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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Winning Numbers of the Oil Painting at Gribbles.

1st prize, No. 412; 2nd, 381; 3rd, 337; 4th, 282; 5th, 50; 6th, 112; 7th, 260; 8th, 259; 9th, 211.

Duties Collected.

The amount of duties collected by the Custom House at Vancouver to Dec. 30, was $3,545.68. Value of dutiable goods entered, $11,906; free goods, $14,652.

"Standard" Comments.

Mr. Theodore Davie, Q. C., and M. P. P., was gazetted on Saturday last as Attorney-General without a portfolio.—*Standard.*

Our venerable contemporary is becoming more antiquated every day, if that were possible. He ought to read the news.

How It's Done in Winnipeg.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg city council, Ald. Mulvey, seconded by Ald. Callaway, moved "That the treasurer be instructed to issue a cheque for $1,200 payable to the order of His Worship the Mayor as a slight acknowledgment of his valuable services during the past year." Carried unanimously.

Capt. Webber's Dispute With the Customs.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto *Mail* says: An official of the Customs department declares, in reference to the refusal of Captain Webber to call at the port of Victoria, B. C., alleging as his reason that he is unduly delayed by the customs regulations, that the delay is only such as is unavoidable for the due observation of customs' precautions. He considers Captain Webber's reason a makeshift excuse.

Church Dedication.

An event which has been eagerly looked forward to by the Presbyterians of Kamloops was consummated on Sunday, New Year's day, in the opening and dedication of the new Presbyterian Church. The building, though not completed, presents an ecclesiastical and handsome appearance both outside and inside. It stands an ornament to the town and a monument to the energy of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Chisholm, the ability of the architect, Mr. Lee, and the skill of the builders, Messrs. Hill Bros.

On the Stock Exchange.

A London dispatch of the 31st ult., says: This has been a slack week on the Stock Exchange. The good settlement overcame the effect of the alarming rumors on the Continent. Canadian securities are generally firm. Manitoba five per cents have risen 1 and Bank of British Columbia 1½. Bank of British North America has fallen 1. Grand Trunks and Pacifics are firm and unchanged. Northern Railway of Canada preferences have risen 5 and Northern bonds 1½. Canada Company shares have fallen 4.

A Problem.

Collector Bowell, of H. M. customs, at Vancouver, had quite a little problem to solve the other day. A Chinaman who has been in B. C. for some years brought his little son, Moy Chung, aged six, to the custom house to get a certificate of residence, as he wished to send the boy to school in Hongkong. As it happened the boy was born in New Westminster, and hence by birth, if not by descent, was a Canadian. The certificate was granted, but the filling up of it caused much amusement, the item specifying how the boy came to the country being a puzzler for the collector.—*Winnipeg Call.*

"C" Battery Ball.

The ball given by the non-commissioned officers and men of "C" Battery at the barracks last evening was a most successful affair. The main floor of Agricultural Hall was the scene of the dance, the walls being gaily decorated with flags of all nations, with evergreens and streamers strung across the hall. The grounds and building were lighted by electricity, a number of lamps being at various portions of the building. Major Peters and other officers of the battery and militia were present. Fully seventy-five couples participated in the dancing, the sweethearts and wives of the artillerymen and a number of invited friends. The music was furnished by the Battery band, and to its delightful strains the dancers kept merry time. A splendid supper and numerous refreshments were provided, while the general arrangements of the event were excellent. The Sergeants of the Battery, under whose particular direction the ball was given, well deserve the great success which attended their initial "hop." After dancing into the small hours of the morning, the company departed, one and all voting that they had passed an exceptionally pleasant time.

The G. N. & N. Co's Agent Installed.

Capt. Clancy arrived over yesterday morning in company with J. B. Glover, who has been appointed agent of the O. R. & N. Co. and connecting lines *vice* Robert Irving, resigned. Mr. Glover is lately from the Chicago branch of the Northern, is a genial gentleman, well acquainted with passenger and freight business, and will undoubtedly soon become well and favorably known among Victoria shippers and the travelling public. The lines he represents have many staunch friends in Victoria, and as they are among the quickest and most convenient and comfortable for travellers, Mr. Glover will receive a fair division of the passenger traffic. "Business is business" is the watchword now among shippers and importers, and the newly appointed agents for the two transcontinental lines have a fair start in fighting for consignments, with the advantage probably in favor of "Bob," who, however, has left for his successor the reputation that his lines have always transacted business "on the square." Mr. Glover may rest assured that he has a fair and honest opponent, and the best man every time will take the cake—or, rather, the freight. Mr. Glover yesterday took over the office, and is prepared to quote rates to all points.

C. E. T. S.

The first meeting this year of the above society was held last evening at the Cathedral school-room, when, in spite of attractions elsewhere, the room was well-filled and a capital programme submitted. The opening chorus, "A Happy New Year," by the choristers was much appreciated, and a vocal duet by Messrs. H. Kent and S. Wootton was rapturously applauded, and received an *encore* to which they responded. Miss Martin followed with a piano solo, which, for so young a performer, was delivered in a clever and spirited manner. Miss Vidler then sang a very pretty song, and Rev. Mr. Beanlands caused much merriment all over the room by his reading on North Country Superstitions a hundred years ago. The address by the Hon. John Robson on the temperance question generally, and more especially on legislative measures for controlling the evils of intemperance, was alike earnest and convincing, and reflects great credit on that gentleman's ability to deal with the subject, for which he had made no especial preparation. After the usual interval for refreshments Mr. A. J. Langley recited in excellent style "The Bells," for which he deservedly received an *encore*, and kindly responded. A song by Mrs. H. Kent followed and then Miss Lola Collin gave in her incomparable manner the temperance recitation, "Sim's Little Girl;" the painful story so graphically told was listened to with breathless attention, and in was only when, in response to an *encore*, a comic piece followed that the momentary depression the story had produced was relieved. "God Save the Queen," sung by the audience to the accompaniment of Mrs. Johnston brought a pleasant and successful evening to a close.

Rescued.

Mr. Chris. King's cart which went over the bank at Finlayson's bridge on Saturday, and which indirectly caused the death of Joseph Herod, was drawn out with block and tackle yesterday, *minus* one shaft.

A Bright Journal.

John Thrum's San Francisco *Music and Drama* comes to us in an enlarged form. From a small and insignificent sheet it has become a great influence among the theatrical fraternity of California and the west, and is now a recognized authority on matters pertaining to the stage. Mr. Thrum is a gentleman of marked ability and his opinions are respected by all.

The Last Sad Rites.

Lovingly and tenderly were laid at rest yesterday afternoon the remains of Mr. David T. McLelan, who expired so suddenly in the mail coach of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway on Saturday last. The funeral *cortege* proceeded from the residence of Mr. G. A. Carleton, who has proved himself a friend indeed to the bereaved widow, to Christ Church Cathedral, where the Rev. A. Beanlands read the burial service of the Church of England in a touching manner. At Ross Bay the mourning friends and relatives of the deceased lowered into the grave the casket, covered with floral tributes, which contained the body of one of the most gentle and lovable of men. The pall-bearers were Conductor A. G. Black, of the E. & N. railway; Mr. F. A. Carmichael, of the Postal Service; Mr. William Christie, of the telegraph office, and a native of Truro, N. S., which is Mrs. McLelan's home, and Mr. J. M. O'Brien, who hails from the late Mr. McLelan's province, New Brunswick, and who was a very intimate friend of the deceased. By the peaceful shores of the Pacific all that was mortal of a noble-hearted man, a consistent Christian and a sincere friend, was consigned to the tomb. To those who were brought into intimacy with him, Mr. McLelan's memory will be imperishable, and his large-hearted friendship enduring. Mrs. McLelan, who is completely prostrated with grief is now the guest of the Rev. Mr. Christie, whose family were acquainted with her in Truro. She has the most heartfelt sympathy of our citizens in this day of her sorrow.

INQUEST.

[Before Dr. Jackson, Coroner.]

Yesterday morning at Coroner Jackson's office the following jurors were sworn in to sit on the inquiry into the cause of the death of the late Joseph Harrod: W. G. Cameron (foreman), Jesse Brown, B. W. Williams, G. B. Blanchard, Geo. Monck and A. B. Erskine.

The jury then proceeded to Mr. Storey's undertaking rooms, where the body of the deceased was viewed, after which they returned to Dr. Jackson's office, where the following evidence was taken:

J. Douglas Helmcken, M. D., sworn, said: The deceased was brought to St. Joseph's hospital on Saturday afternoon, the 7th instant, about 4 o'clock, suffering from a gunshot injury to the abdomen and chest; the abdomen was injured from about four inches above pouparts ligament, the wound extending to the edge of the true ribs, the shot penetrating, breaking the eighth and ninth ribs, the charge coming out just below the third rib and breaking in its passage the 7th, 6th, 5th, and 4th ribs to pieces. They lacerated the left lung and broke open the pleura, injuring the pericordium and the heart. The deceased was unconscious and died in twenty minutes after admission to the hospital.

John Meldrum, sworn, deposed: On Saturday afternoon last, betweet 3 and 4 o'clock, was standing on Finlayson's bridge; the deceased was standing near me; he must have been standing beside me half an hour off and on; took notice that he had a gun in his hand all the time he was there; I picked it up after it fell from his hands and gave it to a gentleman who was in a buggy; don't know his name; the gun produced is the one referred to; deceased was standing with the gun in front of him; the gun went off; and when I looked round, he was standing with his hands to his abdomen exclaiming, "oh! oh!;" there was a hack standing close by and I put him in with assistance. I told the hackman to take him to the first doctor he could find; never saw the deceased from that time until this morning; he was standing on the east side of the bridge; I picked the gun up, both the hammers were down, to the best of my belief.

Mr. Wm. Luney, contractor, gave evidence corroborative of that given by Mr. Meldrum.

After deliberation the foreman of the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the said Joseph Harrod came to his death from a wound caused by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in his own hands.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Successful Services Held in the Pandora Street Methodist Church.

The anniversary services in connection with with the Pandora street Methodist Sabbath School were held on Sunday and last evening. At the three services held on Sunday, the children were seated on a large platform extending out from the pulpit, and under the direction of Prof. Sharpe, sang some of the beautiful hymns that are fresh in the memory of all who in their youth were instructed at the Sabbath school in the good things that are contained in the Bible. At the morning service Rev. Mr. Wadman preached an impressive sermon. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Starr preached specially to the children, while in the evening he again occupied the pulpit. In an able discourse on the best means for educating the world up to a high state of morality, the rever end gentleman said that no other conclusion could be arrived at than that the people must be christianized and that the means used to attain that end must be by instructing the children in the highest of all moral codes, that contained in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

ON MONDAY EVENING

the children gave an entertainment in the church under the direction of Rev. J. E. Starr and Prof. Sharpe, organist. The main feature of the programme was the manner in which the little ones sang. Prof. Sharpe evidently knows how to get all the "sing" out of them possible. The platform was crowded with young people. The organ was played by Mr. Benedict, a pupil of Prof. Sharpe's, while six brass instruments added to the harmony of the voices. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Prof. Sharpe for the success of the selections, among which may be specially mentioned "Tell it to Jesus," "God Calling Yet," "Gospel Bells," and a "Marching Song" composed for the occasion by him. Among the recitations, Miss Burkholder, Master Nicholls, Miss Jeffries and Master Clarke may be mentioned as being particularly successful. After the entertainment, Mr. Butler, who has been fifteen years secretary of the school, was presented with a handsome Bible as a small mark of their appreciation for his past services. The doxology brought the anniversary to a successful ending.

POLICE COURT.

[Before His Worship Mayor Fell and Robt. Ward, J. P.]

Lum Yip, on remand, charged with conspiracy.

Mr. Gannaway, counsel for the defense, asked that the prisoner be admitted to bail in the sum of $1,000. He contended that the charge which the prisoner is brought up on is not a felony, but only a misdemeanor. The interpretation as made by Mr. Gardner is not a correct one, as the document is only an ancient form used, probably some two thousand years ago. The society to which prisoner belongs is acting against the people known as highbinders. It is a freemason order, and is endeavoring to break up the traffic in prostitutes.

Mr. Fell asked if the society did not intend to do wrong, what did the knives and bowies mean?

In answer to Mr. Fell, Mr. Gannaway said it was no common thing to see the white freemasons carrying swords. It is one of the rules of the society.

Mr. Ward, J. P., said that if bail was accepted, it would have to be in the sum of $5,000, as in the opinion of the court the case was a serious one.

Mr. Gannaway said he would provide bail during the day, and prisoner was remanded for eight days.

PERSONAL.

C. Booth went to Vancouver this morning.

Miss Jeannie Winston is as captivating as ever.

Walter Gravely has returned from California.

Thos. Earle returned from the Sound yesterday.

S. Perry Mills went over to Vancouver this morning.

Mrs. Langtry is very ill at her home in New York City.

G. E. Corbould, barrister of New Westminster, is in the city.

Miss Louise Manfred continues to be "as pretty as a picture."

C. M. Pyke is growing stout and, if possible, better looking.

S. J. Pitts returned from San Francisco *via* the Sound yesterday.

Geo. Ford, Dominion express manager, Vancouver, is at the Driard.

Dr. G. L. Milne and R. T. Williams have returned from the Mainland.

A. G. Ferguson and wife came down from Vancouver on Sunday night.

T. F. Sinclair arrived on the Yosemite from Port Haney, and is at the Oriental.

T. C. Atkinson, barrister of New Westminster, arrived in the city on Sunday night.

Thomas Nast, the well-known cartoonist, and son registered at the Driard on Sunday.

W. Pinchbeck and W. Lyne, of Williams Lake, arrived on the Yosemite last evening.

Mrs. Bushby, who went to San Francisco on Saturday, will return to this city next Monday.

Mrs. H. S. Mason and Miss Elinor Carmichael returned from San Francisco yesterday morning.

T. Elwyn, deputy provincial secretary, is, we are pleased to learn, recovering rapidly from his recent illness.

The son of the Hon. P. C. Cornwall is laid up with a severe attack of rheumatic fever. The case has been placed under the care of Dr. Furser of Kamloops.

R. Albertstone, well-known in this city nine years ago, is again in town. Since leaving Victoria in 1879, Mr. Albertstone has been in business in Sitka, Alaska.

F. P. Renaud, of Ottawa, formerly telegraph operator at the Russell house and parliament buildings, is now in charge of a telegraph office at Griffin Lake, B. C.

Chas. Jones, formerly assistant manager of the Bank of British Columbia in this city, has been appointed manager of the London and Southwestern Bank at Acton, near London, England.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Chas. Hayward, undertaker, had charge of the funeral arrangements of the late Mr. McLelan.

Local weather prophets state that we are going to have a thaw, or rain, or snow, or some more weather—probably the latter.

To-night Louis De Lange will sing "The Cardinal" and the Missionary, to music by Prof. Sharpe, of this city, and words by Louis De Lange and Prof. Sharpe.

It is said the name of the late Joseph Harrod is really Harwood. Undertaker Storey has his marriage certificate, which shows that he was married at Leamington Spurs, Warwick County, England.

Three hundred skaters skimmed over the glassy surface of Skinner's Bottom, and about 150 enjoyed good ice at Swan Lake, on Sunday, and the latter place presented a lively scene yesterday.

Thomas D. Forbes, a native of St. John, N. B., died at New Westminster on Sunday night, aged 46 years. The deceased was a ship carpenter by trade. He came to this province eleven years ago and resided at Moodyville.

This morning in "the wee sma' hours" the engineer of the Electric Light Company noticed that his lights were flickering, and having an idea where the cause was, rang up the central office for over twenty minutes, but could get no reply. How would this be in case of fire?

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

Crisp Cullings From Our Eastern Exchanges—Newsy Notes—Political and General.

ONTARIO.

Capt. Middleton, tax collector at Kingston for several years, is dead.

Sheriff Chapleau has succeeded Mr. Pope as clerk of the crown-in-chancery.

The Glengarry election protest will be heard on the 12th inst.

The trial of the Haldimand election takes place at Cayuga on the 24th inst.

It is denied that Pardee will leave the Mowat ministry.

An old woman named Jolicoeur, aged 104 years, voted at the recent municipal elections in Ottawa.

Jas. Middleton, of Woodbridge, was committed for trial on a charge of incest with a girl thirteen years of age.

Mr. Rogers, manager of the Federal bank, Chatham, and wife were dangerously injured by a runaway accident.

Lt.-Col. Lamontagne is to be succeeded as deputy adjutant general by Col. Villiers of Kingston.

Jordan Ferrier of Goodwood is thought to be fatally injured through a train running into his cutter.

The steamer Byron Trerice was totally destroyed by fire at her dock in the river at Dresden.

John Green & Co., of London, who failed some time since with liabilities of $400,000, are offering fifty cents on the dollar.

Edward McKeown, dealer in dry goods and millinery, Toronto, has assigned, with liabilities of $40,000 and assets nominally equal.

A man named J.B. Gauvreau, formerly inspector of Dominion government works, in the Northwest, dropped dead at Ottawa.

A colored clerk, in the department of Indian affairs, has given up his position to undertake mission work among the negroes of the south.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Ice Packing.

Ice from Swan Lake is being brought to town and packed for summer use by Baker Bros.

St. Andrew's Ball.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will hold their annual ball on the 26th inst.—the anniversary of the immortal Bobbie Burns.

By Acclamation.

In St. Patrick's ward, New Westminster, Messrs. J. A. Calbick and H. L. DeBeck were elected by acclamation. There are contests in all the other wards.

He Lacks "Savey."

The editor of the Vancouver *News* has, we believe, too high an idea of his own donkey intelligence and horse sense to accept advice from any one but we would suggest that his friends, if he has any, counsel him to cease libelling the Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir daily, pending a libel suit against him. Each issue of his sheet only aggravates his offence.

The Westminster Mayoralty.

Mayor Dickinson's re-election by acclamation to the New Westminster mayoralty is eminently satisfactory. His popularity is sufficiently attested by the fact, while his management of the affairs of the city is well known to have been highly creditable to him. The Royal City did itself honor in selecting Mayor Dickinson for the eleventh time as the guardian of its civic interests.

B. C. Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Mutual Fire Insurance Co. took place yesterday afternoon in the company's office, Wharf street. The report of the business for the past year was presented, and it showed the affairs of the company to be in a most flourishing condition. The President, N. Shakespeare, ex-M. P., moved the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously.

In the Tolls.

On Monday evening a Chinaman went to A. Aaronson's store and wished to sell some jewelry. He was recognized as the fellow who in November had tried to dispose of jewelry, but who, thinking himself watched, ran away. The police were communicated with by telephone, and Officer Levin being detailed, arrested the man, when it was found that he is the fellow wanted for the robbery of Mr. Russell's residence. A search of his cabin was made with the result that a gold watch and a broken chain, the latter being that which was stolen from the residence of Mr. F. W. Foster, were found. The prisoner was examined in the police court yesterday morning, but was remanded until to-day.

King—Cowie.

Yesterday morning, at the residence of Mr. A. Vigelius, was celebrated the marriage between Mr. M. King, of King & Casey, Comox, and Miss Cowie, late of Ontario. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate friends of the bride and bridegroom, by the Rev. Donald Fraser. The bride looked lovely in a dress of cream silk, trimmed with lace and orange blossoms, Miss Nellie Cowie, sister of the bride, being bridesmaid. Mr. Lewis Casey, partner of Mr. King, ably supported the latter as "best man." After the marriage, the company sat down to a splendid wedding breakfast, the happy couple afterwards leaving by the Olympian on their wedding tour. They were the recipients of a large number of handsome wedding presents, and have the best wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

A Poet Laureate Amongst Us.

Yesterday we had the pleasure of grasping by the hand Dr. Rob. Morris, the poet laureate of Freemasonry, who will make a brief stay in the city and province before returning to his home in Kentucky. Dr. Morris comes to the craft here with the very highest recommendations. He is a brother in high standing and is a poet whose muse is appreciated wherever the English language is spoken or read. Dr. Morris will lecture on Friday evening at the Masonic Temple under the approbation of W. Bro. Grand Master Milne and the two lodges in this city. The lecture consists of a sketch of Masonic history as it has passed under the lecturer's notice since 1846, concluding with an account of the coronation of Robert Burns, March 1st, 1787, and of Bro. Morris' own coronation as poet laureate of Freemasonry. The lecture will be followed by recitation of pieces of his own composition, including several poems that are dear to the Masonic heart. Only Masons who have taken the third or higher degree can be present. The admittance is free, a collection being taken up at the close. Dr. Morris will lecture at Nanaimo, Vancouver and New Westminster on his way towards the rising sun.

The Holiday Inter-Mountain.

We are indebted to E. Young, formerly in the Onderdonk contract service, for a copy of the holiday number of the *Inter-Mountain*, of Butte, Montana. It is without exception the finest holiday number that we have ever seen. The paper, from a printer's standpoint, is an artistic effort from the front cover to the back. It is of convenient magazine size, printed on heavy book paper. The advertisements are magnificent specimens of the job printer's art, and reflect infinite credit on that department of the *Inter-Mountain's* business. The press work is also exceptionally good. Almost every page contains excellent engravings of the city's streets and buildings, of its industries—including the the famous Anaconda smelters—and portraits of leading citizens. The descriptive articles and statistics convey an excellent idea of the progress and extent of the richest mining camp on the continent, and altogether the number is one of rare excellence and deserving of generous patronage and praise. It is an effort such as might be expected from Harper's or some other first-class eastern publishing house, and the Montana publishers are fully entitled to be proud of it.

P. O. Home Donations.

The ladies of the Protestant Orphan's Home beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations during the month of December:

Sack of apples, Mrs. Barnard; pears and apples, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton; cakes, fruit and sandwiches, Philharmonic Hall; shortening, Mr. McCandlish; bacon, A. Friend; stockings, Mrs. Waitt; 2 boxes biscuits, Brown Brothers; a dressed sheep, Mrs. Musgrave; towel rollers, Mrs. J. Williams; books, Miss Waitt; nuts, crackers and Christmas-stockings, Mrs. Saunders; 2 turkeys, Van Volkenburg & Co.; 1 turkey, Hamilton Powder Co.; 1 bag flour, 1 bag apples and pears, Mrs. Munroe; goose and onions, Mrs. Sinclair, Cadboro Bay; cake and toys, Mrs. Musgrave; boots and shoes, the Misses Dennis, Angela College; Canton flannel, Mrs. Evans; Noah's ark and jug to W. Milby, Mrs Edwin Johnston; oranges, Master Newcomb Musgrave; fruit cake, Thomas Harding; nuts, biscuits and candies, a friend; books, Mr. Ferguson; box fruit, Neufelder & Ross; toys, Mr. King; overcoats, jacket and box toys, Miss Wilson; collars, Mr. John Partridge; collars, trimming and Christmas cards, Mrs. Charles Kent; Xmas cards, a friend; Xmas presents, a friend; milk, Mrs. Cridge; box cakes, St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt; milk, Mr. Andeau; Xmas cards, a friend; Xmas bonbons, Mr. Fell; New Year's cake, Mrs. L. Redon; cake, tartlets and jelly, Mrs. Nelson, Government House; cakes and fruit, Victoria Bachelor's Club; stockings, Dr. Reid; Mr. Carr his usual handsome Christmas gift.

Broke Through the Ice.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. D. Clements, of the Lion Brewery, was on Swan Lake working for Isaac Bechtel. His horses were engaged in hauling the blocks of ice on a large sleigh when one of them broke through with the sleigh. It took about an hour to get the horse out, but the sleigh is in the water yet. After getting him out, the men took him about fifty yards when he went through again, and it took fourteen men to extricate him from his unfortunate position. The animal was almost paralyzed with the cold, but had improved sufficiently to allow Mr. Clements to bring him to town. It is said the lake is not safe to skate on at the present time.

Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 1, I.O.O.F.

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Officers, installed the following officers of Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge, I. O. O. F., for the present term last night: Mrs. Young, N. G.; Mrs. Bishop, V. G.; Mr. Wm. Christie, Rec. Secy.; Miss Huxtable, Fin. Secy.; Miss A. Evans, Treasr.; Mrs. Dempstar, Warden; Miss A. Carne, Con.; Miss F. Evans, R. S. N. G.; Miss S. Neil, L. S. N. G.; Mr. H. Huxtable, O. G.; Mr. Graham, I. G.; Mrs. Clyde, R. S. V. G.; Miss C. Robertson, L. S. V. G. After the installation of officers, all the members were invited by the ladies to partake of a substantial supper.

Annual Congregation Meeting.

The annual congregation business meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was held last night in the school room. The Rev. Donald Fraser occupied the chair. Refreshments were handed around by the ladies and the gathering, which was a large and representative one, was of the most sociable nature. Shortly before nine o'clock the chairman called the meeting to order and the various reports were then read and, without exception, unanimously adopted. It was seen that there are 141 members on the Church roll, and the attendance at the Sabbath school 161. The financial condition of the church was shown to be highly satisfactory, a hope having been expressed that in two years' time the church would not only be out of debt, but also have money to its credit in the bank. The following gentlemen were appointed managers for the ensuing year in the places of the retiring office-bearers: W. D. McKillican, J. A. Jardine, W. Drysdale and R. Erskine (re-elected). Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the retiring managers, the superintendent and teachers of the Sabbath school, the ladies' missionary committee, the choir and the ladies' aid society. Mr. A. Wilson, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed Privates Lewis and Brill, of "C" Battery, to the church and hoped that they would be the means of inducing their comrades to attend the services. After the benediction had been pronounced the meeting adjourned. The reports as read will be printed in due course and distributed among the members and adherents of the church.

POLICE COURT.

(Before His Worship Mayor Fell, and Robert Ward, Esq., J. P.)

Ah Sam, arrested and charged by Officer Levin with being in possession of a quantity of jewelry, well knowing the same to have been stolen; prisoner was remanded until to-day.

Quong Tong Sing, charged with allowing a chimney to take fire; fined $10 and $2 costs.

Henry Barnum, on remand, charged with stealing a boat, the property of Nicola Bertina, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

ELOPED.

TO THE EDITOR.—Why does Mr. Maurice Humber seek election in James Bay ward. Better he stay at home and mind the business of his own ward. When we fail to find men to represent us in our own ward we will send for Maurice.

JAMES BAY.

FOR RE-ELECTION.

TO THE EDITOR:—I sincerely hope that that true friend of Johnson Street ward—Thomas S. Styles—will be reelected. He has contributed largely toward the prosperity of the ward by a more liberal expenditure of roads and sidewalks to every part of it. He has served the city faithfully and well for two years, and deserves well at our hands. Fellow electors, I hope that you will heed my words and return Mr. Styles, and with him, Mr. Coughlan, to represent the ward for the next year.

DOUGLAS STREET.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS.

TO THE EDITOR:—Pleased to see Messrs. Styles and Coughlan up for reelection in Johnson Street ward. Glad, too, to know that they will be largely and influentially supported by the electors who were benefited by their actions in the past. Had it not been for Messrs. Styles and Coughlan the Hendry scheme would have been adopted, and then where would the city have been? In the bankruptcy court ere this. I have nothing to say against Messrs. Gray and Robertson, but both now say they are in favor of the 16-inch main, while all the Hendryites are going to work for them. This is a suspicious circumstance. Electors should remember that on their votes to-morrow depends the future water supply of the city, therefore, vote for Coughlan and Styles and the 12-inch main.

NORTH END.

JAMES BAY WARD.

TO THE EDITOR: As a voter in this ward, I would like to know which Wilson it is that was nominated as a candidate. I have seen no card in the papers, and Mr. Wilson did not appear on nomination day to declare himself or give the electors any opportunity of knowing his views on municipal matters. Would be glad to know if the Wilson nominated is Mr. Wilson the clothier?

I see that some one in yesterday's issue of your paper takes exception to Mr. Humber running in our ward, because he is not a resident or property owner. Before casting my vote I should like to know if this is the case, because, if correct, Mr. Humber ought to have stuck to Johnson street ward, for he is certain to work for that ward where his own property is situated, and will neglect our interests. Is it also true that Mr. Humber is opposed to giving us more water, and that he employs Chinese labor, saying he prefers it to white labor?

It devolves upon Mr. Humber, who is a stranger among us, to explain his position before election day.

For my part, I think Messrs. Powell and Barnard are good enough for us. Both reside and own property in the ward and are intelligent men, and have declared themselves like men. You know where they are, and as for Mr. Humber, he is slippery. So far as Wilson goes, if it is the clothier, he is a good man, too, but I would like to hear his opinions on water works, park, etc., etc.

RATEPAYER.

New Black Costume Materials.

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THE MAYOR'S REPORT.

His Review of the Year's Work.

Mayor Fell's annual report has been published. He begins by calling the council of 1887 the most turbulent that ever sat at the board, and endeavors to prove by assertion that the majority was wrong and he right in all matters on which they differed from his views. He still desires the completion of the Hendry scheme.

The finances he asserts are in a satisfactory condition. The health of the city is described as excellent. The fire department is not as advanced in efficiency as it should be. Mayor Fell does not think a public market would be a success. He deplores the lack of attention paid to Beacon Hill, and trusts that a grand drive will be built along the sea coast to Cedar Hill, and botanical gardens established at the latter. The electric light his worship regards as unsatisfactory, and describes it as a white elephant, the gift of a former council. He speaks with satisfaction of the large amount of street improvements which have been of general benefit, and made the city compare favorably with any other in the Dominion. Under the head of water works he again supports Mr. Pickering's contentions, and refers to the late decision of the Chief Justice, which he trusts will become a text book for future councils. The police department, his worship thinks, should be reorganized. He states that the contract for the police clothing was given out by him to the lowest tender. His worship also regrets the retirement of Mr. Johnson from the office of police magistrate.

The question of a free public library is also dwelt upon and it is trusted that such a desirable institution will soon be in existence. Mayor Fell objects to the mode of granting liquor licenses, and thinks that the issuing of them should be in the hands of the council. Notwithstanding the great number of licensed houses, the mayor is of the opinion that Victoria is an orderly and moral city.

In closing, his worship returns thanks to all who have assisted him in the discharge of his duties, and especially to the painstaking officers of the corporation.

PERSONAL.

A. C. Muir returned to Vancouver this morning.

Hon. T. W. Anglin has left the *Globe* editorial staff.

J. A. Laidlaw was a passenger by the Louise last night.

R. E. Jackson and E. M. Johnson came down on the Louise last night.

S. Perry Mills arrived from the Mainland on the Louise last evening.

Chas. Kennedy, general western passenger agent of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, is at the Driard.

Frank M. Macdougall, barrister, Ottawa, son of Hon. William Macdougall, C. B., has died of consumption at Riverside, Cal., where he had gone for his health.

A. McPherson and wife left yesterday for Seattle, where they will reside in future. "Mac's" welcome presence will be missed by his many friends here, who wish him and his estimable wife abundant prosperity in their new home.

Capt. Sawle, proprietor of the Welland *Telegraph*, went home this morning *via* the C. P. R. We regret to say that he leaves us in an indifferent state of health, which somewhat abruptly terminates his stay in this city. He had intended remaining to meet his brother-in-law, captain of the ship Frederick, now due at this port.

A. D. Charlton, one of the most esteemed and valuable of the many popular officials of the Northern Pacific, arrived on the Olympian yesterday and will remain a couple of days in Victoria. Mr. Charlton on the first of January was appointed assistant-general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, with headquarters at Portland. The company in selecting him as the first lieutenant of Mr. Chas. Fee, the general passenger agent of the road, have made a happy choice. The traveling public could not have a better man to direct the passenger department so that their interests, as well as those of the road, will be well served. Mr. Charlton has risen in the service of the company simply because he deserved promotion, and it is gratifying in these days of favoritism to know that so extensive a corporation as the Northern Pacific invariably follows this rule.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

To-night "Nanon" will be given by the Pyke Opera Co. See it.

The Sunday *Star* has changed hands Mr. H. H. Heywood being now proprietor.

T. W. Pierre has taken his son into partnership in the business of tailoring and dyeing.

In one of the lower boxes at the theatre last evening, railway officials representing about 10,000 miles of road were seated.

It is reported that Dr. Fagan purchased two lots on Carnarvon street, New Westminster, the property of Sir M.B. Begbie. The price is said to be $3,000.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will take place in their rooms to-night. All members are earnestly requested to be present as business of importance will be brought before the board.

A dispatch to a gentleman in New Westminster announces the marriage in Toronto of Mr. A. G. Gamble, of Woods, Turrier & Gamble, to a Miss Horton of that city. The happy pair left immediately after the wedding for New Westminster.

PRESS NOTICES.

A PERFECT GEM.

(Sunday Star.)

The COLONIST's New Year issue is a perfect gem; undoubtedly the finest ever issued this side of Portland. The illustrations are varied and true to life, while the letter press, devoted to the leading interests of this province, are from able pens, and show much vigorous thought. The edition had a large sale, and deservedly, too. Such publications are of inestimable value to the city and province.

VERY CREDITABLE.

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

The Victoria COLONIST, which has greatly improved within the last year or so, and is now a very enterprising journal, has just issued a handsome holiday number. The letter press includes able reviews of the year in British Columbia, showing that province to be progressing, as well as a number of interesting articles recalling the older days in the province. It is illustrated by a number of lithographs of scenery on Vancouver Island, all executed at the COLONIST office. Altogether it is a very creditable production.

INDICATIVE OF ENTERPRISE.

(Winnipeg Call.)

The holiday number of the Victoria COLONIST has been received. It is a credit to its province and indicative of the enterprise of the people. The illustrations and letter press are firstclass, a prominent feature being that it is entirely a home production. The designs for the lithographs, the lithographs themselves and the press work were all done in THE COLONIST office, while the letter text is from the pens of its editorial staff, several articles being contributed by some of the literary citizens.

HIGHEST STYLE OF ART.

(Winnipeg Sun.)

The holiday issue of the Victoria COLONIST has been received, and is a most creditable production. The illustrations and typography are in the highest style of the art, and the whole furnishes a most valuable advertisement for Victoria and the Pacific province.

A MAGNIFICENT NUMBER.

(Port Townsend Argus.)

The magnificent holiday number of the Victoria COLONIST ranks next to the *Oregonian*. It contains twenty-four pages closely filled with statistics and descriptive matter and illustrations of British Columbia. It is well worthy of the journalistic enterprise of our neighbors across the way. Messrs. Ellis & Co. have done themselves credit.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Hold a Meeting Last Night—Miss Gardiner Resigns.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening in the city hall. Present: Chairman Hayward, Secretary Walker and Trustees Ferguson, Milne, Heisterman and Harris.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following extraordinary letter from J. N. Muir, ex-principal of the high school, was read:

VICTORIA, Dec. 26th, 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby protest against the Superintendent of Education's decision of head of the Victoria High school, because there were five subjects which the pupils had been studying during the term in which there was no opportunity given them of competing at the examination lately held by the superintendent. I have written to the Minister of Education also, protesting against the superintendent's decision, and would respectfully request your honorable body to await the decision of the Minister of Education before placing the name for this Christmas on honor roll which is in the High School.

J. N. MUIR.

The chairman said that Mr. Muir had spent considerable time in teaching the children the art of anonymous letter writing. Perhaps he would like the Superintendent of Education to examine them in that subject.

Trustee Milne thought that no further notice should be taken of this kind of correspondence.

Trustee Ferguson suggested that it be referred to one of the junior divisions for analysis and correction.

The letter was finally received and filed.

From Miss Gardiner, teacher of the 4th division of the boys' school, tendering her resignation, to take effect on the 30th of the month.

Trustee Milne moved, seconded by Trustee Heisterman, that the resignation be accepted and the secretary be instructed to thank Miss Gardiner for the good services she has rendered during the time she had been in the school; carried.

ACCOUNTS.

The monthly accounts, amounting to $99.67, were read and referred to the finance committee, to be paid if found correct.

APPLICATIONS.

Applications from teachers to fill the place vacated by Miss Gardiner from Missas Millie Pickard, Annie Pollard, Katie Todd, Annie Munro, Nellie Wolfenden, and Mary Cluness were read.

Trustee Ferguson thought that in order to get a good teacher the board should advertise.

Trustee Harris thought those below the 4th division should be promoted, and the 8th division filled.

This idea was received almost unanimously, and the teachers were moved up as follows: Mr. Doran, 5th to 4th; Miss Todd, 7th to 5th; Miss Wolfenden, 8th to 7th.

Miss Pollard retains the position as teacher of the 6th division.

Votes were then cast by ballott and Miss Munro was elected to fill the vacancy in the 8th division unanimously.

Trustee Ferguson moved that the teachers be instructed to take their new places as soon as possible. He also said that his attention had