

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The Fraser River Bridge - School Board Demands - Vancouver's Sunday By-law - Customs Returns.

Victoria Lumber Company's Assessments - Mining Engineers' Association.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 1.—The Board of Trade have been asked by the council's committee to do everything in their power to assist the council in the construction of a smelter in Vancouver. To-morrow afternoon at the Y.M.C.A. rooms Clara Barton will lecture on Red Cross work, with special reference to the society's work among the Armenians.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 4.—The Westminster council are asking the co-operation of the Vancouver council in their appeal to the provincial government to aid them in building a bridge across the Fraser.

The school board are asking the city council for \$52,085 uncontrollable and \$70,000 for necessary building repairs and additions.

The city papers demand 20 per cent. advance on the present rate for city advertising.

The Dominion Government has deferred granting any foreshore rights to private citizens until they have decided on some plan of procedure.

The by-law referring to the sale of goods on Sunday is to be amended by the new council.

The city council have decided to oppose the private bill whose passage is desired by the Consolidated Railway and Lighting Company. The council will also press for the completion of the contract by the Western Light Co. in lighting the city. The company is at present handicapped by pending court proceedings in the form of an application for a permanent injunction.

The tram company offer to pay interest and sinking fund, for a 24-acre race track near English Bay. The council will consider the proposition.

The customs returns of this port are greater this month than the corresponding month last year by \$15,823.08.

The Arrow Lake and Bulkley C.P.R. is in full operation, and traffic into Kootenay has been uninterrupted the entire season.

The steamer Coquitlam has returned from the fishing grounds with 31,000 pounds of halibut.

The Provincial Association of Mining Engineers, recently formed here, will meet again at Nelson in April for more complete organization, when two vacancies on the committee will be filled. The most prominent mining men of the province are connected with the association, which is destined to do great good in the province.

The council express willingness to submit a by-law to the people asking for a bonus for a smelter to be erected in the city limits.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5.—The Mount Pleasant, East End and West End schools are to be enlarged by the additions of several rooms.

Ald. McPhaden's amendment to the Sunday closing by-law passed by the late council, and which has been so universally unpopular here, and the sale of milk, drugs or medicine, fruit, newspapers, and food to travellers.

Leap year parties have been very popular here since the first of January. The new woman is noticeable in many directions.

Ald. Banfield is introducing a by-law to encourage the planting of shade trees in the city.

Another billiard tournament has commenced at the Hotel Vancouver.

Two men, Charles Frederick and Antonio Cantandinas, enticed an Indian woman into a shack, gave her liquor, took her clothes from her and abused her. The first was fined \$20, the other was sent to jail for six months without option.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 1.—The customs returns at this port during last month were: Total for duty, \$5,957; imports, \$11,091. The inland revenue returns were \$871.77.

The shipments of coal to foreign ports for the month show the lowest tonnage that has been reached for many years.

The New Vancouver Coal Company's shipments were 14,222 tons as against 23,042 tons from Wellington and 18,909 tons from Union.

There were 8 cases in the police court during the month, 36 cases in the small debts court and 4 in the district court. There were 22 births, 3 deaths and 2 marriages. The average attendance at the schools for the month was 623.78.

NANAIMO, Feb. 3.—Rev. R. R. Maitland is confined to the house with illness.

The run of herring in the harbor still continues.

A committee of the board of trade is to interview Mr. S. M. Robins to-day to ascertain whether the N.V.C. Co. would be prepared to convey the necessary land along the water front to Messrs. Dunsmuir & Sons, should the latter see fit to ship their coal from Nanaimo.

The carpenters' work on the new court house will be finished in a fortnight, but the building will not be ready for occupation until the completion of the painting and varnishing.

The New Vancouver Coal Company is reopening their Newcastle Island stone quarry, having received large orders from Vancouver for stone. This quarry, situated within half a mile of this city, furnished the stone for the San Francisco mint building, pillars being taken out over eighty feet in length.

Captain Ryder, of the American ship Ellwell, has made another cut in the loading record. A few days ago the Rufus E. Wood came up from San Francisco and finished loading in nine days, exceeding all previous records at this port. But the Ellwell has done even better. The last coal of coal was shipped by the New Vancouver Coal Company at midnight Saturday, or eight and a half days from the time the vessel left the dock at San Francisco.

B. L. Robertson, of Moresby Island, and A. Stanford, of Pender Island, left

Moresby Island, a few days ago in a small boat for Salt Spring Island. In a southeasterly gale off Beachy point they were driven upon the rocks, and the result that the boat was smashed to pieces. They borrowed another boat from a settler and arrived here on Thursday night in a dilapidated condition.

NANAIMO, Feb. 4.—In the Court of Revision yesterday, Judge Harrison presiding, the hearing of the appeal of the Victoria Lumber Company against the assessment of certain lands in Comox, Cowichan-Alberni and Nanaimo districts, was begun. The evidence of Mr. E. J. Palmer, the company's manager and local treasurer, went to show that no change had taken place in the agreement between the lumber company and the E. & N. railway since the decision of the Full court in 1893, which disallowed the assessment. His Honor sustained the appeal annulling the assessment, taking generally the ground that the company had not assumed possession of the land, and that the circumstances had not altered since the Full court decided the lands were not assessable.

The Board of Trade will interview Mr. Robins to-day respecting an offer to be made to the Dunsmuirs to ship their coal here.

McFarlane & Wilson, bakers, have dissolved partnership. The latter will take over the business and assume all liabilities.

NANAIMO, Feb. 5.—The following officers were elected at the quarterly meeting of the Miners' union on Saturday last: President, Thos. Keith; vice-president, Wm. Jones; secretary and agent, Ralph Smith; treasurer, James Bradley.

A specimen of quartz from one of the new claims at Phillips' Arm has been sent to Mr. Denison, of this city. The reports of prospectors have roused quite a little excitement and the Comox is crowded with passengers every northern trip. Some of the rock goes as high as \$280 a ton.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 1.—During January the duty collected at this port amounted to \$6,222. The exports amounted to \$290,796. Imports \$15,084.

The next quarterly meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Vernon on May 5 next.

The Westminster Board of Trade are considering the proposition to erect a bridge across the Fraser, and will again urge the Dominion government to supply one.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 4.—Mr. Pellevé lectured to-night in the Board of Trade rooms. The audience was attentive and appreciative.

House-breakers are terrorizing nervous Westminsters. Ald. Owens' residence was ransacked last evening and a great quantity of clothing taken. There is no clue.

An Indian was sent to jail yesterday for selling trout out of season.

An Indian recently left his wife to starve near Chilliwack and held a hiyu skookum potlatch for his friends. Indian Agent Devlin and Mr. Millard sentenced the unnatural husband to two months in jail.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 5.—The Brunette Sawmill Co. started their new mill to-day.

David McKee, of Boundary Bay, delivered 35 tons of hair to D. Gunn, for which he was paid ten cents. The hair was delivered in the rain and not left under cover. The case came into court and the jury said the hair was not delivered in first class condition, and awarded \$300.

Thomas Wilson, Port Moody's madman who has been holding up the town lately, has been captured by a clever ruse. Constable Bingham disguised himself as a tramp, and Wilson allowed him to approach. As soon as Wilson turned his back the disguised officer seized him and held him until the others on guard came up. He had a loaded revolver in his pocket and a double-barrelled shotgun, ready cocked, in his bedroom. Wilson has been twice before an inmate of the asylum.

A meeting in favor of enfranchising women was attended last night by about 60 men and 30 women. Rev. Dr. Reed, Rev. Mr. Wellington, and Mr. J. C. Brown spoke in favor of the movement. A petition will be sent to the Dominion and Provincial houses praying for female suffrage.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

J. L. Warner, manager of the O. K. mine, announces that the development of the mine is so satisfactory that the company will put in a heavy ten-stamp mill this spring. The quartz which is run through the stamp mill yields about \$20 per ton in free gold. The concentrates run the way from \$50 to \$100 per ton. The sulphide ore smelting runs from \$80 to \$250 per ton.

The Le Roi has been found to have an ore body which in extent and richness all more passes belief. The ore body at the bottom of the shaft is now opened to a width of fifteen feet with no walls. The output of the Le Roi since the first of January has exceeded 100 tons a day and now it is averaging over 125. The miners on the Le Roi, number 125 and 90 men are also employed in getting out cordwood, etc.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.)

Last month the customs collections at this port amounted to \$18,282.66, and the value of the dutiable goods imported to \$66,975. The following are the deliveries for the week at the Kaslo & Slokan railway station: Slokan Star mine, 150,000 pounds; Goodenough, 33,000; Washington, 31,500; Robert E. Lee mine, 48,000; Payne group of mines, 195,670; Deadman mine, 132,000; Northern Belle mine, 100,360; Noble Five mines, 121,840; Last Chance mine, 158,000; Wellington mine, 90,000; Ruth mine, 126,024; Lucky Jim mine, 54,000; Black Fox mine, 8,650; Gibson mine, 18,570. This makes a total of 676 tons.

For the seven days ending last Saturday 720 tons Silver King ore were smelted at the Hall mine smelter, and it is claimed that 120 tons a day can be run through the furnace once a good quality of coke can be procured, the coke now being used containing too great a percentage of silica.

SICK HEADACHE.

Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Sour Stomach, and Constipation arise from wrong action of the stomach, liver and bowels. Bile and Blood Bitters cures all diseases of these organs.

NEWS FROM LONDON. TUPPER'S BIG VICTORY

Russia to Be Allowed to Trade in the Black Sea - German Commerce.

The Entente Between Russia and Turkey Known at Washington - Spurgeon's Pulpit.

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