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ALDERMEN AND TRUSTEES.

The municipal campaign will open this week in earnest. The contest for seats upon the council board promises to be quite keen in one or two of the wards. We should like to see the slate as comprehensive as possible in all the wards. That is the only way in which councils whose first thought is the advancement of the interests of the city can be secured. The board of last year was a good one. It worked harmoniously, and from the alacrity with which funds were voted for improvements it evidently possessed public confidence. But the old council, with all its virtues, was not so near perfection that it could not be improved by the infusion of some new blood. The duty falling upon the citizens is all the more important because of the fact that two of the most conscientious and painstaking aldermen have announced their intention of retiring. These are Ald. Pauline and Cameron. In common with a majority of citizens we had cherished the hope that these two valued public servants might be induced to offer themselves for another term. It appears that hope is vain. The task of choosing worthy successors will be no easy one. It therefore behooves electors to exercise the utmost diligence in considering the situation in order that the calibre of the board, from a business point of view, shall not be suffered to deteriorate.

Furthermore, there is the vital matter of the school board to be considered. Improvement of the streets and enhancing the attractions of the city, and at the same time seeing that ratepayers receive full value, or as near full value as is possible under the most perfect system of administration, are matters of great import to a municipality. But it is questionable whether they are more important than the maintenance of an up-to-date school system. The trustees are this year asking for large sums of money to provide accommodation for the rapidly-growing school population. This is a matter that cannot be shirked by a city occupying the unique position Victoria is rapidly assuming as a residential centre. People will not come here to live unless their children are given all the advantages possessed by other and rival places. Trustee Jay, who has given us both length of service and valuable service, is going to retire. He ought to be replaced, if possible, by a man of like type. And while choosing our representatives carefully, both for the council and the school board, let us not forget that withoua funds there cannot be that progress either municipally or educationally which all progressive citizens desire. It is not in harmony with our circumstances to see school yards "decorated" with wooden shacks designed ao fill a temporary lack of accommodation. These buildings look like excrescences upon the playgrounds of the children. While they may be accepted as evidence that Victoria is not a moribund city in one respect, in another respect they indicate a lack of enterprise. The moneys asked for by the school board should be voted. They are absolutely necessary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CABINET REPRESENTATION.

We think that possibly the people of British Columbia have lately had a surfeit of politics and would be well pleased if permitted to devote their undivided attention to matters of greater personal and more general interest for some time to come. This observation is particularly applicable to federal political affairs. Whatever views we may entertain of the policy of the government as it affects the province, the people of Canada have endorsed that policy by a very large majority. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government are firmly seated in power for another term. The only question that remains for us to consider is the attitude we should adopt in our own interests as regards representation in that government; whether it were better to be represented in the government and thus insure that the sentiments and the requirements of the province should be continuously and consistently pressed upon its members, or to sullenly resist all attempts upon the part of the Premier of Canada to accord us that which all other provinces esteem a great privilege.

The Times, notwithstanding its relations with the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and with Mr. Templeman, believes that it can consider the situation with an absolutely unprejudiced mind, and that it expresses the views of a majority of both Liberals and Conservatives when it contends that it would be against the true interests of the province to resist the desire of the Premier of Canada in the matter of British Columbia's representative in the Cabinet. The Colonist takes a different view from ours, and in its adroit efforts to maintain its position not only refutes all the "arguments," and other things, it urged during the late campaign, but places itself in direct opposition to the leading Conservative newspapers of the province, such as the Vancouver News-Advertiser and Province. In pursuance of its extraordinary course, the Colonist takes a position directly at variance with the position it occupied after the election. Then it admitted that Mr. Templeman had been a victim of the policy of the government. It said he had suffered for his loyalty to the government and the policy of the government. Now it holds him responsible for that policy, says his position as a defeated cabinet minister and representative is unique, and that he ought to retire into private life, because it assumes that his retention in office is not due to the desire of the Prime Minister to retain his services, but because of importunities unduly pressed.

Now is it the fact that it is a unique thing for a leader of a political party or minister in a government of Canada to find himself without a seat in Parliament following a general election? Not at all. On the contrary, it is a common experience, as a consultation of the records will prove. Sir John Macdonald, the greatest Conservative of them all, was defeated in Kingston, upon local issues, doubtless, just as Mr. Templeman was. Did Sir John retire into private life because of that rebuff? Was there any demand that he should retire? A seat was found for him in this very constituency of Victoria, and there was no declension of his great influence by reason of that mishap. Mr. Borden, the present leader of the Conservative party, was defeated in Halifax in the elections of 1904. Yet Mr. Borden did not abdicate his leadership nor retire from public life. On the contrary every facility was afforded him by his own party, and every courtesy extended him by the Liberal party, until he finally found a seat in Carlton County in the province of Ontario. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was rejected by his constituency in Quebec when he first became a Minister of the Crown under Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. The influences which contributed to the defeat of Hon. Wilfrid Laurier were purely local also, and it may be that the Premier, if he were not known to be staunch, loyal and true to his friends under all circumstances, had his own early experience in mind when he refused to accept the resignation of Mr. Templeman, but decided to retain his services until a seat could be found for him elsewhere. If we cared to go outside of Canada a sheaf of precedents could be quoted in contravention of the extraordinary contention of the Colonist. Mr. Balfour, leader of the present opposition, a former Premier of Great Britain, was defeated in the last general elections. He did not retire. Mr. Winston Churchill, a Minister of the Crown, was defeated in a bye-election. He was retained in office until he found a seat in Dundee. We might go further back and in every instance precedent would confound our contemporary.

The Times has no authentic information in regard to the manner in which the necessary seat is to be found. It would be more fitting that it should be in British Columbia than elsewhere of course. If Mr. Sloan is willing to retire in order that the province may retain its representation in the cabinet, he is entitled to great credit for the sacrifice he is willing to make. The representative of Comox-Atlin has a keen relish and strong aptitude for public life, and we are sure nothing but a deep sense of his responsibility to the province under present circumstances would impel him to stand aside. Should the rumors given currency and commented upon by the Colonist prove to be founded upon facts, it will be for the Conservatives of Comox-Atlin to consider whether it would be wise to offer opposition to the election of the Minister. But even the Colonist in its irreconcilability will admit that it would be a somewhat extraordinary thing for a constituency which elected a private member by acclamation to offer opposition to a Minister in a government which is assured of power for five years.

REV. DR. MEYER MAY VISIT VICTORIA

Well Known Divine Expected to Be Here This Fall

At the annual meeting of the Ministerial Association held this morning the announcement was made by Rev. T. W. Gladstone that Rev. S. B. Meyer, of Christ church, Westminster Bridge road, London, would probably visit this city about August or September on his way home from the Orient. The Ministerial Association will arrange to have a fitting reception given the great lecturer and writer should he visit the city.

There was a good attendance at the meeting this morning, and the following officers were elected for the year: President, Rev. Joseph McCoy; secretary, Rev. A. E. Roberts.

Last year's officers were thanked. Arrangements were made for hospital services during the year.

Revs. W. Leslie Clay, T. E. Holling and T. W. Gladstone were appointed at the request of the secretary of the school board as representatives on the general committee to urge the location of the provincial university here.

EARLY START BY NEW STEAMER

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE TO GO ON RUN NEXT WEEK

Vessel Will Not Be Hauled Out Before Entering Trade.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The new steamer Princess Charlotte will be put on the Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle route within the next few days, probably the beginning of next week. It was the intention to haul her out on the ways at Esquimalt and overhaul her before putting her in commission, but the ways are at present occupied and the business will not wait. Accordingly arrangements are being made to rearrange the schedule on a permanent basis so that the same run may be kept throughout the coming year. Owing to the number of accidents which have happened to the C. P. R. steamers within the last few months it has been found impossible to keep to any definite schedule for any great length of time, but now an effort will be made to keep the double schedule without change.

Capt. Troup, superintendent of the service, stated this morning that they were not yet ready to publish the new schedule as it was not definitely arranged, but the new arrangement would not commence this week. In the meantime workmen are fast getting the Princess Charlotte into shape for the work. All her upper works are being renovated with paint and the interior will be ready before she will be needed.

It is further understood that arrangements are being made for a reception or something of that kind aboard the steamer. It is generally thought that her arrival should be celebrated in some public way so that people might have an opportunity of looking her over. Just what form this will take has not been announced. It was suggested that a business men's excursion around the Sound might have been arranged, but this has been abandoned. An announcement will in all probability be made of the plans of the company in this respect within a day or two. Capt. Troup this morning said that it was too early to make an announcement, but he acknowledged that some plan was being matured along these lines.

VICTORIA COUPLE WEDDED IN SEATTLE

John Donaldson and Miss Isabel Walker United in Marriage.

John Tow Donaldson, the popular trainer of the James Bay Athletic Club rooms, and Miss Isabel Thompson Walker, of 3153 Delta street, Victoria, were marrid Saturday last at Seattle by Rev. G. Hood, and returned to Victoria at noon yesterday on the Princess Victoria.

Mrs. Donaldson is the eldest daughter of Mrs. J W. Walker, 3153 Delta street, and the grand-daughter of the late J. H. Meldrum. Mr. Donaldson and Miss Walker went to Seattle on Friday night and were met by Mr. L. Barton, of Seattle, who is a friend of both.

Mrs. Donaldson will be well remembered as the stroke of the champion Victoria ladies' four-oar crew which won the ladies' boat race last summer on James Bay. Mr. Donaldson had the training of the crews at the time, and has now married the leader of the winning crew.

RAILWAY FINED $60,000.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—In the rebate case of the government against the Chicago & Alton Railway Company, in the United States Circuit court, for the northern district of Illinois, the company and its officers were fined $60,000 on the charge of making a refund to Kansas City packers as terminal charges. The case was to-day decided by the Supreme court of the United States against the company.

LADIES RINGS

One very strong point in our business—perhaps the strongest—is LADIES' RINGS. We pay special attention to this line and consequently show a large and very choice selection.

DIAMONDS, PEARLS, RUBIES, EMERALDS, SAPPHIRES, OPALS AND TURQUOISE

Set singly and in combination in all the newest and most approved styles.

The values, too, are the very best, and are made possible by personal selection.

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J. M. Whitney Co.

Diamond Merchants, Jewelers, Silversmiths and Opticians

Old Number 39 Govt. St.

New Number 1003 Govt. St.

NO RIVALRY SHOWN FOR TRUSTEE HONORS

Quiet Election in as far as School Board is Concerned.

Quiet as the civic campaign is thus far it is nothing to the lack of life in school board election matters. This may possibly be due to some hope that two of the outgoing trustees, George Jay and H. F. Bishop, can be yet induced to alter their mind in regard to retiring. The third trustee who goes out this year, Walter E. Staneland, is seeking re-election but up to the present he is the only candidate for three vacancies.

Trustee Jay has been a member of the board for several terms and has been serving of late as its chairman. He has given splendid service to the people as a trustee, and has always proved himself to be a most efficient member of the board. His decision to retire is regretted by his colleagues and by the public. Trustee Bishop has also been a valuable member but he has decided to retire from the board.

Who will come forward for the two vacancies which will be created remains to be seen. Candidates need to get out at once and announce themselves if they expect to win support.

ARREST MADE OF SUSPECTED ROBBER

Stephen Rivas, When Formally Charged, Pleaded Not Guilty.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The police believe they have one of the gang who robbed the Palace saloon on Christmas morning and that the arrest will lead to the rounding-up of others and the solution of some of the robberies of Christmas week. As a result of the investigations which have been going on quietly, Stephen Rivas was arrested by Detective O'Leary on suspicion of being one of the guilty men.

This morning Rivas was brought up before Police Magistrate Jay on a charge of breaking and entering the Palace hotel by night, with intent to steal $435. He elected to be tried by the magistrate and pleaded not guilty, starting in on an explanation until he was stopped by the magistrate.

The trial was fixed for Thursday and Rivas was advised to engage a lawyer.

RAILWAY CHARTERS TO BE SOUGHT

Many Applications Will Be Made to Legislature Next Session.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The latest Gazette contains notice that acts of incorporation will be asked for several railway companies at the next session of the legislature.

The Kettle River Valley Railway Company will seek incorporation to operate a line of railway of standard gauge, commencing at a point at or near Midway, B. C., thence to Penticton, by the most feasible route, a distance of 120 miles, more or less; and commencing at a point at or near Penticton, on Okanagan lake; thence to a point at or near Nicola, by the most feasible route, a distance of about 150 miles, more or less.

Another company seeks to build a line commencing at a point at or near Lena Island, Skidegate Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands; thence following the valley of the Honna river in a northerly direction by the most feasible route to Camp Robertson; thence to Camp Wilson; thence to a point at or near Shields Island, Rennell Sound, and from any point on the said railway to any point on Masset Inlet; with power to construct and operate branch lines not exceeding twelve miles in length.

A third charter that will be asked for is for a line from a point near the international boundary line between British Columbia and the United States, in East Kootenay, where said boundary line is intersected by the Flathead river; thence northerly, following the general valley of the Flathead river to a point near the boundary between British Columbia and Alberta, where it is intersected by the North Kootenay Pass, with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point on the proposed line or lines not exceeding in any one case ten miles in length.

The Pacific Northern & Omineca railway will seek amendments to their charter giving the company power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway, also from the junction of the Skeena and Copper rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast district, to the junction of the Bulkley and Telkway rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast district, in the province of British Columbia; and to amend the Pacific, Northern & Omineca Railway Act, Amendment Act, 1905, being 5 Edward VII., chapter 67 of the Statutes of British Columbia, by extending the time for completion of the work of construction of the line of railway, as limited by section 2 of the said Act, until the 26th day of June, 1911.

RUEF'S SENTENCE.

Attorneys Want Four Months to Prepare List of Exceptions.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—Judge William P. Lawlor to-day set to-morrow as the time for deciding the length of time to be given for settlement of the bill of exceptions in the case of Abraham Ruef, sentenced to 14 years in San Quentin for bribery. The defence asked for a period of 120 days to prepare its record, while the prosecution asserted that thirty days should be sufficient for the purpose. It was stated by Ruef's attorneys that the bill would be unusually voluminous as to necessitate four months of preparation.

SOME JANUARY SALE VALUES!

Queen Quality Footwear Reduced

We would call attention to the fact that the January Sale will be the last occasion on which you can buy the world famous QUEEN QUALITY brand of American footwear at these specially arranged cut prices. In addition to odd lines to be found on our $2.50 tables, we make you this special offer of your choice of Queen Quality Boots and Oxfords, whether on tables or not, the regular prices of which are $4.50, $5.00 and $5.50. January Sale Price 3.45

Women's and Children's Underwear Much Reduced in Price

The lines mentioned here are bargains that speak for themselves. Underwear is safe stuff to buy. If you don't need it now you will some time, and it will keep until you do. The lines mentioned are nearly all odd lines, broken sizes and makes that we are discarding. In order to make sure of disposing of them we have made very substantial reductions.

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, heavy white fleeced cotton, long sleeves, high neck. Regular price 30c. January Sale Price 20¢

WOMEN'S DRAWERS, heavy white fleeced cotton. Regular price 30c. January Sale Price ..... 20¢

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, heavy natural fleeced cotton, long sleeves, high neck. Regular price 30c. January Sale Price ..... 20¢

WOMEN'S DRAWERS, heavy natural fleeced cotton. Regular price 30c. January Sale Price ..... 20¢

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, heavy white fleeced cotton, high neck, long sleeves. Regular price 35c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

WOMEN'S DRAWERS, heavy white fleeced cotton. Regular price 35c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

WOMEN'S DRAWERS, small sizes only, fine quality merino, natural color. Regular price, 50c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, fine quality, good weight merino, natural color, small sizes only. Regular price 50c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, fine heavy white fleeced cotton, high neck, long sleeves. Regular price 50c. January Sale Price 35¢

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, fine heavy natural fleeced cotton, high neck, long sleeves. Regular price 50c. January Sale Price ..... 35¢

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, best heavy white fleeced cotton, high neck, long sleeves. Regular price 75c. January Sale Price ..... 50¢

WOMEN'S SILK UNDERVESTS, spun silk, long and short sleeves, color cream, beautiful qualities that were $4.50 to $6.50. January Sale Price $1.50

WOMEN'S SILK DRAWERS, spun silk, colors white and cream, regular $4.50 to $6.50. January Sale Price $1.50

Children's Underwear

CHILDREN'S UNDERVESTS, small sizes only, heavy grey ribbed wool. Regular price, 25c. January Sale Price ..... 10¢

CHILDREN'S UNDERVESTS, small sizes only, heavy ribbed grey wool. Regular price 35c. January Sale Price ..... 10¢

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR, fine wool vests and drawers, odd lines. January Sale Price ..... 35¢

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR, odd lines of vests and drawers in fine wool. Regular price, 75c. January Sale Price ..... 35¢

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR, odd lines of vests and drawers, in fine wool. Regular price 90c. January Sale Price ..... 60¢

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR, finest wool, odd lines of vests and drawers. Regular price, $1.00. January Sale Price ..... 60¢

Hosiery Bargains for This Sale

When our regular qualities of Cashmere Hose are reduced you are sure of getting extra good bargains. We merely mention a few lines, but will have many others to offer you. In fact the bargains offered in this department will make it worth your while to buy heavily for future needs.

CHILDREN'S PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE, different sizes. Regular price 50c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

CHILDREN'S RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, different sizes. Regular price 35c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

CHILDREN'S RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, different sizes. Regular price 50c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

CHILDREN'S PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE, small sizes. Regular price 25c. January Sale Price ..... 15¢

WOMEN'S RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, Regular price 50c. January Sale Price 33¢

WOMEN'S PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE, Regular price 50c. January Sale Price ..... 37½¢

WOMEN'S PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE. Regular price 35c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

CHILDREN'S PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE, different sizes. Regular price 35c. January Sale Price ..... 25¢

Women's Long Kimonas

Full length, made of different cloths in attractive patterns. Kimonas that sold at from $1.25 to $5.75. January Sale Prices, $3.65 to 90c

Women's Sateen Underskirts

At reductions that make it worth your while to buy. Regular $1.25 to $2.50 Underskirts, January Sale Prices, $1.90 to 90c

Short Kimonas

Made of Flannels and Flannelettes, some handsome garments and at big reductions. Regular prices $1 to $10.75. January Sale Prices, $7.50 to 65c

Silk Underskirts

In colors and black, at good reductions. Regular $6.50 to $12.75 qualities. January Sale Prices, $8.75 to 3.90

Wrappers and House Dresses Are Reduced

FLANNELETTE AND BLACK SATEEN WRAPPERS. Reg. $1.75 and $2. January Sale Price 1.40

FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS. These are of the regular $2.50. line. January Sale Price 1.65

BLACK SATEEN WRAPPERS. Regular $2.75. January Sale Price 1.90

BLACK SATEEN WRAPPERS. Regular $3.25. January Sale Price 2.15

FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS. Regular $1.25. January Sale Price 75c

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

TRANSPORT DAMAGED.

Coasting Steamer Collides With the Thomas in San Francisco Harbor.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—The United States army transport Thomas, which is scheduled to sail for the Philippine islands next Tuesday, was so seriously damaged in a collision with the coasting steamer Brunswick yesterday that she may not be able to make the voyage until repaired. The Brunswick had just entered port lumber laden out of Fort Bragg, and was endeavoring to make her way up to the docks when she was swung by the strong tide into the Thomas, which lay at anchor off Folsom street wharf. The Thomas lost a number of plates about the stern, but a thorough examination will be necessary to determine the extent of the damage sustained by the transport.

—At the general meeting of the Imperial Service Club held on Saturday afternoon Major Horatio A. Treen was re-elected president for the ensuing year.

There are 2,900 words which have the same spelling and meaning both in French and English.

RUSSIAN BOMB OUTRAGE.

London, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that twenty arrests have been made, including several persons at the emperor's palace, for alleged connection with the bomb explosion in the Cafe Central, in St. Petersburg on Saturday night. The bomb was left on a table by a man in the uniform of a student, and a waiter was killed and the cafe badly damaged by the explosion. The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the bomb outrage and the arrests were the outcome of a vast terrorist plot against the imperial family.

Rice forms the staple food of at least one-third of the human race.