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DUTIES OF THE PRESS.

In its presentation yesterday the Grand Jury deprecated the publication "by a section of the press" of the evidence in a case of "a dirty and unpleasant nature" and suggested that "the publication of the evidence should be so edited that in its presentation to the public it would be clothed with decency."

In the wide range prescribed by custom as coming within its scope, the Grand Jury doubtless finds many things upon which it feels like expressing an opinion, and perhaps a reference to the exacting work of the daily journalist is as proper and as profitable as any.

For this reason we think that the nervous haste of the Colonist this morning in pleading "not guilty" and in justifying its failure to publish the news because it is sometimes nasty, is rather unfortunate.

For instance, not many weeks ago the city press published the details of an underworld case which exhibited shocking degeneracy in two of the principals involved. More recently a case was heard in which the details were less revolting, but the principals were men widely known and of standing in the community.

Critic, even well intentioned ones, forget that the forbearance of a newspaper is sought almost daily, and to the credit of the press in general it must be said that wherever it is possible to prevent a hardship without unduly curtailing the news which the subscribers to a newspaper pay for, and are entitled to receive, it is done.

There are cases, too, where newspapers have to consider the general interests for other reasons. There have been lapses by men holding high public positions in this province, not in private life, but when actually supposed to be exercising the duties of their high station, which have been passed over silently, not from any regard for the men involved, but because the publication of the facts might lessen public respect for some of the cherished institutions of this country.

Nothing ever published in a newspaper in British Columbia can equal in baldness of statement the reports in the London Times of the divorce and kindred cases in the English courts. The British press is notoriously plain-spoken in these cases for reasons which every newspaper man understands.

The belief of the Grand Jury that these facts may be read in the home where purity is respected, is, we submit, based on the fallacious idea that the home is a monastery or a convent into which no echo of the outside world permeates excepting through the printed page.

and in some instances were grossly exaggerated and unfair to those involved — an injustice which could only be corrected by the publication of the facts. We live in an age when even the young are not unsophisticated, and some of these gentlemen might be surprised to find how much is learned without the aid of newspapers. We are not of those who believe youth should not be forewarned for the work of life by a knowledge of the actual dangers which lurk in its pathway.

On the whole, therefore, while commending the high sense of public duty which actuated the Grand Jury in making the presentation and of the learned Chief Justice in commenting upon it, we regret that the gentlemen had not more time at their disposal to go into all sides of a question which has engaged the attention of newspaper men since the days of Gutenberg, with the result expressed in the treatment of such cases in the British press to-day.

THE VOTERS' LISTS.

It is perhaps needless to reiterate the statement that the only object behind the amendments to the Dominion Elections Act proposed by the Minister of Justice, as clearly and convincingly set forth by the Minister, is to secure clean, complete and up-to-date voters' lists and a fair expression of the popular will in elections.

My Lord: The grand jury desire to make the following presentation: We have visited the provincial goal, the Old Men's home and the city lock-up, and were received with courtesy in all places and shown through the buildings.

Provincial Goal—We found the provincial goal in exceptionally good order. Well ventilated and spotlessly clean. We are of opinion that the government should consider the advisability of replacing some of the gas burners with electric lights. When prisoners have access to unprotected light, there are possibilities of mischief for the evil disposed.

Old Men's Home—The condition of things at the Old Men's Home calls for some comment. The drainage of the corridor flows into a septic tank apparently flows out again, doubtless somewhat purified, but still more or less sewage, and spreads over the land for a considerable distance, as is evidenced by the rank vegetation, and growth on the surface.

The provision for heating the building appears to be inadequate. Stoves in the corridor can hardly convey enough heat into the rooms to warm old men whose blood runs slowly. The city has built a valuable home, and has left it without adequate fire protection. A few chemical extinguishers in the corridor form the only available ready means of putting out an incipient fire.

It appears to us desirable that some means should be found of employing the inmates, as far as is possible, in light and useful labor, such as allotting to each man capable of standing a small plot of ground, for the cultivation of fruit, flowers or vegetables. The extension of the water main, also referred to, would supply the means for watering these plots.

MARRIED IN NANAIMO. Wm. G. Cessford, of This City, Wedded Miss Aitken. The marriage took place Monday evening at the home of her parents in Nanaimo, of Miss Nellie Aitken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Aitken, and Mr. George Cessford, of Victoria West.

MORESBY ISLAND MACHINERY.

New Westminster Firm is Awarded Big Sawmill Contract.

New Westminster, May 14.—The Schaake Machine Works Company of this city has been awarded the contract for the building of all the machinery required for Moresby Island Lumber Company's new mill at Queen Charlotte on the south end of Graham Island. Mr. Schaake, interviewed, refused to state the amount involved in the contract, but it is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The mill will have a capacity of 100,000 feet per day of ten hours. The foundations are now being built.

In addition to this large contract Schaake's have under construction some thirty-eight shingle manufacturing machines for mills in every part of the province. To-day also the firm is building a water wheel for the Lamb-Watson Lumber Company, of Arrowhead, for a powerful stern wheel steamer which that company is operating on the Arrow lakes.

GRAND JURY MADE ITS PRESENTMENT

Recommendations Made by That Body Yesterday Afternoon.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Yesterday afternoon the grand jury, serving at the assizes, made its usual presentment. It was as follows: To the Honorable the Chief Justice of the province of British Columbia, presiding judge of the present Assizes.

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CAPT. MUSGRAVE BACK TO TAKE LILLOOET Steamer Will Have Steam Trial Shortly—Work in Progress.

Capt. Musgrave, who is in charge of the Dominion hydrographic survey work on this coast, returned from the north on the Union steamship Camoens yesterday to take over the new steamer Lillooet when she is completed by the B. C. Marine Railway company.

COAL HARBOR SHIPBUILDING. Number of Launches, Yachts and Other Small Craft Under Construction. At the Vancouver shipyards on Coal Harbor, the keel has just been laid down of a motor launch which, when completed, will be one of the best on the coast. The new boat is for Mr. McKinnon and will be 22 feet long and 10 feet beam.

BRITISH YEOMAN OVERDUE. Is Quoted at 15 Per Cent. While Rate on Adela Drops From 65 to 50 Per Cent. The British barque British Yeoman, 122 days out from Sydney for San Francisco, has been added to the overdue list at 15 per cent. The rate on the overdue Chilean barque Adela, Capt. Larkin, which is making an exceptionally long passage to Valparaiso from Tacoma, has been dropped from 55 per cent to 50 per cent.

PHONES IN ALBERTA. Government Awards Contract for 700 Miles of Long Distance Wires. Edmonton, May 14.—The contract for 700 miles of long distance telephone material has been awarded by the public works department to the Northern Electric Company of Montreal and Winnipeg. The public works department has purchased two lots in Strathcona for the erection of a local telephone exchange building, to be erected at a cost of \$10,000.

RIGHT OR WRONG NO SURRENDER

DETERMINED TO KEEP UP OBSTRUCTION FARCE Tories Allowed Time to Collect Reasons for Opposing Election Bill.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 14.—"Right or wrong, no surrender," is the determined attitude taken by the opposition members after another caucus this morning on the present bill to give the present bill. The government believes the position wrong, and while disposed to accept with open minds any suggestions from the other side of the House, which might be of service to the bill, will insist that the rights of the liberal electors in Manitoba will be safeguarded equally with those of the Conservative electors.

PARADE PROMISES TO BE GREAT SUCCESS Additional Classes for This Feature of Victoria Day Celebration.

The best ever seen or attempted in Victoria is what the committees in charge promise of the horse and automobile parade in connection with the Victoria day celebration. No detail, however small, that would go to make a success of this feature of the festivities has been neglected.

ROYAL CITY RIFLEMEN. New Westminster, May 13.—The rifle team of the city are taking unusual interest in the sport of range shooting this year, and an enthusiastic meeting of the local militia companies was held last night, when an elaborate programme was laid out.

C. P. R. AND WHITE PASS COME TO AGREEMENT Through Bills of Lading for Steamship Leaving Vancouver To-day.

Yesterday an agreement was reached by the representatives of the C. P. R. and the White Pass & Yukon railway respecting the carrying of through freight by the steamships of the former company in connection with the latter concern's road.

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METHODISTS CONVENE AT VANCOUVER. Rev. Dr. Carman Opens Ministerial Session—Preliminary Routine Work.

CYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST GOVERNMENT ST. Near Yates.

JUDGED BY HIS HAT. A man is judged by the hat he wears just as surely as by the company he keeps.

FINCH & FINCH THE EXCLUSIVE STYLE STORE HATTERS. 1107 GOVERNMENT STREET.

DIES ON EVE OF MEETING HER SON. Pitiful End of Aged Mother After Journeying from Seattle to St. Louis.

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LOCAL LODGE. WON T. IN COMPETITION. K. OF P.

Business Transactions Held Afternoon. (From Thursday's Daily.) The team competition by the local lodges for the work of last evening of the grand lodge of the gathering held on morning before the completion. The contest was far from points; Mt. Pleasant points; Nelson No. 17, 1754, and Na. The result was greeted with great enthusiasm.

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