Pressmen on Pleasure Bent.

Victoria Has as Guests the Representative Journalists of Canada.

A Notable Little Company for Whom Victoria Will Smile To-Day.

The members of the Canadian Press Association excursion to the Coast are in Victoria to-day. The Dominion government steamer Quadra, specially detailed to receive them at Vancouver, arrived from that city with the touring party last evening, and the visitors will see so much of Victoria and characteristic Victoria scenes as may be compressed into to-day.

They would stay longer and become more thoroughly acquainted with British Columbia's capital but for the non-elastic nature of schedules, and the fact that their special cars will be waiting to carry them eastward from Vancouver on Thursday.

The return journey is to embrace a trip over the new Crow's Nest line, and visits en route to Revelstoke, Arrowhead and Robson, on Friday; Rossland and Nelson, on Friday night and Saturday; and Kootenay Landing on Monday. The party is due to arrive back at Winnipeg next Tuesday, and at Toronto or Montreal the following Thursday.

It is expected that there will be practically no break in the party until farewells are taken at the Toronto or Montreal depots; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Cook, who drop out here with the object of extending their trip to famous Dawson and other northern points, being the only ones whom the travellers expect to lose in British Columbia.

The present excursion has been confined strictly to those identified with the active work of Canadian newspaperdom, their families, and some few whose intimate association with journalism in the Dominion entitles them to recognition as foster children of the craft. The party in consequence numbers some ninety or one hundred ladies and gentlemen, while there were many times this number of applicants for participation in the foreshadowed pleasures, and the excursion committee were forced to exercise a rigid supervision of the application list.

This committee was composed of the president, Mr. W. S. Dingman, of Stratford; the first vice, Mr. J. S. Willison, of the Toronto Globe (who unfortunately was unable to accompany the party in person; Second Vice-President Macdonald, of Alexandria; and Secretary John A. Cooper, of Toronto.

The trip had been arranged through the kindness of Canada's two great railways—the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk—and Toronto was left behind on August 8, the excursionists filling four of the handsomest parlor cars of the national transcontinental line.

A stop was made at Gravenhurst for a sail on the Muskoka lakes, arranged by Manager Cockburn of the Muskoka Navigation Company, and the journey resumed at 10 o'clock the same evening. From Saturday until Monday was spent in Winnipeg; the party was at Banff on Wednesday and Thursday; while the Pacific-ward trip was broken with stops at Port Arthur, Rat Portage, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Laggan, Field and Glacier.

Vancouver was reached on Sunday, the travellers hailing with delight the opportunity for a rest—for twelve days of sight-seeing is tiresome while delightful. After the rest, the time at command was profitably employed by some in seeing Vancouver's park and places of interest, while others travelled by the tram to Westminster, and watched the conversion of the salmon as British Columbia knows it into the salmon of tins and commerce.

The Quadra was boarded for Victoria shortly after noon yesterday, and the party were met here by His Worship Mayor Redfern, Senator Templeman of the Times, Mr. C. H. Lugrin of the Colonist, and Mr. C. A. Gregg of the Globe, and other interested friends, who after escorting the visitors to their hotels were ready to show them Chinatown and such other points of interest as may be advantageously viewed by the lights of night.

Unhappily, since first impressions are declared to be most lasting, the rain so welcome to Victorian agriculturists prevented the visitors from seeing the city at its best.

To-day a drive is projected for 10 in the morning, with a trip to Esquimalt, the flagship and the dock in the afternoon—time being made of course for an inspection of the museum and the new parliament buildings either before or after the drive as best suits the convenience of the guests.

Th present excursion perhaps more than any of its predecessors is strictly representative of the brains and dignity of journalism in Canada. It contains many of the most influential figures in the press world of the Dominion to-day, and a number of gentlemen who are also notable for their achievements on the platform and in other branches of public life. The president is Mr. William S. Dingman now the publisher and editor of the Stratford Herald, but who obtained his earliest training in his chosen profession in the office of his father, the then proprietor of the Strathroy Despatch.

Vice-President J. S. Williston, of the Toronto Globe, is as well known to all Canadians as to make comment upon his standing in the profession altogether superfluous.

Second Vice A. G. F. Macdonald, of the Alexandria News, is a son of the late Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; and

Secretary John A. Cooper is the editor of Canada's one and only high-class magazine—a publication of which all the Dominion is rightly proud. It is to contain, by the way, in its September issue, a character ketch by "Black Jack Robinson of the Toronto Telegram, which will specially interest British Columbians, inasmuch as the text is Joseph Martin, from the A to the Z of his career.

Among the other notable members of the party are Mr. Pense of the Kingston Whig, a past president of the association, and the chief Liberal of the old Limestone city;

George Graham, M.P.P., a valued member of the Ontario house, and as jovial a companion as can be found in the Dominion over.

H. S. Scott, commercial editor of the Toronto Globe, a gentleman whose word is authoritative on commercial topics through Canada's length and breadth.

A. F. Pirie, of the Dundas Banner, noted for his humorous oratory as much perhaps as for the excellence of his paragraphing.

H. F. Gardiner of the Hamilton Times, one of the veterans of Canadian journalism, who has recently given to the reviewers a most interesting and original book, having the title "Nothing But Names," it deals with the names of the counties and townships of Ontario, their origin and their significance, and is well worth reading with attention by those whom memory carries back to the "Banner Province," or those who would become acquainted with its history.

A. McKee, of Windsor, is another of Canada's veterans, formerly of Winnipeg; while

Col. A. J. Matheson, of Perth, represents that county in the Ontario house and is the leading financial critic of the Ontario opposition.

The only member from the Maritime Provinces is J. S. O'Brien, of the Halifax Chronicle, another notable man of the party; while the Eastern Towships Association is represented by its president, Mr. Channell, of Sherbrooke, and Mr. J. G. Holland, of the Stanstead Journal.

Dr. Sylvester of the Lancet is the medical adviser or surgeon general of the present expedition, the spiritual welfare of the party being committed to the care of Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, of the Canadian Baptist, who officiated at a service on the train on Sunday.

One of the oldest and perhaps most interested members of the party is William Buckingham, who was president of the press association in 1868. He crossed the prairies from St. Paul to Winnipeg and established the first newspaper of Manitoba, taking with him the plant with which to produce it. Afterwards Mr. Buckingham returned to his former home, Ontario, and acted as secretary to the late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie from 1874 to 1878, subsequently joining Hon. G. W. Ross in the authorship of "The Life of Mackenzie."

Arthur F. Wallis is editor in chief of the Toronto Mail-and-Empire, and one of the best known though most retiring of Canadian journalists.

Fred. Cook, of Ottawa, is the nestor of correspondents in Canada, his field being the federal capital, and his papers the London Times, Toronto Mail-and-Empire, Victoria Colonist, and a number of others equally noted for their thorough reliability, coupled with determination to be first with the news always.

C. A. Matthews is the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe.

R. A. Short, chief editorial writer of the Montreal Witness, and James Harper, R. A. Harper and Miss Gunn, three members of the staff of that excellent paper.

W. A. O'Beirne of the Stratford Beacon conducts one of the most carefully edited papers of Ontario.

The Ottawa Citizen is represented by Andrew Miller, and the Journal by Charles N. Robertson.

While in C. W. Young is found a pioneer of pioneers—one of those who crossed from Chicago to San Francisco thirty years ago, celebrating the completion of the first of the series of transcontinental roads spanning the continent.

The complete register of the visitors is below:

AT THE NEW ENGLAND.

D. H. Price, "The Empress," Aylmer, Ont.
James H. Little, "Advertiser," Owen Sound, Ont.
A. F. Pirie and wife, "Banner," Dundas, Ont.
Miss Ida Simpson, "Telegram," Toronto.
Miss Weld, "Farmers' Advocate," London, Ont.
J. M. Walker, "Courier," Perth, Ont.
E. J. B. Pense, "The Whig," Kingston, Ont.
Col. A. J. Matheson, honorary member, Perth, Ont.
Capt. D. M. Grant, "Enterprise," Huntsville, Ont.
John W. Bedy and wife, "Journal," St. Mary's, Ont.
W. W. Cliff and wife, "Central Canadian," Carleton Place, Ont.
Charles N. Robertson, "The Journal," Ottawa, Ont.
Mrs. R. A. Robertson, "The Journal," Ottawa.

AT THE HOTEL VICTORIA.

Andrew Miller, "Citizen," Ottawa.
Mrs. Miller, "Citizen," Ottawa.
Charles A. Matthews and wife, "Globe," Toronto.
A. F. Wallis, "Mail-Empire," Toronto.
A. T. Wilgress, "The Times," Brockville, Ont.
W. J. Taylor, "The News," Tweed, Ont.
Rev. Dr. C. Goodspeed and wife, "Canadian Baptist," Toronto.
W. S. Given, "Reporter," Millbrook, Ont.
G. E. Gibbard and wife, "Pharmaceutical Journal," Toronto.
B. Way and wife, honorary members, Hamilton, Ont.
George E. Scroggie, "The News," Toronto.
Miss E. E. G. Scroggie, "The News," Toronto.
Miss May Scroggie, Guelph, Ont.
W. H. Steele, "Watchman," Arnprior, Ont.
Charles Clark, "Review," Kincardine, Ont.
James Harper, "Witness," Montreal.
R. J. Harper, "Witness," Montreal.
R. J. Short, "Witness," Montreal.
Miss Gunn, "Witness," Montreal.
W. H. Koller, "Journal," Uxbridge, Ont.
Miss White, Exeter, Ont.
Miss Maymie White, Brandon, Man.

AT THE HOTEL DRIARD.

W. S. Dingman, president C. P. A., "Herald," Stratford, Ont.
A. G. F. Macdonald, second vice-president C. P. A., "News," Alexandria, Ont.
John A. Cooper, secretary C. P. A., "Canadian Magazine," Toronto.
W. M. O'Beirne, "Beacon," Stratford, Ont.
Mrs. and Miss Spragge, "British Realm," of London, Toronto.
J. S. O'Bryan, "Chronicle," Halifax, N.S.
Dr. and Mrs. Sylvester, "The Lancet," Toronto.
Lud K. Cameron and wife, "Queen's Printer," Toronto.
Miss Cameron, "Advertiser," London, Ont.
J. H. L. Patterson, "Type and Press," Toronto.
Dave S. Burk, "Herald," Port Arthur.
A. W. Law, "Monetary Times," Toronto.
W. H. Miln, "Cycling," Toronto.
H. F. Gardiner and wife, "Times," Hamilton.
Mrs. A. J. Magurn and daughter, "Free Press," Winnipeg, Man.
J. J. Bell and wife, honorary members, Toronto.
Mrs. Lefevre, honorary member, Vancouver.
William Buckingham and Miss Buckingham, honorary members, Stratford, Ont.
A. L. Lalonde, representing the C. P. R., Montreal.
J. G. Holland, "Journal," Stanstead, P.Q.

AT THE DOMINION.

L. S. Channell, "Record," Sherbrooke.
George Wrigley and wife, "Citizen and Country," Toronto.
C. W. Young, "Freeholder," Cornwall.
Charles E. Chapman, "News," Rat Portage.
D. Williams and wife, "Bulletin," Collingwood.
George P. Graham and wife, "Recorder," Brockville.
W. Ireland, "North Star," Parry Sound.
B. McGuire and wife, "Banner," Orangeville.
Thomas Gillam and wife, London.
Mrs. G. Kellar, Winnipeg.

AT OTHER HOTELS AND GUESTS OF FRIENDS.

Fred. Cook and wife, "London Times," Ottawa.
H. S. Scott, "Globe," Toronto.
Wm. Watt, jr., and Miss Watt, honorary members, Brantford.
H. B. Ellott, "Times," Wingham, Ont.
A. McNee and wife, "Record," Windsor, Ont.
Thomas and Mrs. Hilliard, honorary members, Waterloo, Ont.
Miss Withrow, "Methodist Magazine," Toronto.
H. Hough, honorary member, Toronto.
George Sawle, "Telegraph," Welland, Ont.
C. W. Rutledge and wife, "Standard," Markdale, Ont.
H. Mathison, honorary member, Belleville, Ont.
Miss Lizzie Haycraft, "Statesman," Bowmanville, Ont.
T. H. Preston and wife, "Expositor," Brantford, Ont.
C. A. MacArthur, "Mining Gazette," Toronto.
Thomas Green, "Mining Gazette," Toronto.
F. D. L. Smith, "World," Toronto.
W. J. White, Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

THE WORLD'S CIGAR BILL.

Immense Sum That Annually Ascends in Tobacco Smoke.

London Tit-Bits.

Probably neither the youth who derives a doubtful solace from the mysteries of a twopenny cigar, nor the connoisseur who blows fragrant wreaths of smoke from a cigar which costs him half a guinea, has any conception of the immensity and cost of the cloud of cigar smoke he is helping to swell.

It is estimated that the world consumes yearly no fewer than 12,000,000,000 cigars, a quantity which would admit of a generous distribution of eight cigars to each man, woman and child throughout the entire world; or an allowance of three boxes to each inhabitant of the United Kingdom.

Although each cigar, whether it cost a penny or a pound, weighs only about one-fifth of an ounce, the aggregate cigars smoked every year turn the scale at 53,572 tons. Picture for a moment an enormous pair of scales, each pan of which has an area of 42 acres, or more than half the area of St. James park.

Let us place in one of these pans our millions of boxes of cigars, and in the other pan let us mass the entire population of Manchester and Birmingham. To these let us add all the ministers of religion and all the doctors in the United Kingdom, and let us add, by way of make-weight, all the lawyers in Great Britain and Ireland. It will only be when the last of the men of law has taken his place, with his 1,500,000 fellows, that the scales will begin to turn.

To carry away our mountain of cigars, every man in the British (regular) army would have to make five separate journeys, carrying 100 boxes each journey; and even all the horses and mules in our army, at home and abroad, would have to make two journeys each to accomplish a similar task.

To transport our cigars by rail we should require sixty powerful engines and 5357 trucks, each carrying a weight of ten tons; and our cigar train would reach from Waterloo Station to Staines, a distance of 19 miles.

If our cigars were divided equally among all the smokers of the United Kingdom, each man's share would be represented by a pile of boxes 8 feet high, or more than 2 feet taller than himself.

If with our boxes of cigars we would raise a monument to "Nicotia," we should be able to make a rectangular column 100 feet square and 1,000 feet high, from the top of which we could look down on the apex of Eiffel tower. We might, similarly, by piling our boxes one on another, make 2543 columns, each as high as Mont Blanc; or, one column, roughly three miles high, for every smoker in Surbiton.

By using our boxes as paving material, we could pave a road 11¼ feet wide, along which seven men could walk abreast all the way from Charing Cross to Constantinople.

If we place the individual cigars end to end, we can make from them ten cigars so long that they might be lit in Cheapside and smoked by the "man in the moon," assuming that he has a weakness for cigars and the courage to attempt one of such proportions. At the ordinary rate of consumption, it would take our lunar smoker no less than 214,274 years to smoke one of his ten cigars.

The aggregate time spent yearly in converting these millions of cigars into smoke-clouds is no less than 2,142,740 years; so that if at the creation it had been possible for 363 men to commence smoking a single year's supply of cigars, and to continue night and day for fifty-nine centuries and more, their task would scarcely be completed by the end of this century; by which time their thirst would be something abnormal, and it would scarcely be prudent to mention the word "cigar" anywhere within hearing.

If it were possible to fashion out 12,000,000,000 cigars into one Brobdingnagian cigar, the resultant cigar would be 1,000 feet long, and 100 feet in diameter. If reared on end it would rise almost five times as high as the London monument, and sixty men could scarcely clasp hands around its "waist."

The estimated cost of this levethian cigar would be approximately £100,000,000; and to pay for it would almost exhaust our entire national revenue for a year, leaving little more than would pay for the necessary matches and ash-trays.

Its cost would be the weight of 176,064,000 ordinary cigars in gold, or the equivalent of a pile of cigar boxes as high as the Great Pyramid, with a base 25 feet long and 200 feet wide.

In this connection it is startling to know that some cigars actually cost more than their own weight in gold—a fact which even their smokers possibly do not realize.

Every day the world spends nearly £274,000 on cigar smoke; every hour £11,415, and every second the sum of £3 3s 5d, while the number of cigars smoked in a second if fifteen more than there are days in a year.

Thus the amount spent every day on cigars is more than the average output of gold from all the world's mines in three and a third years. It would pay for all the meat consumed in a year in Great Britain and Ireland, and still leave a margin of £10,000,000 on the estimated sum raised yearly in the United Kingdom for charities.

It would equally pay the entire food bill of Ireland for four years; would keep our home and foreign missions going on their present footing for forty years, and is equal in amount to the entire sum raised by the Church of England for all purposes in thirty years.

Enormous as is the sum thus spent annually on cigars, it is less than two-thirds of the amount spent by the United Kingdom on intoxicants, and much less than half the world's yearly expenditure on beer.

WEARY OF EXPERIMENTING

With salves, suppositories and ointments and dreading a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment and found in it an absolute cure for Piles. The first application brings relief from the terrible itching, and it is very seldom that more than one box is required to effect a permanent cure.

The Board Of Aldermen.

Counter Proposal for Fast Ferry Service Made by Vancouver Men.

Disregard of Sewerage By-Laws the Subject of Extended Discussion.

The chief item of interest in last evening's session of the Board of Aldermen was another proposition for a connection with Vancouver, this proposal being by a Vancouver firm, no doubt, as a sort of offset to the one made by the C. P. N. Company.

The secretary of the British Columbia Board of Trade wrote to say that the agent-general of the province in London had deemed the year too far advanced to do anything with the proposed pamphlets setting forth the many advantages of residence and investment in Victoria, and in view of this asked that the $150 voted by the corporation to help in the publication be diverted to assist in the augmentation of the last edition of the board's annual report.

The council did not think that such action on their part would be legal, and the Board of Trade will be so informed.

The secretary of the Societies' Reunion wrote, thanking the Mayor and aldermen for the courtesies extended, and stating that the action of the board in decorating James Bay bridge and the Market hall for the occasion was fully appreciated.

McKenzie Bros., of Vancouver, wrote as follows:

To His Worship the Mayor and the Worshipful Aldermen and Municipal Council of the City of Victoria, in Council assembled:

Gentlemen: Having heard that you were disposed to encourage a faster passenger service between your city and Vancouver, we would respectfully make the following tender regarding same, and are prepared to back our offer with all reasonable guarantees for the due performance of same as your worshipful body may think necessary.

We offer within eight months of date of agreement a daily service by first-class boats that will make the run between ports in from three to four hours—not to exceed the latter limit. The service for the round trip will be as follows: Leave Victoria 7 to 7:30 a.m., returning from Vancouver 2 p.m., arriving in Victoria at 5:30 to 6 oclock p.m., this avoiding any necessity of spending the night on board, but allowing passengers ample time to reach their homes or hotels.

The boats would be fitted up in first-class style with all requirements to meet the wants of the passengers, and our fares for the round trip wold be $3, or $2 single fare.

We make a tender for ten years from date of settlement of the agreements, and we would ask your city to grant us $12,500 per annum by way of bonus to assist in establishing a really first-class passenger service between your city and the mainland. Our home port for the boats would be Victoria, and all the business in conection with the service would be transacted there.

In making this offer we flatter ourselves that we are proposing a saving to the travelling public of $50,000 to $75,000 per annum, and shall be glad to hear from you in regard to same at your earliest convenience, when we shall be prepared to give you all reasonable guarantees that our offer is serious.

Any minor arrangements can be settled in the future should our offer meet with your approval.

Your obedient servants,
MACKENZIE BROTHERS,
per S. F. MacKenzie.

Ald. Brydon moved that the letter be laid on the table, and in the meantime a special committee obtain an interview with the gentleman in order to obtain full particulars.

Ald. MacGregor thought that the matter could be well referred to the same committee who had brought in the report so highly commending another similar proposal. Ald. Brydon's motion prevailed, and the following were named as a special committee: Ald. Brydon, Humphrey and MacGregor.

From William H. Gibson and many other residents of the neighborhood came a request for light at the corner of King's road and Seventh street, and recalling the fact that a similar request had been made a year ago, but had not then been complied with, owing to lack of funds. A report on this will be furnished by the electric light committee.

A report was read from Water Commissioner Raymur, with respect to the request of John F. Dickson and others for an extension of the water pipes along Moss street, pointing out the extreme distance. This was stated as being 3,500 feet, and the cost of differentsized pipes would be from $844 to $1758 for a 4-inch main. This amount he didn't deem advisable to spend in this connection at the present, and the board though likewise, and ordered the report filed.

The same official, in reference to the request for a water supply for three new houses lately erected for Canon Paddon, just off Cadboro Bay road, recommended that the work be carried out, there being a quantity of second-hand pipe available for this purpose. It was so ordered.

The City Engineer reported to the following effect:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

1. Re petition from F. B. Pemberton and 19 others requesting that Chambers street be improved and graded; I have gone over the ground in question and find it would be necessary to remove a large quantity of rock, the cost of which I estimated to be over $1,000. I therefore did not consider the matter any further and would respectfully recommend no action at present.

2. Re communication from Mr. A. W. Jones, pointing out the unsanitary condition of the surface drain on Fernwood road. I have made a thorough examination of the drain in question, in company with the Sanitary Inspector as per instructions, and find same in very bad condition, there being dobtless indications of closet connection with the drain, which of course adds seriously to the sanitary state of affairs, and should be stopped. I may say that providing permission is obtained, the nuisance could be abated by constructing a small pipe, only sufficient to convey the flow during the dry season, as mentioned in the inspector's report hereto annexed. The total length of same is 4,200 feet, estimated cost $1,975.

I would respectfully recommend this be done when funds are available, but in the meantime the closets be disconnected.

3. Re communication from W. H. Langley asking permission to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of lot 170, east side of Government street, I would ask that the matter be considered in accordance with your motion of the last meeting.

C. H. TOPP.
City Engineer.

SANITARY INSPECTORS REPORT.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: According to your instructions, in company with Mr. Topp, city engineer, we inspected the outlet from Fernwood road and Stanley avenue surface drain. There is no doubt about the unsanitary condition of that neighborhood. It is plain to be seen that there are water closets connected with the surface drain. We went right through to the inlet of the surface drain, Fourth street, Work estate. From the outlet on the Fernwood road to the Cedar Hill road, cattle and sheep have full access to the sewage. From there to Cook street is one continuous water cress bed in the bottom of the creek which the Chinese sell around th city.

From Cook to near the junction of King's road is all right, but from there to the inlet on 4th street is also in an unsanitary condition.

If it could be possible to put down a pipe to connect both ends for summer and let it overflow in the winter time, that would stop the unsanitary condition of the creek, and by laying a pipe from the outlet on Government street to low water mark wold stop all complaints of the outlet on Government street. That is in an unsanitary condition, and I have had a number of complaints about it.

As funds were available the original plan could be carried out and the pipes put to use in another place. This is the only way that I can see to abate the nuisance. It is no advantage to build a section of the surface drain here and there, as that only moves the nuisance from one place to another.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES WILSON,
Sanitary Inspector.

LETTER FROM W. H. LANGLEY.

C. H. Topp, Esq., City Engineer:

Dear Sir: As it is my intention to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of the building situate on lot 170, and known as 61 Government street, owned by Mrs. M. E. Bell, I desire to have the permission of the proper authorities to remove the present plank sidewalk. This sidewalk will be laid under the supervision of W. G. Luker, who has tendered for the work at $80, or 20 cents per square foot, and I understand that the city will pay one-third of the cost. Kindly let me hear from you as soon as possible, so that I can instruct Mr. Luker to start work early next week.

Yours faithfully,
Agent for Mrs. M. E. Bell.

With reference to clause 1, the council agreed with the Engineer, so that the parties interested will be duly informed that there are no available funds for this work. The nuisance complained of in clause 2, it was thought, might be materially lessened, if not altogether abated, by the enforcement of the existing by-law prohibiting the connecting of closets with surface drains. Otherwise the council expressed the opinion that if it was impossible to do anything in this connection this year, Mr. Langley will be informed in answer to his request mentioned in clause 3 that it is the intention of the city to proceed immediately with the permanent sidewalks on Government street, and that it was inadvisable to have small portions of the sidewalks done at a time.

The three city teamsters, headed by J. W. Byrne, wrote, asking for an increase of their salaries by 25 cents a day, being the amount of reduction offered and put into effect some time ago. This was sent to the finance committee, with power to act.

Hardress Clarke and fifty-five residents and property owners on "Nob Hill" asked the attention of the council to the matter of affording connection with the sewers to those residing on St. Charles street, Stanley avenue and Cadboro Bay road. A scheme which would meet the difficulty to a certain extent was proposed, included the use of one of the surface drains in that locality. The petition was referred to the City Engineer, for a report.

Beaumont Boggs and 45 other residents of Victoria West made a request for repairs to Craigflower and other roads in the Western addition.

His Worship did not see that it was wise for the city engineer to go into this matter until the appeal in connection with the by-law closing Craigflower road had been decided, and it was resolved to allow the request to lay on the table in the meantime.

The usual collection of weekly accounts, ammounting to $4,262.67, were passed for payment.

The home committee advised the admission of Frank De Voe. Adopted.

Ald. Brydon's motion with reference to the former resolution of the council to compel property owners to make connection with the existing sewers was taken up. The mover explained that it was impracticable to do work on private property, as contemplated in the resolution.

His Worship stated that it was extremely doubtful whether the city had the right to expend corporation funds in carrying the sewers outside the corporation property—that is, further than the street lines of property owners.

Ald. MacGregor was in favor of making everybody connect with the sewers, and if the by-law were carried out these matters would right themselves.

Ald. Cameron thought that very little hardship had been occasioned by the enforcing of the by-law. He knew of some who were not connected with the sewers who could well afford to, and they should be compelled so to do.

Ald. Williams pointed out that some of the property referred to would entail an expenditure of $1,000 in making sewer connections, and it would be a hardship in such cases.

His Worship said that as matters stood it was impossible to carry on the work, owing to the council's resolution, and it was decidedly advisable to make a change.

Ald. Brydon did not think it right for the council to handicap their own officials by such a resolution. The motion carried.

The annual tax sale by-law was introduced and read a first time.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the ferry bonus proposal of the C. P. N. Co. be again laid over for a week. He could not see that the offer was a fair one, as for the bonus it was only proposed to reduce the time between the two cities by one hour. If they had included a better service to the islands in addition, he might have thought more of it.

Ald. Hayward thought that it would be well to discuss the two offers together, and a week's delay was therefore advisable. Carried.

The council then adjourned.

Not Insane.—Thomas, the Indian brought from Port Essington by Government Agent Flewin, he having been considered insane, has been discharged by the examining physicians. He will be sent North by the Indian department.

NELSON.

"The College of Physicians and Surgeons have instructed Messrs. Elliott & Lennie to institute proceedings against Dr. Rose, the newly appointed surgeon of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital. Dr. Rose has resigned his position as house surgeon but will remain at the hospital until he has qualified under the provincial statutes." The above notice was sent to the Miner by the officers of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital. Doctors, when coming to British Columbia from other provinces or countries, must pass an examination before the College of Physicians and Surgeons before practicing. However, it is customary when the new arrival is a reputable practitioner and comes well introduced to allow him a little leeway and not to stick to the very letter of the law. The examination of course must be passed, but no undue haste is exercised in bringing it on. Before Dr. Rose left Montreal for here Dr. Roddick, M.P., probably the most prominent doctor in Canada, wrote the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Victoria, stating that Dr. Rose was coming to take his position in the hospital, that he was a very capable man, and that he hoped nothing would be done to hinder him from starting on his duties at once. Since arriving in Nelson Dr. Rose has been communicating with the college and expected to hear from them concerning his examination any day. Word reached him through a channel that was not expected to be heard from. There is a nigger in the fence somewhere.

The hospital directors meet to-day to decide what is to be done. Dr. Rose has meanwhile resigned but he will practically continue his present duties as it will be an easy thing to appoint him head nurse, or even caretaker, and let him go ahead. It is likely that a petition, signed by all the doctors in the city, will be forwarded to the college, praying that Dr. Rose be allowed to continue in his duties until he passes his examination. He is willing to take it as soon as called upon.

FERNIE.

Mr. D. H. Downie, the popular teller in the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, left on to-day's east-bound train for Winnipeg, where he will assume a similar position in the Bank of Commerce. Since coming to Fernie Mr. Downie has made a host of friends, all of whom were sorry to see him leave.

Fire was started this week in fifty of the new coke ovens built this season by Mr. Baldorf for the coal company. It will take about a week to heat them up, when they will be charged with coal, making a total of 100 turning out coke. Work is well under way with another 50, and within two months at least 200 ovens will be in full blast.

We neglected to mention last week that on August 5 Fernie was en fete on the occasion of a first visit from the gigantic combination known throughout the Dominion as Main's circus and menagerie. Few people thought that a town of one year's growth could make it pay for the large show to stop off. The daily expenses are $1,000, and the advance agent was good enough to say that if they picked up $250 he should be satisfied, as they had to unload the animals to feed. He must have had one of the greatest surprises of his life, as upwards of 1,000 people attended the circus at $1 a head, and with side shows and reserved chairs the combination must have taken $1,500 on the day of the exhibition, and it is only fair to say that they deserved it, for with two rings going at once, 63 highly trained horses in the ring at the same time, first-class trapezists, a good band, about 50 side-shows and the largest collection of wild animals travelling, no one could fail to be satisfied. Not the least interesting feature of the visit was to watch the rapidity and skill with which such a vast concourse of vans (three full train loads) were handled.—Fernie Free Press.

REVELSTOKE.

The financial district meeting of the Kamloops district of the Methodist church was held Wednesday, the 16th inst., in the Methodist church, Revelstoke. The meeting convened at 9 o'clock, with Rev. C. Ladner, of Kamloops, presiding. Revs. Laidley, Ashcroft; Neville, of Nicola; Powell, of Enderby; Westman, of Golden, and Wilson, of Revelstoke; R. H. Pearson, representing Salmon Arm, and C. F. Lindmark, of this city, were present. Revs. Gardiner, of Lillooet; Robson, of Vernon, and Moody, of Fairview, sent apologies for non-attendance.

The financial standing of each circuit and mission in the district was thoroughly canvassed and grants of aid from the Missionary society were recommended to the weaker charges. Kamloops and Revelstoke congregations are self-supporting, Revelstoke having agreed to assume this standing during the past year. Reports of the various missions were encouraging, and the year ahead is looked forward to confidently on the part of the Methodist churches.

A rousing prayer meeting was held in the evening, conducted by Rev. C. Ladner, who is an esteemed ex-pastor of the church here. Rev. J. P. Westman, of Golden, spoke briefly and eloquently on "What Are We Here For?" Mr. Westman is quite a stranger, as he only arrived from Ontario two months ago. Rev. Thomas Neville, of Nicola, who ahs the largest mission on the district, which he travels on horseback, spoke earnestly on the "Lessons of the Burning Bush." The preachers all seemed to be good singers, as the way they made the old tunes ring, with Mrs. Thompson at the piano, was a surprise to the staid folks of Revelstoke. Revelstoke people wish these earnest men the best of success in their honorable and self-sacrificing toils, will welcome the district meeting again, and hope to be able to entertain the conference, as well.—Kootenay Mail.

No Need of Looking Shabby.

It is Quite Easy to Make Old Dresses and Suits Look Like New

Economical and smart women can make wondrous creations from seemingly useless garments. The old dress that is out of style or too faded to wear can be readily dyed with Diamond Dyes to a fashionable color, and then made over so that it will look equal to new. Suits for boys can be made from old ones discarded by the father, and a bath in Diamond Dyes will make them as handsome as new. Dresses and cloaks for the little girls can be made with little trouble and at small expense from cast-off garments of the older folk, and when they are dyed with Diamond Dyes the new make-overs will look as though they were fresh from the dressmaker.

Diamond Dyes are made especially for home use, and it is impossible for even the most inexperienced to have ill luck or meet with disappointments. Diamond Dyes color anything from ribbons, laces and feathers to heavy suits, jackets and dresses, and always make lasting colors that even the professional dyer cannot rival.

Putnam Is a Speedy Mare.

Victoria Trotter Wins From Field of Eighteen at Santa Rosa.

Her First Race Since Her Reinstatement and Her Fastest.

The British Columbia bred mare, Fannie Putnam, owned by Mr. W. G. Stevenson of this city, at Santa Rosa yesterday established for herself a record which places her among the speediest harness horses on the Coast. She won a race, the first she has started in this season, against eighteen of the best horses in the California circuit, her best time being 2:11. Mr. Stevenson is naturally highly elated at the success of his mare, and feels now that he was justified in refusing the flattering offers that he received for her last season when she was on the Eastern circuit. Fannie Putnam is by Christmas, owned by Mr. J. A. Sayward, out of Fannie Irving, a mare brought here by Captain John Irving for driving purposes. Her dam died when she was but a few days old, and Fannie Putnam was "brought up on a bottle." She was entered in a few local races as a three-year-old, and made such a good showing that last season Mr. Stevenson was induced to send her to Andy McDowell, the California horseman, who took her through the California and Eastern circuits, she doing well for her owner and manager. In an evil hour McDowell entered her out of her class, and both he and the mare were debarred pending the payment of a heavy fine. A few days ago McDowell paid the fine, and he and the mare were re-instated. Yesterday was her first start since, and her performance will certainly make her a favorite on the rest of the circuit. She is being handled by C. D. Jeffries, who wired Mr. Stevenson: "Putnam won hard race; best time, 2:11; she's great goods." The race was for a purse of $1,000.

Fannie Putnam is familiar to Victorians, Mr. Stevenson having driven her on the roads last winter.

CRICKET.

H. M. Navy vs. J. B. A. A.

The match between the Navy and J. B. A. A. at the Canteen yesterday resulted in a draw. The Bays went to the bat first, and were dismissed for the respectable score of 201. Their innings opened rather disastrously, two of their best wickets falling for 18. However, Anderson and Lobb took the score to 83, when the former was caught in the slips for a well-hit 32. Lobb played a beautiful innings of 69, and looked as if he was in for the afternoon, but a clever catch put an end to his career. Gooch and Macrae added a useful 11 and 18 respectively, and H. J. Martin played well for his 36. After the usual intermission, the Navy opened with Lieut. Hay and Lieut. Metcalfe at the wickets. These batsmen took the score to 18, when the former was bowled for 4. Lieut. Cayley was next dismissed for 18, when the score was 55. Lieut. Barlow followed, but was cleaned bowled in the next over; Dr. Harries joined Lieut. Metcalfe, and runs came rapidly. Both batsmen treated the Bays to a good leather-hunting, and were still not out when time was called, the score registering 138 for three wickets, the match thus ending in a draw. The score follows:

J. B. A. A.

W. A. Lobb, c. Grubb, b. Deacon	69
A. H. Gillespie, c. Oxlade, b. Rowe	5
A. Gillespie, c. Grubb, b. Rowe	4
A. C. Anderson, c. Hay, b. Oxlade	32
W. P. Gooch, c. Barlow, b. Finnis	11
J. E. Martin, c. Metcalf, b. Finnis	3
H. J. Martin, b. Finnis	37
F. G. Fowkes, c. Oxlade, b. Deacon	2
J. K. Macrae, c. Oxlade, b. Rowe	18
F. A. Futcher, c. Harris, b. Finnis	0
W. Donaldson, not out	1
Extras	15
Total	201

NAVY.

Lt. Hay, b. Gillespie	4
Lt. Metcalf, not out	81
Lt. Cayley, b. Gillespie	18
Lt. Barton, b. Fowkes	0
Dr. Harries, not out	24
Extras	11
Total for three wickets	138

R. M. A. vs. Cowichans.

Cowichan cricketers will return home to-day, after having been twice defeated in Victoria, once by the Navy, and once by the R. M. A. The match with the latter was played at Macauley Point yesterday. The Cowichans went twice to bat, but in the two innings only scored 68 runs, as against 110 runs which the R. M. A. secured at the price of three wickets.

Regiment vs. Nanaimo.

This match was played yesterday on the grounds of the Albion Cricket Club, kindly placed at the disposal of the Regiment for the occasion. Nanaimo went first to the wicket, and were all disposed of for 45, Walton hitting hard for 17. McTavish took four wickets for nine runs, and B. Schwengers two for 6. The Regiment then went in, and thanks to W. York (31), L. York (48), and B. Schwengers (10, not out), had accumulated 112 runs for five wickets when time was called. The home team thus won by five wickets and 67 runs. L. York's return to form—albeit late in the season—is very gratifying to the supporters of the Regiment. The scores follow:

NANAIMO C. C.

J. Hickson, b. Yorke	2
W. Newbury, b. Schwengers	3
R. Gillard, b. W. York	5
J. Hodgson, run out	6
H. Walton, b. McTavish	7
A. Bagshaw, b. McTavish	0
J. Calverley, b. McTavish	8
T. Willis, b. B. Schwengers	1
J. Teague, b. B. Schwengers	0
B. Guest, not out	0
W. Newbury, b. McTavish	0
Extras	3
Total	45

FIFTH REGIMENT C. C.

Q. D. H. Warden, c. Sub, b. Walton	9
A. Maclean, c. Hodgson, b. Walton	3
W. York, c. Hickman, b. Teague	31
L. York, c. Newbury, b. Teague	48
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