

VICTORIA'S TEACHING STAFF

Re-Arranged at a Meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Last Evening.

Most of the Old Teachers Retained, Very Few Changes Being Made.

There was a full attendance at last evening's meeting of the board of school trustees, when it was decided to adopt the vertical system of writing in the schools. The teaching staff was also re-arranged.

Mr. S. D. Pope, superintendent of education, writing stating that Gage's series of vertical writing books (British Columbia edition) has been authorized for use in the public schools of the province. The department directs that in schools preferring the vertical system it be introduced gradually.

Chairman Hayward said the intention of the department was to introduce the vertical system in the lower divisions this session and extend it to the whole school next term.

On motion of Trustee Marchant it was decided to adopt the vertical system as far as possible during the coming term, it to be extended to all the classes after the Christmas vacation, subject to the approval of the board of education.

Trustee Glover moved that the resolution of April last in reference to the employment of pupil teachers be reconsidered. This resolution gave pupil teachers the preference when vacancies occurred on the permanent staff, providing they were properly qualified.

The motion was adopted and the clause referring to the engagement of pupil teachers was struck out, and Trustee Marchant and the chairman were appointed a committee to draft an agreement to be used between the board and the pupil teachers. It was also decided to appoint five instead of four pupil teachers.

Trustee Lewis moved that the board go into committee of the whole, with open doors.

Trustee Glover was also opposed to secret sessions. He objected to being referred to as "a trio". The minutes of the board would show that on the average he voted twice out of every five times against Trustees Lewis and Marchant, and they did likewise against him.

After some discussion it was decided to remain in open session. This no doubt settles the fate of secret meetings. Trustee Marchant asked whether it was the intention to retain the whole of the old teaching staff subject to a rearrangement of positions or to vote with a free hand for either new or old teachers. For himself, he was prepared to vote for the old staff in its entirety and he moved accordingly, reserving the right to change the position of each and every teacher. The motion was not seconded.

Trustee Saunders moved that the appointment of Mr. Muir to a position on the high school staff be reconsidered. The motion was not seconded.

Trustee Lewis moved, seconded by Trustee Marchant, that the position of principal of the Victoria West school be declared vacant.

Trustee Saunders objected to the removal of Mr. Nicholson.

Trustee Marchant said there had been many complaints about the school, partly on account of the teachers and partly through Mr. Nicholson's fault.

Trustee Lewis' motion was adopted and Mr. L. Taft was appointed.

The teaching staff as finally rearranged is as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Position, Salary per Month. Lists staff for Collegiate Institute, Boys' Central School, Girls' Central School, and South Park School.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Advertisement for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, highlighting its quality and awards.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, F. G. Dawley has assumed the management of the Four Mile House and there is no doubt but that the well known resort will become more popular than ever under the new management.

The funeral of Mrs. Peter Hansen took place this morning from the family residence and the Roman Catholic cathedral. Rev. Father Van Nevel officiating.

His Lordship Bishop Lemmens will leave St. Joseph's Hospital this week. He is able to move about on crutches, and the rest of his treatment can be taken at home.

A child of Mr. G. W. Rowbottom, of 24 Frederick street, met with a serious accident yesterday. The child's grandfather was sitting on the doorstep sharpening his razor when the little one climbed on his lap and drew the razor across his face before the grandfather had time to prevent him.

There is a big bear travelling around near Colwood and the brave are busy trying to locate him, while some very industriously try to keep out of his way. He was seen this morning by W. McNeill, proprietor of the Colwood hotel, but there was no opportunity to get a shot at him.

Robert Williams, an overland arrival from Nanaimo, made a disturbance on Government street this morning. He was quite drunk and used some very filthy language. He was arrested by Constable Smith, taken before Magistrate Macrae at once, convicted and fined \$10 or in default 30 days in prison.

Augustus Borgenson, an employee of the Albion Iron Works Company, had a remarkable escape from serious injury. He fell from the top of a crane, five feet, and beyond a bad shaking up is apparently uninjured.

A. Ambel, night waiter at the Louisville restaurant, was arrested this afternoon charged with robbing the till of the restaurant. The complaint was made by Peter Metz, proprietor of the place, and there are two counts, one of stealing \$2.85 and another of \$2.50.

From Thursday's Daily. One of the black swans and two geese belonging to the pork manerie were killed last night by dogs.

A hundred pounds of opium belonging to Victorians is reported to have been seized at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Shipping returns show that during July 120 vessels entered coastwise and 119 cleared. There entered from foreign ports 132 and 128 cleared.

Chan Haw, an old Chinese resident of the city who recently left for the Orient, sent a donation of \$40 to the Protestant Orphans' Home just before his departure.

The customs returns for July are as follows: Imports—Dutiable, \$123,190; free, \$65,768; total, \$188,958. Duty collected, \$49,722.83; other revenues, \$4,576.12; total, \$54,298.95. Exports—Produce of Canada, \$225,010; not produce of Canada, \$15,756; total, \$240,766.

Police court returns for July are: Assault, 2; drunk, 10; possession of stolen property, 1; stealing, 1; Indian in possession of intoxicating liquor, 1; supplying intoxicants, 1; vagrancy, 1; frequenting houses of ill fame, 1; lodgings, 1; by-law infractions, 20; infraction of revenue act, 3; infraction trade marks act, 1; threatening language, 1; offenses charged, 49; convictions, 39.

The inland revenue returns for July follow: Spirits, \$7,743.82; Malt, 2,537.05; Tobacco, 3,238.87; Total, 13,519.74. Licenses, 1,295.90; Inspection Petroleum, 32.30; Rent of Land, 50.90. Total, \$15,858.14.

John W. Powell, ex-State Senator of Nevada, is visiting his old friend Dixie H. Ross, and other Caribbees, after an absence of 21 years. Mr. Powell came to this country in 1864 and mined on Williams, Grone and Lightning creeks. For the last seventeen years he has been mining engineer for the Daffo mine in Nevada. He has just returned from Trail creek, where he was with capitalists from California and Oregon. Mr. Powell is well satisfied with the outlook in that country and speaks a roaring camp for next year. He leaves this evening for San Francisco.

On July 27th the steamship Straits of Dover of the Northern Pacific line sailed from Yokohama for Victoria with 3,000 tons of overland cargo. The next day, July 28th, the steamship Victoria of the same line also sailed for this port with 2,700 tons of overland cargo. It is somewhat of a remarkable occurrence the sailing of two ships of the same line on almost the same day for the same port. A statement of the cargoes and passengers of the two vessels is as follows: Straits of Dover—Sailed from

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CONSUL PLUMACHER'S REPORT Discusses the Commercial Situation in Venezuela. Washington, D. C., July 31.—Mr. Plumacher, consul at Maracaibo, has made a report of great interest to the state department. Speaking of the trouble Venezuela has had with European nations seeking to seize upon her territory and substance, and pointing out the splendid opportunity open to the United States to extend its trade with Venezuela at the expense of other nations, he describes the opportunity lost by the United States from 1830 to 1894, owing to the refusal of Venezuela to accept the reciprocity propositions of the United States, but that since the duties were decreased he notes a slight improvement in the exports to New York, increasing from \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000. He attributes the depression in Venezuela to the financial and political troubles of the country and says if the present crisis passes, the United States will have a great advantage owing to the diplomatic complications with Germany and Great Britain, our commercial rivals. "The Germans," he says "are looked upon with but little favor on account of the one between Germany and Venezuela. The threat to send German ironclads to La Guyara to enforce the payment of a subsidy due to the builders of the principal Venezuelan railway. The popular feeling upon this point was intensified by a suggestion in a leading newspaper, that the Germans knew very well that such payment was just now an impossibility, as the country was staggering under the burdens of the late war, and that they neither expected nor desired payment, but encouraged by the example of Great Britain, they thought it might be possible to secure a part of rich Guayara territory as an indemnity." "The feeling against Great Britain," he continues, "is now most intense throughout Venezuela." Mr. Plumacher says that on these accounts the United States is much favored, especially as Venezuela is now, as never before, looking to the United States for counsel and guidance.

A TERRIBLE FALL.

A. Borgenson Unhurt After a Drop of 55 Feet.

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AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

Days Doings in the Various States of the Republic.

New York, Aug. 1.—Thus far 4,700 of 10,000 strikers who went out last Sunday and Monday in the Metropolitan district are again busy at work. It is said that the strike may become national. Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Chicago are all large clothing markets where many thousands of workers are employed, and a large majority of them are organized.

Milwaukee, Aug. 1.—It transpires that the missing yacht Sunbeam is a myth and that the so-called Commodore English, who represented himself to be the yacht's anxious owner, is apparently a humbug. A Toronto gentleman now in the city says that the only son of Judge Kingsmill, of Toronto, who was represented to be aboard the mythical yacht, is now at sea in command of H. M. S. Blenheim, and the other guests of the anxious commodore are as mythical as the yacht. One of the incidents of English's anxiety was his failure to settle his hotel bill.

New York, Aug. 1.—Stocks closed weak. Gold to the amount of \$100,000 has been withdrawn from the sub-treasury for shipment to Canada.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 1.—M. A. Bradley, owner of the big steamer Alva, received a dispatch from Sault Ste. Marie today stating that the barge (whaleback) No. 117 ran into the Alva, making a large hole and filling the engine room with water. The stern is on the bottom and the bow is in four fathoms of water. Both vessels were bound down.

At last evening's semi-annual meeting of the Victoria Building society the secretary's report and balance sheet were presented and ordered to be printed. The 45th drawing resulted in 204 being successful. No. 204 A and B being withdrawn, the possession of 204 C and D entitled Miss F. G. Walker to an appropriation of \$2,000. The drawing committee were Messrs. J. Holland, F. Elworthy and James Wollock. There has been \$153,000 drawn, of which \$150,000 is out on mortgage.

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