

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Successful Shipment of Halibut From British Columbia—A Vancouver Defaulter.

News Items From Mainland Cities—Five Vessels Chartered for Australia.

WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, Jan. 23.—A. B. McKenzie, who has just returned from Toronto, says the proposed tour of the Toronto Ice cream Club will not take place this year owing to the great expense.

The city begins taking the annual census next week, and hopes to beat the Dominion enumerators.

Mrs. H. H. Bain, eldest daughter of W. H. Lader, died at Lader's Landing last night, and will be buried on Monday afternoon.

A motion favoring the extension of the franchise to non-ratepayers was carried at a large public meeting to-night.

George Jessup, a Chinook druggist, has been fined \$300 for selling liquor without a license.

The alterations to the government steamer Claymore are well under way, and will be finished about the middle of next week.

Advices have been received by shipping agents, fixing the charters of five coasting vessels to load lumber at the saw mills of this port for direct shipment to Australia and Chili.

The traffic of the Electric Tram Company between the two cities has been so satisfactory to the directors as to warrant them in taking the initial steps towards the increase of their rolling stock and other responding addition to their present capacity.

Negotiations are in progress between an agent for the establishment of a factory on city lands, on Lulu Island.

The establishment of a match and wood-sawing factory, and wharfage, is being considered by the city council.

It is said that the city council will hold an indecision in the form of an eligible site on which to build a suitable factory, at a purely nominal ground rental, and with frontage from taxation.

New Westminster, Jan. 25.—The body of Rufus Brown, freeman on the steamer William Irving, who was drowned on New Year's Day, was recovered opposite Mission on Saturday afternoon.

The Knights of Pythias held their first annual serial, to-night, and went through an excellent program.

Two men of the Vanover Knights came over and enjoyed the entertainment.

Alex. McLean left, to-day, for Nanaimo, where he has a job with the local saw miller named Martin.

Mr. E. W. Whiffin, late of Nanaimo, has been returned to British Columbia. A number of persons are interested in his movements.

The bridge across Vedder Creek, which was washed away, is to be rebuilt. The new bridge will have a single span of 140 feet.

Mr. E. A. Morris, of the Vancouver Dynamite and Powder Company, who has returned from Victoria, reports that he has disposed of a considerable number of shares in the company.

Springer, Mellon & Co. have received a telegram from J. A. Laidlaw, of Westminster, owner of the steamer Emosa, wrecked at Trial Island.

The Single Tax theory was discussed, last evening, at the lecture room of the Congregational church.

The fish brought down by the Eliza Edwards has all been sold in Boston.

P. R. at Broadway, N. W. T., has settled in Vancouver. Mr. York represents the Equitable Life Insurance Co.

The rumor that Wilson & Perdue were unable to get their band of beef cattle in from the Colville Valley is contradicted by a member of the firm, who states that the cattle will be brought in, dead or alive, notwithstanding all rumors to the contrary.

Captain Bob Gray is putting the final touches on the steamer Spokane, now lying at the Colwood wharf.

After an interruption of twenty odd days, telegraphic communication is again established between Nelson and Spokane.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Parliament Called for the Dispatch of Business—Departmental Changes—Tilton to be Superannuated.

The C. P. R. Seeks Legislation—Regulations Respecting Coal Mines on B. C. Indian Reserves.

From our own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The proclamation calling Parliament for February 25th was issued to-day.

A redistribution bill will be introduced during the coming session.

The Departments of Marine and Fisheries will be re-organized as a measure of economy.

Mr. Tilton, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, will be superannuated.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. seek legislation to change the issue of shares.

The Ministers will next week take an active part in the Ontario elections.

Mr. Haggart has been appointed to the position of organizer for the platform at Kingston.

The regulations respecting the working of coal on the Indian reserves in British Columbia have been passed.

A VISITOR'S OPINION.

Notes On Victoria, Kamloops, Nelson, Col umbia River, Revelstoke and the Shuswap Lakes.

To THE EDITOR.—What astonishes a visitor, mostly, to your city, at this season of the year, is the contrast in climate between it and the interior.

Commencing at Donald, with its five feet of snow, passing Glacier, with its twenty, Revelstoke, with its three, Kamloops, with its one, and so on, to the Shuswap Lakes, less than Revelstoke, and reaching Kamloops, with its perfect climate and just enough of the sun to melt the snow.

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