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THE CITY.

Miss Lucretia Horton, second assistant of the South Park school has tendered her resignation to take effect at the end of the present month, after eleven years service. It is Miss Horton's intention to retire from the teaching profession.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening an "At Home" was given at the residence of Rev. Solomon Cleaver. The affair was well attended, and with a splendid programme of games, music, etc., was very much enjoyed.

In pursuance of Ald. Macmillan's resolution passed at Monday night's council meeting, a deputation of hackmen will meet the city council on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock to discuss some method of doing away with the present hack stand nuisance on Government street.

Wm Stewart & Co. have received the contract for supplying the uniforms of chief and sergeants of the city police at $25 each, and W. D Kinnard has secured the constables' uniforms at $18.50 each. The contract for shoes has been awarded to H. Mansell at $6 a pair.

Messrs George Shedden and B. G. Goward have formed a partnership under the name of Shedden, Goward & Co. They have taken over the business of Messrs. Coltart & Eteson, and will carry on a general insurance and financial business in addition to that of public accountants, at 16 Trounce avenue.

Colfax Lodge No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, held one of their regular monthly dances in the Oddfellow's hall, Douglas street, last evening. The event was, as usual, well attended, and the programme of music supplied by the Bantly family orchestra and other features of the dance were much enjoyed.

The Garrison Artillery outing on Good Friday will be in the vicinity of Foul Bay, it being inadvisable to go so far as last year on account of the time taken in making the journey. It is understood that the Quartermaster has preparations well advanced to supplement in the way of hot coffee, etc., lunches which the soldiers will take with them.

For the Easter holidays the E. & N. railway have arranged an extra train service for the benefit of fishermen and other holiday seekers. On Friday, Saturday and Monday there will be a double train service. The evening train will leave Wellington at 6.30 on Monday, and return tickets good for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be issued at a fare and a quarter.

The fund for the relief of Mrs. Law has now reached $949 80, this amount being made up as follows: Previously acknowledged, $939 75; A Friend, $1 50; Mr. Sallaway's division, central school, $1.75; By request, $1; W. A., $1; C.O.R.K., $1. Spring Ridge school—Miss Barron's division, $1 75; Mr. Muir's, .85; Miss King's, .55; Miss Carmichael's, .25 Miss Shrapnel's division, North Ward, .40. Total, $949 80.

The Mayor has called a public meeting for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the city hall to take into consideration the best way of celebrating the Queen's Birthday. At yesterday's council meeting Ald. Hall objected that on account of the sports Saturday afternoon, the time stated would be an awkward one for having a meeting The Mayor, however, considered it was the most convenient time he could name, and did not doubt there would be an attendance of enough interested people to start the ball rolling.

Supt. Hussey has received word from Mr. G. C. Turnstall, government agent at Kamloops, that a small boy named Frank Clune is at present detained at Kamloops jail pending inquiries about an aunt who is said to live in the vicinity of Victoria. Frank, who is only eleven or twelve years old, says he has "tramped" it from Toronto, where his father is an expressman. The youngster did not care about Toronto so he set off to hunt up his aunt, a Miss Lizzie White, who, he says, is a seamstress living about seven or eight miles from Victoria. On his way to the Coast the lad has been taken care of by the police of several cities. The provincial police are making inquiries as to the whereabouts of his aunt so that they can hand him over to her.

St. Columba church, Oak Bay, was last night the scene of a pleasant social gathering, called to bid a formal farewell to Rev. R. G. Murison, who for the past year has had charge of the mission and who is about to return to his home in Scotland. Very substantial progress has marked the period of Mr. Murison's pastorate and very general regret is felt that his connection with the congregation is being severed. During the evening he was presented with an address and a purse, as evidence of the good will he bears away with him. A programme was also provided consisting of addresses by Rev. Messrs. MacRae, King and Clay, and Dr. Lang, and songs by Mesdames King, Grierson, Hopper, Jones, Gravlin, and Messrs. Clayton and Jones. A recitation was given by Miss Lee. The ladies' aid of this church have presented to the Sabbath school a very convenient book case for their library.

Mr Justice Walkem made an order yesterday for the winding up of the B.C. Pottery & Terra Cotta Co. Mr. P. E. Irving made the application on the petition of Mr. Charles A. Vernon, which set forth: That the company has a nominal capital of $60,000, of which $36,000 has been paid up in full; that last October the company was indebted $25,000 to the Bank of B.N.A., and the bank requiring $10,000 on account the petitioner and others gave a promissory note for the amount, the proceeds being applied to the reduction of the company's liability. The company was unable to meet the note and petitioner paid it and is unable to obtain repayment from the company. A writ for $2,061 31 has also been issued against the company. On these grounds the winding up of the company was asked for and the necessary order was granted. The appointment of a liquidator was left over till to-day.

A very interesting meeting of the Woman's Council was held Monday afternoon in the city hall, Mrs. Baker presiding. After the routine business was disposed of a great deal of work was done in connection with the coming convention of the National Council of Women of Canada, which is to be held in Toronto on May 28 and 29. On Sunday, May 26, every minister of that city is to be asked to speak at one of this services on woman's work. It was decided to take this plan up in Victoria, asking each clergyman to take up this question also on May 26. The election of the five delegates to represent the Victoria branch was left in the hands of the sub-executive to ascertain what ladies would be able to attend. It was also decided to petition the councillors asking them to support Ald. Williams' curfew by-law. An interesting discussion took place on this last question, and many mothers expressed themselves strongly in favor of this measure both for the sake of their own as well as other people's boys.

Ald. Bragg and Williams in less than one hour after the adjourned meeting of the council yesterday afternoon set about arranging to ship the first lot of supplies to Beaver lake. As a result of this action on the part of the water committee a carload of material goes forward at 7 a.m. to-day Mr. Jorgensen and four men also go out to the lake this morning to start operations. This immediate action on the part of the water committee is the outcome of their being at last given full powers to carry out the work. There will be no labor for more men for a week or so, until the engineer gets his plans further advanced. The council will decide, possibly at their next meeting, if the chief work is to be carried on by day labor or contract.

TRADING SCHOONER LOST.

Cast helpless on a reef to endure the full force of a south-east gale for eight hours, in utter darkness, was the trying experience of Captain Jones in Dodge's cove two weeks ago last Friday night. Shortly before then he with two others started out from here on a trading expedition along the West Coast in the staunch little schooner City of Paris. Jones was in command and on the day referred to was the only person aboard. The schooner lay to in Dodge's cove with both anchors out. When darkness came on a heavy south-easter arose. The gale increased in fury until the craft began to drag her anchors, and Jones being apprehensive of danger hoisted jib and foresail with the idea of avoiding it, but these rapidly vanished. It was now about ten o'clock and the darkness was intense. While he could not see whither the craft was drifting, he could hear only too well the roar of the breakers, a tremendous sea breaking over the reef. He set fire to a tin of coal oil he had aboard, so that he might see how to attempt escape, but the next moment the schooner was dashed on the reef and Jones jumped for his life among the surging white caps. There was about a foot of water covering the reef, and he soon became benumbed with cold. Fortunately the tide was about at its full height, and by 6:30 o'clock the following morning the reef was left bare. Their skipper was discovered by his shipmates almost dead from the exposure. They had found it impossible to return to their craft during the previous evening. Jones still feels the effects of his rough experience.

When the City of Paris struck she went to pieces immediately, so that not a vestige of her, except possibly wreckage, can now be seen in Dodge's cove. The vessel is comparatively new. She had on board in personal property and trading merchandise stuff to the value of about $300. The schooner was built in Vancouver about four years ago, but was owned here by Peter Johnson. She was a twelve-tonner and was worth $1,100, so that the total loss is some $1,400. There is no insurance. The vessel was about 44 feet long, 12 feet beam, and 4 feet 6 inches deep. Capt Jones says there were two American schooners in Dodge s cove at the time of his wreck, and that they narrowly escaped.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

The executive of the James Bay Athletic Association had a meeting last evening, when four new members were elected, these being Messrs. R. D. Finlayson, E H Russell, J. H. Lawson, jr., and J. C. McNeill. Several needed improvements were authorized, including the building of eighty new lockers, the increasing activity of the members making this imperative. Crews are at once to be formed in preparation for the Queen's Birthday regatta. Prospects for the annual ball, which is to be held on the 18th inst., were reported to be brighter. Before adjourning the directors complimented their colleague, Mr. Jorgensen, on his success in the recent competition for filter bed plans, and the hope is expressed that the water supply at the club house will soon be improved in consequence of his well-directed efforts.

Arrangements have now been practically completed for Good Friday's road race, the start in which will probably be from the corner of Yates and Douglas streets at 2:30 o'clock. Among those entered for the contest are Frank E Alley, M. C. Reynard, W. F. Penwill, H. Wille, Justin Gilbert, S. P. Moody, Thomas A. Johnson, J. H. Duncan, C. H. Gibbons, Charles Bush, E W. Bradley and W. Hewartson. The club last night decided on the purchase of one valuable prize for this race and fixed the dues for the season at $2. The club uniform for the year will consist of white sweater and dark knickerbockers.

A syndicate have leased the Caledonian ground, and will make it the best recreation park on the Coast. Many improvements will be made, and under certain conditions a quarter mile cinder track will be constructed for bicycling and foot-racing. Cricket, lacrosse, baseball and football matches will take place the whole year round, and in the evenings picnics, promenade concerts and dances will be given. Mr. B J. Perry nas been appointed manager of the park by the syndicate.

The Seattle Athletic Club crew are now rowing regularly on Lake Washington. The club expect to be represented in all the events of the Pacific Northwest regatta. It is hoped to have races every Saturday that the water is smooth and baseball does not interfere. The merits of the men and the speed of the boats will thus be obtained and proper handicaps determined upon, and on July 4 it is proposed to have a grand club regatta.

Belleville, April 9.—Jake Gaudaur, champion oarsman of America, is in the city endeavoring to make arrangements to row Harding, the English champion, here for the championship of the world some time in July. If Harding will come to America, the race will take place on the Bay of Quinte for a purse of $1,000 and a side bet. One of the best courses in America can be secured in the vicinity of this city, as well as good facilities for spectators.

Last night a new lacrosse club, to be known as the Capitals, was organized. While made up of members from the James Bays and Stars, these latter clubs will still remain in existence, and, as before, play as juniors, the Capitals taking the field in the intermediate class. The officers elected last night were as follows: Captain John Irving, honorary president; W. J. Smith, president; J. Murray, secretary; J. G. Miller, assistant secretary; R. L. Drury, treasurer; George Tite, field captain; F. Smith, club captain. Committe—L. Tait, T. H. Allice, W. E. Ditchburn, J. G. Brown and W. Snider. Mr. Tait was appointed a delegate to the intermediate lacrosse convention to be held at Vancouver on the 28th inst. The colors of the Capitals will be blue and white. The executive committee were empowered to secure suitable grounds for the club.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Arrival of an "Empress" With Many Hundred Passengers and Heavy Freight.

The Coquitlam Chartered—Ship Abandoned at Sea—Good News About Sealing.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan made a longer stay in port than usual on her arrival yesterday afternoon from Yokohama, which port she left on March 30. The reason was that she had the longest list of steerage passengers in many months, and two trips were required to be made by the tender Mystery in order to transport the Victoria contingent with their baggage to the dock. Of Chinese and Japanese there were in all 567; eight distressed seamen from the sealing schooner Vera made up the intermediate list, and there were forty-five in the saloon. The cargo comprised 1,856 tons miscellaneous, the principal consignments being of tea and silk. Of the first-class passengers Mr. A S Aldrich, of Yokohama, is making a leisurely trip to Europe; Mr. R. H. Andrews, the leading English merchant of Manila, is with his wife taking a tour to the old land; Dr. Burton, a missionary doctor for some time past stationed in Hongkong, with Mrs. Burton and family and Mr. James Burton, has the same destination. Miss E. R Church is returning home from a missionary field; Mr. Douglas Dick, whom everybody knows, has been enjoying one of his frequent journeys into the Orient; and Mrs. Leigh Hunt, of Seattle, is homeward bound after a pleasant tour of Eastern lands. The other names appearing on the saloon list are those of Mr. C. J. L'Estrange, for some time past attached to the staff of "The Englishman" in Calcutta, and now on his way home to take a position in the London office of the same journal; Mr. Arthur Ory, another newspaper worker; Mr. Agnew, Miss Alexander, Mr. Arakawa, Mr. J. E Evans, Mr. E. J. Freson, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Z Horikoshi, Mrs. Irish, Mr. Ross Johnson, Rev. Mr. and Mrs Judson and family, Mrs. George Kerr, Mr. Fernando Koop, Mrs. and Miss Large, Mr. G. and Mr. G. B. Marshall, Mr. McKay, Mr. Morimura, Mr. A. Overbeck, Miss Peters, Mr. Puissant, Miss K. Shimmi, Mr. H. G Smith, Mr. S. C. Stratton Mr. F. H. Walker, Miss Webster and Miss Wilson. Though it is to be presumed that the mail brought by the Empress contains the latest tidings from the sealing fleet, it has not yet had time to reach the parties addressed, and in consequence there is little to report today. The Brenda had put back into Yokohama a few days before the Empress sailed, being compelled to do so through being short two hands. A sailor had dislocated his shoulder pulling the first boat that was lowered from the vessel; and the cook had been laid up with a sore foot. Capt. C. E. Locke fearing that he might become shorthanded put back to port with the invalids. The Brenda had sailed again before the departure of the Empress.

Not a sealer was sighted or heard from by the steamer Maude, which returned to port from West Coast points last evening. Whether hunting or not the sealing vessels are all out at sea and have had fairly good weather during the past week, but for some time previous, according to the Maude's own experiences, they had quite the contrary. The Maude brought back as cargo only 16 barrels of oil from Hesquoit, which is consigned to Nanaimo. The steamer's passengers were: Mrs. Feker and children and Captain Jones, Alberni; Mr. Nelson, Rev. Mr. Tait and George Whiteside, Clayoose; and J. Currie, San Juan. The Maude's crew report mining prospects at Barclay Sound as looking bright but showing no new developments just now. At Sechart the preparation for the working of the new iron mine is advancing favorably. The mountain side where the iron is mined is cleared for a considerable area, and the new boarding house for the mine and other buildings are completed.

The News-Advertiser of yesterday says: "The Union SS. Co. have secured the contract for conveying the stone from Haddington Island quarry to Victoria for use on the parliament buildings. The steamer Coquitlam will be employed in this work. She has returned from Victoria, where she received a thorough overhauling. Some slight injury to her bow sustained during her last fishing trip was attended to, and she is now awaiting orders to set out on her first trip."

Capt. Casson, of the British bark Cupica, which arrived at Astoria a few days ago, reports that when near Cape Horn on the Atlantic side, in the latter part of December, a Norwegian or Swedish bark—he could not make out which—was sighted half a mile distant, on fire. When sighted the masts were falling. Careful inspection showed no signs of life, and he thought it had been abandoned.

Robert Ward & Co. dispatched the bark Melrose, lumber laden for Santa Rosalie, last evening. The vessel has aboard 125,000 lineal feet of lumber from Vesuvius Bay, including 100 piles and 6,047 mining props. She was towed to sea by the Lorne last evening, having been brought down from Vesuvius Bay to Royal Roads the previous evening

The United States survey steamer Patterson will sail for Alaska next Saturday from San Francisco. She will have on board Edward Dickens, of the Coast and geodetic survey, and will go to Fort Wrangel in connection with the boundary survey.

Tug Mystery went over to Port Angeles yesterday evening to take the American schooner Falcon to the Brunette mills, New Westminster. The Falcon is from San Francisco and will load lumber presumably for California.

Seattle, April 9.—The long fight among the local Democracy for the office of postmaster was ended yesterday by the appointment of Gen. Gilbert S. Meem, whose success is due to the strong backing he had all through the fight. He was supported by the state and county Democratic organization, had the friendship of Postmaster General Bissell and had a large acquaintance among members of both houses of congress.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVES.

Another Splendid Meeting of the Association and Several Interesting Addresses.

Opposition Efforts to Dodge the Main Issue by Parading Local Grievances.

Last night's large and enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association but furnished another proof of the keen interest taken by them in federal politics, and their desire to perfect their organization and equipment for the election contest whenever it may come. Messrs. Earle and Prior, M.'s P., were unfortunately unable to be present, as they leave for Ottawa to-night and had much to do before their departure. The chair was occupied by Ald. A. J. McLellan, one of the vice-presidents of the association, and after the business of the evening was over those present had the pleasure of listening to a number of political speeches, chief amongst which was one by Mr. A. E. McPhillips.

Mr. McPhillips contrasted the position taken by the Liberal Conservative party of Canada, which comes out boldly for protection, with the shifting attitude of the opposition, who even themselves, as shown by their most recent utterances, have not determined what they would do or what they would offer in the shape of a trade policy if they got into power. He contrasted the comparatively light depression existing in Canada with the grave and serious distress that in other and older countries had been experienced recently and is now being experienced, showing conclusively that the reason of Canada's freedom from greater harm and disaster, such as had befallen other countries, is largely her sound fiscal policy. If by any great misfortune the Liberals were to get into power what would they do? But is all very well for them now to declare in glittering generalities for free trade as they have it in England, but if they had a chance to re-adjust the tariff to suit themselves, how could they do it? They say, take out the element of protection and strike away the duties on manufactured goods coming into this country, but if they did this it meant direct taxation; and then if perchance a deputation should go to Ottawa to ask the Minister of Finance in a Liberal government for relief, it might happen that the same old friend of the workingmen, Sir Richard Cartwright, would again reply as he did once to a deputation of farmers: "Go home; eat less; work more." (Laughter and applause.) In concluding, Mr. McPhillips referred to the arrangements which have been made for the construction of the Hudson's Bay railway, a line that will ultimately give the shortest transcontinental route, and will be a link in the second great railroad to span the Dominion, another monument to the sagacity, foresight and enterprise of Canadian statesmen. (Applause.)

Mr. A. Stewart Potts drew attention to the four by-elections which are to take place on April 17, in Haldimand, Quebec West, Vercheres and Antigonish, which will give the people of this province an opportunity of judging whether the boasts of the Liberals that the government is tottering to its fall are true or not.

Ald. McLellan denied emphatically the allegation that the C.P.R. or any other railroad corporation could or did control the government of Canada or any other government. He did not doubt for a moment that the C. P. R. would and did use its every influence to prevent the construction of the Hudson's Bay railway, and to prevent government aid being given to that enterprise, but the very fact the government had come forward and assisted it is a complete answer to the charge that they are under C. P. R. control. (Applause.)

Mr. Roper contrasted the condition of 38,000,000 of free traders in Great Britain fighting the battle of free trade with that of the 425,000,000 of protected people of all other nations of the world.

Mr. H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., who was received with great applause, hoped that the members would keep the work of the organization up to the mark all the time, notwithstanding that the elections might be a long way off, so that when the time did come for the Premier to say "up and at the enemy" everything would be ready. He felt that the opposition were making the most of the small local issues to take the people away from the main point, and though he did not in any way wish to detract from the importance of the local questions it would be a mistake to be carried away by them. It had been his pleasure last week to be out amongst the farmers of the constituency at the meeting held at Metchosin by the Macdonald Club, and it was indeed gratifying to see how greatly they regard the efforts that the Conservative party are making in their interest.

The meeting adjourned with cheers for Messrs. Earle and Prior. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23. The Macdonald Club meets next Wednesday.

THE SCOURGE OF THE ORIENT.

Yesterday's mail by the Empress of Japan gives the news of a terrible danger which on the sailing of the white liner threatened Southern Japan. Particulars are contained in the appended extract from a private letter received by Dr. George H. Duncan, health officer of this city, from a fellow professional in Yokohama whose position places him in possession of all the facts:

"From the 8th to the 19th of this month," says the writer of this letter, which bears date of March 29, "there were eighteen cases apparently of genuine cholera with ten deaths at the naval station of Moji, Southern Japan, the disease having evidently been imported from China. Most active measures were enforced by the authorities, and there has been no new cases since the 19th instant. I think that the disease has been stamped out for the present.

"We may, however, I fear, look for new importations of cholera, typhus or even plague at any time, though especially stringent regulations are already in force with the hope of controlling the epidemic diseases which are likely to be brought by the returning troops and coolies.

"The Japanese government has within the last three days received official information of the awakening of plague at Hongkong, though I suppose with their usual blind policy the colonial officials will conceal or lie about its presence as long as possible. Formal quarantine against Hongkong has not yet been declared though we are most carefully inspecting."

Strathroy, April 9.—The saw and grist mill of Andrew Thompson has been burned; loss about $5,000, insured for $1,100.

IN ORDER that subscribers to The Weekly Colonist may have an opportunity to secure a set of the famous "MASTERPIECES," a limited number of Sets are offered to those sending to this office the Coupon which appears on another page, together with 10 cents for each Part—$2.00 for the Set. A neat Portfolio to contain the Set may be had at the same time for 50 cents. First come, first served. The Colonist Printing & Publishing Co., Victoria . . . . . .

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mr. Jorgensen Agrees With the City as to the Terms of His Contract.

Estimates for the Year Reconsidered and Finally Passed by the Council.

The settlement of the arrangements with Mr. Jorgensen for his superintendence of the waterworks improvements occupied the city council at a meeting held yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Jorgensen's offer was that he was willing to prepare all working plans, details and specifications, and make the necessary surveys and arrangements generally required to carry on the work to completion, and to devote his whole time during working hours to the superintendence of the works, for five per cent. on the actual cost. Should the cost exceed the estimate of $60,813, the payment to Mr. Jorgensen not to exceed $3,040 65 The work to proceed without delay: the city to have the right to terminate the engagement on two weeks' notice, and in such case to pay for the plans $1,520 and an amount equal to 2½ per cent. on the cost of the work then done; the City Engineer and an engineer to be named by Mr. Jorgensen, with a third chosen by them, to estimate the amount.

A letter from the Mayor to Mr. Jorgensen asked if he would agree to a payment of $1,520 on the signing of the contract for the construction of the works or other commencement; also 25 per cent. to be paid when the work is half finished and 25 per cent. upon completion; upon the payment of the $1,520 the plans to be the property of the city.

A general discussion ensued on the two letters.

Ald. Williams did not think the clause providing for payment on the commencement of the work definite enough. Supposing the city went on with the putting in of the waste pipe, which was really outside the plan, would Mr. Jorgensen's pay begin right away?

To meet this objection a clause was drafted to the effect that the first payment shall be due only when the plans are ready and filed. Another new stipulation made is that the second payment shall be made when the work is three-quarters completed.

Ald. Macmillan favored holding the last 25 per cent. for a time after the work is finished, in the same way as a percentage of a contractor's money is held, with the object of seeing that everything works satisfactorily.

It was decided to put in a clause retaining the last 25 per cent. till 60 days after the work is completed.

Mr. Jorgensen was then invited in, and the additional conditions being read he accepted them.

The contract as amended was then passed by the council and ordered executed.

The water committee were authorized to put up a shed at the lake for use during construction work; and also to arrange for the putting in of the waste pipe.

The home committee were authorized to spend $500 in the improvements badly needed at the home.

The estimates by-law was reconsidered and finally passed.

In reply to Ald. Hall the Mayor said he had arranged to call a public meeting for Saturday afternoon to consider the Queen's Birthday celebration.

The meeting then adjourned.

UNFORTUNATE "VELOS."

Soon after the underwriters' sale of salvage from the wrecked Velos had started yesterday forenoon at Prevost's wharf, several articles having already been sold, Mr. Siddall, deputy marshal of the Admiralty court, put in an appearance and stopped the proceedings. He took possession of the salvage by virtue of a writ secured by Messrs. Robert McClure and George Bingham that same morning. The writ was obtained by Messrs. McClure and Bingham through their legal advisers, Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, the sum of $1,200 being claimed for salvage services rendered to the tug Velos between March 22 and 30. The affidavits claim that Bingham and McClure made the vessel fast after the wreck and on that account the owners were enabled to recover the machinery and other wreckage. The question will have to be argued in court.

In the meantime one of the men at whose instance the writ was issued is in jail charged with stealing a compass from the wreck. Bingham was employed as watchman of the wreck and he claims that the compass floated ashore and he picked it up as a memento of the Velos. Provincial constable Hoosen arrested him on information charging him with stealing. Bingham will come up in the provincial police court for examination this forenoon.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 40 acres of meadow land on Meldrum Estate Creek. Commencing at a stake marked T.M., S. E. corner, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains to point of commencement.

THOMAS MELDRUM.

Chilcotin, April 1, 1895. ap19-1mw

A YATES STREET FIRE.

An alarm through box 35, rung in by Mr. W. J. Burnes, about 11 o'clock last night brought the fire department out to a well-developed blaze in the block occupied by J. Wilson, commission merchant, at No. 28 Yates street. Smoke was seen issuing from the windows of the second or top story of the building, and when the front doors of the place were opened at first appearance it seemed from the amount of smoke that the fire had made considerable headway. A couple of streams from the chemical and steamer soon had a perceptible effect and exposed to view a big hole in the ceiling where the fire had started. It was close by a grate in the second flat, which portion of the building is occupied by Mr. Cohen, the cigar manufacturer.

The upper and lower flats contained heavy stocks, the former of cigar material and the latter feed, biscuits, etc. The loss, however, is not heavy, and it is estimated that $500 will cover it. Mr. Wilson had that amount of insurance on his stock, which he valued at $2,000. One of the features of the fire was the careful manner in which Chief Deasy handled his force, not using water recklessly and not doing any more damage by water than was absolutely unavoidable. Owing to the lack of horses it was some time before the hook and ladder wagon arrived on the scene, as the engine team had to be sent back to the market building for the wagon.

THE CITY MARKETS.

Though shipping business has been fairly active during the past week or so there seems to be no noticeable improvement in local retail trade, except perhaps in the meat line. There is a splendid stock of meat in the market and the demand of late has been on the increase. The produce market is improving every week with the receipt of fresh green stuffs. There is a very poor lot of fruit in stock, oranges being the staple. Apples are very scarce, expensive and of an uninviting quality. A consignment of bananas was received through the arrival of the Australian steamer yesterday. A scarcity of salmon is about the only feature of the fish to report. Other fish are in good supply and are selling fairly well. The grain market is unchanged, prices being steady and the trade quiet. Hay is retailing now at $10 per ton delivered. Current retail quotations are as follows:

Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$ 5.40
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.40
Premier	5.25
Three Star	5.25
Victoria	5.25
Lion	4.25
Royal	4.75
Portland roller	4.75
Snow Flake	4.50
Salem	4.50
Rainier	4.75
Wheat, per ton	$25 00@30 00
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	33.00@35.00
Middlings, per ton	$25 00@30 00
Bran, per ton	20.00@25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole	45.00
" cracked	50.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	.40
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	.50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
Potatoes, per lb	1
Bonapartes, per lb	1
Rhubarb, per lb	.06
Cabbage, per lb	3
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00
Hay, baled, per ton	12.00
Straw, per bale	1.00
Green peppers, per lb	10@12
" cured, per lb	4 @ 5
Celery, per bunch	10@15
Onions, per lb	3
" Silver, per lb	.06
Eggs, Island, per dozen	20 @ 25
" imported	.10
Butter, fresh	25@35
" Creamery, per lb	30@35
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Hams, American, per lb	18@20
" Canadian "	15@16
" Boneless "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	18@20
" Rolled "	12@16
" Long clear "	12 @15
" Canadian "	16@18
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard "	15@20
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½@15
Meats—Beef per lb	7@15
" Sides "	7@9
" Veal	10@15
" Mutton, per lb	7@12½
" Spring Lamb per quarter	1.00@1.50
" Pork, fresh, per lb	10@12½
" Chickens, per pair	1.00@2.00
" Turkeys per lb	15@20
" Geese per lb	15@20
" Pigeons, per brace	50@75
Fruits—Apples per lb	6@8
" Oranges (Naval) "	.30@40
" (Riverside) "	.15@20
" Lemons (California) "	20
" (Sicily) "	.40@50
" Bananas, per doz	30
Fish—Salmon (Smoked) per lb	15@20
" " per lb	10
" Halibut "	10
" Cod, per lb	6@8
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" Flounders, per lb	6@8
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