

THE NEWS OF A YEAR.

Important Local and Foreign Happenings of 1894 summarized for Ready Reference.

The City and the Province, the Broad Dominion, and the World at Large.

CITY AND PROVINCE.

JANUARY.

1-Norman Friend drowned.

2-George L. Brown arrested for writing threatening letters to Dr. E. B. C. Hanington; schooner Mary Parker founders off Race Rocks.

4-Martin Hanson, of Nanaimo drowned while skating, after heroically saving Miss Melado, his companion, from a similar fate; David Hopkins killed in No. 1 pit, Nanaimo; Lauritz Bentzen, of Victoria, commits suicide; John Gilmore and his three daughters burned to death at Nicola lake.

5-J. M. McLeod killed near New Westminster by the falling of a tree.

11-Commutation of the sentences of Peter and Jack, Indians convicted of murder at New Westminster; Grand Chancellor Anstie (K. of P.) visits Victoria; John Teague defeats Hon. Robert Beaven for the mayoralty by 988 to 497; opening of the new Drill hall.

15-Jacob Sahl's residence at Laurel Point destroyed by fire.

17-Midshipman Addison, of H.M.S. Garnet, heroically rescues a shipmate from death by drowning; Sir Thomas McIlwraith here; bark Harold, last of the 18-3 salmon fleet, sails for Liverpool.

18-Fourth and last session of the Sixth Provincial Legislature formally opened.

19-Induction of Rev. J. W. Flinton into the charge of St. Lukes, Cedar Hill.

20-Death of Captain Gold, the discoverer of pyrites in the Queen Charlotte islands.

28-Dominic Morello accidentally killed at Nanaimo.

29-Westminster police force discharged in a body for accepting bribes.

30-Execution of Strobel for the murder of John Marshall of Huntington.

FEBRUARY.

1-The R. M. S. Miowera enters Esquimalt dock for repairs.

6-Loss of the steamer Estelle (Captain James Christensen, jr.) with her crew of 20.

7-B. C. P. D. and P. S. Association exhibition opened; barkentine Wrester wrecked on White rock, near Esquimalt.

12-The estimates presented in the provincial legislature.

16-Redirection bill introduced by Premier Davies; first trip made over the Victoria & Sidney railway.

21-Peter Beyer loses his life at Wellington after saving the life of his friend.

23-The provincial legislature in continuous session for 23 hours.

28-Charles Mackay, of Victoria, mysteriously shot dead.

MARCH.

2-Failure of Green, Worlock & Co.'s bank.

13-Dastardly attempt to destroy by dynamite the residence of Alexander Sharpe, at Wellington; news received of the wreck of the schooner Mary Brown near the mouth of the Skeena.

17-Death of Frank Hume, or "Wardell, the Fire Fiend."

21-Charles Dorain accidentally killed in No. 6 pit, Wellington colliery.

21-News received of the wreck of the bark Archer off Clayoquot Sound; William Massender shot dead at North Bend by Jim Macdonnell.

28-B. C. football team returns from California, having defeated all comers at the Midwinter Fair.

30-R. J. McGrigg, of the Belle Meade farm, shot by a robber while defending his home.

APRIL.

2-Hugh Lynn arrested for the murder of John Green and Thomas Taylor at Savary Island in October, 1893.

5-Hugh Kirke's skeleton found on Texada island.

8-Edmund Hanna and Ada Grant arrested for having in their possession the spoils of many robberies.

11-Prorogation of the legislature; amateur production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Mikado"; young William Johnson attempts to commit suicide.

14-Canadian-Alaska boundary survey party leaves for the North.

16-William Henley, a veteran prospector, reported drowned at Leech river (his headless body was months later picked up at Clover Point).

20-Sir M. B. Egbie, C. J., and Mr. Justice Burbridge of the Exchequer Court of Canada, appointed under Royal Commission to inquire into the Nakup and Slocan railway matter.

23-Kennedy and McCabo lead a desperate body of convicts in an unsuccessful attempt to escape from New Westminster penitentiary; McCabo is fatally shot; Rev. W. L. Clay called to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

24-Fred Johnson killed at Mud Bay by a falling tree.

25-Little Lai Yuen, a Chinese girl of twelve, drowns herself because she fears a scolding for losing a book.

MAY.

1-George Griffiths, the globe circler, passes through Victoria.

4-Fire in Nanaimo involving a financial loss of \$70,000.

15-Bishop Loameans returns from Rome.

16-The Royal commission on the Nakup and Slocan railway matter presents its report, justifying and endorsing the course taken by Premier Davies and his colleagues; Captain Larson and the shipwrecked crew of the Undamted reach Nanaimo from the icy North.

25-The Royal City mills destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$100,000.

28-Jack McCabo dies at Westminster from his wounds received on April 23.

29-A fortnight's disastrous and unprecedented floods on the Fraser river inaugurated.

31-William Johnson carries out his

suicidal intentions and ends his life with a bullet.

2-Opening of the Victoria & Sidney railway to general traffic.

4-Mrs. Peter Jolliboy, of Sooke, commits suicide; \$100,000 storm at Kaslo.

5-Rear Admiral Stephenson decides to bring prosecution of the sealing schooner Triumph, Favorite and Annie C. Moore.

6-Supreme Chancellor Blackwell of the K. of P. visits Victoria.

7-Induction of Rev. B. Haslam into the charge of St. Barnabas church; death of John Kegan, the Hermit of Trial Island; Dr. Oronkhyatka, C.R. of the I.O.F., here.

8-Yacht Undine capsizes and F. A. Vernon and Joseph Colquhoun are drowned.

9-Mrs. Sidney W. Lobb shot through the heart.

11-Death of Sir M. B. Egbie, Kt., C. J.; news received of the drowning of a party of seven Indians in the Skeena; Fraser River floods subside.

12-Death of Bishop Sillitoe of Westminster.

14-Funeral of Sir M. B. Egbie; Fred McDairmid accidentally killed at North Bend; Australian trade delegates banqueted at Vancouver.

15-Mysterious disappearance of Geo. McLachlan excites serious alarm at Nanaimo.

16-Alfred Hill drowned in a well at Sapperton; the whaler James Allen wrecked off Alka Island.

18-Government relief operations inaugurated on the Fraser; John Campbell drowned at Commercial Bay.

20-Strike of union stonecutters on the new Provincial buildings, (afterwards amicably adjusted through the operation of the Provincial Council of Conciliation and Arbitration) Stanford baseball team here.

22-News received of a big strike among the northern salmon fishers; opening of the Royal Commission into the affairs of the New Westminster penitentiary.

23-Nomination of candidates for the Provincial legislature.

25-Third of a series of daring stage robberies in Cariboo, (the robbers were subsequently arrested and sentenced to terms of imprisonment).

29-Crisis reached at Nanaimo between the New Vancouver Coal Co. and their employees.

30-Steamer William Irving wrecked on the upper Fraser.

JULY.

3-Amicable agreement reached by the New Vancouver Coal Co. and the miners.

4-Northern salmon canners concede to the demands of the fishermen.

7-General elections in the great majority of the constituencies of the province result in the triumphant return of the government of Hon. Mr. Davies.

9-News received of the return of the schooner C. D. Rand to Alaska with her Indian hunters in mutiny.

10-Hon. S. M. Damon, Hawaiian minister of finance, visits Victoria.

11-George Fairbrother commits suicide.

16-Andrew Law drowned at Westminster; Hill and Van Horn in consultation at Vancouver; triple drowning tragedy; Mr. Faber's ranch, Alberni; Robert Barber, of Victoria, drowned in the Skeena.

18-Son and daughter of E. Spillman drowned near Vancouver.

26-Hugh Lynnsentenced to be hanged; Three Forks and Watson wiped out by forest fires.

28-Schooner Bestrice of Vancouver heads the homeward procession of sealers.

30-First Alberni paper reaches the market.

AUGUST.

1-Sookey ran in the Fraser commences.

2-Hon. P. Le Poer Trench, British minister to Japan, in Victoria en route to Tokyo.

6-Lord Randolph Churchill in Vancouver.

7-Mysterious death of George Thompson.

8-Squawish Charlie confesses to the murder of McRorie at Vancouver; death of Rev. S. C. Scholefield.

10-Farmers' convention at Agassiz.

17-Two children of Mr. Larson drowned at Vancouver.

18-Annual race meet of the C.W.A. at Vancouver; death of Capt. W. B. Smallfield.

23-Hon. W. P. Roberts, the new consul of the United States, arrives in Victoria.

24-Execution of Hugh Lynn for the Savary Island murder; lost sealers of the C. G. Cox arrive home after a terrible experience.

29-Forest fires raging on Vancouver and surrounding islands.

30-Sealing schooner Wanderer arrives home under seizure for having her signal gun unseized; Victoria's cold storage warehouses opened for business.

Nanaimo; fatal balloon accident at the New Westminster fair.

11-Union coal tested for the use of the U.S. navy.

12-Thomas Bailey Aldrich in Victoria; Sir Charles Freeman is also here.

13-Mrs. Catharine Scott dies at Nanaimo from eating tainted meat.

16-Bolton the ambassador returned to Australia; Charlie Freeze, chief of the Songhees, dead.

17-Hon. G. B. Martin returned by acclamation.

20-Victoria scores three goals and New Westminster two in the final tie match of the championship lacrosse series; the James Bay intermediate champions; Minnesota Norwegians establish a colony at Bella Coola.

22-Michael Cooper elected chief of the Songhees; Mr. Justice Drake gives judgment in the Precious Metals test case; the unlimited right of entry to free miners in their search for gold and silver; Mrs. Charles Smith of Victoria, disappears mysteriously.

25-Hon. Col. Baker urges the introduction of technical education in the schools; the Ross-Maclean Lumber Co. reports the cutting of 100,000,000 feet of lumber to South Africa.

27-Indian William Bailey, shot in self-defence by Police Sergeant Levin, dies at the Jubilee hospital.

31-Smith and Martin drowned at Newcastle Island.

NOVEMBER.

1-Post-office clerks and carriers insist on the payment of their overdue salaries; Lord and Lady Aberdeen at Vancouver; Martin Currie elopes with his landlady, Mrs. Ross, and her family of six.

2-Word received of fatal landslide at Shooshartie Bay, William Kipling, of Victoria, losing his life in the disaster; Post-office clerks and carriers suspended; Victoria withdraws from the Provincial Lacrosse Association.

3-The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen in Victoria.

8-The body recovered of J. B. Carmichael drowned while salmon fishing in the Straits.

12-Opening of the seventh Parliament of British Columbia; Post-office employees reinstated.

13-Indian Aleck sentenced to thirty years imprisonment for the murder of McRorie, at Vancouver.

14-Sidney W. Lobb acquitted of the murder of his wife at Nanaimo, in August.

17-William Quail, a Nanaimo miner, accidentally killed through the carelessness of his fellow workers; Warden McBride retired from the charge of Westminster penitentiary.

17-Chesem Peter sentenced to death.

19-Mrs. Francis Sidney Bees granted a divorce at Victoria; Stenographer Burton dismissed from Vancouver, taking with him the notes of the evidence of an inquiry into the management of the Westminster Insane Asylum.

20-Nanaimo police officers indulge in a disgraceful street fight; opening of the Pacific Club, Victoria.

24-Fat Nelson arrested at Vancouver for the murder of Fis Mau.

26-Miss Nelson drowned at Westminster.

28-The City of Puebla lowers the California-British Columbia record.

30-Engineer Gibson of the steamer Comet drowned.

DECEMBER.

6-Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper here.

8-Louis Eggard drowned at Vancouver.

11-Report received from the Royal Commission investigating the management of the New Westminster Asylum for the Insane, frightful cruelties disclosed.

12-The estimates presented in the Provincial Legislature; double drowning tragedy at Revelstoke.

13-General Herbert here.

14-Royal Commission of inquiry ordered into the affairs of the Nanaimo police magistracy.

16-Arthur Bellinger reported enured by the chief of the Chukcheets.

22-George F. Ashford of Vancouver shoots his wife and two children, the wife and one little girl dying instantly.

24-Death of Louis Redon.

28-Steamer Mischief arrives with Bellinger, arrested for selling his son into slavery.

THE BROAD DOMINION.

JANUARY.

4-Municipal elections throughout Ontario; voting on prohibition prohibitive gives a majority in favor of 81,789.

23-Grand Council of Protestant Protective Association meets at Hamilton, Ont.

6-Sir Oliver Mowat defines to a deputation of the Prohibition convention his position on the question of prohibition.

11-Death of Rev. Dr. Douglas.

12-Opening of Ontario House of Assembly.

26-The Mowat government sustained at the Ontario elections.

28-Opening of the Intercolonial Conference at Ottawa.

JULY.

1-Twenty-seventh anniversary of confederation.

10-French treaty with Canada ratified by the Dominion Parliament.

11-Adjournment of the Intercolonial conference.

23-Dominion Parliament prorogued.

AUGUST.

4-Death of Hon. Christopher Fraser formerly Minister of Public Works, Ontario.

31-Serious forest fires in Northwest and Ontario.

SEPTEMBER.

13-Death of Sir Narcisse Belleau, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.

24-Justice Burbridge dismisses Contractor St. Louis' claim in connection with the notorious Carran bridge.

OCTOBER.

2-Sir Napoleon Casault appointed chief justice of Quebec.

4-Hon. W. R. Meredith, leader of the Ontario opposition, chosen to succeed Sir Thomas Galt as chief justice of Quebec.

12-Debate on the status of Sir John A. Macdonald at Toronto.

25-Premier Davies of British Columbia meets the Dominion Cabinet at Ottawa to discuss British Columbia affairs.

27-Sandford Fleming returns from Hawaii, where he has been in connection with the Pacific cable project.

30-Death of Honore Mercier.

NOVEMBER.

1-Funeral of Honore Mercier; the Government of the Northwest Territories sustained by the electors.

9-Proposals received by the Dominion government for the construction of the Pacific cable.

16-Disastrous fire at Winnipeg.

22-Carian Thanksgiving day.

24-Memoirs of Sir John A. Macdonald issued; contract for Victoria's new public buildings signed by Fred. Tombs of Ottawa.

26-Canada refuses assent to the prohibition of sealing in 1895.

DECEMBER.

12-Death of Sir John S. D. Thompson, premier of Canada, at Windsor Castle.

13-Hon. Mackenzie Bowell called upon to form a government.

20-Hon. Mr. Dickey accepts the portfolio of secretary of state.

21-Premier Bowell's cabinet sworn in.

27-Premier Bowell celebrates his 72nd birthday.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

JANUARY.

1-Attempt to poison the Czar at Craiova; opening of the Manchester ship canal.

2-Peace restored in the West African colonies.

3-Stage of siege proclaimed throughout Sicily; Samoans rebel and proclaim Tamasese King.

5-A British officer and 26 men killed in mistake by French troops in North Africa.

7-French senatorial elections, fresh success for Republicans and rebuff to Socialists and Conservatives.

10-Vaillant, the Parisian bomb-thrower, sentenced to the guillotine; news received of U.S. Minister Willard's demand on Hawaiian government to resign.

12-Parish councils bill passes the British House of Commons.

14-Tammany, New York, reorganized.

14-Representatives of over 600,000 workmen in New York protest against the Wilson tariff bill.

17-News from Africa describes the massacre of the Wilson party by the Matabele as a second Isandula; celebration in Hawaii of the first anniversary of cholera epidemic in Lisbon; Nicaraguan preparing an expedition to Madagascar; state of siege proclaimed in parts of Italy and Sicily, strong belief expressed that a revolution is impending.

18-Reports received of earthquakes in Tibet, the Buddhist pope, Skoolhink among the missing.

21-Political crisis in Serbia, the ministry resign on the return of ex-King Milan.

24-Timbuctoo taken by a French military column.

30-The civil Governor of Barcelona shot by an anarchist.

26-Prince Bismarck calls on the Kaiser and a formal reconciliation is effected; Hawaiian Minister Thurston received at the White House; the Khedive apologizes for insulting remarks regarding the British.

27-San Francisco's Midwinter Fair formally inaugurated.

30-U.S. Admiral Bonham fires at insurgent vessels in Brazil which are interfering with merchantmen.

31-Mr. Gladstone writes a letter interpreted to intimate his early retirement.

FEBRUARY.

1-Formal adoption of the Wilson U. S. tariff bill.

3-Death of George W. Childs.

22-Terminet, the French bomb-thrower guillotined.

10-Russo-German commercial treaty formally signed.

12-Severe gales throughout Great Britain and on the coast do immense damage; bomb-thrower in Paris wounds twenty-five persons.

13-Thirty acres of mineral property at Plymouth, Pa., cave in, causing heavy loss of life; syndicate formed to construct a pan-American telegraph line from Victoria to South America; death of Von Bulow, the great German pianist.

21-Arrest of Erastus Wiman, of mercantile agency fame, charged with forgery; Great Britain and the U. S. agree on regulations to give effect to the Behring Sea arbitration.

28-Report of U.S. senate committee on Hawaiian affairs presented.

27-Formal resignation of Premier Gladstone's resignation, to be succeeded by Lord Rosebery.

28-Lord Ripon insists on Newfoundland carrying out the terms of the treaty with France regarding the fisheries.

MARCH.

1-Gladstone in his valedictory in the Commons as Prime Minister, declares that the nation must decide the issues with the Lords.

2-Mr. Gladstone in his resignation to the Queen which is accepted; Earl Rosebery being called to the Premiership.

5-Canadian government enters into a ten years' contract with Mr. Huddart for the conveyance of the Atlantic mails; British parliament prorogued.

8-The end of the Cronin murder trial in Chicago results in a verdict of not guilty in the case of Cronin.

9-A British force of 34 officers and men massacred by the Abote in Assam.

13-British parliament formally opened.

14-Secretary Gladstone and Sir Julian Pauncefote agree as to what is necessary to secure observance of the sealing restrictions; Brazilian rebels at Rio surrendered unconditionally; Admiral da Gama escaping; British House of Commons pass by a majority of two Labour's motion to establish the veto power of the House of Lords.

15-Bomb explosion inside the Church of St. Madeleine, Paris, the thrower fatally injured; Portugal refuses to surrender da Gama.

17-Oxford wins the Intercollegiate boat race.

19-British National League of Great Britain issue a manifesto denouncing Rosebery's Irish policy; Louis Kosuth, Hungarian patriot, dies.

21-Australian Intercolonial delegates banqueted in London.

22-Immense demonstration in Hyde Park against the House of Lords; twenty persons injured by a bomb explosion at Grenoble.

27-Hawaiian Minister Thurston declares the monarchy a thing of the past; England and the United States agree upon a "modus" for seal protection.

28-Death of Baron Hannen and G. W. Curia.

30-Reports arrive of a further disturbance in Samoa; proposed Behring Sea bill approved by Washington government.

APRIL.

2-Behring Sea bill introduced in British House of Commons.

3-Adoption by British House of Commons of principle of a Legislature for Scotland; death of Le Caron, the famous Fenian spy.

4-Murderous riots in the Pennsylvania coal regions.

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