Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 3.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

THE attendance at some of the schools yesterday was very limited.

AN AGENCY of the Bank of British Columbia is to be opened at Nanaimo.

NO MEETING of the Council was held last night owing to the illness of Mayor Fell and the inclemency of the weather.

THE PUBLIC will hardly expect any telegraphic news this morning, considering the state of the weather. The wires are down in all directions.

ON ACCOUNT of the prospective inclemency of the weather, the sale of furniture at George Byrne's auction rooms has been postponed until Monday next, the 7th inst.

MR. BRAY returning officer for the electoral district of Vancouver, has set Monday, February 28th as the day of nomination, and Wednesday, March 23rd as the day of polling.

NANAIMO CUSTOMS.—Following are the customs returns for Nanaimo for the month ending Jan. 31st, 1887: Import duty, $2,801 34; sick mariner's dues, $212 46; petroleum inspection, $41 00; casual, $2 00. Total, $3,056 90.

GUTMANN & FRANK are now fitting out the schooners Black Diamond and Alfred Adams for the whaling season. The Albion iron works are providing all ironwork, and the balance of the output will be purchased at San Francisco.

OFFICER YOUNG was discovered asleep yesterday morning in the Concordia theatre. He was immediately suspended and will be examined by the police committee. Thos. Robb, who was sworn in by Supt. Bloomfield in the afternoon, will take Young's place on the force.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE arrived at her dock yesterday morning after a stormy passage from Vancouver. She anchored in Plumper's Pass until the weather moderated. The R. P. Rithet was anchored in the same place when the Louise left and was to proceed to New Westminster when an opportunity offered.

MR. T. H. DEMPSEY has bought F. C. Montgomery's interest in the *Seattle Evening Times*. Mr. Montgomery has severed his connection with the paper and will probably go east. Mr. Dempsey will carry on the publication of the *Times*, and Mr. W. L. Ames will have charge of the local department.

THE RAILS on the Coal Harbor extension are laid for about five and a half miles east from Vancouver and the train is running one mile west from Moody. This leaves a little over five miles of rails to complete the connection with Vancouver. The greater portion of this is ready for the steel and it is fully expected to have a train into Vancouver by 1st of March.

THE STREETS, usually so lively, had a deserted appearance yesterday, the fair sex preferring to remain indoors rather than face the wind and drifting snow. Those who did venture out imagined themselves "back East" again, amid the frost and cold. At 12 o'clock Tuesday night the thermometer fell to zero, but the mercury rose rapidly to 12° above that point, where it remained throughout yesterday.

A MAN named John Kelly swore out a summons against two Chinese gamblers, Hip Chong and Ah Loy, who, he says, cheated him out of $130 on the night of January 25th in a gambling den on Cormorant street. The men were arrested yesterday and will appear for trial this morning. The above is only the beginning of a large number of similar charges, as a strong effort is being made to close all the gambling resorts in Chinatown.

ON Saturday afternoon, says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, a son of Mr. John Johnson, living on the old Victoria road, threw a bottle containing blasting powder, into the grate, in which a fire was burning. The powder exploded scattering pieces in all directions. The boy, who is only 7 years of age, is terribly cut about the abdomen and body. Drs. Praeger, Davis and O'Brian were in attendance. The injured lad was taken to the Nanaimo hospital and yesterday was progressing favorably.

DAVE WILLIAMS, a sailor on the schooner Penelope, was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Walker, and a serious charge preferred against him by Mr. Sieward, of the Germania saloon. It appears that Williams was drunk when he entered the saloon, and upon being ordered out by the proprietor, drew a dagger and aimed a blow at Mr. Sieward. He missed his mark, however, and drove the knife with terrific force deep into the bar. The dagger has a blade six inches long that has recently been sharpened and looks to be a most dangerous weapon.

THE "BULLETIN" EDITOR'S BIRTHDAY. Another birthday overtook the ever genial and popular editor of the Victoria *Bulletin* yesterday, finding him as hale and hearty as ever, and just as willing to entertain the boys with a good story as in the early days when he was the life and soul of the circle around the miners' camp fire. Frank Campbell is a worthy citizen and his friends are legion—he has no enemies. In the general congratulations over our *young* friend's natal day THE COLONIST is determined to get in the heartiest wishes for "Many happy returns." Frank will never grow old.

SUNDAY'S STORM, says the Vancouver *News*, was quite as fierce and severe as that of June 13th, last year, when the town was destroyed. The bark Robert Kerr, moored in Coal Harbor, dragged her bow anchor for some distance in the direction of the Hastings mill wharf. Before the vessel had gone far, however, the anchor got a firm hold on the bed of the Inlet, and she sustained no injury. The bark has been moored at the same spot for the past nine or ten months being kept in position all that time with only one anchor out.

TEMPERANCE AT CHEMANIUS.—An address on the subject of Temperance was delivered by Miss Bowes of the Ontario W. C. T. U. at Chemanius on Monday evening, the 31st. The attendance, considering the inclement state of the weather, was very good. The lecture, which lasted over an hour, was listened to by an attentive audience. The fair lecturer was supported by Rev. Mr. Hemlaw, H. Hall, Esq., Mrs. and Miss Hall, and Mrs. Hopper. At its conclusion all present were warmly invited to sign the pledge. A few responded and joined the noble army of total abstainers. A cordial vote of thanks to Miss Bowes closed the meeting.

INCENDIARISM AT QUESNELLE.

ASHCROFT, Feb. 1.—At Quesnelle on Friday, Jan. 28th, at 10 p. m., an alarm of fire was given and it was found that fire had started in the old Quong Lee fireproof cellar. The firemen found dry goods boxes piled up and covered with coal oil. This is the second time fire has been there. There was a heavy northwest wind blowing and the thermometer was three degrees below zero. Great fears were entertained for the safety of the town; but the fire was got under control by smothering the flames in the cellar and pulling down the adjacent building. Great credit is due to the Quesnelle girls, Miss Northcott, Miss Duhig, Miss Craibe and Miss Barlow, as the four took charge of the pump and pumped all the water required until the danger was over. The Chinese refused to work.

ALL the latest styles of Prang's and Raphael Tuck's Valentines just received at M. W. Waitt & Co.'s. *

MARINE.

Bark Haidee will be towed to sea on Thursday morning bound for Callao with lumber from Hastings.

German bark Frieda Grampp is still at Moodyville awaiting a cargo of lumber.

British bark Alice Muir, from Melbourne, and the American ship C. W. Campbell, from San Pedro, are due in Royal Roads and are chartered to load lumber at Moodyville.

Bark Southern Chief which sailed from Port Discovery for Hongkong on Nov. 23 put into Honolulu Jan. 3, having lost her sails during a heavy gale December 15th.

Steamship San Pedro has been chartered by R. Dunsmuir to load coal at Departure bay for San Francisco.

Ship Solitaire left San Francisco for Nanaimo on Tuesday.

Ship Glory of the Seas which left Nanaimo for San Francisco a week ago Tuesday had to put back and is now in Port Townsend waiting for the weather to moderate.

The schooner Mary Taylor which was reported lost arrived at San Francisco on the 31st. Report says, "All's well."

Steamship Geo. W. Elder arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday morning.

The Pilot returned from Cape Flattery yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Steamship Sardonyx left for Texada island yesterday morning.

Ship Iroquois has about completed her cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal for San Francisco.

Ships Mount Washington and Harry Morse are now under the V. C. Co.'s shutes.

Ship Carlton is now under the shutes taking on a cargo of Wellington coal.

Steamer Princess Louise left for Burrard inlet this morning at 2 o'clock.

PERSONAL.

Contractor John McDougall is just completing the contract for rip-rap work and clearing the grade on the Coal Harbor extension. He also has the contract in hand for grading the sidings near False creek on the English Bay line, which will also shortly be finished.

Miss S. E. Maclure, who has resigned a responsible position held by her for several years in the New Westminster telegraph office, was among the arrivals yesterday by the Louise.

S. Robins, manager Vancouver Coal Co., is at the Driard.

Dr. Tunstall, Kamloops, is at the Driard.

D. E. Brown, district freight and passenger agent of the C. P. R., arrived from the Sound yesterday by the North Pacific.

E. W. McGinnis has been appointed to succeed W. Van Waters as agent for the Canadian Pacific at Seattle.

S. James, of the Moodyville Sawmill Co., is in town.

Rev. Mr. Robson, of Nanaimo, is in the city.

W. N. Bole, M. P. P., and D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., were indisposed yesterday and unable to appear in their usual seats in the house.

Hon. Mr. Smithe is, we are glad to say, feeling much better and his friends may expect to welcome him shortly in the assembly.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That there is a rumor that a Frank Johnson street business man will shortly be united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

That the queen-mother of Spain has made an agreement with her creditors by which she keeps $200,000 of her revenue and they take the remaining $120,000. Her life is heavily insured.

That the transition from an awfully independent Independent to a flat-footed grit is easy of attainment after all. The *Times* has had no difficulty in solving the problem.

That we expect to hear of many sad calamities on the ocean as a result of the storm. We land birds can form no idea of the miseries now attending those who "go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters."

FROM THE ATLANTIC COAST.

Yesterday there arrived in Victoria by the North Pacific Capt. Michael Keefe and Capt. Michael Green, late of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. They have come from the furtherest Atlantic centre of trade to the Pacific metropolis and have come to stay. In the St. John's *Daily Colonist* of January 12th is a very flattering address presented to the two captains in which are the following words of commendation:

"We have known you for many years—some of us from your early youth. In your business calling, during your connection as men and masters with the great staple industries of this town, the Labrador and seal fisheries, we have had many opportunities of observing and admiring the sobriety, perseverance, pluck and ability which, with your skill and success as mariners, have earned for you no mean rank among the capable seamen of this place; while your gentlemanly manners and irreproachable moral character have won our deepest respects.

"Worthy sons of worthy sires, your conduct has been no discredit to the highly esteemed families from which you are sprung, families to whose well-known enterprise and success the business prosperity of Harbor Grace owes not a little."

The address was signed by the Bishop of Harbor Grace, Judge Bennett and the principal men of the town.

To a representative of this paper the captains stated that they had been two weeks on the trip from St. John's to Victoria, by steamer to Halifax and thence by Intercolonial, Grand Trunk and Northern Pacific roads to Victoria. They came for the purpose of engaging in their profession as commanders of sailing vessels and hope to able to stay among us. There are thousands of families in Newfoundland waiting to be definitely assured that they could better themselves by coming here, and be offered some encouragement to some, who were anxious to leave behind old ties and scenes and seek their fortune in the golden west. They had heard a good deal about the fisheries of the Pacific province and there were plenty of willing and practical men in Newfoundland who would be glad to aid in their development, and in doing so benefit themselves. Times were hard with the fishermen, and last year in order to keep them employed, the government had spent fully $300,000 in the colony in building roads that were of little benefit.

The two captains are men of experience in the sealing and fishing trade, and are sure to make a success of their venture.

PROVINCIAL COURT.

[Before Judge Harrison.]

Edwin John, charged with committing a criminal assault on Mary Ann Radford.

Mr. Gamaway, who appeared for Mr. Radford, father of the girl, asked that the case might be continued from time to time for eight days, as the girl was unable at present to appear against the defendant.

Mr. Theo. Davie, for the defense, applied for bail, which was allowed in the sum of $3,000 and two sureties of $1,500 each.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Judge Harrison.]

Hoc Hou, on remand, charged with obtaining $50 on false pretenses.

Mr. Burgess, sworn, said he remembered Saturday night, January 22nd, the day previous to Chinese new year. A neighbor called at his house that evening a little after six o'clock. Saw a Chinaman at the neighbor's house; he was standing by the kitchen window when witness saw him. It was before supper, about 5:30. Witness could not swear that the defendant was the same Chinaman he saw at the neighbor's house.

The magistrate reserved his decision until after the three Chinese witnesses for the prosecution, who were arrested for perjury, are examined.

THE LITTLE WAIF.

Olive Kirch, the little girl who was taken to the Driard by Mr. Thompson, was claimed yesterday by her cousin, who resides on Princess avenue, and taken to her home. The officers of the steamer North Pacific state that she has several times before made the passage, but as she always paid her fare she was not questioned. Singularly enough the last time she came over she went to the Driard and said she wanted to stay a week, but as she had no money Mr. Hartnagle took her to the steamer and Purser Sailor paid her passage to Seattle. It was at her own request that one of the officers of the boat accompanied her to the Grand Pacific hotel, where she was kindly treated.

It is stated that the child's father and mother had separated, and that the latter had to go out washing in order to support her children. The little girl, though young in years, seems to be rather untruthful, as many of her statements published yesterday were found to be incorrect. It is somewhat remarkable that that one so young should carry herself in the modest, innocent and yet experienced way which she assumes.

She was taken care of yesterday morning by Mrs. Redon, and early in the day several kind and good people called for the purpose of offering her a comfortable home. However, she is now with her relatives, and it is trusted she will give up her desire for travel and stay with them.

CHINESE CONSPIRATORS.

Alleged Attempt to Swear a Chinaman into Prison—Arrest of the Three Perjurers.

Three Chinese witnesses for the prosecution—Hee Wing, Ah Lum and Ah Kie—in the case of Hoc Hou, who was arrested on a charge of obtaining $50 under false pretences some time since, were accused by the defendant yesterday morning of committing wilful perjury. A complaint to that effect was accordingly laid before Judge Harrison, who immediately issued warrants for their arrest. The orders were carried out and the Chinamen were seized upon entering the police court. They were admitted to bail in personal bonds of $150 each and two sureties for the same amount. The case will come up on Friday.

This matter has occupied the attention of the court for nearly two weeks, and from evidence given by Hee Wing, Ah Lum and Ah Kie, it seemed as though a clear case would be proven against the defendants. Mr. Thornton Fell, at the conclusion of the examination of the prosecuting witnesses, called several witnesses for the defense, who swore that Hoc Hou was over a mile from the store at the time it is alleged he passed the Confederate note.

It is stated that the whole affair arose from the defendant being instrumental in causing the rescue of a certain Chinese girl, who had been forcibly detained in a Fisgard street brothel and who was afterwards brought before Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie on a writ of *habeas corpus* procured by Chinamen for the purpose of getting the girl back. The writ was dismissed, as the girl refused to return to a life of shame and degradation. Out of revenge and in order to put Hoc Hou out of the way, they concocted the conspiracy which was put in operation as before stated. Startling developments are expected, as Hoc Hou says he never saw the note before it was produced in court, and knows no more about the matter than a disinterested person. He is confident of proving his innocence and will, on Friday, endeavor to show that the three Chinese who appeared against him, have committed wilful and corrupt perjury.

THE COAL OUTPUT.

The figures published on January 1st as representing the coal output of 1886 were inaccurate, those from the east Wellington colliery not being included. The following from the Nanaimo *Free Press* gives the total returns from the several collieries for the year:

VANCOUVER COAL COMPANY.	
Foreign exportation	79,637
Provincial consumption	33,260
Coal on hand, Dec. 31st, 1886	882
	113,779
Coal on hand, Jan. 1st, 1886	1,419
Total output for 1886	112,760
WELLINGTON COLLIERY—R. DUNSMUIR AND SONS.	
Foreign exportation	144,526
Provincial consumption	52,300
Coal on hand, Dec. 31st, 1886	30,711
	217,537
Coal on hand, Jan. 1st, 1886	31,691
Total output for 1886	185,846
EAST WELLINGTON COAL COMPANY.	
Foreign exportation	25,042
Provincial consumption	427
Coal on hand, Dec. 31st, 1886	4,060
	29,529
Coal on hand, Jan. 31st, 1886	1,500
Total output for 1886	28,029
Grand total output for 1886	326,635

The output published for the year 1885 was 367,233 tons, but that included the amount of coal on hand at the beginning of that year as well as the amount on hand at the close of the year. For the year 1886, the amount on hand at the commencement of the year has been deducted, thus giving 326,635 as the net output. If we add to 326,635 tons, 34,210 tons, being the amount of coal on hand January 1st, 1886, we have 360,845 tons for 1886, as compared with 367,233 tons for 1885.

THE STORM

Very Severe in the Interior—Ranchers Very Anxious.

The *Columbian* says: The Pacific express from the east, which left Montreal a week ago last Saturday, and which should have arrived here on Friday noon, came in this morning. The delay was owing chiefly to a severe blizzard, which raged for hours on the prairies and foothills of the Rockies, drifting the snow and filling the cuts almost as fast as the men and snow-ploughs could clear them. At Gleichen, fifty miles east of Calgary, the drifts were so high that the train only made one mile in twenty-four hours. From Canmore to Kamloops the officials are keeping the track open in spite of a very severe snowstorm in the Rockies, which had lasted two days up till Saturday night, and had not exhausted itself at that time. Coming over this portion of the road, which is the heart of the mountain region, the train only lost five hours. The snow-slides have been very bad, one near Rogers Pass extending nearly four hundred feet, and another three hundred feet wide beyond Field, and many others of less dimensions. At the foothills of the Rockies the snow is so deep as to completely bury the freight trains that have been shunted on the sidetracks there. Trees have also been thrown across the railroad in many places, especially in the district this side of Kamloops. The storm is the heaviest since 1882. In the Calgary district the winter is exceptionally severe, and the ranchers are very anxious. Hay is scarce and the snow is continually getting deeper. There has not been a single chinook in the mountains this winter. The passengers describe the scenery in its present snow-clad appearance as grand beyond description, yet they do not advise tourists to undertake the trip. The snow-sheds are standing the great pressure on them well, but will have to be extended next season.

WEATHER REPORT.

KAMLOOPS, Feb. 1.—Weather clear and cold. About 18 inches of snow.

MATSQUI, Feb. 1.—2:30 p.m., thermometer two above zero. Six inches of snow.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 1.—Thermometer 10 above zero; three inches of snow. At 2:30 p.m. the thermometer stood at 14 above, with the barometer rising. Stiff easterly wind. No signs of ice in the river.

ASHCROFT, Feb. 1.—Eight degrees below; stormy northerly wind.

CLINTON, Feb. 1.—Twenty-eight below.

BRIDGE CREEK, Feb. 1.—Twenty-seven below.

SODA CREEK, Feb. 1.—Twenty-two below; wires down above Soda Creek.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of the First Session of the Fifth Parliament.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2nd.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m. Prayers were read by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

Mr. Baker presented the petition of A. T. Galt and others for a railway in Kootenay district.

Hon. Mr. Davie said he understood, on account of the cold weather and the uncomfortable state of the assembly rooms, it was the desire of the members of the house to take an adjournment. Moved that the house at its rising stand adjourned till Monday.

RAILWAY COMPANY.

The attorney-general moved for the appointment of a standing committee on railways. He believed, as a large amount of time had to be given railway bills, that by having a standing committee which could hear everything put forward either for or against schemes of this kind, the business of the house would be got over much more satisfactorily and with greater advantage to the country. As regarded the number on the committee, he did not think there should be less than fifteen. He pointed out that the course suggested was adopted both in England and the Dominion.

Mr. Baker hoped this matter would receive the earnest consideration of the whole house. Of the 210 members of the Dominion house of commons, he understood 147 to be on the railway committee and, in the imperial house of commons, this committee was in the same proportion. These were very good precedents and he thought this measure coming from the government should be accepted by the whole house.

Mr. Beaven would have liked to have heard from the Attorney-General whether this committee would not clash with the private bills committee. He did not think either that it would do to have a majority of the whole house, as proposed, on this committee.

After considerable discussion the resolution passed as follows:

That a standing committee on railways be appointed who shall have all railway bills referred to them for consideration after the committee on standing orders and private bills shall have reported to the house that the standing orders of the house as to notices, have been complied with, such committee to consist of 15 members, 8 of whom shall constitute a quorum.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then appointed, the attorney-general, on behalf of the government naming three of the members composing each and the leader of the opposition two.

Private bills—Baker, Cowan, John Semlin, Orr.

Public Accounts—T. Davie, Turner, Dunsmuir, Grant, Beaven.

Standing committee on printing—Thompson, Baker, Anderson, Bole, McLeese.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Leave was granted to Mr. Davie to introduce a bill intituled "an act to amend and consolidate the law respecting the rights of property of married women." Bill read a first time, second reading on Monday next.

Leave was granted Mr. T. Davie to introduce a bill intituled "an act respecting trustees and assignees for the benefit of creditors." Bill read a first time, second reading on Monday.

Mr. Davie asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act respecting Absconding Debtors." Bill read a first time; second reading on Monday next.

PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Dunsmuir said he had thought of rising to a question of privilege, but as he had not the paper before him of which he had to complain, he would have to let the matter drop. It was the *Times* of which he was going to speak, but he hadn't a copy as he did not take that paper.

One of the members who happened to have a copy of the *Times*, wrapped around a copy of May's Parliamentary Practice which he had brought to the house with him, offered it to the honorable gentleman.

Mr. Dunsmuir, striking an attitude as if he feared contamination, replied that he "would not touch it" [laughter].

House adjourned till 2 p.m. on Monday.

NOTICES OF QUESTION.

Mr. Beaven will ask the provincial secretary on Tuesday: Has any money been received by the governor for leases or sales of land by the Columbia & Kootenay Transportation company; if so, in what sum and for what property? Has a crown grant been issued by the government to any purchaser of such land? Has any lease, sale or other alienation of land been made by the above company with the consent of the chief commissioner of lands and works or acting commissioner of the district? Is the government aware of any other sale, lease or alienation of land in the Kootenay district that has been made by the Columbia & Kootenay Railway & Transportation company?

Mr. Mason will ask the leader of the government: What steps have been taken to carry into effect the following resolution of the former legislative assembly, passed on the 3d of April, 1886, viz.: Resolved that the committee respectfully recommend that the lieutenant-governor in council do offer a reward of not less than $5,000 for the discovery of a new gold field upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the lieutenant-governor in council may deem expedient.

Mr. Beaven will ask the attorney-general: Has section 119, Esquimalt district, Songhees Indian reserve, Victoria harbor, been dealt with in anyway by the provincial government? If so, in what manner?

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Beaven will move on Monday next for copies of all orders in council, correspondence, telegrams, agreements and communications not already published between the government of British Columbia or any of its members and the Canadian Pacific railway company, or anyone on its behalf, respecting the subject mentioned in the agreements of the 23rd February and 23rd November, 1885, or any other public matter.

Mr. Anderson will move on Friday next:

Whereas, the transcontinental railway is ready for traffic, and British Columbia, the western gateway of the Dominion, is becoming better known as a commercial center and distributing point, one of the world's great commercial highways, and near the great marts of eastern Asia,

And whereas, Esquimalt and Victoria will be made depots for Asiatic produce which is largely required for consumption in the Dominion, the United States, and England and by the Imperial government,

And whereas, this trade would benefit and increase the revenue of our country if not now in the near future, if the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company is to pay attention to the wants of the country for our mutual benefit;

And whereas, vessels will not only bring over valuable merchandise but will return laden with the produce of our common country, especially from the great Northwest and British Columbia, for which there is great demand in the commercial centres of eastern Asia; Be it therefore resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the lieutenant-governor praying His Honor to request the federal government at its earliest convenience to cause to be constructed a fire proof bonded warehouse for import and export with modern improvements and facilities for the discharging and loading of vessels, and hand the same over to responsible parties on condition that they keep the building in good repair and fully insured and give shippers and consignees the benefit of three (3) years' storage at a nominal charge, and advertise the same in the principal commercial centres of the world.

Mr. Beaven will move on Tuesday next for copies of all orders in council, engineers' reports, telegrams, correspondence, agreements and communications between the government of British Columbia or any of its members and the Dominion government or anyone on its behalf, or with any other person, respecting the change in curvature upon the railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo which resulted in the agreement, dated 20th August, 1883, and entered into between C. P. Huntington, of the city of New York, Chas. F. Crocker, and Leland Stanford, of the city of San Francisco, U. S. A., and Robert Dunsmuir, James Dunsmuir and John Bryden, of Nanaimo, B. C., of the one part, and her majesty Queen Victoria, represented by the minister of railways and canals of Canada, of the other part, being changed.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM CONTRIBUTIONS.

The following persons were contributors to the museum for the month ending 31st January:

Victoria—B. Baily, one goshawk; John Grant, sponge from Queen Charlotte islands; Hon. Dr. Helmcken, two spider crabs; A. Maynard, one steller's jay; H. C. Halpenny, three sample shields for animal heads; R. Maynard, red sand from Queen Charlotte islands, ground rock from the great glacier, Stickeen river; John Kurtz, specimen of young eagle; James Anderson, one pileated woodpecker; John Fannin, Baird's "Mammals of North America," specimens from Half Springs.

Nanaimo—Equa-lock, one king crab.

Clinton—A. Soues, moca from McKinlay's mine, Clearwater.

Comox—M. King, one elk.

Priest's Prairie—Walter Dewdney, curious stones from North Thompson, skull of wolf.

Spallumcheen—M. Lumby, horns of mule and white-tailed deer, one Indian made club.

Other additions during the month—One cougar (*felis concolor*), one beaver (*castor fiber*), one trumpeter swan (*cygnus buccinator*), one northwest crow (*cervus coronus*), one ruffed grouse (*bonasa umbrellus*).

From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 4, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

AN INQUIRY will be held to-day regarding the origin of the fire Tuesday night, the agents of companies having risks on the building having called for it.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. Thos. Alexander and Miss Corinthia E. Pierce was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Furleigh, on Wednesday evening.

A MEETING of the school trustees will be held on Monday next at the City Hall, when a teacher will be selected to fill the vacancy in the 5th division of the boys' school.

VICTORIA CUSTOMS.—The customs collections at the port of Victoria for January were: Duties, $38,182.57; miscellaneous, $678.68; Chinese immigration act, $227; total, $39,088.25.

THE steamer R. P. Rithet had not arrived at New Westminster at last accounts and is supposed to be still anchored in Plumper's Pass. The Princess Louise did not arrive at Vancouver until late.

THE MERCURY.—A correspondent of the *Post* states that the thermometer registered seven degrees below zero on the night of January 14th, 1875, but the writer does not state whether this occurred in Victoria or at Winnipeg.

A MEETING of the friends of Messrs. Shakespeare and Baker was held last evening. It was enthusiastic in its tone and there was a confidence expressed that the two present members would be returned with flying colors. A thorough organization for work will soon be perfected.

ALTHOUGH a strong breeze was blowing yesterday the air was decidedly invigorating. The hackmen are doing a rushing business with their sleighs, although in places the streets are nearly bare. The thermometer registered 12° above zero at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday the barometer being high.

THE MEMBERS of the B. C. Medical Council met in this city on Tuesday and also on Wednesday of this week. The following gentlemen were admitted to register as medical practitioners for this province: William Redmond, John C. Henderson, Richard McDougall, Isaac M. Maclean.

THERE was excellent skating on the ponds on the outskirts of the city yesterday, and many young people accordingly availed themselves of the opportunity of having a pleasant time. Skinner's was the principal resort, but the ice skaters pronounced the ice very rough. A few went to Swan Lake where, it is said, there is scarcely any ice, owing to the strong breeze blowing across the lake.

KILLED BY A LAND SLIDE.—Robert Heaney, an industrious citizen, residing on a ranch on the Stellaguamish river, about five miles above Stanwood, says the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, was last seen alive by his neighbors on Saturday. That evening he went to bed in his house, as usual, and during the night a landslide took place which, after carrying the house about 100 feet, completely buried it, and crushed its occupant, who was dug from the ruins on Sunday by his neighbors.

COMPLETELY PROSTRATED.—A letter dated 2nd inst., received from the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Seattle last night, states that "this thing (the prostration of the wires) is likely to last a few days yet as the mats at the crossing of the Snohomish river have gone down. It is snowing here now; has been all day, and a fair prospect of continuing all night. I hear you had quite a zephyr over there yesterday."

ASPHYXIATED IN CHINATOWN.—A Chinaman named On Chung was found dead early yesterday morning in his bed over Kwong Lee's alleyway on Commercial street. It is supposed he was asphyxiated by coal gas, as an earthen pot was found by the bedside filled with partly burned coal. The room in which the poor wretch ended his miserable existence is a very small one, not over 6x8 feet. The officer and undertaker experienced considerable difficulty in reaching it. Chas. Hayward has charge of the body and will superintend the burial. No inquest will be held, as Coroner Jackson considers it unnecessary, the facts being so clear.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Judge Harrison.]

Dave Williams, a sailor, charged with drawing a knife on H. Sieward. Fined $1 costs and discharged and ordered to be taken aboard the schooner Penelope.

Thos. Kemper and Ellen Salis charged with vagrancy. Allowed out on their own recognizance and ordered to appear for sentence in ten days.

James Walker, for being absent from the schooner Penelope without leave, was sent back to the vessel.

Ah Loy, Ah Tong and Hop Chong, charged with unlawfully and by fraud and ill-practice in playing a game of tan, obtaining $130 from one John Kelly.

Chas. Wilson appeared for the defense.

John Kelly, sworn, said that he went to the gambling den on Cormorant street. Was in the habit of frequenting such places; was addicted to the habit of smoking and chewing opium; was not under the influence of that drug nor was he drunk on the evening in question; generally drank from two to four glasses of whiskey daily; was slightly intimate with the Chinese language; had become so used to opium that he now used it for medicinal purposes. On the night of January 25th did not drink Chinese whiskey or any other beverage offered by the Chinese to their guests; knew he was cheated, as the Chinese crowded around in front of him, while one of them said to the dealer, in Chinese, "Take it."

The witness was very evasive in answering Mr. Wilson's questions, which called forth a severe rebuke from that gentleman.

Judge Harrison then questioned the witness at length, the latter describing by a drawing the method by which the game of tan fan is played.

At the request of counsel for the defense, the case was laid over until the 7th inst. Hop Chong was discharged as no evidence was brought up to show that he was in any way implicated in the fraud.

NEW LAW COURTS.

Description of the Building to be Erected on Bastion Square—A Well Planned Structure.

The new law courts which it is proposed to erect on the old gaol site and for which tenders have been invited will be an important addition to the many fine structures which adorn our streets. The removal of the old buildings, which have done good service in earlier days but which at present disfigure the site, and the erection of a modern structure in their place, will effect a desirable improvement in that part of the city. A hurried glance at the plans, and a brief conversation with the architect elicited the following particulars: The building, which will be two stories in height with basement, will stand on the squarre some fifteen or twenty feet from Bastion and Langley streets. It will be 125 feet in length by 90 feet in width. The main entrances will be from Langley street and Bastion square, while there will be a private door on Bastion street for the use of the judges.

THE ENTRANCE ON LANGLEY STREET

will lead to a large hall on the basement floor. To the right will be situated the land registry offices consisting of a public office, private and general apartments. Connected with these will be the main vault 32x14 feet which will be extended to the second story. On the opposite side of the building to the registry offices a space will be reserved for janitor's rooms, a refreshment room, etc. The furnaces to be used in heating the building by steam will also be situated on this floor. A wide stairway situated in front of the entrance to the basement will lead to the hall of

THE FIRST STORY.

The entrance from Bastion square will lead to the vestibule from which the library on the right and the county court to the left will be reached. The size of the latter will be 32x30, with a 21 foot ceiling. Partitioned off from the vestibule will be a witness room. From the former steps will lead to the hall of the first storey, the county court and library room being in a lower level than the other rooms on this floor. To the right or north of the hall the supreme and county court registrar's offices will be situated, each having its own fire-proof wards. The opposite, or Bastion street side, will be divided into five judge's rooms. These will be reached from the main hall or from the private entrance on Bastion street. They will be cut off from the public hall by wainscoting six feet in height, which will form a private hallway in front of the judge's apartments and through which their lordships will have access to the library. Facing Langley street will be the sheriff's and the superintendent of police's offices.

THE SECOND STOREY,

Or perhaps more properly the supreme court floor, will be reached by a wide stair leading from the hall of the first storey. This hall will contain the supreme court room, which will be 60x30 and 25 feet in height. On each side of this room, and separated from it by brick walls, will be passages on to which will open, on one side of the building, grand jury and petit jury rooms, two witnesses rooms and a crown counsel's room. On the other side will be situated a barrister's or gown room, a prisoner's, police and messenger's rooms. Facing Langley street a private staircase will lead from the judge's apartments to a room at the rear of the bench. From here their lordships will enter the court. The jury rooms will be so situated as to be convenient to the jury benches, in the court room and the prisoner's room will be in an accommodating position to the dock.

THE GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Of the building will be excellent. All the rooms and offices are to have their own closets and wash basins which are to be connected with a drain running parallel with the building and emptying into the Bastion street drain. Everything will be trapped and complete in every particular. The roof is to be covered with zinc plates which is considered by the architect the cheapest and most durable kind of roofing. All the exterior ornaments of the building will be of brick and the whole will be cemented. No great effort toward ornamentation is shown in the design though the building will no doubt present a good appearance. The architect is our well known citizen, Mr. H. O. Tiedeman.

"ABANDONED AND DISREPUTABLE."

This heading exactly expresses the tactics of the *Times* to a nicety. Through a typographical error, a very readable political letter from our special correspondent in Toronto was dated "31st" instead of "21st" January. The author of the letter is a gentleman well and favorably known in journalistic and political circles in the East, which is more than can be safely asserted of the writer in the *Times*, who is, perhaps, as well known, but in an entirely opposite sense. He is a "spurious" throughout, and is fast convincing conservatives, liberals, "straddle-bugs," and the general public that there is little reliance to be placed in his effusions.

As we have before stated, arrangements have been made by us for special telegraphic and written political correspondence, and the letter referred to is the first of a series that will be furnished our readers until after the elections shall have taken place, in order that they may be placed in possession of the latest and most reliable facts concerning eastern politics. Our correspondent, unlike the editor of the *Times*, has a reputation that will stand the light of investigation. The fact of charging THE COLONIST with having concocted the letter in its own office is but an evidence that the editor of the *Times* is intimately acquainted with "ways that are dark and tricks that are vile." In his eagerness to catch at straws in an endeavor to draw attention from his crooked journalistic tactics, he has only the more made them apparent to his readers.

If the *Times* desires to prove its statements—and of course it does not—we will place $100 in the hands of Mayor Fell to be forfeited to the funds of the Royal Hospital or any other charitable institution, a like amount to be similarly put up by the *Times*, if we do not furnish convincing proof that our letter is a genuine document. Now, here is a chance to prove your statements and do some good beside, friend *Times*. Either put up or acknowledge that you have wilfully falsified and misrepresented the matter, and added one more to the long list of your disreputable journalistic acts.

THE LOTTIE WRECKED.

The little steam propeller Lottie, owned by her master and captain, Steve Sweeney, left Seattle, says the *Post-Intelligencer*, after having been thoroughly repaired and inspected. She had a freighting license and left for the islands, where, for several years she has been engaged in the freighting business. It seems that she attempted to go through Deception Pass during a blinding snowstorm, when she struck a rock and became a total wreck. The bed clothes are said to have been the only things saved from the wreck. The Lottie was built at Cypress, W. T., in 1882, and had a gross tonnage of 43.19 tons.

PERSONAL.

D. W. Higgins, M.P.P., was much better yesterday and will probably be able to resume his seat in the legislature Monday.

We are pleased to learn that Dr. J. D. Helmcken's condition has much improved since Sunday and his friends have great hopes of his speedy recovery.

Mr. Samuel D. Nesbitt and Miss Marion F. L. Ella will be joined in the holy bonds of matrimony on Wednesday the 9th instant, at the Episcopal church at 11 o'clock a. m. A reception will be held off the same day at the residence of Mrs. Ella, Wentworth villa, from the hours of 2 to 5 o'clock p. m.

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The N. P. Essential to Canada's Well-Being—Blake Trimming but His Attempt Too Barefaced to Catch Votes—The Meeting Pledged to Ensure the Continuance of the National Policy.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—A meeting of the manufacturers was held in Toronto yesterday at which Sir John and Hon. Thos. White were present. It was very largely attended and it is said that thirty-five millions of capital was represented. Several speeches were delivered and a resolution was adopted affirming that the maintenance of the N. P. was essential to the well-being of Canada, and pledging all present to do their utmost to ensure its continuance. Meantime Blake has delivered one or two trimming speeches lately in which he tries to obtain the support of the manufacturers by stating that it is useless to lower the tariffs for some years owing to the reckless extravagance of the government. People place little reliance on his barefaced attempts to catch votes

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

A Young Scotchman Captured in America and Held for Extradition.

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—George McKenzie Fergus, a young Scotchman, has been traveling on two continents since May to av