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CANADIAN NEWS.

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Cattle Quarantine.

An order in the council has been passed extending to ninety days the cattle quarantine in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Yacht Race.

A race between the yachts Frolic and Ada was held yesterday around the course adopted by the club on the 21st June. The Frolic came in ahead beating the Ada by 3 minutes 08 seconds. Time: Frolic, 1' 42" 52"; Ada, 1' 46" 20".

The Mail Route.

Sir Donald Smith had an interview on Wednesday in the House of Commons with Goschen, chancellor of the exchequer; Sir Henry Thurston Holland, secretary for the colonies; and Right Hon. H. C. Parkes, postmaster general, all of whom, it is stated, favor the proposed Canadian Pacific mail route to the east.

No. 3 Battery.

The 1st class shots of No. 3 battery will fire their competition at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Clover Point; ranges 200, 400, and 500 yards; short Snider rifles. There will be nine prizes aggregating $70. All shots of this class who have attended two-thirds of the drills since 16th May last are eligible for this match. Some good shooting is expected.

Notice to Mariners.

The following notice to mariners is of interest: A rock awash at low water of the Spring tide, with a depth of ten and fourteen fathoms close to it, is reported as existing in Barclay Sound, on the West coast of Vancouver Island. Its position is latitude 48 deg. 57 min. 15 sec. North, longitude 125 deg. 22 min. 30 sec. West.

A Curiosity.

Capt. Parker, of the bark Pershaw, is the possessor of a hen which he obtained at the Pescadores. It is a peculiar looking fowl as it has no feathers and is covered entirely with hair of an iron-grey color. It is very tame and struts about the deck at all hours of the day. The curiosity has already been viewed by a number of people.

The Mexico's Passengers.

The following passengers left San Francisco yesterday in the steamer Mexico for Victoria: Mrs. Miller, Miss E. J. Gardiner, Ben. Healey, E. A. Chown, Miss A. Chown, Gilbert Goodwin, G. Sansburg, H. M. Wycher, Mrs. M. Brehtle and son, Mrs. Turner, Jos. Henry, Edwin Chown, Mrs. J. Dwyer, Frank Goodwin, W. T. Cox, H. Walsh.

Shot Down and Robbed.

J. Scherbring, who had been pantryman on the Eliza Anderson, and an inoffensive citizen, was shot down on a public thoroughfare at Seattle at 9 o'clock on Thursday night and robbed. Sheriff Cochrane offered a reward of $500 for the arrest of the man who committed the crime, and stated that he would leave no stone unturned to apprehend the robber and assassin.

Keep Them Wet.

The public are glad to see that the notices which have appeared in the papers in regard to the inefficient methods used in watering the streets are having a good effect. Yesterday Douglas and Yates streets were treated to a copious supply of water, and Government street was, for a wonder, free from dust the greater part of the day.

A. O. F.

The election of officers of Court Northern Light No. 6935, A. O. F., took place on Thursday evening, when the following members were elected to serve for the ensuing term: C. R., Bro. Geo. Phillips; S. C. R., Bro. Williams; Treas., Bro. H. Smith, P.C.R.; Sec., Bro. H. L. Salmon; S. W., Bro. C. D. Phillips; J. W., Bro. F. Smith; S. B., Bro. J. Barron, P.C.R.; J. B., Bro. W. H. Shaw, Medical Officer, Bro. G. L. Milne, M.D.; P.D.C.R., Bro. E. J. Salmon elected auditor on the retirement of P. C. R., Bro. W. Trickey.

From Bear River.

The steamer Maude arrived yesterday from Bear river with a number of passengers. Alex. Cameron, who went there on a previous trip, pronounces the field as containing pay gold. A number of Chinese are at work, and make from twenty-five cents to one dollar per day. Mr. Cameron did considerable prospecting, but found nothing that would warrant him in saying that it was deserving of the name of a gold field. The miners who returned feel hostile against the captain of the steamer Woodside, who gave the report of rich diggings to the public. The captain saw a bag of silver coin, and thinking it was gold, stated that there was dust sufficient to equal about sacks of flour. Bear river will sink into its former state of repose.

A New Experience.

Says the Vancouver *News*: Among our most respectable and prosperous citizens are a few, who, having been born in this country, never saw a train until the Canadian Pacific railway found its way into Vancouver. Yesterday morning one of these gentlemen found it necessary to be in Westminster with the least possible delay, and determined to give the railway a trial. After getting aboard he remained gazing in silent amazement at the interior arrangements until the conductor's "All aboard" was heard, and with a shriek the train pulled out. No sooner had the whistle blown than our friend grasped hold of the seat and held on manfully until the Royal City was reached, the inducements of the conductor to leave go and show his ticket being unavailing. He has signified his intention of coming home by stage, and has already secured his seat for Tuesday morning.

Did He Suicide?

Harry S. Langton, recently on the survey corps of the Seattle and West Coast railway, took a dose of morphine from the effects of which he died at the Brunswick hotel, Seattle. He was a civil engineer, about forty-one years old and resided in Ottawa. His father, who has been forty years in the civil service, and is quite wealthy, also resides in that city; and he has a sister residing in Toronto. Harry left Toronto the 26th of May last, and for the past three or four months had been employed as engineer on the Seattle and West Coast railway line between Seattle and Snohomish. He arrived at Seattle July 9th and registered at the Brunswick. The Seattle *Times* says: He seemed a quiet, pleasant gentleman, and was well liked by those who had made his acquaintance. On Tuesday night he came down stairs about 1 o'clock and complained of being nervous and unable to sleep. He shortly after retired, and then took seven grains of morphine pills, and probably got an overdose, from which he died as above stated. An examination of his trunk and clothing was made with a view of throwing some light upon the case, but nothing has as yet been discovered whereby a motive could be established for committing suicide. In the pockets of his coat was found four letters from his sister in Toronto, dated from June 1st to the 30th, and several letters of recommendation from different prominent engineers, commending his character and abilities in the highest terms. These, together with a knife, a pencil or two, and a very small amount of money was all that after a careful search could be found. It was learned that he was a widower, having lost his wife about seven months ago. The evening before he had said to a friend that he thought of going over to Dakota and taking passage on a vessel for Callao, South America. His friends in Canada were notified of his death by telegraph, and the body will be taken in charge by the undertaker while awaiting instructions.

"Bucks the Tiger."

Don't say "I'll see your bet and go you ten better," unless you deal the hand yourself.—*Columbian.* We are shocked!

Withdrawn.

In consideration of the ample explanation in last evening's *Times*, the suit for libel against J. C. McLagan has been withdrawn by the plaintiff, Mr. Theo. Davie, M. P. P.

Yacht notes.

The yachts Frolic and Ada will have another contest this afternoon and the stakes will be doubled. It is on the *tapis* to induce the Scud to sail against the Frolic on Sunday. The sailing powers of the former yacht are well known, and it is said she will give the Frolic a hard rub should the wind prove anyway favorable.

Fooled with a Revolver.

Last evening in a room at the Driard a young man while carelessly handling a loaded revolver was seriously shot in the face by its unexpected discharge. The ball struck his chin and lodged near the ear. He was conveyed to St. Joseph's hospital, where Dr. Milne extracted the ball, and the patient is now doing well.

Ladies' Riding School.

Owing to the many solicitations Mr. L. C. McAdams will open a riding school in this city for young ladies, to commence next week. Mr. McAdams was very successful with his pupils in California, several of whom took prizes at the tournament. A grand riding tournament will take place in the fall, and this is an excellent opportunity for preparatory lessons.

New Piano-Forte Action.

Goodwin & Jordan have received a model of the new piano-forte action patented by Herrbenger & Schwander of Paris, France. It is a neat piece of mechanism and provides an action that has many advantages over all former styles, not only in the ease with which the notes can be struck, but the quick repetition and perfect sounding that is secured. This firm will have a piano on exhibition with the improved action, and it should be visited by all who desire to secure a perfect instrument.

Going too Far.

P. T. *Argus:* The S. F. *Chronicle* is going entirely too far in its "expose" of alleged custom house frauds. It publishes an attack on Deputy Harned, which we have inquired into and found to rest on absolutely nothing to the discredit of that officer. The facts are that the tug Holyoke made a return of passengers from Victoria some seven or eight less than the actual number—in order to avoid liability. It was discovered by Inspector Colt while the papers were being made out, and Mr. Harned ordered the proper number to be filled in the papers. Charges were preferred at the department against the owners of the tug, and the secretary instructed the prosecuting attorney to begin an action. Subsequently, after learning the full particulars, the secretary ordered the matter dropped. Mr. Harned's action was not in the least questionable.

The Gorge Orchestrian.

The work on the Gorge orchestrian was so far advanced as to permit of its being run yesterday afternoon. Messrs. Goodwin & Jordan, who are in charge of the work, suspended operations and ran through the repertoire. There are ten cylinders, most of which are arranged for a high order of music, selections from operas, etc., and some for old time ballads and dances. Nearly twenty ladies and gentlemen enjoyed the music, and several tripped the light fantastic toe to the inspiring strains. The orchestrian is 11 feet 7½ inches high, and has 235 pipes with drum and triangle. The brass trumpets in front make a fine display, being arranged in the shape of three huge fans. It is well worthy of a visit, and Mr. Marshall will spare no pains or expense in making this the attraction.

Cariboo Mines.

Mr. Jno. B. Farish, of Denver, Colorado, a mining engineer who ranks among the first in America, has been retained by the British Columbia Milling and Mining Co. and the Island Mountain Co. to examine their mining properties in Cariboo. Mr. Farish leaves for Cariboo to-night, and we trust his examination and report to this district may result in producing a rapid development of its hidden wealth. Mr. Frank Barnard, one of the directors of the B. C. M. & M. Co., accompanies Mr. Farish from here. Cariboo has produced many millions in its day and we hope may during the next decade produce as many more. It shows wisdom on the part of the above companies to retain a mining engineer of known ability, instead of trusting to men whose only recommendation may be cheapness. The B. C. and Island Mountain will thus secure positive information as to the proper treatment of their properties, and though it is rather expensive at present, it is bound to prove the most economical in the end.

Richelieu Next Week.

On Monday evening next the eminent tragedian Geo. C. Milne and his excellent company will appear at The Victoria in the splendid tragedy of Richelieu. Of Mr. Milne's interpretation the Des Moines *Register* says:

"A fine audience in numbers, culture and dramatic appreciation gathered at the Grand last evening to hear Geo. C. Milne, as "Richelieu." To those who heard him on his former visits to this city his appearance last night was a very agreeable surprise. The intervening years have been filled up with hard work, work that tells, and showed itself in the superior manner in which he gave his "Richelieu." There were many present who had never seen Mr. Milne, and all were gratified to find that dramatic genius, and not a love of sensation, had made his career so far one of increasing success.

"Richelieu" is a difficult role, but Mr. Milne handles it with fine appreciation of its demands, and with a conscientious interpretation of its power.

The crafty, scheming, egotistical, old Cardinal was faithfully portrayed in such vivid colors that he seemed to live upon the stage in very reality. The power of the actor was best seen in his delineation of the rage and scorn of the old man, when revenge had fired his passions and fury had flung them loose. Under the inspiration of those scenes Mr. Miln rose to the dignity of the situation with a majesty and might that was very impressive.

A Successful Expedition.

The *Columbian* says that Col. D. McGregor, who some time ago was sent out by the provincial government to find suitable fishing, and farming lands for the Norwegian fishermen, who have recently arrived in the province, has returned. He says that he has located the fishermen on the Squawmish river. In this river salmon are found in abundance, while the brook trout and other valuable fish abound. The Norwegians chose this spot themselves and are delighted with it. When Mr. McGregor left them, about three days ago, they had commenced to improve the land and build houses for themselves. They presented him with a testimonial. Mr. McGregor says he thinks they have chosen a good spot to build up a colony. The soil is clay loam, and alluvial, and highly productive. One of the Norwegians leaves for his home at once, and will bring out about forty families with him. This number, with others that will arrive in the spring, will help to build up the settlement, and no doubt before long a populous and prosperous little colony shall have grown in the valley of the Squawmish river.

THE BUTE INLET ROUTE.

A Second Transcontinental Line of Railway.

From Montreal to Esquimalt by Rail.

Application to be Made to Our Legislature Next Session for a Grant of Land.

Reliable information from Montreal states that the Grand Trunk Railway Co., which in conjunction with the late Sir Hugh Allan's sons hold the franchise for a line of railway running north and west from Winnipeg and penetrating one of the finest wheat countries in the world, will come before the British Columbia legislature at its next session for a franchise for a railway through the Yellowhead Pass and Chilcoatin country via Bute Inlet to Esquimalt. The Manitoba road for which the Grand Trunk and the Allan's hold a franchise is already built fifty miles north-west from Winnipeg, but having no eastern outlet save the C. P. R. it is not profitable. The road to the boundary over the building of which the Manitoba and Dominion governments are likely to have much trouble, is comprised in the scheme for the new line to the Pacific. It is intimated that the company will ask for a belt of land from the rockies to the coast, and similar concessions on Vancouver Island to its connection with the Esquimalt-Nanaimo railway which will be extended to Comox to meet the visitor from the east. There is no reason to doubt that the legislature will treat the new line as liberally as they treated the Dominion government in the matter of the C. P. railway.

BOARD OF TRADE.

General Annual Meeting—The Report—Election of Officers.

The annual general meeting of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon in their rooms in the bank building, in the absence of President Todd, Mr. Thomas Earle occupying the chair. There were present Secretary Monteith and a fair representation of the members.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and adopted.

A communication from M. T. Johnston, requesting that he be not nominated as a member of the council board, owing to contemplated absence from the city, was received and filed.

It having been learned that several members were largely in arrears, a motion was adopted ordering that their names be taken off the list of membership unless all arrearages were paid within ten days.

The annual report was then read by the secretary as follows:

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA BOARD OF TRADE, JULY, 1887.

To the Members of the B. C. Board of Trade:

GENTLEMEN.—A large and convenient, established custom, your committee, appointed by council, have pleasure in presenting to the board at the final review, embodying the information of members a brief digest of the proceedings of the institution during the year, together with appendices containing statistical and other information bearing upon the interests of our province.

MEMBERSHIP.

Your committee regret to note a slight falling off in the number of members since the date of the last annual report was 90, to which, during the past twelve months, have been added nine new members, viz., Messrs. Leiser, and during the same period there have been one death (Mr. Lowenberg) and nine resignations, reducing the number of active members at the present date to 88, being one short of the number on the roll at the commencement of the final report.

NEW MEMBERS.

The new members as above, elected during the past year were: Flummerfelt, A. C., merchant; Ellis, W. H., printer; Johnson, H. M., bank agent; Raddale, G. H., food inspector; Robins, S. M., Supt. Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co.; Devlin, J. C., produce merchant.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following gentlemen tendered their resignation within the period under review, viz., Cowan, Alex, commission merchant; Ofner, Alf., grocer; Onderdonk, Andrew, contractor; Reid, Jas., merchant; Rebenge, Hickon, land agent; Smith, A. J., contractor.

This loss in membership is considerably above the average of previous years, and is due to a variety of causes of unavoidable character.

MEETINGS.

During the past twelve months there have been held in all ten meetings, at which four were general, and six meetings of council. The attendances were held as follows, viz.: 2nd July, 10th November 1886, 7th January and 12th April, 1887. The meetings of council were held as follows, viz.: 9th July, 9th November, 1886, and 27th April, 8th May, 17th May and 14th June, 1887.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

On 23th October Mr. Robert Ward tendered his resignation as a member of the council of the board, which was accepted, and Mr. Roderick Finlayson was on the 8th November duly elected to the vacancy exhibited in the roll.

MAIL AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION.

The transfer of telegraph lines within the province by the Dominion government to the Canadian Pacific railroad company has proved a source of considerable inconvenience to the commercial interests of the province, and your committee have been actively engaged in endeavoring to obtain from the Dominion government, the necessary permission to enable a private company to construct, maintain and operate a line of telegraph at and from the city of Victoria, to connect with the Puget Sound Telegraph Company's line on the opposite shore of the straits of Fuca. The agitation for the creation of direct steamship communication between this province and China and Japan marks the commencement of an important era in our trade relations with those countries, and the benefits likely to accrue therefrom can hardly be overestimated.

It is to be regretted the Imperial government has not as yet seen fit to grant to the promoters of this enterprise the subsidy asked for, but it may reasonably be expected that such aid may yet be extended, and that this route may be definitely and permanently adopted by the imperial government for the conveyance of mails and the transport of troops and war material to and from the orient.

The best efforts of the board have been directed to the achievement of this object, as also to providing for that port (Victoria) being made a calling point for the steamships engaged in this service, both on their inward and outward voyages.

C. P. R. FREIGHT RATES.

The general dissatisfaction felt by our mercantile community regarding the rates of freight charged by the C. P. R. Co. on goods to this place (Victoria) from eastern points, led to an invitation being extended to Mr. Van Horne, vice-president and general manager of the company, on the occasion of his recent visit, to meet a deputation of the board, with the view of having the matter fully discussed. At a fourth day of June last, Mr. Van Horne responding to this invitation, attended an informal meeting held in the board rooms, and after hearing the various objections raised, gave an assurance that the rates complained of would be modestly reduced, and a promise which has since been carried out.

VICTORIA HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Strong efforts have been and are still being made by the board to secure the appropriation of a sufficient sum by the Dominion government for the purpose of commencing at once the necessary work of removing existing obstacles from the channel, improving the entrance and deepening the inner harbor.

A special committee appointed by the board received a report detailed and full in regard to the work required to be done, a copy of which, together with a map explanatory of same, was forwarded by the board to the department of public works at Ottawa.

The Victoria members in the federal parliament were also strongly appealed to by the board to urge upon the government the necessity for a sufficient sum being immediately expended upon the work. A copy of the report and estimates alluded to will be found in the appendices, together with copies of communications exchanged with the department of public works on the subject, from which it will be seen that despite the strong representations made by the department by the board and by the parliamentary representatives of the city at Ottawa, the matter has not received the attention at the hands of the government which its importance called for. Second a small sum appropriated for the purposes of dredging the new wharf has declined to under take any further expenditure until it had organized of the total amount of the work required. This delay is felt to be much to be deplored, and cannot but exercise an adverse influence upon the shipping interests of this port.

BONILLA POINT SIGNAL STATION AND THE PILOTS.

The immediate necessity for such a station has been forcibly urged by the board upon, and recognized by the Dominion government, although the government has promised to carry out the work during the present year, by placing the matter into a land an sum has been voted for the purpose.

Many of the shipping companies which cleared last winter at the entrance to the Straits of Fuca might have been diverted had such a station existed, and in other ways the want has been amply evidenced. It is strongly to be hoped that the matter may be taken in hand and the work completed before the close of the present year.

In the appendices will be found copies of our representations bearing upon the subject.

PILOTAGE AND TOWAGE.

Pilotage—The evils of the present system, involving as it does, the existence of a compulsory pilotage authority for each port in the province (which was alluded to in the last annual report) have been felt during the past year, and members of the board have during the past twelve months continued to direct attention, and in view of the inconveniences and dangers at present experienced it is to be hoped that some scheme may shortly be devised whereby the various rival bodies may be brought under the control of a central board. This is in the opinion of your committee the only way in which the difficulties complained of can be remedied.

Towage—It is also to be hoped that the long experienced grievance in relation to the undue profits realized by our shipping lays in foreign tow-boats—facilities in no way tendered—may at an early date engage the attention of the Federal Government, and bring about such legislation as may afford the necessary protection to our shipowners engaged in that business, without which it cannot be expected to thrive.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Within the period under review the board has, and is still, taking active steps with the object of obtaining from the Dominion government the commercial assistance to enable the promoters of certain contemplated lines of railway calculated to materially advance the commercial interests of the province to commence construction.

As extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway to the north end of Vancouver Island has been strongly advocated by the board and would undoubtedly be undertaken were the Federal government assistance forthcoming. The construction of such a road would be of great benefit to the province, beyond all doubt, highly beneficial to the interests of the community, and would conduce to the rapid development of the resources of the island and of the N. W. coast.

The contemplated construction of the Shuswap and Okanagan railroad is another project which has commended itself to the board, and which has received its earnest and continued support. Every effort has been made to secure for it adequate assistance both from the Dominion and Provincial governments. The great importance of the projected work has been fully recognized by the provincial government, it is greatly to be regretted that the parliamentary session at Ottawa should have terminated without any sum having been appropriated towards the development of railroad construction in this province.

IMMIGRATION.

It is satisfactory to note that immigration to this province is still on the ho increase, and with the development of the country and the commencement of the various projected lines of railroads the inducements to intending settlers will be considerably enhanced.

The construction of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway has produced a marked effect upon the agricultural district traversed by that line, and its extension northwards as proposed would undoubtedly result in the settlement of other equally eligible but more remotely situated tracts of farming land, at present of comparatively little value. The development of our sea fisheries, to which up to the present time but little attention has been given, would, in the opinion of your committee, form another of the satisfactory results to be looked for from the proposed extension of the Island railroad, thus affording a large and profitable field of labor to a most desirable class of immigrants.

Statistical information relating to this subject, for which the board is indebted to Mr. J. Jessop, government immigration agent, will be found in the appendices.

INSOLVENCY LAW.

This matter, referred to in the board's last annual report, and which it was then expected would shortly be dealt with by the Dominion government, still however remains in the same unsatisfactory condition, and mercantile operations continue to be hampered and curtailed in consequent upon the entire want of confidence inspired by the absence of necessary legislation on the subject.

FISHERIES.

In the appendices will be found statistical information relating to the catch and exports of salmon in 1886. The season was an unusually poor one throughout the province, due chiefly to late freshets in the rivers. There are now in this province seventeen canneries and two salmon salting establishments.

The seizure and subsequent release of British sealing schooners in Behring Sea by American cruisers, combined with similar international difficulties on the Atlantic seaboard, point to the urgent necessity for the framing of a new treaty with the United States, with a renewal in substance of the fishery provisions contained in the Washington treaty of 1871. It is to be hoped that such a treaty may soon be negotiated, and that its provisions may include the free interchange of all the products of the fisheries, including fish oils. A large and convenient market for our fish would, in the opinion of your committee, be of almost incalculable benefit to this province.

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT.

It is satisfactory to note the increased activity in mining operations throughout the province, and the amount of actual work now progressing in connection with the development of gold and silver properties.

With the present increased facilities for transport and travel afforded by direct railroad communication with the eastern provinces, it is safe to predict that the day is not far distant when the full claims of this province to be considered the mineral one of the mining countries of the world will be fully recognized.

Reference to the appendices is requested for statistics of the mining industry of the province for the past three months.

With a liberal policy on the part of the Dominion government, and the exercise of the energy and enterprise of this community, we can look forward with confidence to the steady development of our manufacturing interests.

ALTERATION IN CUSTOMS TARIFF.

The recent sudden and heavy increase in the rates of customs duty on many articles of import, particularly those of manufactured iron, has caused a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction, and especially by commercial men, and on 17th May the board passed a resolution condemning the frequent and unexpected changes in which the Dominion customs tariff is made liable, and which tends to place this province especially, in view of its isolated position, at a very great disadvantage. The liability of the customs tariff to such sudden changes tends also to engender a want of confidence and consequent lack of enterprise, which cannot but operate to the detriment of our commercial interests.

For the text of the resolution above referred to see appendices.

FINANCE.

Appended hereto will be found the secretary's account current, which shows the exact financial position of the institution, together with the customary audit report thereon, from which it will be seen that the board is now possessed of $2,775.62 as against $2,325.66 on 30th June last, being a net gain for the past year of $322.96.

The continued prosperity of the board, in a financial sense, is exhibited in the foregoing figures, and your committee would suggest for the consideration of members the advisability of finding for these rapidly increasing surplus funds an investment more permanent in character and better calculated to further the interest of the board than the advances now made by its members, than the loaning of these moneys on mortgage.

This and all other matters touched upon in this brief review, together with those referred to in the appendices, are respectfully submitted for the consideration of members.

We are, gentlemen,

J. H. TODD, President.
THOS. EARLE, Vice-President.
W. M. MONTEITH, Secretary.

Dated July 27th, 1887.

On motion the report was received and adopted and ordered to be printed in the usual way.

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

was read, showing that there was invested $1,350 and $1,150 cash on hand, making $2,500, besides the property which would amount to $200. The funds belonging to the board had increased $400 during the past year.

Received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers for the ensuing year were then balloted for, and resulted as follows:

President—Robert Ward.
Vice-President—Thos. R. Smith.
Secretary—W. Monteith.
Council—E. Crow Baker, M. P., J. H. Turner, M. P. P., R. Finlayson, R. P. Rithet, A. A. Green, E. G. Prior, M. P. P., E. C. Newsfelder, Thos. Earle.
Arbitration Board—Consists of members of the council, and Mayor Fell, H. F. Heisterman, A. B. Gray and S. J. Pitts.

The president and vice-president elect returned thanks for the honor conferred on them and promised to assist in every possible way the interests of the board and of the community.

A general discussion occurred in regard to the future working of the board, so that its usefulness might be increased. It was decided to invest a thousand dollars of the funds on hand, and a hope was expressed that this might be increased to such an extent that it would be possible to erect permanent offices and employ a secretary at a salary that would allow of of his whole attention being devoted to the work. After thanks had been voted the retiring officers the meeting adjourned.

A QUACK FROM THE LITTLE DUCK.

To THE EDITOR:—Your interesting report of the sailing match does not mention the tiny "Teal," which, although only one-third the size of the next smallest boat, was entered and sailed. When she rounded the buoy more than one of her big competitors was astern; but the water had become so rough that it was not safe for a small craft to carry racing canvas through it, and she turned back. It was of course entirely Quixotic to enter her for this race; but she claims to be the fastest boat *of her size* in these waters, and as her rig is unusual and in some respects original, it is hoped that some other boats of similar size, and of the more favorite rig, will sail against her in another match. It may also be hoped that yachting, one of the noblest of sports, will henceforth be firmly established in Victoria.

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CABLE NEWS.

The Crimes Bill Discussed and Passed in Committee.

Attempt to Murder the Wife of Grand Duke Nicholas.

Failure of the Sultan to Ratify the Egyptian Convention—The French Troops Reviewed by President Grevy—Peace Restored on the Egyptian Frontier.

Prince Ferdinand Speaks.

VIENNA, July 15.—Prince Ferdinand to-day received the deputation sent officially to notify him of his election to the Bulgarian throne. In reply he said: "If I should follow my heart's impulse, I would hasten to Bulgaria and put myself at the head of the nation, but the prince elected ruler of Bulgaria must respect treaties. I hope to justify the porte's confidence and obtain consent of the powers and regain in time Russia's sympathy, which Bulgaria owes her freedom. I hope to prove my devotion to Bulgaria when the moment comes."

To Enforce the Law.

BERNE, July 15.—The Swiss federal council has decided to enforce the spirit monopoly law after the 20th inst.

Political Pleasantries.

PENZANCE, July 15.—A heated discussion occurred in the lobby of the house of commons to-night between Dr. Tanner and Walter Hume Long, during which the former called Long a "D—d snob." The speaker of the house will be informed of the affair and trouble is expected.

Review of Troops.

PARIS, July 15.—Thursday evening in Paris, President Grevy and his ministry were greeted with some isolated cries of "Vive Boulanger," and "resign," and a few hisses, and on their arrival to the Longchamps to witness the review, but cries of "Vive la Republique" dominated, and the people seemed generally disposed to be friendly. The review of the troops passed off without incident; it was witnessed by an immense but orderly crowd, which cheered the troops heartily.

Henri Rochefort, Deputies Laisant and Lozeurre and a number of other irreconcilables attempted to excite hostile demonstration during the review at Longchamps, France, yesterday, but the people around quickly drowned out their voices with cries of "Vive Grevy."

The Egyptian Convention.

LONDON, July 15.—In the house of commons to-night Sir James Ferguson, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, reported that the Egyptian convention had not been ratified by Turkey, and Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, special envoy, having the matter in charge would leave Constantinople to-night.

Kampton Summer Meeting.

The first summer meeting at Kampton park opened to-day. The principal event was the Kampton park two-year-old stakes, 2000 sovereigns, five furlongs, won by a neck by Abington's colt Juggler; R. T. Combes colt Simon Pure 2nd, and A. Taylor's colt Pull Together, 3rd.

The Bicycle Record.

In the athletic sports at Norwich to-day Temple beat the quarter mile bicycle grass record in 36 2-5 seconds.

Murderous Fanatic Fools.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, which has come by way of Gunshinen, in eastern Russia, states that on July 10th a band of religious fanatics attempted to murder the wife of Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch, son of grand Duke Constantine, uncle of the Czar. The cause given for the attack was that the Grand Duchess is a Lutheran, and refused to modify the terms of her marriage convenant, which accord her the privilege of remaining Luthern and join the Greek church. The fanatics are arrested. The wife of Valdimir has been suspected of making proselytes, and this aroused fanatics against her. It is stated that previous to this attempt religious fanatics tried to kill Grand Duchess Elizabeth, wife of Grand Duke Sergius. This lady is also a Protestant, being the daughter of Grand Duke Louis IV. of Hesse.

The Crimes Bill in Committee.

The Crimes Bill was discussed in committee in the house of Lords to-night. Lord Northbrook, liberal, expressed surprise at the summary disposal of the debate on the bill yesterday. Before proceeding further with Irish legislation he urged the party leaders to give the country definite answers on four points: Were Irish members to remain in New Westminster; was the province of Ulster to be treated separately from the rest of Ireland; was the duty to maintain law and order to be entrusted to the Irish parliament; was the power over the land to be committed to the Irish parliament.

Lord Roseberry (liberal) held that discussion on these points was outside the scope of the crimes bill. The liberal peers were in a hopeless minority and could do no more than protest against the bill. In conclusion he said he was bound to warn the government of the effect of the measure on their administration in Ireland, which would have to be continued in a state of seige. After further brief discussion the bill was passed in committee without amendment. The bill will be read a third time on Monday.

Loss at Sea.

Head boards of boats belonging to the British ship Barreman, from Shields, June 30, for San Francisco, have been found. It is supposed the Barreman was sunk.

Peace Restored in Egypt.

CAIRO, July 15.—The Dervishes after completely devastating the villages between Sarras and Dongola, returned and peace is again restored on the frontier.

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Cattle Quarantine.

OTTAWA, July 14.—The order in council passed a bill extending ninety days to the cattle quarantine to Manitoba and Northwest territories.

A Yachting Party.

HALIFAX, July 15.—Commodore Bateman's steam yacht "Meteor," with Gen. Sherman and party on board, arrived this morning, *en route* for Prince Edward's Island.

Serious Railroad Accident.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., July 15.—An excursion train on the London and Port Stanley railroad was run into this evening at the crossing in this city by the Canada Southern freight train. The engine of the freight train went clear through the passenger train and rolled over into the ditch. It is reported that the engineer is under his engine and that one lady passenger has been burned to death and that several others are missing.

To Join the Confederation.

OTTAWA, July 15.—It is said that the object of Sir Alex. Campbell's trip to Newfoundland is to endeavor to induce that colony to join the Canadian confederation. The new government of Newfoundland is said to favor the project.

Sailing Fixtures.

That the finest assortment of fishing rods and tackle in the province is at J. Barnsley's, Fort street, near Douglas, just received via the C. P. R.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

At the inquest held by Coroner Jackson on the body of the late John Maberry, who died at the provincial gaol on Thursday, the jury found a verdict "died from natural causes."

Music on Beacon hill to-day.

A cricket match between the artillery and the Union club will take place this afternoon at the hill.

The farmers in the districts are busy hauling in their hay, and although they find the weather a little dry, are glad that the rain keeps off until all their crops are under shelter.

The time report of the sailing match on Thursday is as follows: Ada, not in; Bertha, 1h. 55' 11"; Frolic, 1h. 49' 15"; Eva, 1h. 58' 17"; Mary, 1h. 57'; Scud, 1h. 58' 27"; Teal, not in. The difference of time between the first and second boats was 7' 56".

The steamer Hope towed down a large boom of logs yesterday from Baynes sound to W. P. Ladd's mill.

The revenue supply steamer Manzanita which arrived from Astoria on Thursday, sailed early yesterday morning for Port Townsend. From that port she will proceed to Alaska.

Repairs are being made on portions of the C. P. N. docks.

The steamer North Pacific brought over from the Sound yesterday 248 sheep for Van Volkenberg Bros., and 51 hogs consigned to J. R. Jackson.

On the voyage out from Hong Kong on the bark Penshaw, a fine little son was added to Captain Parker's family. The little fellow was christened yesterday at St. Andrew's pro-Cathedral. Mr. E. McQuade standing god-father.

A trotting match will be held at the Victoria Driving Park this afternoon at 3 o'clock, between Campbell's "Lomax" and Deasy's "Paddy," for $100 aside. The race will be a quarter of a mile and repeat, best two out of three.

Hee Toy and Ah Tai, two of the Chinese prostitutes, were yesterday found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $25 each or undergo a term of three months' imprisonment.

DR. POWELL'S LET