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CASCADE CITY.

"The C.P.R. will take over the completed portion of the new line as soon as the track is laid into Cascade," said Superintendent Jack Stewart, of Mann, Foley Bros. & Larson, to a Cascade Record representative last week.

SLOCAN CITY.

The marriage of Miss L. G. Howarth, second daughter of J. H. Howarth, of this place, and James E. Tattersall, also of Slocan City, took place on Thursday. The Rev. J. H. Munro, of Trail, performed the ceremony.

GREENWOOD.

Dr. Foster is rapidly recovering from his illness.

Mr. Charles Alston has been appointed city engineer.

R. Thompson, father of Rossland, and Colonel Topping, father of Trail, were among the many visitors to the city last week. They had just returned from the Zala M., in Sheridan camp, on the reservation, a promising property in which they are heavily interested.

The Imperial Hotel has again changed hands. The purchaser is Mr. F. J. Finacune, manager of the Bank of Montreal, and the price, $12,500 cash.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

As the steamer Courser was coming down the river on Tuesday Captain Cooper noticed a man swimming in the river, apparently heading for the opposite shore. He promptly stopped the steamer, and, when opposite the Condensed Milk Factory, succeeded in getting the man on board.

No fish was the cry all along the river on Tuesday, and the salmon traps are said to be empty. It is realized that the run on Sunday night was only a spurt, but all interested are looking anxiously for the big run.

VERNON.

The weather for the past week or ten days has been quite warm, in fact some days it has been decidedly hot, and on the 23rd it was reported to be 98 deg. in the shade. Such heat is, of course, ripening the grain very quickly, and much of it will be ready for cutting before the famers are prepared to cut it, as many of them are not quite through with their hay harvest. The crops generally are reported to be very good, although in some places they are light and patchy.

Mr. Tompkins, contractor of the C.P.R. hotel and station at Sicamous, came in on Monday's train. He reports the new station at Vancouver as about completed and work about to begin on the new one at Westminster.

Mrs. A. Johnson died early on Sunday morning last at her home in Vernon. Mrs. Johnson has been very ill for many weeks past, and for some time little or no hope of her recovery has been entertained.

KAMLOOPS.

Dr. T. W. Lambert returned to Kamloops on Sunday last with the intention of remaining here.

Mrs. McBain and Mrs. and Miss Charleston, of New Westminster, who have been visiting in the east, stopped off here on Monday and intend remaining for several days.

W. O. Miller, the popular C.P.R. agent here, leaves for Vancouver to-day. On Monday his many friends treated him and his wife to a farewell trip on the steamer Ethel Ross down as far as Tranquille. About one hundred were on board and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. During the run home, Dr. Proctor, on behalf of the committee of management, presented Mr. Miller with an address, and, as a token of esteem, a handsome silver mounted salad bowl and spoons.

An adjourned meeting of the B. C. Inland Board of Trade was held on Friday evening. The meeting was called to discuss the advisability of financially assisting the Province Publishing Company in getting out a special edition of the Province, containing a write-up of the mining, ranching and mercantile industries of Kamloops and vicinity. After discussion it was decided to help the scheme to the extent of $50 and a committee was appointed to interview the city council to endeavor to get them to raise their appropriation from $50 to $100.

NELSON.

The water in the lake is falling at the rate of from four to six inches a day.

The gas company have got down to business and are pushing construction.

G. Iveland, or George Johnson, as he was better known, the victim of the drowning accident between Balfour and Queen's Bay, was buried on Thursday night on the lake shore near his camp. Dr. Forin, who went up the lake to inquire into the circumstances of the drowning did not deem an inquest necessary.

The sawmill men of Kootenay had another conference on Thursday with a view to perfecting their organization for the control of the lumber business of Kootenay and Slocan Lake points. The sawmill men of Nelson, Kaslo, Slocan City and Pilot Bay were represented. Their chief aim was to raise the price of dimension lumber from $9 to $12 per thousand. The scheme as devised at the meeting was to establish a central selling office at Nelson. The yard for this selling office it was proposed should be supplied by the several mills in the combine upon the basis of a certain percentage of their output. To make this effective it was further proposed that none of the mills in the combine should sell except through the selling office. In this way it was argued that not only would the mills be able to regulate the price of lumber, but they would also be able to economize in their expenses. No definite conclusion was arrived at, however, and the mill owners' combine is at present as far from consummation as it was two weeks ago.

Nelson was en fete on Monday when the first spike of the electric street railway was driven by Mr. C. S. Drummond, managing director of the Duncan Mines, and director of the British Electric Tramway Company, which is constructing the line here. The spike, a gold one, was afterwards presented to Mr. Drummond by Mayor Neelands. A large banquet was held in the evening, at which representative men from all parts of the Kootenays were present. Hon. G. H. Mackintosh, Mayor Goodeve, of Rossland, and others spoke. This is the first street railway in Kootenay. Nelson's population has doubled within eighteen months, and now exceeds 6,000.

The London and B. C. Goldfields will erect a two story brick and stone building on Baker street as soon as the necessary arrangements for the site can be made. The object of the company in doing so is to provide commodious offices for its various officers and sub-companies. It is estimated that $10,000 will be expended on the erection of this building.

Ald. Charles Hillyer is around again after a spell of malarial fever, which confined him to his bed for a week.

A big forest fire is raging near Ainsworth. The smoke from it hangs like a heavy cloud over the west arm of the lake.

The local papers say Pasto, the condemned murderer of Ryan, did not seem overjoyed when he was reprieved. The Italian merely asked why an effort had not been made to find the man who was with Ryan when he was killed. The death watch has been removed, and as soon as the necessary papers are received Pasto will be taken to the New Westminster Penitentiary.

FERNIE.

The work of opening up the new ten-foot seam in Coal creek continues apace. The full thickness of the coal has now been recovered. It is a good, clean coking coal, but very tender and dusty.

Mr. Mackenzie, of Cranbrook, chief assistant to Mr. M. H. McLeod, is in town making the necessary survey for extension of railway sidings.

On Saturday night, July 22nd, while on his way to Fernie, an Italian named Antonio Cotella was brutally beaten about the head with a rock by a man who evidently wanted his money. When found by Constable Bullick the Italian was almost dead from loss of blood and presented a frightful appearance. On the back of his head, from the left ear across towards the bottom of the right, was a jagged cut six inches long, and in many places clear to the bone.

We hear of a recent discovery of mineral deposits of a valuable character not a thousand miles from Fernie and in a totally unexpected quarter, which may have an important bearing on the future of our town. In the course of a few weeks we hope to be authorized to make a more definite statement.—Free Press.

COLUMBIA.

The travelling correspondent of the Rossland Miner says:

Just a mile west of Grand Forks, this city, which was incorporated last May, is situated on the threshold of a land of great possibilities and much natural wealth. The situation of the townsite for beauty is unexcelled, being a verdure-clad prairie, traversed by a river of limpid water, surrounded by mountain heights forming a charming combination of picturesqueness and grandeur.

The Columbia & Western railway runs right through the town site, and the C. P. R. have, under agreement dated February 10th last, undertaken to build the railway station on lot 520 and within 100 feet of north half lot 380, and maintain same for seven years, in consideration of its getting from the joint owners of both lots which form the townsite, one-half of the former and one-third of the latter. Each lot contains 320 acres.

This station will be one and one-half miles from Grand Forks, but will in no way inconvenience that city, as it will have its own station on the Ruckles addition to its townsite in the bend of the river.

Mr. Charles Hay is the first mayor of Columbia. Some 10 years ago he represented Portage la Prairie in the Manitoba legislature.

Business is at present rather dull. A good many residents are absent doing assessment work on the many claims in the adjacent mountains, and all the passengers coming west from Bossburg invariably stay over night at Grand Forks.

Several stores and private dwellings are being erected.

At present the population is put down at 300.

There are seven general stores, six hotels, four real estate agencies, two stage lines, a local paper, the Columbia Review, and two townsite offices.

The franchise for the electric light was given on the 20th instant to William C. Fox, of Toronto.

Several new streets and sidewalks will be graded and constructed at once, including a sidewalk to the new railroad station site.

Columbia has an embryo water works system, fed by a beautiful spring, capable of supplying 20,000 inhabitants, and in addition there is a large spring lake on an adjoining mountain from which an unlimited supply can be obtained.

The sanitary conditions of the city are excellent. A system of sewerage is about to be installed.

The spiritual welfare of the citizens is cared for by four or five clergymen, representing as many denominations. The legal and medical professions are well represented, and there is a good public school, for the erection of which a substantial grant was voted by the last local parliament.

ROSSLAND.

The journeymen painters of this city organized under the title of the Painters and Decorators of America. The union starts with a membership of 20.

The leading newsboys of Rossland have formed a union.

Mr. R. N. Oliver, an old Rosslander, who has been in the east for some time, is in town. He is on his way to Grand Forks, where he will have a position in the new smelter. Mr. Oliver has been over the route of the C. & W. as far as Cascade. He says the steel is laid within four miles of that town. It is expected that the first train will reach Cascade on or about August 5th.

At an early hour on Thursday morning a burglar rifled the till in the Rossland Club of $5.35. The marauder gained access by climbing in through a window in the top story of the building in the rear. The rear of the structure abutting the bluff at that point. Then he made his way down stairs, and with an ice pick pried open the till and took the money. A man was captured in the Alhambra hotel on Wednesday shortly before midnight. His name was John McNickels. Mr. and Mrs. George Owens were in their sleeping rooms when McNickels entered and began to ransack a trunk. He made so much noise that it awakened Mrs. Owens, and she called upon her husband that there was a man in the room, and at the same time she spoke she sprang up and the burglar fled. The plucky woman closely followed the burglar, and caught her quarry on the stairs and held on to him, and at the same time she called for help. The barkeeper down stairs was hurrying to her assistance when the burglar broke away and ran into the alley. Here he was captured and held until the police arrived and he was given into their custody.

The joint conference of the Boards of Trade of the Kotenays and the Boundary country, which opens in Rossland next Thursday morning, August 3rd, at 10 a.m., promises to be a success. The Rossland Board of Trade, after communicating with the other boards in Southern British Columbia, framed a programme for the meeting and arranged some of the details, but when the conference convenes in formal session it will formulate its own rules and conduct the meeting upon whatever lines the members may agree upon. Two members from each of the following Boards of Trade will form the conference: Rossland, Nelson, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Cascade City, Kaslo, Trail, Golden, Revelstoke, Cranbrook, Moyie and Fort Steele. After electing a chairman and secretary and appointing the necessary committees the joint meeting will at once proceed with the regular business for which it has been called. Each board has been requested to submit questions for discussion.

VANCOUVER.

Mr. W. A. Blair, formerly principal of the Rossland High School, is in the city and intends to enter into the insurance business in Vancouver.

Chief of Police Stewart is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. William J. McGregor, of London, Ont., whose husband came to the coast about three years ago and has not been heard of by his wife or mother since.

During the past month 94 cases were tried at the Vancouver police court. Of these cases 63 convictions were obtained, 18 were dismissed, 3 adjourned, 2 committed and 3 withdrawn.

During the month of July there were registered at the court house, 44 births, 16 marriages and 32 deaths.

The month of July in the fire department was remarkable for a number of insignificant fires. Fifteen alarms were responded to. In one instance only did the damage result in loss exceeding $25. This was for a house occupied by Japs, near the Hastings Mill, on July 11.

Thomas M. Sutherland, a mining prospector, died in the city hospital on Monday of illness brought on by cold and exposure while pursuing his calling. The deceased, who came from Nova Scotia, was a brother of Mrs. Lee, of Nanaimo, and had two brotners living up-country in Rossland and Revelstoke.

On Sunday evening the pastor of the Homer street Methodist church, Rev. E. E. Scott, announced that $5,000 had been promised during the week, for a new church building. It is now intended, however, before commencing work on the new structure, to have definite promises for the sum of $15,000. By Monday evening, it was understood that the amount promised had reached $7,000, or nearly half the required sum.

There was almost a drowning at English Bay on Monday evening about 9 o'clock. A young man whose name was not obtainable was one of a party of three who took a trip down the chute. He was not a swimmer and despite the warning of the attendant at the summit of the chute, took the plunge. As soon as the water was reached he commenced to flounder, and went down the second time. His rescue was accomplished with some difficulty. The man was more than half-drowned when pulled out.

The close of two services in city churches on Sunday morning was marked by alarming and painful incidents. Just at the termination of the service at St. Michael's church, Mount Pleasant, Mrs. V. Hicks, suddenly fell on the floor of the building. Medical aid was quickly summoned, and the aged lady removed to a private house, nearby, where it was found that she had been seized with paralysis, the stroke affecting the whole of the right side, and causing the loss of her powers of speech.

The Princess street Methodist church was the scene of a more alarming but fortunately less painful accident. During the service a gentleman, sitting with his son and daughter, several times felt pieces of some hard substance falling on his head. Looking up he noticed some ornamental moulding on the ceiling looked loose, so, with his son and daughter, removed to another seat. Later, the pastor, Professor Whittington, observed the loose piece of plaster moving slightly, and quickly warned that portion of his flock directly beneath the impending danger to move. In a few seconds, a well-defined gap marked the danger zone, and the service proceeded. Just as the sermon was drawing to a close the plaster fell with a terrible crash, striking a chandelier but fortunately into the already vacated space, causing more alarm than damage.

At Monday night's meeting of the council, sitting as a committee of the whole, the amendment to the Street By-law, No. 142 was taken up. This amendment involved the question of bicycle racks and much time was occupied in considering it, Ald. Bruce stating that on a Saturday night any bicycle stands placed on Cordova street would be "kicked into matchwood." The sidewalk was already found too narrow on a Saturday evening to comfortably accommodate the foot passengers. If store keepers wanted them let them make special provision in the doorway of their stores for them.

Ald. Wood, Skinner and McQueen spoke in favor of bicycle stands. Ald. Wood also favored allowing hitching posts and barber's poles, especially as telephone and other poles were already allowed to "obstruct" the sidewalk.

Ald. Gilmour asked the city solicitor who would be responsible in case an accident should result from anyone falling over a bicycle rack and sustaining injury.

Mr. Hamersley stated that the city would be liable to a suit for damages.

After further discussion the clause was passed and the committee rising reported that the amendment to by-law No. 142, known as the Streets and Sidewalks By-law, had passed its second reading.

Gambling is again rife in the city. Several places where formerly gambling was indulged in but little, now run games nightly and further professional gaming table "runners" are out on the street and in the hotel corridors to catch likely birds for plucking.—News-Advertiser.

The death of Robert A. Colquhoun is reported from Dawson. The deceased was a son of R. Colquhoun, of Clark's Harbor, N.S. He resided in Vancouver for some years before going north.

The city treasury is at a high water mark these days. Tuesday $25,000 in checks and $13,000 in drafts passed through the office. Another item of interest in civic finance matters was the presentation of a bill of $1,600 by the Electric Light Company for street lighting and a check for $16,000 odd in payment of civic taxes.

Charles Slade, a gardener, residing on Thirteenth Avenue, Mount Pleasant, died on Tuesday after a short illness. Deceased was an Englishman.

The marriage of two young people of Vancouver in the persons of Mr. J. Hurliman and Miss M. Young, was celebrated at the Homer street Methodist church on Monday, Rev. Mr. Scott officiating.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Rev. A. E. Vert, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, left town yesterday for a month's vacation, going in the first place to New Whatcom. Mrs. Vert and children have gone to Boundary Bay, where they will spend the next four weeks.

The death occurred at 9 o'clock on Monday morning of Mr. Newton A. White, second son of the late Rev. Edward White. The deceased, who was just past his fortieth year, enjoyed the distinction of being the first white child born in this city. While yet a child, he removed with his family to Hamilton, Ont., subsequently entering the employ of the well known firm of W. E. Sanford & Co. During his residence there he became conspicuous in aquatic sports, and as a member of the Hamilton fourouared crew, won several medals. About the year 1883 he returned to New Westminster and entered the employ of his uncle, Mr. James Cunningham, retiring a few years later to engage in business for himself. In Westminster, also, the deceased figured in athletic sports, and was a member of one of the first lacrosse teams organized in the province. Not long after this, however, he received a paralytic stroke, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. Since that time the late Mr. White has been seriously ailing, and during the past week became daily weaker.

Mr. W. H. Keary, commissioner of the Provincial Exhibition, has returned from the upper country, where he has been travelling in the interests of the big show. He visited Vernon, Armstrong, Enderby, Grand Prairie, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Ashcroft and Kent. Commissioner Keary says that if transportation facilities are satisfactorily arranged with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, he will have the largest number of visitors at the show from the upper country that New Westminster has ever entertained.

There was a marked improvement in the run of salmon in the river on Sunday night. In anticipation thereof, an unusually large number of fishing boats dotted the river both above and below the city, as far as the eye could reach, and, at 6 o'clock, there was a scene of great activity, when the signal was hoisted which proclaimed the weekly close season was at an end. To the crowd of onlookers which assembled along the water front, it seemed that every fish ascending the river must be enmeshed, but the water is considerably higher than usual at this time of year, and the current strong, even at slack tide, so, doubtless, more get up to the spawning grounds than might be supposed.

By the time the fishermen began to pull in their nets, those who had thrown out opposite the McLaren-Ross mills were passing the city, and each seemed to have a fairly successful drift.

On Monday morning this proved to be the case, though there was nothing phenomenal, the average catch having been probably between fifty and seventy-five per boat for the night.

THE SCHEME ENDORSED.

Ratepayers Approve of the By-Law Embodying the Proposal Made for the Reclamation of the Flats.

The by-law submitted to the ratepayers authorizing the city council to enter into a contract with Mr. Henry Croft, or some other person, for the reclamation of James Bay mud-flats on the lines of a scheme proposed by Mr. Croft and embodied in the by-law, was yesterday approved of at the ballot boxes, 637 votes being cast, 509 in favor of the by-law, and 128 against.

The totals in each ward are shown in the following table:

	For.	Against.	Total.
Centre Ward	110	23	133
South Ward	176	34	210
North Ward	223	71	294
Total	509	128	637

There was a little misunderstanding in the minds of some people when the result was announced, it being at first thought that a three-fifths majority was needed to carry the by-law. This was removed when it was understood that all that was required is that three-fifths of the total votes shall be cast in favor of the by-law. Of 637 votes, three-fifths is 382, so that the majority was much larger than necessary. The poll was a very small one, and the result was announced within twenty minutes after the booths were closed, Mr. W. W. Northcott acting as returning officer.

THE HEART WAILS

Of Thousands Have Been Turned Into the Joy Songs of the Cured by the Almost Magic Medicine, Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—It Relieves in Thirty Minutes.

Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, of Gananoque, was for five years a great sufferer from heart disease—spent some time under experts in Kingston hospital without getting any benefit and was pronounced incurable. She commenced taking Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and when she had taken three bottles all dropsical tendencies, palpitation and pain left her, and she has had no return of it, and ascribes her cure to this greatest of heart remedies.

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Joe Todd was drowned at Hanlan's Point, Toronto, yesterday. While diving he struck his head against an obstruction. He rose to the surface helpless, but sank before assistance could be given.

Aqua Pura at Last

Victoria Now Enjoys a Splendid Supply of Filtered Water.

A Ceremony Marking the Completion of a Long Delayed Work.

Five years have elapsed since the decision was arrived at to provide the with the importance of the city, five years in which the citizens, headed by the mayor and aldermen, have been alternately on the tip-toe of expectation and plunged in the depths of disappointment; five years which have been filled to overflowing with wrangling, disputes, recriminations and strongly expressed opinions relative to the manner in which the undertaking was conducted. Mayor Redfern yesterday had the pleasure of being the principal figure in the little ceremony at Elk Lake which marked the successful completion of the enterprise.

It was in 1894 that the council decided to call for competitive plans for the construction of a system of filter beds which should provide Victoria with pure drinking water; the history of the work at Elk Lake since then is so well known that a repetition of it would be unnecessary. The people of Victoria will to-day echo the sentiments uttered by his worship yesterday afternoon and which found hearty endorsation among the ladies and gentlemen who made the turning on of the filtered water the occasion of a pleasant and enjoyable trip by the Victoria & Sidney railway to Elk lake.

The special train placed at the disposal of the civic authorities by the railway management left the depot promptly at two o'clock, among the passengers being Mayor and Mrs. Redfern, D. W. Higgins, M.P.P. and Mrs. Higgins, Ald. Humphrey, Hayward, Kinsman, Stewart and Cameron, City Engineer Topp, City Treasurer Charles H. Kent, Water Commissioner J. L. Raymur, ex-Mayor John Teague, Alex. Wilson and many others.

Arrived at the new reservoir the principal subject of comment was the difference between the water contained there and that in the filter beds immediately adjoining. The comparison was actually a contrast, for the clear, pellucid water drawn from the reservoir and passed around the company, was as different from the dark-colored stuff taken from the lake as could well be imagined. City Engineer Topp courteously explained to the visitors the system of filtration, showing how the water from the lake passes through the first screen before being taken into the inlet pipe of the filter beds, where it filters through a considerable depth of sand and gravel into the conduits leading into the reservoir.

The latter has a capacity of 6,000,000 gallons, sufficient, at a rough estimate, to supply the city for three or four days, although there being at present no means of ascertaining the consumption of water in Victoria, the estimate cannot be made with exactness. Should anything of an unforseen character happen, and the three or four days reserve be insufficient, the water can still be turned into the mains direct from the lake as heretofore, so that danger of a water famine is reduced to a minimum.

Of the quality of the water supplied from the new reservoir citizens of Victoria are by this time in a position to judge for themselves. The ladies and gentlemen who tasted it yesterday afternoon at the fountain head were unanimous in proclaiming it fully equal to the splendid water with which the people of the Terminal City are favored.

After the assembled company had thoroughly inspected the completed works, His Worship and Mrs. Redfern, accompanied by Mrs. D. W. Higgins and Mr. J. L. Raymur, took up their positions at the point where the connection is made with the principal main, and addressing the gathering, his worship said it was a pleasure for him to take part in the ceremony of turning on the supply of pure filtered water for the benefit of the people of Victoria. The greatest pleasure to be derived from the ceremony was the fact that its effects would not be of an evanescent nature but will in all human probability be enjoyed for many years to come. It was something that Victorians had long waited for, for it was in 1894 that the city council had decided to call for competitive plans of a system for supplying Victoria with filtered water from Elk Lake. The premium was awarded to Mr. Jorgensen, whose plans were accepted, and in July, 1895 the contract for the construction was awarded to Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey. Then the mayor and aldermen and the citizens generally thought the end of their troubles in regard to the water supply was at hand, and it was expected that in 1896 the city would enjoy the benefit of filtered water.

Unfortunately, however, with the signing of that contract the real troubles commenced, and at the end of 1896, when the contractors thought they had completed their work, it was found to be in such an unsatisfactory condition as to be practically useless.

The council of 1896 endeavored to make the contractors complete the work in a satisfactory way, and the council of 1897 took up the task of endeavoring to make the contractors finish the job, with the same unsatisfactory result. The fight between the council and the contractors went on for another six months, and in 1897 the council undertook to take the unfinished contract over and complete it with the funds still in their possession belonging to the contract. In May, 1898, City Engineer Wilmot reported the filter beds complete and finished in a workable and usable condition, and there was nothing then to prevent the water being turned into the reservoir except that the reservoir was practically nothing but a mud hole. It was believed that to have turned filtered water into such a receptacle would have been disastrous, and it was therefore decided to delay turning the water into the storage receptacle until it was placed in a properly finished condition. Unfortunately, the council did not have sufficient funds at their disposal to complete the work, but at the end of the year they found themselves in possession of a surplus which gave them sufficient for the purpose. The mayor was glad that the present council, as a body, loyally carried out the intention of their immediate predecessors, and devoted sufficient money to finish the work. No one regrets more than the mayor and council the unfortunate delay which has occurred in supplying the city with the desideratum of pure water, but it must be said that although the water used has not been altogether palatable, it has not been unwholesome, for analysis in the city hall proved that it contained nothing deleterious or injurious to health. Now, by the process of filtration, the unpleasant odor and flavor will cease to exist, and we shall be able to say that no city in the world possesses a better or more wholesome supply of water.

There was only one subject or regret, that the council had not yet sufficient money at their disposal to place a roof over the reservoir, for experts say that should be done, it being easily understood that water will deteriorate after filtration if exposed to the direct rays of the sun for any considerable time. There was this to be said, however, the water in the reservoir will be constantly changed, and his worship hoped the council would be able to appropriate $3,000 to complete the work. The city has now a reservoir of $5,000,000 or 6,000,000 gallons capacity, sufficient to supply the city for four days, and in case of anything happening to render it necessary, the water can still be turned into the mains direct from the lake.

His worship concluded by expressing the hope that after the water was turned on there would be no more complaints regarding the quality of the Victoria water.

Mrs. Redfern then proceeded to open the valve, and as the work was completed, his worship, turning to the gathering, said that the next drink of water they took in the city would be the best they had yet had from the city supply.

This concluded the ceremony, and the return journey was commenced, the companying reaching the Hillside avenue shortly after half-past three o'clock.

Mr. Alexander Wilson was one of the visitors, and on the authority of that gentleman it may be stated that nothing which could be put into the water will improve it, except perhaps a few tea leaves.

It was noted by some of those present tht the Victoria Daily Times was the only paper sufficiently enterprising to send a representative to attend the proceedings which mark the completion of an enterprise of such great moment to the city, and which has created such widespread interest during the five years of its progress.

The wire fencing to be placed around the reservoir and filter beds will be completed in a few days.

Although the roof may not be placed over the reservoir for sometime, the supports for the same are in position, so that the work will not be one of great difficulty.

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THE NATIVE BORN.

Interesting Function on Monday Evening Next.

Indications are not lacking that the banquet to be tendered by the Native Sons of British Columbia "to themselves," as the menu card sets forth, on Monday next, will be one of the events of the year. The event will take place at Hotel Victoria, and a tasty souvenir menu card and toast list has been issued by the committee, which consists of Messrs. J. Stuart Yates, F. Higgins, Dr. J. D. Helmcken, H. Dallas Helmcken, Q. C., M. P. P., S. D. Schultz, Geo. Maddigan, E. C. Smith and Phil. R. Smith.

The title page of the toast list bears a cut of the old beaver, and the toast list and musical programme are particularly apt. The first is a brief one, including toasts to the Queen, the Past Chief and Chief Factors, "The Day We Commemorate," Brother and Sister Societies, and Ladies and Native Daughters.

The musical programme consists of "A Peep Into Germany," by a quartette, the recitation of the "Native Born," by F. Finch-Smiles. Several songs by members. A quiet talk and a monologue on Town Topics by two of the company. There is every indication that the affair will be a most enjoyable one in every respect.

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