ant has complied with the act so as to give him a right to a certificate of improvement by counter claim and not by reply. The order will be to allow the appeal in the first case with costs, with liberty to the plaintiff to counter-claim against the defendant for non-compliance with the statutory requirements.

NATIONAL TAXATION.

As the approach of the Dominion elections has brought the subject of taxes to everyone's lips, the following curious facts about it will be of interest:—

The house tax in Greece brings $100,000 a year.

The tithes of England amount to $20,250,000 a year.

Russia raises $1,500,000 a year by the sale of passports.

In the time of Queen Anne soap was taxed $140 per ton.

A tax on dogs was levied in Rome during the reign of Nero.

The rate of taxation has nearly quadrupled in France since 1830.

A hearth tax was formerly assessed in many of the German States.

The soap duty in Holland brings $750,000 a year to the Government.

Holland is the only country in Europe that admits coffee free of duty.

In 1885 the people of Great Britain paid taxes on 422,200 carriages.

The Australians pay $50,000,000 in taxes to support their Government.

Male servants are taxed in Great Britain and several other countries.

The French people pay over $10,000,000 a year taxes on their windows.

The taxes of the people of this country equal about $10 to each inhabitant.

Until about 40 years ago the Persian Government levied a tax on cats.

In Portugal the tobacco tax brings in $4,500,000; the land tax $3,500,000.

Germany pays $10,000,000 a year taxes on salt and $15,000,000 on sugar.

The capitation or poll tax is believed to have been the earliest form of taxation.

During the fourteenth century in Italy a tax was levied on every one who wore shoes.

In the early days of Virginia and Carolina colonies taxes were paid in tobacco.

Customs duties on imports were collected in England by Ethelred II. as early as 979.

Most of the Asiatic countries have been ruined by the system of "farming the taxes."

Almost all the Turkish taxes are farmed out, and the resulting corruption is very great.

The first mention of any sort of taxation in Greek history is a tax levied by Solon, B. C. 540.

THE MARKETS.

The demand for seeding supplies has increased in the district, but not to any great extent as yet, orders booked being well up advance, and chiefly confined to outlying portions of the Province, where uncertainty exists in getting in what is required of reserved stocks, about a month hence. Still the fact implies the conclusion that an early spring is anticipated in every quarter. Business otherwise is just about the same as it was at the beginning of the month, the shortest in the year. February over, many changes will be looked for, this period of only 28 days universally being considered the worst of the 12 months. Prices in the majority of leaders remain about the same and there is little to chronicle in the way of changes. Poultry is in demand, as marauders of hen roosts appear to be aware, if the recent robberies of the feathered tribe may be considered a basis of judgment. Flour has a slight upward tendency yet, and prices may go higher before the next date of writing. Local new oats have gone up from $21 per ton to $22, a very considerable rise. Eggs and butter are becoming more plentiful and there is a good demand. Current prices are given as follows:—

Feed and Produce—Wheat per ton Washington, $24; oats (Edmonton), $25; local, new, $25; shorts, $20; bran, $18; hay, on Fraser bank, $10; potatoes, Fraser river, $13; Ashcroft, $20 per ton; rolled oats per 90-lb sack, $3 Keewatin flour, $4.00 per bbl; Oak Lake Hungarian $4.30, Portland City, $4.00; salt $13@14; Oil cake, $38.50.

Produce—Butter (creamery) 25@26c. per lb., dairy 15@16c. per lb. Fresh eggs 30@35c per doz. Ontario 12c.@15c. per doz. Lard per lb., 11 1-2c. tins. Hams per lb., small 12@13c, large, 11c., bacon, per lb., 12 1-2c.; backs 10 1-2 roll, 10c., dry salt, 8 1-2c.; smoked 10c.; mess pork, 17c.; short cut, 18c.; cheese, 13@14c.

Meats—Beef hindquarters, 6c. per lb.; forequarters, 5c. per lb.; cuts, 7@12c. per lb.; mutton, cuts, 12@12 1-2c. per lb.; pork, 6@8c. per lb.; cuts, 8@10c. per lb.; sausages 15c. per lb.

Apples—$1@$1.0. Quince.s, 5c. per lb. Pineapples, 10@20c. Lemons, $3.50 case. Oranges, 30c. per doz.

Vegetables—Carrots, turnips, beets, parsnips, cabbage, 1½c. per dozen. Onions, 1½c.

Fish—Cod, (wholesale) 6c.; small fish, 4c.; bloaters per doz., 20c.; kippered herring, 10c.; kippered salmon, 12 1-2c.; finnan haddie, 8c. Game—Turkey, 14c. per lb.; geese, 10c. per lb; ducks, wild, mallard, 40@50c. per brace; widgeon, 25c, doz.; teal, 10c., do.; chickens, 10c; wild geese, 75@80c.

WESTMINSTER MARKET.

Poultry, none; pork, carcass, none; cuts, 8@10c. per lb.; Beef, forequarters 5@6c. per lb.; hindquarters, 6@7c. per lb.; cuts, 7@12c. per lb. Mutton, carcass, none; cuts, 12@12 1-2c. per lb. Butter, 15@20c. per lb. roll. Eggs, 30@35c. per doz. Hay, $11 per ton. Oats, $22 @$27 per ton. Wheat $25 per ton. Potatoes $13@$15 per ton. Mangolds, $7 per ton. White carrots, $8 per ton. Red carrots, 50c per 100 lbs. Turnips, 50c. per 100 lbs. Onions, 1½c. per lb. Cabbage, 1½c. per lb. Beets, 1c. per lb. Parsnips, 1c. per lb. Apples, $1@1.10 per box.

Meats in short supply. Large offering of potatoes, with prices very uneasy. Eggs plentiful. Butter scarce. No poultry.

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HUNTER.—In this city on the 26th inst. Samuel Hunter, aged 29 years and 8 months.

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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—T. J. Howard, proprietor of the Howard house, Esquimalt, is dead, aged 71. Paralysis was the cause.

—The roof of Mount Pleasant school is to be extended beyond the walls, which, at present, are rapidly disintegrating.

—The conviction of Sir Peter Walker for infraction of the game laws in Ontario again some months ago was quashed on Wednesday by Mr. Justice Crease.

—A warrant has been issued for Daniel Connors, who was out on bail to appeal for speedy trial at Victoria on a charge of assaulting his wife, who failed to turn up at the time appointed.

—Phineas Manson, a native of Wick, Scotland, 64 years of age, and a 14 servant of the Hudson's Bay Co., in this province, died yesterday at the Jubilee hospital, Victoria.

—George Wilson, under arrest in Victoria on the charge of stealing a watch from Alexander Gillis, of Fort Simpson, has been remanded for a week to allow the prosecutor time to get down from the north.

—The Colonist is responsible for the story that a party has been organized to dig on Mayne Island for a lot of gold supposed to have been buried there by a man named Nicholson, who died some time ago.

—The new whaleback Everett has completed her load of coal at Nanaimo. She goes from there to Port Townsend, where she takes 10 passengers aboard, including those who are going to San Francisco on her for the trial trip.

—F. D. Walker, captain of the Norma, who recently arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu, and who is now on his way to Victoria, denies that he was deported from Hawaii. He says that the Norma, which was under charter of P. J. Claxton, of Victoria, carried neither ammunition nor arms to Hawaii. All she had was salmon.

—Police Magistrate McCrea, of Victoria, on Wednesday said that the settlement out of court of a charge of larceny was most irregular. He therefore in the case of John Ohlsen, charged by A. Forrest with the larceny of some fishing gear, made an adjournment and stated that the prosecutor must attend and have the matter investigated.

—In the Congregational church on Wednesday Rev. J. W. Pedley united in marriage James Nelson, of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Adeline Wade Moore, late of Mitchell, Ont. T. Lobb, Mount Pleasant, gave the bride away. E. P. Fewster was the groomsman, Miss Fewster bridesmaid, and Misses Lily and Emmie Nelson, maids of honor.

—If Joseph Pierson, Government auditor, is properly reported in this morning's local sheet, he is much in need of the ability to keep his mouth shut. If Mr. Pierson will content himself with carrying out the duties of his office and reporting in the proper manner on things as he finds them, his usefulness as a public servant will be more apparent.

—"Yes," said a local critic the other day, "she had a voice like a siren, and when she sang, 'Mid play sure, and palaces, though heam a Rome, Be it averse oh vum bull there, snow play sly comb,' there was not a dry eye in the room." It is to be supposed that there were no clubs, either, or she would, in all probabliiay, have quit before the end of the first stanza.

—Samuel Allen, a well-known settler at Sooke, was found lying dead on the ground against a log on Saturday last, not far from the house occupied by himself and Mr. Friume, his partner. The deceased had been out chopping and is supposed to have fallen a victim to heart disease, with which he was afflicted. The inquest resulted in the returning of a verdict of death from natural causes.

From Friday's daily.

—J. W. Campbell, No. 1 fire hall, has suffered from a visit from chicken thieves.

—Out of 170 cattle tested in the vicinity of Winnipeg 53 were found to be afflicted with tuberculosis.

—The new Alaska steamer Willapa will leave Victoria on Sunday evening on her first trip north.

—The Victoria vital statistics for the month of February are as follows: Marriages, 21, deaths, 14, and births, 24.

—Rev. H. B. Bnashier, of Calgary, has been chosen as successor to Ven. Archdeacon Scriven as rector of St. James', Victoria.

—The Texas Lake Ice Co. are getting ready nets and boats so as to be prepared to commence salmon fishing as soon as the season opens. They will freeze the salmon and ship them east.

—J. A. Callaghan, who for 12 years had been C. P. R. telegraph operator at Nanaimo, recently left for California for the benefit of his health. Before he departed the citizens presented him with a purse of $200 in gold as a token of their appreciation of his faithful services.

—John Cook, formerly proprietor of the Bee Hive saloon, Victoria, was on Thursday formally committed for trial on the charge of keeping a common gaming house; bail was fixed at $500, the accused in $250 and two sureties each of $125. Mr. Belyea for the defence held that his client's proprietorship on the date of the alleged offence had not been clearly established and that Black Jack, being a game combining skill and chance, did not come within the meaning of the code.

—John Rood, the well-known Northern canner, manager and part owner of the Lowe Inlet cannery, and Miss Sarah Williams, daughter of Elford Williams, of Metlakatla, were joined in marriage by Rev. Percival Jenns in St. John's church, Victoria, at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening; about 70 friends, including many Northern people, were present. The bride was neatly dressed in cream silk and was supported by Miss Ethel Tanner, daughter of a well-known canner, supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Rood will leave for Lowe Inlet on the steamer Danube to-day.

—Thomas Cunningham, Government fruit inspector, says that the members of the board propose, in the company of Mr. Palmer, the Government fruit pests inspector, to visit every section with a view to encouraging fruit culture. The prospects for an excellent crop of fruit this year are better than they have been for the last seven years, if the frost holds off. Buds are forming and seem exceedingly healthy. Moreover, owing to the general adoption of the spraying process, the product will be of a far higher quality than heretofore. Mr. Cunningham has made arrangements with some American friends in the east that every member of the Dairymen's Association shall receive a copy of the Columbia dairy test, written by Mrs. V. E. Fuller, wife of Vallancey H. Fuller, whose short-horn herd on his farm near Hamilton, Ont., was once the pride of Ontario.

—A few nights ago the Grotto saloon Victoria, was burglarized. Proprietor Steve O'Brien, of the Grotto, received an anonymous note by mail, which said: "Mr. O'Brien: Nigger Jackson, friend of your porter, robbed your saloon." This communication was handed to constable Smith, and upon it he arrested William Jackson, of Pandora street, on Wednesday evening. He had absolutely no evidence against him and the prisoner was released without an appearance in court. The "prisoner" has already instituted a suit for damages. Officer Smith's load of common sense must be a heavy drag on him.

From Saturday's daily.

—Frank McGowen gives notice in this week's official Gazette of his application to be called to the bar of the Province.

—At the meeting of the Vancouver Building Society on Friday evening Robt. Campbell held ticket 26, which drew the $2,000 appropriation.

—Tenders for the erection of an addition to the Asylum for the Insane at Westminster will be received by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to March 13th.

—The customs returns for the port of Nanaimo last month were: Duty collected, $5,598.33; miscellaneous, $435.17; total, $6,037.50; imports, goods imported free, $781; dutiable, $19,106; total, $19,887.

—There is a rumor afloat that Judge Bole intends to retire from the Bench, not finding it lucrative enough, and resume practice. It is said that in such an event Judge Spinks would come to the Coast.

—The Inland Revenue returns at Victoria for the month of February are as follows: Spirits $4,573.54, malt $2,038.76, tobacco $2,796.24, liquors $653.55, tobacco manufacturers' license $27.50, imported petroleum $146.40; total $10,224.99.

—The coal shipments from the island mines last month were: New Vancouver Co., 28,357; Wellington, 22,796; Union, 15,895. These shipments raised the total to date 9,000 tons less than in January. The N. V. C. Co.'s foreign exports are nearly 3,000 tons in excess of last month, the falling off being at Wellington, where there is an aggregate loss of 12,600 tons.

—H. T. Lewis, agent of the P. C. S. S. Co., has been notified of a reduction in the rates to Northern Points by the steamers of that company. To Wrangel the rate will be $15 cabin and $7.50 steerage; Juneau, $12, $6; Sitka $15, $7.50. The City of Topeka will sail from Seattle on March 9th and the Alki on March 17th. The latter does not call at Sitka, but will put in at Howkan and Hunter's Bay.

—The last issue of the Nelson Miner shows a great improvement in that publication. It has been enlarged and otherwise improved in appearance. The publishers say: The Miner is the oldest paper in the district, having been established four years and a half ago. It has steadily grown ever since and we hope the time is not far off when the rapidly increasing import, since our establishment, represents will demand a still further enlargement.

From Monday's daily.

—British Columbia's harbinger of spring, the unmusical frog, has been heard from.

—The annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Pacific coast is to be held in Victoria next May.

—The British bark Glenalvon, Capt. Williams, arrived on Saturday evening to load lumber at the Hastings mill for the United Kingdom.

—The American ship Sterling, Capt. Whelden, arrived on Saturday evening from Pensacola with a cargo of pitch, consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans.

—R. Hendry, an employe at the Hastings mill, drew $300 insurance money at the meeting of the Pacific Building Society on Saturday evening. He held No. 26.

—Get Sing, the Chinaman who robbed Mrs. Tingley, of Victoria, of her mourning, sentenced to six months' imprisonment. James Bryan, a vag., was sent down for two months.

—A mother asked her young hopeful last evening for the Week, forgetting that it was Sunday, when the youngster improved upon the occasion by remarking that it was Lent.

—The Danube is taking on 250,000 ft. of lumber for the River's Inlet cannery. Her other freight comprises principally cannery supplies. About 400 Chinese cannery hands have taken passage by her.

—The partnership heretofore existing between Hon. Theodore Davie, Q. C., and Gordon Hunter has been formally dissolved, Mr. Davie retiring from the firm. Mr. Hunter will form a partnership with L. P. Duff.

—In regard to the matter of freight rates with reference to which the fruit growers expected to call on the C. P. R. to-day, it is claimed that they are practically prohibitory, and that the British Columbia growers out of the home market.

—It was the intention of T. G. Earle and Thos. Cunningham to wait on the C. P. R. authorities to-day in connection with freight rates but circumstances intervened. They will instead lay the matter before the company in the form of a memorial.

—A. S. Vedder wishes the Chilliwack Progress to state emphatically that he has no desire whatever to become a member of the Liberal-Conservative association recently organized there, much less to act in the capacity of a member of the executive committee.

—Those who care for the finer sides of literature should not miss Principal Hill-Tout's closing lecture to-morrow evening. His Hour with some of the 19th Century Poets will no doubt be a pleasant and profitable one, as he is a pleasing and cultured speaker. Admission 25c.

—The prospecting parties working in the mine at Northfield have struck a deeper vein of coal than has been found there for a long time past. The vein is now four feet six inches, being far deeper than they were formerly working in. The discovery was made in the slope.

—Lieut.-Col. Peters speaks very highly of the efficiency of the local company, B. C. B. G. A. It is admitted that if they had had the gun drill they would have been entitled to the prize for general efficiency. The officers and the visiting staff dined at the Merchants' Exchange on Saturday evening, the battery band playing during the repast.

—In regard to a local item in Saturday's World, the conclusion might be drawn that the special rates to Alaska per the P. C. S. S. Co.'s vessels applied generally. This is not the case. They only apply to the steamer City of Topeka, leaving Port Townsend on or about March 9th and calling at Victoria, and the Alki, sailing as above, on or about March 19th.

—The writ of habeas corpus applied for by Charles Plunkett, who is undergoing imprisonment at Kamloops for having stolen goods in his possession at Kaslo, has been dismissed. It was alleged that the warrant under which he had been arrested was irregular, but Mr. Justice Drake decided that a good warrant had been substituted for the irregular one before service was affected.

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—From the first start of the machinery at the concentrator at New Denver, everything has worked perfectly, not even a single alteration having to be made. The plant is running night and day, concentrating an average of 50 tons of ore per diem. The amount can be easily increased. Some 25 men are employed regularly at the works, and the ore being treated is from the Idaho mine.

—The athletic committee of the Y. M. C. A. are arranging for the organization of a lacrosse club in connection with the institution. There are several good players enrolled as members of the association, and that an effective team can be got together. Any young men wishing to join the club are invited to report to the secretary. A meeting for organization will be held on Tuesday night, the 12th inst.

—The christening according to the Jewish rite of the infant son of K. Silverman occurred on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Nordleman were godfather and godmother and M. Kraemer acted as Sandicky. The parlor, to which the child was brought in the arms of his godmother, was very handsomely decorated for the occasion. In the evening a surprise party took possession of Mr. Silverman's house and spent a very jolly time.

—A fatal accident occurred at Wellington on Saturday evening. Several miners were driving a cut through into the level in No. 6 shaft. They had some six feet of coal to cut and were preparing for their last shot. This was fired, but the tamping proved stronger than the back and the hole blew through. Andrew Yanger, a mule driver, happened to be passing in the level and arrived just in time to catch the full force of the shot, which killed him instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

—The appeal case of Lashbrook & Kingsley vs. Sexsmith & Carscallen came before the Divisional court at Victoria on Monday, Justices McCreight, Drake and Walkem presiding. This was an appeal by defendants for a new trial on the ground of misdirection by the judge at the jury trial before Mr. Justice Crease. Plaintiffs sued for damages stopping up certain municipal ditches. The jury awarded $1,800 damages. The court yesterday refused the motion for a new trial with costs. A. H. Macneill for applicants (defendants) and E. P. Davis, Q. C., for respondents (plaintiffs.)

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—The Coquitlam and Capilano have received their annual inspection.

—Rev. T. Thompson, of this city is conducting revival services at Nanaimo.

—The young Conservatives of Victoria meet this evening to organize a Macdonald club.

—Andrew Vanger was killed in No. 1 shaft, Wellington, on Saturday by a blown through shot.

—Miss Blackburn, of this city, has opened classes in oil painting, pastil and crayon drawing in Nanaimo.

—J. E. Armstrong, of Ten-Mile Point, has received notice of a legacy of £5,000, bequeathed to him by an English relative.

—Adam Loughead, an employe at the C. P. R. local freight shed, had a leg broken by the fall of some freight on Tuesday.

—The newsy letter of our Vernon correspondent is unavoidably crowded out of the Weekly edition, having reached the office late.

—In the matter of the stone supply contract for the Government buildings the injunction restraining Contractor Tulloch from preventing Contractor Adams from taking stone from his Hardington island quarry has been dissolved.

—Ralph Smith has withdrawn as the Reform candidate for the Commons in the Vancouver electoral district, giving as his reason that the Wellington and Union Liberals would vote against him as a Nanaimo miner. A convention will be held to nominate a new man.

—New Union News: Mr. Williams, of the city of Vancouver has made a most remarkable discovery. He declared from his place in the Legislature that the route from Victoria to Australia was by way of Butte Inlet. We suppose as a matter of course that he will now be made a member of the Royal Geographical Society.

—Attention is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Howay & Reid, solicitors, New Westminster, announcing a mortgage sale, to-morrow, Friday, by public auction by J. T. Trapp, auctioneer, at his auction rooms, New Westminster, of 207 acres of choice land, situated on Crescent Island near Ladner's Landing. The sale will begin at 11 o'clock.

—An extra of the B. C. Gazette, issued last evening contains the formal announcement of the appointment of Hon. J. H. Turner to be Minister of Finance and Agriculture; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C., to be president of the Executive Council; Hon. James Baker, to be Provincial Secretary, Minister of Mines, and Minister of Education and Immigration; Hon. G. B. Martin, to be Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Hon. D. M. Eberts, Q. C., to be Attorney-General.

—Great excitement prevails at Plumper's Pass over a hunt for treasure. An old man named Nicholson died recently, leaving it is though, a large quantity of gold dust, nuggets and cash hidden about his property. He had been a miner in California and Alaska. Kaslo has been disturbed by a report alleged that the warrant under which he had been arrested was irregular, but Mr. Justice Drake decided that a good warrant had been substituted for the irregular one before service was affected.

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—A. D. Scroggy, contracting freight agent of the C. P. R., has resigned that position to accept that of general freight and passenger agent of the Seattle Lake Shore and Eastern.

—From the first start of the machinery at the concentrator at New Denver, everything has worked perfectly, not even a single alteration having to be made. The plant is running night and day, concentrating an average of 50 tons of ore per diem. The amount can be easily increased. Some 25 men are employed regularly at the works, and the ore being treated is from the Idaho mine.

—The athletic committee of the Y. M. C. A. are arranging for the organization of a lacrosse club in connection with the institution. There are several good players enrolled as members of the association, and that an effective team can be got together. Any young men wishing to join the club are invited to report to the secretary. A meeting for organization will be held on Tuesday night, the 12th inst.

—The christening according to the Jewish rite of the infant son of K. Silverman occurred on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Nordleman were godfather and godmother and M. Kraemer acted as Sandicky. The parlor, to which the child was brought in the arms of his godmother, was very handsomely decorated for the occasion. In the evening a surprise party took possession of Mr. Silverman's house and spent a very jolly time.

—A fatal accident occurred at Wellington on Saturday evening. Several miners were driving a cut through into the level in No. 6 shaft. They had some six feet of coal to cut and were preparing for their last shot. This was fired, but the tamping proved stronger than the back and the hole blew through. Andrew Yanger, a mule driver, happened to be passing in the level and arrived just in time to catch the full force of the shot, which killed him instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

—The appeal case of Lashbrook & Kingsley vs. Sexsmith & Carscallen came before the Divisional court at Victoria on Monday, Justices McCreight, Drake and Walkem presiding. This was an appeal by defendants for a new trial on the ground of misdirection by the judge at the jury trial before Mr. Justice Crease. Plaintiffs sued for damages stopping up certain municipal ditches. The jury awarded $1,800 damages. The court yesterday refused the motion for a new trial with costs. A. H. Macneill for applicants (defendants) and E. P. Davis, Q. C., for respondents (plaintiffs.)

From Wednesday's daily.

—The Coquitlam and Capilano have received their annual inspection.

—Rev. T. Thompson, of this city is conducting revival services at Nanaimo.

—The young Conservatives of Victoria meet this evening to organize a Macdonald club.

—Andrew Vanger was killed in No. 1 shaft, Wellington, on Saturday by a blown through shot.

—Miss Blackburn, of this city, has opened classes in oil painting, pastil and crayon drawing in Nanaimo.

—J. E. Armstrong, of Ten-Mile Point, has received notice of a legacy of £5,000, bequeathed to him by an English relative.

—Adam Loughead, an employe at the C. P. R. local freight shed, had a leg broken by the fall of some freight on Tuesday.

—The newsy letter of our Vernon correspondent is unavoidably crowded out of the Weekly edition, having reached the office late.

—In the matter of the stone supply contract for the Government buildings the injunction restraining Contractor Tulloch from preventing Contractor Adams from taking stone from his Hardington island quarry has been dissolved.

—Ralph Smith has withdrawn as the Reform candidate for the Commons in the Vancouver electoral district, giving as his reason that the Wellington and Union Liberals would vote against him as a Nanaimo miner. A convention will be held to nominate a new man.

—New Union News: Mr. Williams, of the city of Vancouver has made a most remarkable discovery. He declared from his place in the Legislature that the route from Victoria to Australia was by way of Butte Inlet. We suppose as a matter of course that he will now be made a member of the Royal Geographical Society.

—Attention is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Howay & Reid, solicitors, New Westminster, announcing a mortgage sale, to-morrow, Friday, by public auction by J. T. Trapp, auctioneer, at his auction rooms, New Westminster, of 207 acres of choice land, situated on Crescent Island near Ladner's Landing. The sale will begin at 11 o'clock.

—An extra of the B. C. Gazette, issued last evening contains the formal announcement of the appointment of Hon. J. H. Turner to be Minister of Finance and Agriculture; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C., to be president of the Executive Council; Hon. James Baker, to be Provincial Secretary, Minister of Mines, and Minister of Education and Immigration; Hon. G. B. Martin, to be Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Hon. D. M. Eberts, Q. C., to be Attorney-General.

—Great excitement prevails at Plumper's Pass over a hunt for treasure. An old man named Nicholson died recently, leaving it is though, a large quantity of gold dust, nuggets and cash hidden about his property. He had been a miner in California and Alaska. Kaslo has been disturbed by a report alleged that the warrant under which he had been arrested was irregular, but Mr. Justice Drake decided that a good warrant had been substituted for the irregular one before service was affected.

—Two men are missing from Victoria. Neil Heath, who gained notoriety through being discharged from the position of assistant master in the Victoria Collegiate Institute for an infringement of the school rules, is one of them. He left his room on Friday and has not been heard of since. Heath had been ill, and, it is said, despondent for some days. Several cartridges are missing from the house where he lived, and it is feared he may later account for his disappearance. The other man is an Englishman named Rennie, mate of the steamer Maude. He disappeared on Saturday morning, when he should have

THE ROYAL CITY.

Happenings in and About the City of New Westminster.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, March 4.—A commencement is being made to-day to ascertain the seed requirements of the sufferers by the 1894 floods, and it is intended if possible to have all the applications in by next Saturday night. To facilitate work a division has been made into three districts. No. 1 district includes Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqui and Upper Sumas; Jas. Punch will attend to this, and will have as his assistants H. Benson and H. T. Thrift. No. 2 takes in Chilliwack, Cheam, Popkum, Hope and Kent (including Ruby creek); Thos. Cunningham takes charge of this, having the help of H. Kipp and Wm. Knight. No. 3 district comprises Dewdney, Nicomen Island, Harrison, Maple Ridge, Coquitlam, Burnaby, Richmond and South Vancouver; W. B. Townsend has the oversight of this last. J. B. Lord and Capt. Thompson, acting under him. The "Form of Seed Requisition" requires information to be given on the following among other points: Number of acres held, nature of title, number of employes, plough horses and oxen, what seed merchant applicant would prefer to deal with, the number of acres fenced, ploughed, in pasture, in meadow, and details of the various kinds of crops sown and planted, the area in cultivation immediately prior to the 1894 floods and proposed to be grown and cultivated in 1895, and the quantity of seed required to be advanced. Applicants must agree to accept delivery of seed at New Westminster and to give a P. N. payable Jan. 1895, for the value thereof, calculated at the market rates current at date of advance, with 8 per cent. interest added: It is stipulated that advances of seed will be made only to those who were genuine sufferers by the late floods, and to them only after the required form has been properly filled in and duly verified. In no case will an advance be made for a larger quantity of land than was tilled by applicant in 1894, and the seed is intended to be used for sowing or planting only, and not to be in any other way used or disposed of.

A meeting of ratepayers in Coquitlam electoral district was held on Saturday afternoon at the schoolhouse, Westminster junction, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent the Liberal interests in the district at the Liberal convention to be held shortly at New Westminster. Several Liberal supporters from New Westminster were present, and a fair number of others came from this city were present, as well as the local sympathizers. James Fox presided and the meeting chose as delegates the following: James Fox, Chas. Neville and Jno. Morrison.

The choir of St. Barnabas church sang Farrant's anthem, Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' sake, at the close of last night's service. It is intended to repeat this anthem each Sunday night throughout Lent.

A meeting of Liberals was held at Chilliwack on Friday, Reeve Kitchen being in the chair. Several speeches were made, the speakers condemning in strong terms the policy of delay in calling the new election writs. It was decided to hold another meeting on Saturday evening, the 9th inst., to choose delegates to the forthcoming Liberal convention. Mr. McKenzie had previously been deputed to make such arrangements for the more convenient working of this application as he should deem advisable. Assistance to the British Columbia Southern railway, intended to run through the Crow's Nest Pass, and to mining and coke ins mining fields of Kootenay, at such rates that the settlers can find there would be $8 or $7 a ton instead of $10 or $16 as hitherto. The C. P. R. opposed the scheme as strongly as they could, using every effort to show that the road could not possibly be built because of the enormous cost of building and the value of the coal. The fight was carried before the Cabinet, and the late Sir John Thompson sent for him (Mr. Green) and asked what offer the C. Southern party had made to the C. P. R. as to the terms Sir John Thompson replied with emphasis that if the C. P. R. would not come to an agreement within three months they might go to the mischief. That certainly did not look as if the Cabinet were at all depended upon the C. P. R., especially when they knew that an election was coming on.

Senator McInnes said that only for the C. P. R. the Government would have been snowed under at the last election. He urged support of the Liberal candidates, and referred to the fight of the Province to Cabinet representation.

Mr. Templeman stated that when the campaign starts in earnest he will take an opportunity to lay before the public his views on the Liberal platform. As all no doubt knew, he had been nominated by the Opposition—he would not say the Liberal convention—and he hoped to be elected as an Opposition candidate.

The meeting then adjourned.

PRESBYTERY MEETING.

The regular meeting of the New Westminster Presbytery was held this afternoon in the First Presbyterian church. Among those present were: Revs. McLaren, MacLeod, Macmillan, Vancouver; Scouler, Chestnut, New Westminster; McElmon, Cloverdale; Mogee, Langley; Glassford, Ladner's; Dunn, Wanacock; Buchanan, Richmond; students Menzies, Mission; Scott, Aldergrove, and elders Mackie, Stirrett, Vancouver; Black, Langley.

Rev. R. B. Chestnut was elected moderator for the ensuing six months.

The presbytery approved of the remit from the General Assembly, suggesting that a special committee be appointed to manage the mission work to the Jews. The proposal from the same body to amalgamate the committees on Sabbath observance, preaching of religion, systematic beneficence