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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 28. - The public school teachers met, to night, at the Central school, at 7.30 o'clock.

They found dead in bed on Friday morning. It was in good spirits the previous evening, but had been lying some time.

The funeral of the late R. P. Cooke, C. E. takes place on Friday at 12.30 o'clock from his residence on Oppenheimer street to the Catholic church, whence, after the services, to the railway station. The remains will be interred in the cemetery.

At this writing the father of the Rev. Father Fay is said to be rapidly sinking. Death is but a matter of a few hours.

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WESTMINSTER, Jan. 28. - On Monday next, the new metallic system, put in by the Telephone Company, will be completed. This will result in a better service, and, some say, more burning of instruments by ringing telephone-tramway wires.

Argument in the Ward Three contested election case was heard this afternoon. A decision will be given in a few days.

John Sprott, superintendent of Government works, is preparing plans for the new bridge over Vedder Creek.

A skeleton was found on W. H. Keary's Pitt River ranch, a few days ago, by a workman employed in clearing land. The skeleton was lying ten feet from the surface, covered with dry vegetable matter, and had probably been there for some years.

Several Indians are out hunting for Balaos, the murderer of Moses Younkens at the work on the river. They are anxious to get the reward.

Joe Hess, the reformed prize-fighter, will have a revival here shortly.

New Westminster, Jan. 29. - The city enumerators have finished the house to house canvass, but the census returns will not be complete for six weeks.

Wm. Nook, city engineer, completed elaborate plans for a new sewerage system, to be put in this year.

The rain fall from midnight until 10 o'clock this morning was 2 1/2 inches, the heaviest for some years.

The football match between Vancouver and Westminster, to-morrow, has been declared off, owing to the failure of the former to make up.

Inspector McNabb says 5,500,000 young salmon were sent out from the Fraser river hatchery this spring.

A report has reached here that J. R. Pelley, a well known real estate dealer who left Seattle some months ago under a cloud, has committed suicide at Hongkong.

The funeral of the late R. J. Armstrong took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended. Bishop Sillitoe officiated.

Some time ago Thomas E. Luder forwarded to the Agricultural Department of Ottawa a sample of fish guano, manufactured last season at his Delta cannery, and has now received word from Prof. Saunders that the fertilizer is worth \$32 per ton. To introduce it among the farmers it is being sold at \$25 a ton. Mr. Luder is having some experiments made in refining fish oil, of which he will turn out in the neighborhood of 100 tons a year.

Next week a meeting of the property holders of South Westminster will be called to consider the proposed prospecting for coal on their lands. Old coal miners have always maintained that the indications on the south side of the river are most favorable for coal, and a year ago John Douglas had a tunnel run 200 feet into the hills for the purpose of prospecting, but without indications of coal, and an encouragement to prospecting in the neighborhood of the river.

Several experienced miners from Nanaimo have examined the tunnel generally and have come to the conclusion that coal can be found. Arrangements are being made to secure a drill with which to prosecute the work, and the expense will be comparatively slight distributed among a number of proprietors. So sure are the indications that coal will be found, that they have purchased several pieces of land in the vicinity.

Armstrong, Eckstein & Gaymor, of this city, will open a branch office in Vancouver at an early date.

Mr. Thos. Cunningham, jr., and Mr. H. M. Cunningham, have left for Toronto, and will become students at Toronto University. The former will take a course in arts, and the latter will study medicine. They were given a hearty send-off by a host of warm friends.

Capt. Pittsford has made enquiries into the case of Henry Hardiston, drowned in Vedder Creek a month ago, and is satisfied that no efforts were made to keep the affair from the public. The body, when recovered, was taken to the Town Hall, at Chilliwack, and, on the facts of the case being made known, a doctor's certificate was granted, and the body buried.

New Westminster, Jan. 30. - The steamer Blonda, almost destroyed by fire last month, will be ready for launching in a few days.

The British India was towed in this morning, with a full cargo of sugar for the B. C. railway.

At the school meeting, the amount asked by the school board from the city was \$143,292, made up as follows: Teachers' salaries, \$29,500, less one half paid by the government, \$14,750, leaving \$14,750; permanent improvement, \$128,800; yesterday morning, a telegram was received here from San Francisco, stating that Mr. Wm. Bennett, of this city, had been injured here, but not seriously. Later, however, another telegram was received, stating that he was dead. He had gone about three weeks ago on a pleasure trip to San Francisco, on a pleasure trip.

A new division of the Sons of Temperance was organized, last night, at a meeting held in the hall on Oppenheimer street. The new division, under the name of Walsome Division, No. 6, and starts out with 25 charter members. The following of

him to call a special or extraordinary meeting of convocation, according to clause 26 of the act. In accordance with this, a meeting of convocation is called for Monday, the 15th inst., in St. Leonard's Hall, the business of which will be to elect a member of convocation in place of Hon. C. F. Cornwall, resigned, and also to consider what action shall be taken in view of the Government's refusal to submit the validity of the adjourned meeting of the senate in July last to the Supreme Court for decision thereon.

The new steamer City of Nanaimo will begin a regular service between this city and Nanaimo on Wednesday next, at 10 o'clock. The steamer is owned by Rev. Dr. Reid, arrived by the Great Northern to-night from California.

The case of Peter Orford, of this city, vs. Dr. Frazer, of Nanaimo, has been withdrawn from the Supreme Court. The case was brought by the plaintiff to set aside an agreement for the sale of an island in the Fraser river, opposite Annsic Island, on the ground of fraud and misrepresentation. The defendant admitted that there was a mistake but denied fraud. The plaintiff withdrew the charge of fraud, and the case was settled out of court, each party paying his own costs.

The Ledger says: "The action of the Vancouver World in publishing matter given in strict confidence, namely, the Lieutenant-Governor's speech, a day ahead of its delivery, is being severely criticized. It shows rather a pitiable state of affairs on that journal that the members of the staff should be so indiscreet as to divulge such and enterprising. It will, probably, be some time before the World is again trusted with confidential matter."

Chap. Cooper's new steamer, which is being built at Sayward, is ready to launch in a few days. Capt. Cooper, is sanguine of having a vessel that will fairly run away from anything on the river.

NANAIMO, Jan. 28. - After a long spell of very pleasant weather, which was much enjoyed by the citizens of this city, we have a rainy spell again, but hopes are entertained that it will not last.

It is understood that the works of the Hamilton Powder Company at Northfield will soon be enlarged to meet the requirements of their increasing business.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Maher took place this afternoon from her late residence, at the corner of the new street, at 10 o'clock. She was called to her home as soon as it was discovered Mrs. Maher was dead, says that the cause was apoplexy.

Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year for the National Society of the Ancient and Honorable Order of Backs, viz: President, E. W. McNeill; vice-president, Thomas Miller; grand seigneur, J. McNeill; grand warden, J. McNeill; secretary, J. McNeill; master of ceremonies, Capt. W. Bigney; inside guard, Robert Carter; outside guard, Patrick McNeill; chaplain, J. McNeill. These officers were installed by Past President Harley.

A dance given in one of the Northfield boarding houses to celebrate the anniversary of Robert Burns took up in a merry row. Several men were hurt, one of them having a couple of fingers nearly broken off, while another one is laid up with a broken head. The cause of the injuries was a stampede of the crowd, and some prosecutions will likely follow.

Supt. E. Emery, of the Provincial Police, was in town yesterday personally on a visit to inspect the jail and new court house, but it is understood he had also another string to his bow. He is in charge of the country between the two men Ericsson and Johnson, who were wounded at South Wellington last Sunday, are not by any means out of danger, but the physicians in charge, they are unable to find the bullets with which the men were supposed to have been shot, and the physicians are making a case of stalling, not shooting. What a rare case of good authority, that Mr. Hussey made careful enquiries into the circumstances of the assault, and further developments of the case are being made. What is Wilson Pyper went down to Victoria today for the purpose, it is understood, of consulting his lawyers in connection with the piracy cases.

A petition is now being circulated for signatures, relative to the employment of Japanese in the Kootenay Lake country, and the petition is being presented to the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, and prays for the passing of stringent laws preventing employment of all other than white men, underground.

The boat service between Victoria and Nanaimo, came off to-day in Nanaimo harbor, Martin winning easily.

The coffee creek at the Nanaimo division, of the Fourth Victoria, is in the charge of Charles Dundee, employed at the town of Trail on Thursday, and reports that a volunteer fire company, near the head of the creek, has disappeared. James Johnson, Joseph Morris and H. Price have left the Kootenay boats, and are making an attempt to investigate it. The report is confirmed by George Smith, who arrived at Trail several hours later than Mr. Dundee.

The contractor in charge of the foundation posts for the Barnard building, at the corner of Baker and Stanley streets, and so on as plans are completed work will be done on the foundation posts, at the corner of Baker and Stanley streets. The Bank of Columbia will occupy part of the Barnard building, and local reports of the stores in the Houston & Cook buildings.

The steamer Lynton, which plies between Revelstoke and Nelson, has been laid up for the winter on account of the low stage of water on the Kootenay river. The Dominion mail now comes around by Colville over the Spokane and Northern railway.

The passenger traffic for the Kootenay boats is also coming in this season.

J. E. Boss has returned to Spokane from Montreal, where he succeeded in placing the Silver Queen, the longest extension of the Kootenay boats, on the Kootenay river. The new company is known as the "Silver Queen Mining Company" and its stockholders are among the solid men of Canada's greatest commercial city.

ABBREVI. The first meeting of the Mutual Improvement Association was held on Tuesday last, attended by a large number of members. The subject of the evening was "The Home as a Social Life." The lead in the affirmative was taken by Mr. C. Taylor, who delivered a very able address on the subject, carrying conviction to many of the ladies present. The other speakers were Mr. M. Thomson and Mr. G. A. Huff, for the affirmative, and Rev. J. A. McDonald and Mr. A. Carmichael, for the negative. The debate was decided on the vote of the points scored, and resulted in a victory, by a small majority, for those upholding single blessedness. This association is yet in its infancy, and is, as its name implies, a young society, but has descended into closer association with one another the residents of this scattered district.

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The adjourned hearing of the Wellington stabbing affair came before the Wellington magistrates, this afternoon, and the original indictment, laid for felonious wounding, was read.

The case was adjourned till Tuesday next. The perjury cases came up this afternoon again, and were adjourned till this evening.

In Nanaimo city and district, for the year 1891, there were 221 births, 106 males and 115 females. There were 136 deaths, 84 males and 52 females. Also 77 marriages.

The Church of England building at Northfield is to have a tower put on it, and the edifice, when finished, will be a credit to the minister and his associates on the building committee.

There is no sign yet of the discontinuance of the church scandal caused by the criticism of Rev. D. A. McLean, of Evangelical Church and Crossed. The case with which these reverend gentlemen and their supporters refer to each others as liars, evildoers and mischief makers, is truly startling. The doctrine of the church, which they preach seem to be most awfully hard to practice. The general trend of feeling, though, seems to be decidedly in favor of the church, and the public opinion looks like that which would warrant a strike was made upon him.

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For an assistant mistress in a school in Wilshire, for four months, there is offered a salary of five shillings a week.

The Shah of Persia has more than \$35,000,000 worth of ornaments, gems and precious stones in one strong room, 20x14.

A rocket shot from the new magazine rifle adopted in England, broke a cottage window four miles distant from the firing point.

British railways were the cause in various ways of the death of 918 persons, and of injuries sustained by 8,424 more in the first nine months of 1891.

The trolley system in the suburbs of Leeds, England, has proved successful and popular, and the line will soon be extended to the centre of the city.

The attempt of the new management of the Paris Grand Opera House to close the opera, beginning at 5 p. m., has been a failure, although it promised well.

The Antarctic expedition which was to have been sent next year, seems about to be a failure, owing to the lack of the appropriation from the Australian authorities.

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