

Council Notified That Lord and Lady Aberdeen Will Be Here on July 23rd.

Tax Bill Passed—Fort Street Pavement—The Amended Water Rates.

Excellency Lord Aberdeen, Governor of Canada, and Lady Aberdeen will pay their farewell visit to Victoria about two weeks hence.

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DISPAIR IN MADRID

Lamentations at the National Disaster—Succeed the Wave of Enthusiasm.

Authorities Fear Popular Outbursts—Wounded From Santiago at Key West.

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Key West, July 6.—The Red Cross steamer Troquada arrived yesterday afternoon from Santiago de Cuba with 200 wounded on board. The board of health authorities granted permission to land the wounded from the Troquada, and the ship is now being docked for that purpose.

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Condition of the Wounded at Santiago—Spain Determined to Continue the War.

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SIX HUNDRED LOST

Details of the A.W.M. Disaster Which Overtook the Steamship Bourgogne.

Only One Woman Saved—The Stunken Steamer Was Traveling Fast.

Halifax, July 6.—The French trans-Atlantic company's steamer La Bourgogne, which left New York Saturday for Halifax, sank off-colliding with the British ship Cromartyshire in a dense fog, 60 miles south of Sable Island.

The collision occurred at 9 o'clock on the morning of July 4. Only 200 persons were saved out of 833 on board the La Bourgogne. The Allan line steamer Grecian, Captain Numan, which sailed from Glasgow going westward, was in the vicinity today towing the Cromartyshire, which had been in collision with the La Bourgogne.

She reports that the latter sank almost immediately. Of those saved, 200 persons in all, 170 were passengers, the other 30 being members of the crew of the French steamer.

Only one woman was saved. All the officers of the La Bourgogne were drowned except the purser and three engineers. The Cromartyshire laid to and picked up 200 passengers, going about four or five miles north to the Grecian, which came along shortly afterwards.

The loss of the La Bourgogne is as follows: July 4, 5 a.m.—Dense fog; position of ship 60 miles south of Sable Island; ship reduced to drift, going about four or five knots per hour; fog horn kept going regularly every minute; heard steamer's whistle on port bow, which seemed to be going very fast; blew a horn, and were answered by the steamer's whistle.

Then all of a sudden she loomed up through the fog on our port bow, and crashed into us, going at a terrible speed. Our foremast and mainmast and galley mast came down, bringing with it the yards and everything attached to them. Immediately ordered all boats out and went to examine damage. Four of the boats were completely capsized and the other six were damaged.

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AMONG THE BAPTISTS

Encouraging Reports From All Departments—Next Year's Convention in New Westminster.

The Temperance Committee's Report Sent Back for Amendment and Emphasis. The Baptist convention opened in the Calvary church with a large attendance. The president was welcomed by Rev. P. H. McEwen, of New Westminster, the president of the assembly.

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ORDERED TO HAWAII

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PROSPEROUS CANADA

Marvellous Increase in Her Commerce Under Liberal Government.

Ottawa, July 7.—The next Official Gazette will contain the financial statement for the year. It will show for the first time in several years that Canada will have a surplus of two million over last year. The exact figures of the expenditure have not yet been made up, but the surplus will be as above stated.

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