

CAREFULLY COVERED UP.

In the provincial public accounts column a great many details of expenditure are given, some of them being rather a fantastic order. But some-times details are not given, for reasons that one can only surmise. Last summer the Times had occasion to refer to a peculiar "public work" executed on the Cowichan river, which serves to illustrate the intelligent methods of investing the public money pursued by the present government. To recapitulate the "circumstances": A gentleman whose place is washed by the north branch of the Cowichan, thought there "was too much water going his way, and he concluded that a dam at the forks which would send the water down the south branch would be a work of great utility. To this end, it is said, he enlisted the aid of Major Mutter, the senior member for the district, who of course would be only too happy to further a useful work. The Major therefore invited the Chief Commissioner—who is always on the watch to serve the public interest—to take a favorable view of the proposition, and a local engineer was instructed to give an estimate of the cost. The estimate was about \$400, and the Chief Commissioner agreed that the work should go on. It went on for some time, under direction of the engineer mentioned. But in time the people who live along the south branch came to hear of the enterprise, and they entered a vigorous objection, based on the fact that the proposed diversion of the water would cause large slices of the adjacent lands to be washed away. In consequence of their protest an engineer was sent up from Victoria to report on the project—a little late in the day—and he advised that the part of the dam which had been built should be removed. This was done, and it is said that the removal absorbed almost exactly that part of the \$400 which had not been spent on the construction. The remains of the dam on each side of the stream are to be seen, mutually witnessing to the eager solicitude of the government, the Chief Commissioner and Major Mutter, M. P., for the public interest. But any man will look in vain through the public accounts for the details of this little expenditure. Though the job was so "publicly" completed, modestly advertised, and mentioned by name in a public document. One can only surmise that the payments are covered up in that very solid item under the head of Cowichan-Alberni district: "Pay lists, laborers on district roads, \$11,212.61." How many more expenditures of a similar nature are concealed under the convenient title of "Pay Lists" is left to conjecture. The money wasted on this abortive dam is not a very large sum, but multiplied by a hundred the amount becomes quite formidable. If the public accounts committee of the house were to perform its proper functions a good many more of such expenditures would probably be exposed.

MR. EBERTS' SUGGESTION.

The Vancouver World, which seems to have supplanted the Colonist as organ-in-chief of the provincial government, takes very strong ground against the attorney-general's proposition to grant a sum of money to the sufferers by the Point Ellice bridge disaster. It says that the precedent "would be not only dangerous but illegal," and assures the philanthropic Mr. Eberts that in Vancouver "there are dozens of equally as deserving cases" who have quite as strong claims on the bounty of the province as have the unfortunate relatives of the victims of the May disaster. As the Colonist pointed out immediately after the unguarded announcement, that "the suggestion of such a grant was somewhat out of the usual course," it is probable that Mr. Eberts, if he deigns to refer to the criticisms of his friends, will say that, he spoke for himself only and without having consulted his colleagues upon the question. But possibly Mr. Eberts feels that the responsibility for the disaster is divided between the city, which had control of the bridge, the railway-company, which ran the overloaded cars, and the government which built the bridge and gave the right to the railway company to cross it. If the attorney-general, who as the law adviser of the government ought to know, believes that the government is legally or even morally responsible with the city and company for the unfortunate loss of life, the suggestion was a very proper one to make, and we hope he will have the courage of his convictions and carry it out. On any other grounds, however, as the World points out, it might be a dangerous precedent to establish—one which was not established when more fatal colliery disasters occurred—and which would certainly have to be followed whenever another calamity happens in any portion of the province. It is evident, however, that the attorney-general was only "talking to the galleries." That exceptionally inactive gentleman seldom says what he means; this time, perhaps, he did not mean what he said.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Considered from any point of view the condition of the public library of this city is a most unsatisfactory one, and it is high time something was done to improve it radically. Though the best possible use is made of the material now available,

the patrons of the library do not need to be told that the equipment of the library falls very far short of what it should be to give it any real claim to the title of public library. It is rather an ungracious action to suggest even the slightest addition to the burden of taxation at present, but the citizens may well consider the fact that the outlay now made is very largely wasted just because it is too small to keep the library in a condition of utility. A comparatively small addition to the annual expenditure could be made to effect a very material improvement. There are now about 7,000 volumes in the library; the number having been recently lessened by retiring some hundreds which have become utterly unfit for use, having been retained while there was a possibility of their being read. A great many more are so completely disabed that they should be retired. As is well known, a large proportion of the books were taken from the old Mechanics' Institute library, where they had already rendered long service, and many of them are beyond the possibility of repair. During the past year the number of new books added was 177, a truly insignificant addition to the Vancouver public library numbered 1700—nearly ten times as much as in Victoria. On the local institution the outlay is \$1,200 a year for all purposes, while Vancouver last year expended \$3,000 on its library. If the outlay here were raised to \$2,000 there would be a chance to put the library in a much better condition and largely increase its degree of usefulness. The added sum would make a mere trifle of difference in the year's taxes. There is a great need for good books of reference, works on art, science, travel and exploration, biography, etc., the latest publications in these lines being practically inaccessible to a large proportion of the reading public. Of the latest works of fiction from the best authors the same might be said, though many of these are made more accessible by the publication of cheap editions. Not much need be said of the utility of a well equipped and well managed public library, placing the standard works of literature within the reach of all. In almost all modern communities such institutions have come to be recognized as actual necessities, and few cities of any size throughout the English-speaking world are now without them. In this city it is plain that the public is anxious enough to secure the advantages of ready access to books, since the library in its present backward condition has 4,920 patrons enrolled. If it were improved and brought up to date the number would no doubt materially increase.

THAT COWICHAN DAM.

Major Mutter's statement in the house yesterday with respect to the Cowichan river "improvement" makes it appear that the Times was in error in only one particular, namely, that the expenditure did not appear in detail in the public accounts. It does so appear, though in a place where the ordinary searcher would hardly look for it. The details are interesting enough to be worth reproducing: L. B. Hamlin, inspecting river and preparing plans, \$72.40. H. Fry, O.E., professional services superintending dam, and expenses, \$57. Laborers, \$314. C. Bazett, tools, \$12.50. G. Lewis, hire of scraper, \$10. Total, \$465.90. This was a nice little bill to pay for putting in a dam and taking it out again, and there are circumstances which lend it picturesqueness. It is said that when Mr. Hamlin inspected the dam he concluded that the next freshest would sweep it away, with the prospect of aggravating the evil the work was supposed to remedy. Therefore he reported that the dam might better be removed at once. If the work of the department were carried on in an intelligent manner, the expert opinion would surely have been asked before the work had been undertaken. Then both branches of the Cowichan run through the Indian reserve and are equally likely to wash away their banks, so it must have been a brilliant idea to transfer the damage from one branch to the other. Some time ago the News-Advertiser was quite certain that the act of 1894 did not extend the land grant of the B. C. Southern railway. Now it approves of the act introduced by the government to correct the "clerical error" by which it appears such extension was made. Of this act it says: "Probably the only persons who will not approve of it will be those who, a few weeks ago, attempted to build up a party to an huge monopoly having been granted by the legislature with the object of getting a little cheap political capital for themselves. They, of course, will be known to have made the attempt spoken of, there need scarcely be any mention of the name of the News-Advertiser's myth. Disapproval of the government's new bill could be expected only from one quarter, namely, the gentlemen who are in a position to profit by the "clerical error," and possibly from their particular friends, personal and political."

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THE EXPENSES OF COL. BAKER'S EASTERN TRIP WERE UNFOUNDED.

The return laid before the house shows that Col. Baker only charged the province \$204. This is very moderate indeed, and the Provincial Secretary is to be commended for his economy. The trip could not be made for less with a railway pass, which, of course, Col. Baker does not travel on. It is really worth more than \$204 to the province to have the Provincial Secretary absent himself from his department for two or three months.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Mr. Helmcken might well ask for protection for the farmer. His land is taxed, his improvements are taxed and the mortgages by which he borrowed money to make those improvements is taxed. The farmer wants protection against the government more than against the competition of his neighbors.

When Attorney-General Eberts takes charge of the B. C. Southern Railway Act the "clerical error" becomes an "ambiguity." Ambiguities in the Municipal Clauses Act, ambiguities in the B. C. Southern Act—the Attorney-General is strong on ambiguities.

Mr. Martin has a handy way of asking for a postponement until to-morrow when a knotty question requires an answer.

The mantle of "Old To-Morrow" has fallen on the shoulders of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Mr. Graham should label his questions "dangerous," so that the Chief Commissioner could arm himself with properly guarded answers. "Ambiguities always give considerable trouble."

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With a fee of \$145 prevent speculators capitalizing companies for \$1,000,000, of will the paltry sum of \$25 restrain them from making the capital \$1,000,000 when \$500,000 would be more than enough. Fees of \$120 for \$500,000 and \$145 for \$1,000,000 do not appear very formidable. The new Companies Act is evidently not framed to prevent over-capitalization.

Dr. Walkon's motion regarding mortgages is a step in the right direction.

The leader of the Independent Party has not much of a following yet, but it will increase fast enough. Mr. Helmcken is trying to "screw his courage to the sticking point," but he has not got it there yet. He will probably succeed before the session is over, for he knows the importance of getting in line with his constituents before the general election.

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The Premier has a handy way of paying for political services. Mr. Martin, evidently, has not the courage to carry out the intentions of the "Land" Act without a resolution of the house.

As a resolution cannot be introduced dealing with a question of privilege, there can be no presumption that Dr. Walker or Mr. Semlin are not anxious to know the exact facts connected with the delinquent tax sale advertisement.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial New a Concurred Form.

Before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning Geo. Furnell, charged with being found drunk, on remand from yesterday morning, was convicted and fined \$5 or in default 10 days. John Forbes, charged with vagrancy, was remanded until Thursday morning. Charles Carter, Alice Smith and Carrie Reed, charged with the same offense, did not appear and warrants were issued for their arrest. It is thought by the police that they have left town.

Bert Scriver, who is on his way to Rossland to answer to several charges of forgery, claims to be a son of Julius Scriver, M.P., for Huntington, Que. A dispatch to the Times from Montreal denies his story. The dispatch follows: "The forger who represents himself as Bert Scriver, son of the member for Huntington, is an impostor as well. Bert Scriver is a resident of Huntington, Que. Mr. Scriver has two other sons, one of whom is a resident of Hemmingford and the other of Hemmingford, Ont. Mr. Scriver, of Hemmingford, told your correspondent that he knows nothing whatever as to the identity of the forger."

It is believed that Frank La Rochelle, the young mining man who has disappeared mysteriously on Wednesday last, had found a grave in the waters of Victoria harbor. On Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock Constable McDonald, of the city police, and Night Staggering Dave Thompson saw a man staggering down Johnson street, who, from the description already published in the Times, they believe to be La Rochelle. He was under the influence of liquor, and they watched him for some time until he disappeared in the darkness at the bottom of the street. A few minutes after they had lost sight of him they heard shouts and a loud splash, as if some one had either fallen over or in thrown some in substance into the water. They at once procured a light and ran down to the wharf, but when they got there they could see no sign of the man. Whether he fell into the water or not is a mystery.

On Wednesday's Daily. The death occurred yesterday afternoon, in her 72nd year, of Mrs. R. B. Richardson, of Victoria West. The funeral was held at the residence of her son, Mr. Richardson, on Thursday morning, and was attended by Rev. Father Althoff. The deceased was a native of Leaside, Scotland, in his 63rd year. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

Mr. J. A. Akman, of the legal firm of Drake, Jackson & Helmecken, has entered into a partnership with Messrs. Fulton & Ward, barristers, Kamloops. Mr. Akman was removed to Kamloops March 1, and will open out a branch office for the new firm at Grand Forks.

Mr. Semlin has received and handed over to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works a petition addressed to that functionary by the residents of Spence's Bridge, praying for the restoration of the bridge across the river at that point, and has some 70 signatures.

Gregor Pouldie, the keeper of the cigar store on Douglas street near Johnson, was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning in the police court, charged with running a gambling house, and was removed to the lock-up. Mr. Pouldie was arrested by Sergeant Hawton and Officers Perdue and Palmer yesterday evening, they having heard that a poker game was being run at the back of the cigar store. The case was remanded until to-morrow afternoon. The case of Bert Washington, accused of vagrancy, was dealt with in a similar manner.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

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The Texada Silver Hill Mining Company is the latest addition to the mining companies organized in this city. It was organized yesterday with a capital of \$1,000,000 to acquire and develop a property on Texada Island.

Rev. Canon Beaudin officiated at the funeral of the late Henry W. Doscher yesterday afternoon. The pallbearers were Messrs. Thomas, Shorthall, Joseph Shukespeter, Joseph Pierson, Joseph Wrightworth, John Ward, and J. P. Walls.

Mr. Geo. B. Macaulay, secretary of the Cariboo mine, of Camp McKinstry, left for Vancouver last night, but will return in a few days. If an English company is negotiating to purchase the Cariboo mines, as is reported from Greenwood, Mr. Macaulay has said nothing about the matter while here.

Bert Washington, who was charged with vagrancy in the police court yesterday morning and remanded until this morning, was convicted by Police Magistrate Macrae and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor. John Forbes, also accused of vagrancy, and remanded to this morning from the 19th inst., did not appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Charles Padden, who nearly a quarter of a century ago lived at Victoria and has since made this his home, died this morning at his residence, "The Hall," 150 Fort street. The deceased was a native of Surrey, England, and in the following year took part in the rush to Leech river. Like most of the comparatively small party of prospectors, Mr. Padden did not remain at Leech river long but returned to Victoria and went into business. At different times he either managed or owned the Delmonico, Senate, Victoria Gardens and Helmecken, the latter at the time of his death. During the last two sessions he had charge of the restaurant at the legislative assembly. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 10 o'clock from Fort street, and a number of an hour later at Christ Church Cathedral.

The hour of inquest met at 7 o'clock last evening, and finally considered the strange matters in connection with the fire department and other business, but they ended by practically doing nothing. The first half hour was spent in discussing whether the press should be admitted, and it resulted in the newspaper men being requested to withdraw. "Matters in connection with the fire department" occupied the attention of the members during the rest of the session. From what can be learned these "matters" are the same old ones that have been discussed and settled by the different councils during the past few years. Chief Deasey's recent action in advocating a fully paid department gave his opponents a chance to revive these matters, they being in favor of the present system, but, of course, with another man in Chief Deasey's place. A letter was read at last evening's meeting, which, while it does not make any specific charges, makes an explanation from the chief necessary, in the opinion of the council. Another meeting will be held next week, when witnesses will be examined on both sides.

He had to give up work. For nearly three weeks he lay in bed suffering terrible agony. Another resident of town who had been cured by South American Rheumatic Cure persuaded him to try it, and to his great surprise, after using the medicine one week he was recovered as to go about town. The first dose he felt a great improvement, and to-day he is most enthusiastic in singing its praises. No case to be sure for South American Rheumatic Cure to check in six hours, and cure permanently. For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

WEDDING AT SAANICH.

Saanichton church was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when William D. Mitchell, one of the most prosperous farmers of South Saanich, was united in marriage to Miss Annie Turgoose, the third daughter of the late William Turgoose. The bride, who was attended by her sister, Mrs. Misses Carrie and Fanny Turgoose, wore a beautiful costume of cream tulle, veiling, trimmed with ribbon and lace with a veil and orange blossoms. She carried a large and handsome bouquet, the gift of the groom. The latter was supported by his cousin, Mr. Charles Bamfield, of this city. After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. P. Granville Christmas, a reception was held at the residence of the bride and bride's mother, Mrs. E. Sutherland. A large number of invited guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper about midnight, the happy couple being followed by showers of rice and old slippers as well as the wishes of their many friends. Before settling down at their future home, Brynmor farm, South Saanich, the newly married couple intend visiting the cities of the Sound. The list of presents received is as follows: Marble clock, Mr. Miles Thomas, Victoria; silver card receiver, Mr. J. and Misses Tomlin; china tea set, Messrs. A. and H. Erb; cheque, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell; flower stand and china mustard cup, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sandover; china tea set, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wynne; silver sugar bowl and spoon holder, Mr. and Mrs. Menzies; silver fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Merkle; cruet, Mr. and Mrs. Bamfield; glass fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harrison; silver fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. D. John; card receiver, Miss P. Morley; silver vase, Mr. and Mrs. Bamfield; silver fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. Wynne; silver vase, Mr. and Mrs. Sandover; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Miss Bamfield; silver card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mitchell; hairbrush, Mr. and Mrs. E. Morley; silver vase, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell; flower vase, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dowler; card receiver, Master J. Dowler; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Mrs. M. Camp; carving set, Mr. W. Dean; cheese case, Mrs. Mills; tea service, Miss E. Mills; toast rack, Miss S. Mills; Japanese box, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell; Mr. A. and Miss Thomson; glass fruit set, Mr. J. Thomson; flower stand, Mr. and Mrs. Bisset; vases, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomson; tortoiseshell crumby dish and china teapot, Mr. and Mrs. McKenney; Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson; cream pitcher, Messrs. and Miss Stewart; silver vase, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gale; silver pickle case, Messrs. H. and F. Tanner; vases, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong; five o'clock china tea set, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brethour; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moran; antiques, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas; china butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. G. Robbins; card receiver, Mr. F. Haldon; table cover and glass, Miss Haldon; silver napkin ring, Mr. G. Suggitt; glass ornaments, Miss M. Thomson; toast rack, Miss Suggitt; pin cushion, Miss G. Brooks; silver vase, Mr. A. Harrison; silver pepper and salt cellars, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shaw; picture frame, Miss M. Butler; cruet, Mr. W. Butler; china teapot, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts; silver vase, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts; fancy fruit plates, Miss V. Rey; flower stand, Mr. J. Brooks; silver card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas; china butter dish, Mr. J. and Miss Martindale.

THE LONGEST WAR ON RECORD.

The longest war on record is that waged between a boy and his clothes and the result is generally in favor of the boy! He is a bundle of aggressive activity, is the boy. He sails in and knocks out that new suit on sight. He kneels down anywhere and everywhere to work his knees through his pants, squirms all over whatever he sits on to wear out the seat, pokes his elbows through his sleeves, twists off his buttons, and does contention acts to burst his seams. He usually succeeds all too well, and though his mother may declare she can't and won't buy him a new suit, his disreputable appearance soon forces her to do it, and another victim is furnished to him to operate on. Energy and activity are hard to beat but passive resistance, if strong enough can do it every time. H. Shorey & Co., of Montreal, guarantee all of their boys' clothing to be made of material that is thoroughly sponged and shrunk, to be sewn with the best of thread, and perfect in make in all respects. Feel in the pocket of any boy's suit you buy and see that you find therein H. Shorey & Co.'s guarantee card; if so, by that suit, and tell your boy to go ahead and enjoy himself.

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RETAIL QUOTATIONS FOR FARMERS' PRODUCE CAREFULLY CORRECTED.

But very little change is noted in the city markets during the past week. The scarcity of beef and mutton is still being felt, as well as the scarcity of potatoes. The price of wheat, as will be seen from the appended list of prices, has been lowered:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes items like Oatmeal, Flour, Wheat, Barley, Potatoes, etc.

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HE HAD TO GIVE UP WORK.

For nearly three weeks he lay in bed suffering terrible agony. Another resident of town who had been cured by South American Rheumatic Cure persuaded him to try it, and to his great surprise, after using the medicine one week he was recovered as to go about town. The first dose he felt a great improvement, and to-day he is most enthusiastic in singing its praises. No case to be sure for South American Rheumatic Cure to check in six hours, and cure permanently. For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.