REID—At North Saanich, on the 7th inst., D. B. Reid, aged 82 years.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company to be known as "The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company," to construct and operate a line of railway from a point at or near either Gravenhurst or North Bay, in the Province of Ontario, thence in a northwesterly and westerly direction through the Provinces and Territories of Ontario, Keewatin, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Athabasca and British Columbia, or any other Province or Territory of British North America, to the Pacific ocean at or near Port Simpson, or at or near Bute Inlet, or such other port as may be hereafter determined, by way of the Peace River or Pine River Pass, or such other pass as may be found most convenient, or by such other more feasible route as may be hereafter more clearly defined; with power to construct, equip and operate branch lines to Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, and any other point or points in the said Provinces or Territories, and to acquire, lease, amalgamate or connect with or otherwise make arrangements for the use of the line of any railway company in Canada, with power to build, purchase, or otherwise acquire and operate upon any navigable waters in any of the said Provinces or Territories, or from any point in the Dominion of Canada to any other point or points in or beyond the same, steam or other vessels and ferries for the purposes of the Company; to engage in and to carry on as express and forwarding business on the Company's railways and vessels; to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire land and water lots and thereon erect, maintain and use wharfs, docks, dock yards, elevators, warehouses, bridges, hotels, restaurants, houses and other buildings, terminals and properties, and collect wharfage, storage and other dues and charges for the use thereof; to acquire and utilize any property, water powers, etc., for the purposes of the Company and for the production and supply of electricity for any use, and to sell and dispose of such water and electric power; to locate, acquire, work, develop and dispose of mines and mineral lands, timber and timber lands, to crush, smelt and otherwise treat and dispose of the ore and products of any mine, and to construct and use any buildings and works necessary therefor; to construct and operate tramways and other ways and expropriate any lands required therefor; to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purposes of the Company's business and for public use, and to connect the same with any such lines already constructed; to acquire and dispose of any rights in letters patent, franchises or patent rights for the purposes of the Company's undertaking; to acquire lands for, and to lay out, establish and control parks and pleasure resorts; to acquire and utilize lands in Canada or elsewhere for the purpose of the Company's undertakings, and to dispose thereof when not required; to aid settlers upon lands served by the Company's railways; to mortgage, pledge or charge any of the assets and property of the Company; to issue, sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of from time to time, bonds, common and preferred stock, debentures or other securities of the Company; to receive from any Government, corporation, company or individual, lands, loans, gifts of moneys or securities for money, or other benefit of any kind in aid of the Company's undertakings, and dispose thereof, to make arrangements with any Government or municipality respecting exemptions from taxation; to acquire, guarantee, pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of shares or other securities of any Government, corporation, or company, and to enter into contracts with any Government, corporation, company or individual in respect of such bonds, shares or other securities, or in respect of the construction, acquisition or operation of railways, steamships, telegraph or telephone lines, or any public or private improvements in any Province of Canada or elsewhere; and generally with all such other powers and privileges as may have been given to any Company having like purposes in view, or as may be incident to or reasonably necessary for the successful carrying out of the undertaking contemplated.

Dated this 15th day of December, A. D., 1902.

JOHN BELL,
Solicitor for Applicants.

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thor of "God's Outcast," "In Spite of Fate," "To Pay the Price," "For Such is Life," "The Heart of Man," "For Life and Liberty," "A Son of Reuben," etc.

CHAPTER XXI.

The Debt and Credit Account.

r several minutes Mr. Cleveland arcely credit his own senses. th, the invalid, the saint, engaged married, and to the curate! It was ther beyond his comprehension. cratched his head and looked from o the other, then exclaimed: ood Heavens."

Why should you look astonished, r?" Elizabeth said. "We have n each other now for nine months, were drawn to each other from the by a mutual affinity."

o this explains how it is that Mr. y has come so often to Sandhurst, t?" he said. "Well, well!"

f course, you cannot raise any obgain, father?" Elizabeth questioned.

bjection?" he questioned, slowly, gain scratched his head. "Well—You are old enough now to make up mind, and it's no business of mine erfere; but, Good Heavens! I as soon have thought of the Pope g married."

owe Mr. Plenty something for all ood he has done to me," Elizabeth and as his wife I hope to be able ay him."

hope you will, indeed," said Mr. land. "By George, it will make a ge!"

ou will miss me, of course," Eliza said; "but you will soon get used "

Miss you! Well, I rather think we; the house will seem another place out you!"

But you will think of me being more y and more useful in a new re."

Well, yes, but it will take a good deal thinking."

r. Plenty stood by Elizabeth's side his head bent, listening to the conation but taking no part in it. Now then, when Elizabeth appealed to he assented to her words; but he by no means certain whether he was s right mind or whether he was awake.

r. Cleveland at length took him by arm and led him into his own den.

ook here, Mr. Curate," he said, "we as well talk the matter over quietly een ourselves."

es, yes," said Mr. Plenty, abstract "it would be well to talk the matpver."

on seem a good deal dazed," Mr. eland remarked when the door of study closed behind them.

t will be a great change for me," Plenty answered, looking through window to the distant landscape. abe