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The winding up of the bill was considered in committee. The attorney-general suggested that the committee accept the bill as read to save time. He explained how that it was a copy of the act in force in Ontario with no changes except what was necessary to adapt it to British Columbia.

Mr. Kennedy objected. He did not believe in wasting any more time than could possibly be helped, but he did not intend in rushing important matters through without careful consideration, even if it was late in the session.

The bill was considered, clause by clause, and reported complete with amendments. The bill was adopted and the bill read a third time and passed.

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WESTMINSTER NOW IN LINE

Large, Representative, Enthusiastic Convention Unanimously Nominates Mr. J. C. Brown.

Stirring Addresses by Member and Candidate—Strong Campaign Organization Made.

(From the Columbian.)

The convention called for Saturday night last, for the purpose of nominating an opposition candidate to contest the electoral district of New Westminster in the forthcoming provincial election, turned out to be a rousing rally of the opposition forces of the city. Although it was generally conceded that Saturday night was not the best time to hold such a meeting, the hall which was selected, was well filled with an enthusiastic gathering of electors and supporters, who were present in large numbers, and the enthusiasm which characterized the proceedings showed that the importance of the occasion was duly appreciated, and that the people's cause in the approaching political contest.

Shortly after eight o'clock, Mr. J. B. Kennedy, our present representative in the legislature, entered the hall, and he was at once greeted with an outburst of applause, which continued until he had taken his place on the platform.

Mr. Kennedy briefly stated the object for which the meeting had been called, and suggested that a chairman and secretary should be first appointed.

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the government, as far as possible, in the gerrymandering manner of this session. In other words, they (the opposition) were assured of success, because the people were with them. Organization and energetic fighting would win the day.

He (Mr. Brown) had been asked, the other day, by a friend who had spoken of his book entering politics, if he considered himself as good a man as he was when in politics before. He had modestly answered that he thought he was a better man. Mr. Kennedy had told him the advantages to himself of four years' experience in the house. He experienced, to which he had referred, since had given him an opportunity to quietly review and digest that experience, and his mind had been trained in a position to improve upon his past records in many respects. One thing his experience had taught him, and that was the desirability of having an advisory committee of his supporters, with whom he could take counsel at any time, and one of the first things he would do, if elected, would be to select such a committee.

The present opposition, Mr. Brown said, had been formed in 1890, when the independent party had been formed, with a well-defined platform, and a clear-cut policy. The line of cleavage had been growing more distinct ever since. The policy of the government, briefly and generally put, was a social and monopolistic, and opposed to the interests of the people as a whole. The policy of the opposition was just the contrary. It followed, in its program, the interests of the people and the interests of the country against the opposition. It was a fight of the people against the privileged classes.

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Afternoon and resumed until 2:30 p.m. Thursday. It is understood that the witnesses named above, they (the opposition) were assured of success, because the people were with them. Organization and energetic fighting would win the day.

The seventh annual meeting of the British Columbia conference branch of the Woman's Missionary Society is now in session in the city. It opened on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Bowes and Rev. Dr. Eby delivered addresses. Miss Arday contributed a solo, and a quartette was given by four missionaries, Rev. S. S. Osterhout and wife, of Naas River, and Rev. G. G. Riley and wife, of Kitimat. This morning's sessions were under the direction of Mrs. J. F. Betts, with Mrs. Riley as secretary pro tem.

The principal business was the appointment of nominating and executive committees and the report of the mission band and of auxiliaries.

Captain R. C. Nesbitt and party leave today on the steamer Ancho for the Yukon, via Dyea. Their original intention was to go in by the Teslin lake route, but owing to the high water, they have changed their plans. The party have been stopping at the Hotel Hotel over the past few days, waiting for the trail to open up. They brought their outfit, amounting to several tons, in Victoria, and are well satisfied. During their stay in Victoria they have made numerous friends, and will join in wishing their health and success in their undertaking. The party consists of R. C. Nesbitt, D. M. McMurray, L. Anderson, H. L. Main, A. A. Abbey, A. J. McCallum, Chas. F. Hill, J. McLean, T. O'Brien, W. S. Knowles, L. Romo, H. Johnson.

The Salvation Army had over 100 meetings yesterday afternoon in the A.O.E.W. Hall, and the largest collection they have received since the Klondike party left Toronto. The afternoon meeting was conducted by north-bound soldiers, and in the evening Miss Booth held the closest attention of the large audience for an hour and a half. She speaks to-night in the same hall in the whole which she wore in her sum work in London. She will accompany the expedition as far as Skagway, but will not go to Dawson City, as reported. The Army are outfitting the party, but this has been done at a minimum of outlay, the cost for the eight members not being over \$4,000. The station is to be entirely self-supporting, the band being compelled to rely entirely upon free-will offerings for their support.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Wm. Bruce, of Tysebrook, Cairnes, Donnan, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, is inquiring for the whereabouts of Charles Tennant Bruce, who was last heard of in this city some six years ago.

The royal commission to inquire into the conduct of affairs in the lands and works department met this afternoon at 2 o'clock before Mr. Justice Walkem, and was continuing when the Times went to press.

David Spencer, Jr., now in Dawson City, has written to his father, stating that he will come out from the Yukon country by the boat coming down the river, and will bring with him some gold and the title to several mining claims.

Mayor Redfern had a conference today with Admiral Palliser, and made arrangements for the naval and military display during the celebration. It will be held at Beacon Hill on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 25th, the admiral being expected to arrive in the afternoon. Mr. J. B. Rattenbury is the architect.

Captain J. G. Cox and Mr. R. Hall have left for Ottawa to confer with Sir Louis Davies and his colleagues relative to the sealing regulations to be discussed at the meeting of the Dominion and United States governments.

Mr. Justice Walkem has been appointed to act as commissioner to inquire into the management of the lands and works department, the Lieut.-Governor's order being issued to that effect. The case against Robert Nolan was again remanded this morning until the 21st. The doctors state that there is a wound seven inches in length, in Hawkins's back and the case has been delayed until the patient has further recovered.

A dispatch from San Francisco states that Edouard Remenyi, the celebrated violinist, who has entralled his hearers all over the world, left for the Orpheum Theatre while playing "Old Glory" during his first appearance on the vaudeville stage. Remenyi's first and best visit to British Columbia was his appearance at the Grand Hotel, on September, 1896, and since that time his fall from first-class concert to vaudeville entertainment has been rapid.

The first meeting of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into alleged cases of mal-administration in the court-ward for naval reserve duty, department, will be held in the court-house to-morrow at 3 o'clock, p.m., before the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem.

At a general meeting of the Victoria Building Association on Saturday evening, Messrs. A. Stewart, R. T. Williams and John Taylor, acting as a committee, shared No. 182 was drawn, the owner being Mr. J. B. Rattenbury. The prizes were \$12, B. and D. withdrawn. Mr. W. D. McKillop having resigned his position on the board, Mr. Geo. A. Cartwright was elected in his stead.

The general store of G. R. Ashwell & Son of Chilliwack, was notified by fire this morning. Mr. Ashwell was attending the Methodist conference in this city, received the intelligence by wire. The telegram stated that the blaze is supposed to be of incendiary origin, as the safe was blown open.