

MUMM'S EXTRA DRY

The Great Leader of Champagnes

The following figures show the imports of Champagne into the United States for the first quarter of 1899. They are compiled from the Customs House Records, and show that of G. H. Mumm & Co's 'Extra Dry' Champagne there were imported 27,792 cases, or nearly half of the total imports

G. H. Mumm & Co., Extra Dry, 27,792		CASES	
POMMERY & GRENO,	10,281		
MOET & CHANDON,	7,125		
LOUIS ROEDERER	3,010		
PIPER HEIDSIECK,	2,100		
RUNART, PERE & FILS,	1,465		
HEIDSIECK & CO.,	872		
VVE. CLICQUOT,	537		
DELBECK & CO.,	505		
PERRIER-JOUET,	500		
ERNEST IRROY & CO,	434		
A. DEMONTEBELLO & CO.,	387		
BOUCHE FILS & CO.,	368		
CHAS HEIDSIECK,	275		
DUMINY & CO.,	269		
VARIOUS BRANDS (15 OR MORE)	3,274		
TOTAL:	59,194		

See that Metal Cap as shown in cuts are on each bottle. None other is genuine

PILSENER BEER, VICTORIA, B.C.

Sole Wholesale Agents for British Columbia.

The Board of Aldermen.

President McKinley Declines the Invitation to Visit Victoria.

Offer to Reclaim James Bay Flats in Exchange for Lease.

At the regular weekly meeting of the aldermanic board last evening a reply to the council's invitation was read from the secretary of state at Washington, regretting that President McKinley would be unable to visit Victoria during his approaching visit to the Coast. As it was not expected that the president would be in a position to accept the invitation, the answer created no surprise. An invitation was read from the mayor and council of Nanaimo, asking that Victoria confer to celebrate the Queen's Birthday at the Coal City. An explanation will be forwarded, stating that Victoria also will celebrate, at the same time accepting the invitation with thanks.

The local management of the street railway company wrote in connection with the Fort street track, pointing out several reasons why the track should not be removed to the centre of the street. New points will be required for the curve into Fort street from Government street, and in many ways it would delay the paving of Fort street for some months. A special committee will look into these matters and report as soon as possible.

The secretary, on behalf of the Aberdeen Association of Victoria, wrote, asking for the use of a room at the city hall, or in the Market building, the room at present in use in the Government building being required for other uses, and stating that in making this request they were acting as the branches in other cities had done. The matter was left in the hands of the mayor to deal with.

W. H. Lomas, the Indian agent at Quamichan, called attention to the question of the state of the road on the local Indian reserve, and asking if the council wished to give up all control of this thoroughfare, they having at various times stated that it did not belong to the city.

In order to give Victoria a stronger "grip" on the right of thoroughfare, it was proposed by Alderman Williams that some money be spent in mending the road. This was seconded by Alderman Stewart, but His Worship thought that the question should be referred to the city solicitor, to find out what rights the city had to the property, as until this was decided it would not be right to spend money on it.

Alderman Cameron was of opinion that \$200 or \$300 could be spent on the road, although it did not belong to the city, and the citizens would get full value for their money besides the chance of their ever losing it was very small.

The matter was referred to the city solicitor and city engineer.

Crease & Crease wrote on behalf of clients, pointing out that the sidewalk near the Market had not been repaired for nearly fifteen years, and

needed fixing. This was received and filed, and a letter from a Chinese firm referring to the same thing was read. This latter was referred to the city engineer for a report as to cost.

J. B. Painter complained of the open drain on Pine street, Victoria West, and asked that the same be boxed in. The street, too, during the wet weather, was absolutely impassable.

Alderman Beckwith said this and some other streets in a similar condition should be the subject of investigation on the part of a special committee, as they needed immediate attention.

Alderman Kinsman stated that the trouble was to get gravel in Victoria West. The street had been graded, but now needed gravelling.

A special committee will report on the cost of doing this work, and also on the matter of securing gravel in that suburb of the city.

J. G. Clark, on behalf of E. Dewdney, wished to know what steps had been taken with reference to the drain which had been asked for to carry off the water from the residence of the latter. A report from the city engineer will be asked as to cost.

Thomas D. Gold, the secretary of the lately held meeting in Victoria West, enclosed the resolutions passed at that meeting.

This communication was laid on the table.

Henry Croft wrote as follows:

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria:

Gentlemen—I have been requested by clients of mine to ask the corporation of Victoria whether, providing my clients reclaim the area of Victoria harbor known as James Bay flats, and being to the east of James Bay bridge, by filling in same to a height of four feet above high water mark, also to erect in place of the present James Bay bridge an ornamental metal bridge with either masonry abutments or piers filled with concrete, the corporation of the city of Victoria will grant them a lease of the area so reclaimed for a term of years, the bridge to become the property of the city of Victoria as soon as same is erected and the land reclaimed.

If you desire that I should meet you, in order to explain matters more fully I shall be pleased to do so after the 18th inst., as I shall be out of town till then.

Yours truly,
HENRY CROFT.

The mayor thought that any scheme which would save the city an expenditure of \$200,000 should be looked into. This received the assent of the board, and was laid on the table.

John Stevens offered to supply sand and gravel cheaper than was now supplied by the railway to the waterworks at the Elk Lake works. The city engineer will look into the matter and report.

The Sylvester Feed company, as tenants of the city, asked that the corporation repeat the front of their store in the Market hall. A report from the city engineer will be asked.

The following report from the city engineer was then taken up:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Re Pembroke street ditch, I beg to submit the following alternative scheme for the drainage of this district: That the present 3-inch pipe be continued down Pembroke street to connect with a 10-inch pipe laid from Pembroke street on the line of the proposed street to Queen's avenue; thence westerly by means of a box drain to connect with existing ditch at Queen's avenue and Quadra street. The pipe drain would be part of the permanent system. Estimated cost, \$750.

I would respectfully recommend that a 5-inch pipe be laid on the north side of Port street, from Government street to Wharf street, to take the place of the present box drain, which is now beyond repair, and which at present allows the surface water to flow under the sidewalk; estimated cost, \$110.

As it is the intention of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company to put in the siding on Work street before the 24th, I would respectfully recommend that Work street be graded from Turner street to Point Ellice bridge, so as to allow of sufficient room for vehicular traffic; estimated cost, \$85.

Re permanent sidewalk on Store and Fisgard streets in front of new block, including granite curb; estimated cost, \$750.

The city carpenter reports the following sidewalks being worn out and requiring renewing: North Park street, north side, from Quadra street easterly, 1,237x6 feet, estimated cost \$260; Pioneer street, north side, from Blanchard street to Quadra street, 380x8 feet, estimated cost \$96; View street, north side, from Blanchard to Quadra street, 610x6 feet, estimated cost \$120; Johnson street, north side, from Cook to George street, distance 600x8 feet, estimated cost \$117; Pandora avenue, north side, from Blanchard to Quadra street, 640 feet, estimated cost \$100; Quadra street, east side, from View street southerly, a distance of 160x8 feet, estimated cost \$38.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. COUSINS,
Acting City Engineer.

The Pembroke street pipe drain, it was decided to carry out as suggested, as it was for Fort street. The grading of Work street and the permanent sidewalk on Store and Fisgard street were likewise ordered to be carried out.

On the question of repairs to sidewalks and the little difference of opinion, but after some discussion they were all passed.

The city engineer reported that he had inspected the city bridges and stated that with the exception of some slight repairs that they were all safe for ordinary traffic.

Alderman Hayward thought that the bridges should be made capable of standing any kind of street traffic. The report was accepted.

The same official reported that it was advisable to put in foundations for the dam at the Beaver lake reservoir, while the present work were being done. This would enable the council to erect a roof which would have to be built sooner or later.

Alderman Stewart was ready to take the opinion of Rudolf Hering and other experts that a roof was necessary, and the foundations should be put in while it could be done economically. The engineer was instructed to have the foundation put in as he suggested, and also the supports for the roof, and to prepare an estimate of the cost of the roof if it was to be a success, and if Mr. Sorby was sent at once it was probable that the government would undertake part of the preliminary work.

The finance committee recommended that \$1,000 be appropriated—\$600 for Mr. Sorby's trip to Ottawa and \$400 for the borings. This was adopted.

The finance committee reported accounts to the amount of \$4,245.74. These were ordered to take the usual course.

The chief of the fire department wrote advising the acceptance by the council of the new fire engine recently purchased from the Waterloo Engine Company, the tests having proved satisfactory. The report was received and the engine ordered to be accepted.

The committee appointed to look into the matter of the wash-house on the corner of Pioneer and Blanchard streets was an eye-seer and an injury to

the property in the neighborhood, and asking that a by-law be passed to enable the council to abate the nuisance. This report was adopted.

A court of revision and a board of equalization was ordered to be held on the 12th June.

Ald. Humphrey's motion that applications be received for the situation of sanitary officer and plumbing inspector at \$80 per month was then read.

Ald. Stewart thought that \$90 was little enough for a first-class man, and if the city wanted good men they would have to pay for them, and he moved to make the salary \$90.

Ald. MacGregor seconded and was of the same opinion. Provision had been made for the salary at \$90 for the current year. On the vote the amendment was lost, and the salary will be \$80 per month.

In connection with the new sewer on Frederick street, Ald. Brydon said that it had been discovered that nearly all the appropriations for this work would go to bring the sewer to the corner of Frederick street—there being no sewer on Quadra street at present.

Ald. Humphrey brought up the matter of an inmate of the Old Men's Home who had been granted "leave of absence" in order to fill a situation. He also brought up the matter of the hack stand on Yates street on the north side and said it was a great nuisance.

Ald. Beckwith didn't think that the locality was a proper place for a hack stand, the details of a big railway trust on the matter of the brass goods ordered some time ago, which had not yet been received, although a month overdue. The water commissioner had been compelled to go outside in order to purchase some of the articles.

The council adjourned.

A RAILWAY TRUST.

Cleveland, O., May 8.—The Leader will say to-morrow: "According to a high official of the Vanderbilt lines in this city, the details of a big railway trust which will include all lines between Boston and Chicago are now being worked out, and the conclusion may be completed within the next few weeks."

Three Sealers Drowned.

Boats Crew of the Diana Lost on the Fairweather Grounds.

Additional Particulars of the Schooner Mary Taylor's Misfortune.

Another fatality has been reported among the spring sealing expeditions, which places the death list at seven instead of five, as previously reported for the season. Not till the return of the Otto from sea yesterday could the names of the lost ones from the Mary Taylor be learned, nor was it known that seven altogether had lost their lives—that the schooner Diana, like the Mary Taylor and Minnie, had lost a boat's crew. This third disaster occurred on the Fairweather grounds early last month. One of the Mermaid's boats was over to the Otto on the 12th of April, and from her crew the news was received of the accident, which happened two or three days previously. No names were mentioned—or at least remembered—by the Otto's crew, except one—Jack Stewart, a young Englishman, who was fairly well known in Victoria and is said to be of wealthy parentage. According to the story told by the Mermaid's crew, Stewart and his companions lost their lives on a clear day but in a lumpy sea. Their boat, caught probably by an unlooked for swell, capsized and sent all three to a watery grave. It was found next day by the Diana, upside down, but nothing was seen of the occupants. The Otto also brings the names of the two men lost from the schooner Mary Taylor. The Mary Taylor was one of the five schooners on the Fairweather grounds, and from her the information was derived that the men drowned were Pete Hansen, the mate of the vessel, and Jack Martin, one of two brothers aboard the vessel. Both were young men and pretty well known in sealing circles. The Otto's cruise was remarkable for fine weather. She brings home 725 skins and reports the following catches: Diana, on April 12, 400; Mary Taylor, on April 20, 140; Borealis, on April 12, 90; and the Mermaid, on April 16, 1,200. On her biggest day's work 90 seals were taken. All her seals were secured on the Fairweather grounds, some seven or eight hundred miles north of here, where the seals go prior to entering Behring Sea. Less than 43 skins of the entire catch were taken up to the 16th of March, and less than 20 after April 16. The run home was made in favorable weather, and the crew look for others of the fleet to be here by this morning.

"Every Well Man Hath His Ill Day."

A doctor's examination might show that kidneys, liver and stomach are normal, but the doctor cannot analyse the blood upon which these organs depend.

Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, vitalizes and enriches the blood. It cures when "a bit off" or when seriously afflicted. It never disappoints.

Remembrance.—I believe Hood's Sarsaparilla has no equal for rheumatism. It has done me more good than any other medicine I have taken." Mrs. PATRICK KENNEY, Brampton, Ont.

Bad Cough—"After my long illness, I was very weak and had a bad cough. I tried to sleep. Different remedies did not help me but Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up and I am now able to attend to my work." Miss JACQUES Oshano, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating, only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

SAILS FOR ST. MICHAEL.

The Stern-wheel Steamer Sybil Departs on Her Long Ocean Voyage.

The stern-wheel steamer Sybil left yesterday morning for St. Michael in charge of Capt. Clarence Cox. She will make the long voyage unescorted, travelling only when the weather and sea

JAMESON FOR AFRICA.

Leader of Transvaal Raid Returns to the Scene of His Adventure.

London, May 9.—Dr. Leanders Jameson, who led the raid into the Transvaal in the latter part of December, 1895, will sail for South Africa next Saturday. It will be his first visit to South Africa since the raid.

There are many forms of nervous debility, such as that which is cured by Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc., should try them.

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By Associated Press.

New Haven, Conn. Arthur made a sensation Theatre last evening playing "A Lady of Quality." Near the end of the play the play and point audience, who, she said, flirt with one of the w. She declared that she on until this man left rang the curtain down stage.

In the confusion the drunken man arose from the house. Miss Art audience that she could the audience gave her. She said she was sorry the performance. The curtain and the play audience almost went w.

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AUSTRALIAN

Make a Bad Start in

—Draw With South

Leyton, Eng., May 1 ereed somewhat from th experienced in their dr the South of England y tralian cricketers beg against Essex. Essex the Australians, as in had to take the field. Essex captain, started Carpenter, and an es was made. The tele before a wicket fell, left suddenly. A. P. then got together an complete victory. Essex fine, strong form, any wicket to the end, wh with 46, not out. The last man put on 33, ended for just one sho The Australians ma more runs than had disposed of. Hill and made a good game, with great patience. He had made 20 runs, disposed of the run- hander put on 36 in Gregor 20, not out, 4 wickets had been tak with the Australians' three wickets.

LADY GOLF

London, May 12.—7 gods championship was at Newcastle, County, Ireland, in the victory for Miss Magill, of the City.

MRS. CHOATE

London, May 12.—Mrs. Choate, wife of the U. S. ambassador, officiated for a public function this Home in the presence of the amateur art exhibi tion. The proceeds of the devoted to charity.

FLYING MACH

WASHINGTON, M P. Langley, Secretary lan inordinate and inve dome, which was given Board of Ordnance to his flying machine fo inside the first test at Q today with a new ma that with which he years ago. The mach from the top of a boat tomac. The result was full as Langley's for The machine soared a descended after a he 800 feet. The forme was propelled by a s few three quarters of descended when the st. It is understood B to overcome the limit of the former machin edly utilize the condens boiler.

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