A Tissue of Falsehoods

G. O. Bradley's Strictures on the Garretson Furnace Are Utterly False.

Mr. James Breen Answers Recent Article in the Spokesman Review.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The following article appeared in a recent issue of the Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.:

"The Garretson furnace, of which such great things were expected when it was installed at the Crofton smelter, of the British Columbia Coast, seems to be a failure so far as treating the Crofton ores is concerned. G. O. Bradley, representing a big Chicago machinery house, which partially equipped the Crofton plant, is back from a trip to the smelter. Said Mr. Bradley last night:

"The Garretson furnace was given a run of less than 24 hours when the promoters satisfied themselves that in its present form it was not suited to the ores on which the smelter is running. The furnace froze and all attempts at running it were suspended, if not abandoned. The promoters believe that there was too much zinc in the ores, which were continually precipitated and re-precipitated.

"The Garretson smelter embodies a modification of an old theory, which presents purely a mechanical and not a metallurgical problem. The end in view is to combine enough silica with the matte to convert the matte into blister copper within the one furnace. Experiments at the Crofton plant showed that the furnace not only failed to convert, but was also somewhat inefficient in matting. Its concentration was low. Not enough tests were made to form any opinion as to the economy of the stack for matteing alone, but as the furnace lays claim to being a converting furnace above all things, I suppose that it will not be a factor merely for matteing the ores.

"There seems to have been some misunderstanding as to how the Garretson furnace came to be placed at the Crofton plant. It was not installed there by James Breen, Hermann C. Bellinger and D. B. Fotheringham, the Spokane men who are behind the smelter. The Garretson people went to them with a request that permission be granted to erect a sample furnace at the Crofton plant to try the ores. If it did what the Garretson people claimed the furnace was to be purchased. On that understanding it was installed.

"Now that it has proven not a success the smelter is running with the two standard type furnaces which were installed at the same time as the Garretson plant. The smelter is handling about 350 tons a day. The converter is working successfully and all the output of the plant is reduced to blister copper. There was considerable doubt expressed in mining circles as to whether the smelter would prove a complete success, as the ore carries a high percentage of barytes, which can be separated from copper only with difficulty. However, Superintendent Bellinger seems to be making the separation all right, and the smelter is entirely successful."

It appeared to be so groundless that it was referred to Mr. J. Breen, of the Northwestern Smelting & Refining company, who found no hesitation in pronouncing the article to be a tissue of falsehoods. Expressed surprise that a newspaper should publish such a story without having verified it, he wrote to G. O. Bradley, who is connected with the company, and furnished the item to the Spokesman-Review, is the representative of the Allison-Chalmers Machinery company of Chicago, from which firm the Northwestern Smelting & Refining company bought a considerable portion of their plant—a fact which caused them severe loss in both time and money, for machinery which was promised within 90 days did not come to hand for several months, and they suffered much annoyance and delay in consequence.

Mr. G. O. Bradley visited Crofton recently and Mr. Breen took occasion to express his opinion of him and the firm which he represents in rather emphatic language, intimating pretty pointedly that if not actually guilty of dishonorable conduct in breaking their obligations, they certainly had a very slender regard for the truth. Thus Mr. Bradley's reception at Crofton, though warm, was not of that genial nature which lingers pleasantly in the memory. On the contrary, it was calculated to rankle as a bad quarter of an hour and to "get even" Mr. Bradley made a stab at the Garretson furnace through the Spokesman-Review.

His statements regarding the Garretson furnace are wildly absurd. The Garretson furnace was tested in the first instance for a period of two weeks, and during that time amply demonstrated its capabilities as a smelter of highly refractory ores, which it reduced to matte most satisfactorily. It must be remembered that the Garretson furnace is designed to solve a problem in metallurgy which has long engaged the attention of prominent metallurgists, and its failure, so far, to convert the ores of Mount Sicker at one process from raw ore to copper is not at all a surprise to Mr. Bellinger, who conducted the experiments. These ores are very highly charged with a combination of barium sulphate and zinc, and it was found that the converter portion of the furnace was not properly equipped to convert them, but there is a fair probability of that difficulty being overcome when the experiments are further prosecuted. The gentlemen in charge of the experiments recognizes the possibility of perfecting the process, the success of which depends upon the introduction of sufficient oxigen to eliminate the sulphur and oxidize the zinc in the matte and sufficient silica to form a fusible slag.

Mr. George O. Bradley's criticisms are those of a man who knows absolutely nothing about smelting, yet he very modestly advances them against the knowledge and opinions of some of the foremost metallurgists in America. Mr. George O. Bradley would confine his talents to selling machinery and keeping his principals up to their contracts he would win more esteem than by endeavoring to air his views on subjects of which he is totally ignorant.

"Yes, she admits that she had implicit faith in him when she married him."

"Well, she insists now that marriage is a faith cure."—Chicago Evening Post.

News of the Slocan Mines

Ore Shipments Light But Much Good Work Being Done,

Several Mines Increasing Working Forces—Mills Working Double Shifts.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Kaslo, Nov. 17.—(Special)—Ore shipments are still light on account of snow and bad trails during the past week.

Shipments were: American Boy, 43 tons; Soho, 25 tons; Rambler, 23 tons. Total, 91 tons.

Very high results have been obtained from ore samples lately brought down from the Shareholder claim at Bear Lake, just adjoining the Silver Glance. The owners of the Shareholder, J. F. MacIntosh and Col. Stone, of this city, and W. S. Drewery, of Rossland, are intending to do a considerable amount of work on their property and to thoroughly prove its value.

A strike of a two-foot lead of rich galena is also reported from Hall's Creek, on the Gillis group. The Gillis Bros. arrived in town recently with samples of the ore and intend to return immediately to their property with a further addition to their present working force.

At the Cork, on the South Fork of the Kaslo river, there is a considerable amount of development work in progress. A crosscut tunnel, to run some 1,200 feet to tap the ore veins, is in progress, and about 1,000 feet of pipe line is also to be laid, as well as other development work to be commenced shortly.

The zinc duty question is keeping back anticipated shipments of zinc ores to the States, but the Bosun mine sent one car of 40 tons through to Iola last week, and also shipped a car to Trail.

The Enterprise mine is intending to further increase its working force to 70 men, and the Payne and Ivanhoe mills are working.

AVERAGE PRICE OF LEAD.

Table of Market Quotations for Past Years —Interesting Comparisons.

With the price of lead down to the figure that it now is, there have been many inquiries as to whether it has ever been lower, and the following table will be found interesting. It will be noticed that the only time when lead reached as low a price as at present was in 1892 to 1895, during a period of general financial depression all over the world. From 1895 till 1901 it steadily rose, £17 being the high water average reached in 1900, which was the highest reached since 1878. Taking the 24 years between 1878 and the present, it will be seen that the average price for the period was close to thirteen pounds sterling, the London quotations, which are the basis for the price all over the world, being taken. One cause which is believed to have kept the price up somewhat preceding 1882, was the continental wars, which consumed vast amounts for war material. The present price is £10 5s.

	Lowest.	Highest.
1800 to 1814	£21	£35
1816 to 1849	12	25
1850 to 1877	17	23

Average for year—

	£	s.	d.
1878	16	14	0
1879	14	5	0
1880	16	6	3
1881	14	18	3
1882	14	3	4
1883	12	18	0
1884	11	2	6
1885	11	9	11
1886	13	4	5
1887	12	17	1
1888	13	18	3
1889	13	0	11
1890	13	7	10
1891	12	8	8
1892	10	14	10
1893	9	18	8
1894	9	11	6
1895	10	12	5
1896	11	5	11
1897	11	3	10
1898	13	3	10
1899	15	1	5
1900 (about)	17	0	0

ON WALL STREET.

New York, Nov. 17.—The stock market presented few if any marked characteristics today, although London prices showed improvement. The opening here was decidedly irregular. The uneven conditions gave way to a better feeling before the end of the first hour, when it became evident that certain vague rumors of "trouble" were unfounded. The feature of the early trading as well as of the entire day, was Manhattan, which was exceptionally strong and active, and made a maximum net gain of over five points upon transactions that more than exceeded one-fifth of the day's total operations. The rise in this stock which was bought openly in big blocks by brokers who usually represent Gould interests, revived the old story that Manhattan is to be taken over by the New York Central on a guaranteed dividend. No confirmation was obtainable nor was any great credence attached to it.

The other transactions were fairly strong on sympathy. Metropolitan on very light transactions, gained over a point, and there was a fractional advance in Brooklyn Transit. Considerable attention was drawn to St. Paul by reason of its rather irregular movements, which made an early gain of 1¼, lost much of its advance, and Baltimore & Ohio fell over a point from the top in spite of its good showing in earnings for the fiscal year. Other active railway issues which displayed heaviness included the Pacific group.

There are 300,000 union miners in Great Britain.

IRISH LANDLORDS.

Majority in Favor of Conference With Tenants.

London Nov. 17.—A poll of the Irish landlords which was undertaken by a committee of gentlemen interested in the Irish question, on the proposal to call a conference of landlords and tenants, with a view to the sale of the land to the latter, has resulted in a vote of 1,128 to 578 in favor of holding the conference, for which arrangements will be immediately proceeded with. A circular announcing the result of the poll has been sent to 4,000 Irish land owners, who possess 500 acres and upwards.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

His Ashes Now Rest in Seville Cathedral.

Seville, Spain, Nov. 17.—The ceremony of depositing the ashes of Christopher Columbus in a special mausoleum was carried out in the cathedral here today with befitting solemnity.

CHATEAUGUAY.

October 26 was the anniversary of a very ancient victory for Canadian arms, that of the battle of Chateauguay, which was fought on October 26, 1813, between Gen. Hampton, with 3,000 men, and Col. De Salaberry, with 400 Canadian militiamen. The scene of the conflict was a little southwest of the city of Montreal, on the Chateauguay river, from which the famous battle takes its name. The battle, however, resulted in the complete defeat of the American arms, and had such a telling effect upon them to have entirely obliterated or cooled off their ambition from ever attempting it again, this engagement being the second of two attempts to take the city of Montreal. In this battle the Canadians, the majority of whom were French Canadian, covered themselves with glory, and should long be remembered for their valor and their loyalty to their country.

NO LONGER A MON.

A Scotsman had reached the summit of his ambition in attaining to the magisterial bench. The honor seemed to him a great one, and he tried to live up to it.

With his head high in the air, he swaggered along till he took a bolt against a cow, which had not the manners to get out of the way, but continued to browse by the roadside in mild unconcern.

"Mon!" cried the indignant owner, "mind my cow!"

"Woman," he replied, with fine dignity, "I'm no longer a mon. "I'm a baillie."—Everybody's Magazine.

From Victoria To the Pole

Famous Arctic Explorer Submits Proposition to Build His Ship Here.

Capt. Bernier Forwards a Very Important Letter to the Council.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Yesterday evening's meeting of the City Council was a very important one. A large quantity of interesting business was transacted, but the most notable item of business which the council had to deal with was the receipt of a letter from Capt. J. Bernier, the Arctic explorer, containing a proposition that Victoria should aid him in his project to a small extent, and that as a quid pro quo he would arrange for the building and equiping here of the steamer which he will use on his famous exploratory voyage. His letter is published in full below. The Carnegie library site came in for a good deal of discussion, but nothing was done to advance matters. The council will meet as a Streets, Sewers and Bridges commitee this evening, when the final awarding of the bridge contract will be considered, Mayor Hayward announcing in this latter regard that he had received a very important letter from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company.

His Worship Mayor Hayward presided, and all the aldermen were in their places.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Charles A. Harris acknowledged receipt of a communication from the council expressive of approval of the scheme of musical festivals. Received and filed.

Capt. J. Bernier wrote as follows:

Dear Mr. Mayor, — No doubt you have heard through the press that the undersigned has been before the Canadian people for some time collecting money for the Canadian North Pole expedition, for the scientific voyage through the Behring Strait and across the Arctic sea, and back to the Atlantic with the view of locating the North Pole, Canada's northern boundary, and scientific observations in different lines.

I would be glad to build my vessel in Victoria if you could give me some assistance. The Federal government has promised me $60,000 on condition that I raise the balance from the people. I have collected so far $30,000 and I am still begging for more.

Now it seems to me that this would be a magnificent opportunity for the city of Victoria to advertise herself all over the world. I beg to ask you and the citizens of Victoria for a subscription and with other advantages that the city could give me for building and equipping the Polar ship. I expect that the citizens would benefit to the extent of a hundred thousand to one hundred and twenty thousand expenditure in B. C., besides the reputation and honor attached to the only Canadian Polar expedition ever sent.

I expect to be in Ottawa in a couple of weeks, and would be greatly pleased if you could ask your fine city for the necessary bonus and help that I need for to show the government my success so far, and you would secure by your exertion the greatest honor for having put the golden spike.

I beg to remain, Dear Sir, your humble servant,

CAPT. J. E. BERNIER.

Ald. Yates thought the letter was incomplete, in not naming the amount which he required. He moved that it be referred to the Finance committee. Ald. Williams seconded the motion.

Ald. McCandless said he had heard it mentioned that the sum required was $15,000. The matter was important and should be referred to the Finance committee.

The Mayor said he had received a letter from Hon. Col. Prior on the subject from which it was inferred that if the city could raise $15,000 the vessel would be built here. He would place the letter in the hands of the Finance committee.

The motion carried.

The secretary of the Board of Trade wrote as follows:

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen,—This Board of Trade having noticed the suspension of work of Tozo rock, requested its committee on harbors and navigation to report upon Victoria harbor improvements generally.

The committee's report was presented at the meeting of the Council held on the 14th inst., when I was instructed to forward you the accompanying copy for your information, as before taking steps in this matter it is desired to ascertain what, if any, arrangements were made by the corporation of Victoria in regard to the work done by the King Edward and Sampson plants. Awaiting your reply.

F. ELWORTHY, Secretary.

F. Elworthy, Esq., Sec'y. Victoria Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your inquiry regarding Victoria harbor improvements, contained in your communication of November 5th, I would say through the kindness of the Hon. Senator Templeman I am able to state as follows: There was appropriated by the Dominion government for Victoria harbor improvements the sum of $10,000, with a further appropriation for the removal of Tozo rock, of $1,500. Finding that $1,500 was not sufficient for the removal of Tozo rock, the two appropriations were amalgamated and this total amount amount will be drawn upon for the completion of the removal of Tozo rock. The $10,000 appropriated for the Victoria harbor improvement has been consumed as follows: Dredger King Edward, filling in James Bay flats, $5,074; snag boat Sampson, removing coffer dam, James Bay, $3,692. There will be required to complete the removal of Tozo rock, $1,234, that, with the sum already expended on Tozo rock, about consume all appropriations of Victoria harbor improvements for the present year.

The total appropriation by the Dominion government for dredging purposes in British Columbia for 1902 and 1903, was $30,000 expended to date.

Kline Edward, $5,074; snag boat Sampson, $3,692; Mud Lark at Pender Island, $3,503. Unexpended balance to November 1st, $17,731. Estimated amount required for operating snag boat Sampson to July 1st, 1903, is $6,308; that leaves available for dredging purposes, November 1st, the amount of $11,423. This amount I understand will be required to complete dredging on the Fraser river.

(Sgd.) J. G. COX.

Capt. J. G. Cox, Chairman of Harbors and Navigation Committee, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir,—Mr. President McQuade wishes to direct the attention of your committee to the report that work has been suspended on Tozo rock in consequence of funds for that purpose being exhausted.

He desires that your committee ascertain what appropriations were voted for Victoria harbor improvement at the last session of parliament, and also what amount of such appropriation has been expended; together with the approximate cost of each of the various works which have been undertaken since 1st July last.

It will be interesting to know whether or not the work done in the filling up of the James Bay flats has been charged against the last appropriation for harbor improvements.

The Council will meet early next week, and it is hoped that you will be in a position to report upon the various matters suggested.

F. ELWORTHY, Secretary.

Ald. Yates moved that it be referred to the Streets, Sewers and Bridges committee. Ald. Williams seconded the motion, which was carried.

R. E. Gosnell, of the Department of Immigration, wrote as follows:

Dear Sir,—Mr. Turner, Agent-General in London, wants lantern slides of a few representative residences, public schools, churches and industries in each of the cities of British Columbia, for his own course of lectures in Great Britain, and he wants them as soon as possible. Could you assist me in getting good clear photographs of your city unmounted on solic paper? I particularly want the nice residences round Victoria, Vancouver and the other cities of the province—not only those of the wealthy, but also the homes of mechanics and workers.

Where you can get the lantern slides direct from the negatives it will be cheaper. Care should be exercised in this, however, as few photographers make good slides. When made they should be English

ward had been neglected until Ald. Vincent had been elected. Referred to city engineer for report.

City Clerk Dowler reported having received and forwarded to the city engineer for report the following communications:

C. T. Dupont—Urging at length that Upper Pandora street be graded and graveled between Harrison street and Belmont avenue.

Messrs Weiler Bros.—Calling attention to the condition of Kane street.

T. Roberts—Asking if permission has been granted to have black mould of Cowan avenue?

Messrs. Moore & Whittington—Requesting the continuation of the present sidewalk on George street, 220 feet; thence up North Pandora street, 180 feet.

William Munsie—Re offensive drain on North side of Johnson street.

William Turple—Re flooding of his property on King's road by free water from street.

Received and filed.

REPORTS.

The city engineer reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

RE SEWER CONNECTIONS.

Herewith please find list of names of those who have not yet complied with notices from the city solicitor. I would respectfully request instructions from the Council as to how each individual case shall be healt with.

Communication from T. A. LePage, asking that a sidewalk be laid on the west side of Moss street, between Fairfield road and Belcher street. The city carpenter reports and recommends a walk be laid four feet in width and also the present two plank walk be removed to Moss street, east side, from Fairfield road, south. Total estimated cost, $220.

List of property owners who have not complied with the resolution passed by the size, that is, 3½ inches square. A few views in each will be ample, and in each case carefully describe and name the pictures or slides.

R. E. GOSNELL,
Sec'y. Bureau of Provincial Information.

W. H. Hayward, Esq., Mayor, Victoria, B. C.

Ald. Yates thought it should be referred to the Tourist Association. Ald. McCandless seconded the motion, which was carried.

A. J. Morley, secretary of the Voters' League, forwarded a copy of a resolution passed by the league regarding sewers, which has already appeared in the Colonist.

Ald. Williams moved that it be referred to the Streets, Sewers and Bridges committee. Carried. Ald. Yates, in seconding the motion, expressed the opinion that the advice tendered was good enough to be framed for the benefit of incoming councils.

R. Forbes Verrinder asked that attention be given to the grading of a street near his residence. Referred to the city engineer.

F. W. Adams complained of the condition of the crossing at the foot of Andrew's street.

Ald. Grahame explained that there was a slough in the vicinity which made the roadway in a terrible state. As a new sub-division of city property was to be made, it could be attended to shortly.

Ald. Yates agreed with Ald. Grahame as to the bad condition of the street.

Ald. McCandless thought the repairs should be made at once, if possible.

Referred to the city engineer with power to act.

F. J. Hedges asked for a little gravel on Erie street and St. Lawrence street. The writer complained that the South City Council on the 13th day of October, 1902, re connection with sewer:

E. W. Sleightholm, lot 12, block 5, acre 7. No answer.

A. Beswick, lot 1251, block T, not inhabitable.

E. F. Robertson, part of lot 1763 to 5 and 1801 to 5, block 61. Promises to connect by end of year.

Arthur Robertson, lot 225, block 25. No answer.

H. Moss, lot 1208, block 28. Promises to connect shortly.

T. J. Partridge, lot 6, block 5, acre 9. No answer.

J. P. Burges, lot 11 and 12, block of 121 A, block 24. Workshop only. Claims no connection necessary.

T. W. Waitwell, lot 7 of 37 A, Fairfield estate. Owner not in town; will not be back till March.

J. Smith, lot 1 of 1763 to 4, block 25. No answer.

Capt. McCulloch, lot 1880, block 63. Too low to connect to sewer, but will connect to surface drain if given permission.

Mrs. J. W. Williams, lots 280 and 261, block 22. No answer.

Mrs. J. W. Williams, part of lot 723, block 5, acre 12. No answer.

Geo. Stelly, lot 102, block 25. Not inhabitable.

Jos. Mentero, lot 1007, block 17. Promises to do so June 1st next.

Mrs. W. Gibson, lot sub. div. 13 of 1257, block T. No answer.

Referred to Streets, Bridges and Sewers committee.

Ald. McCandless rose for information. Why was it that one batch of communications were read at the board and another batch referred to the city engineer for report?

City Clerk Dowler explained that letters received before 4 o'clock were read at the council, and later ones referred to the city engineer.

Ald. Yates thought an injustice might be done to somebody by such a system.

Ald. Grahame asked to have a communication from Major Dupont read. It had already been referred to the city engineer, so this could not be done.

Ald. Yates wanted the council to decide that no letters could be dealt with which were not received before 4 p.m. He will so move at the next meeting of the council.

The city solicitor reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to report upon the legal position of the Council and their power to comply with the request contained in the petition of Horace J. Knott, as follows:

Firstly, It is desired to alter the Public Morals By-law in section 4, by making gambling, card playing or dice throwing by any one upon licensed premises, an offence. The by-law makes it an offence for minors so to do. Gambling is already an offence by the criminal code, and need not be dealt with. The playing of cards, unless the game is illegal, i.e., a gambling game, cannot be made an offence. Card playing for money stakes could possibly be prohibited, and dice throwing for money stakes is gambling. I am therefore of opinion that no by-law can be passed which will do more than is already provided for by the criminal code, and that it is unnecessary for the Council to legislate as requested by the petitioners.

Secondly. The suggested clauses 2 and 3 of the petition, are very drastic, in that they seek to create a criminal offence which is not upon the Dominion Statute Book. As I have previously pointed out in an opinion given on a similar subject, the provinces have no power to interfere in the creation of criminal offences, and therefore cannot delegate to municipal councils any authority to that effect. I do not think, therefore, that the Council has any power to pass a by-law containing those clauses. It is quite within the power of the Council to regulate any particular trade or calling within the municipality by such reasonable rules, regulations, and restrictions as may be considered in the interest of the public, and to make provisions for properly enforcing the carrying out of the same, but I do not consider that the Public Morals By-law can be amended in the way proposed, my opinion being that the same will be quashed and any conviction obtained thereunder would be liable to be set aside.

The Electric Light committee recommended the erection of new lights on the corner of Queen's avenue and Blanchard street, on the corner of Dunedin and Sumas streets, and on Haughton.

Ald. Williams again called attention to the necessity of a light on upper Yates street.

Ald. Kinsman, chairman of the Electric Light committee, explained that he had visited the locality in question, and while, if there were more funds, the light should be established, at present there were other localities which needed the lights more.

The report was adopted.

The Fire Wardens recommended the shifting of a fire alarm box from the corner of Carr and Simcoe streets to a point further South, also the installation of a hydrant on the corner of Avalon Road and Phoenix Place. Adopted.

The Park committee asked for an appropriation of $250 for improvements to the new deer park. Chairman Barnard explained that the work proposed to be done was badly needed. It was referred

to the Finance committee for report.

Ald. Grahame thought the time opportune to hear from the city auditor as to the condition of the finances of the city.

The standing committee on finance recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $2,717.79. Adopted.

The council then went into committee of the whole on Ald. Barnard's by-law to amend the Sewers Regulation by-law. It was put through its final stages with minor amendments and passed.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Ald. Worthington wanted to know if any further communication had been sent to Ottawa requesting the donation of the old post office lots on Government street as a site for the Carnegie library?

City Clerk Dowler replied in the negative.

Under the head of "deferred business" Ald. Vincent asked that his motion that competitive plans be at once called for for the erection of the structure on the city lot opposite the new post office, be taken up.

Ald. McCandless opposed the passage of any such resolution at this time. What position would the council be in, in the face of the fact that only a few months ago they had passed a resolution deciding that the ratepayers should be the selectors of the site!

Ald. Worthington wanted to give Ald. Vincent's motion the three-months' hoist, but his suggestion was not seriously entertained.

Ald. Grahame favored going slow in the matter. Property could be obtained cheaply, and he quoted an instance where a lot on one of the prominent streets had recently changed hands at a very low figure.

Ald. Barnard thought the only course left the council was to pass Ald. Vincent's resolution. They had nothing else but the lot at the bridge for the people to vote on—they had turned down all propositions to go down in their pockets and pay for a site.

Ald. Yates again stated that he was distinctly of the idea that the proper course was to wait until Ottawa had been heard from regarding the old post office site.

Mayor Hayward—We have agreed to submit the choice of a site to the people. We cannot go back on that.

Ald. Barnard—Yes; but the council is refusing to submit the only site it has got.

Ald. Grahame was told on good authority that a number of citizens were going around getting subscriptions for the purchase of the lot opposite the Dominion hotel. He believed that this site could finally be obtained at a very low figure.

Ald. Kinsman felt impelled to vote against Ald. Vincent's motion. The lot opposite the post office was not a proper site for the library. The city had only bought it in order to avoid a possible suit for damages; and perhaps now the city would get a larger price than they paid for it. There was no hurry in the matter, anyway. The library could not be built this year, anyhow.

Ald. McCandless thought as a matter of principle the council should not reverse their former decision to consult the ratepayers.

Mayor Hayward brought the discussion to an abrupt close by ruling Ald. Vincent's motion out of order.

The council decided to meet this evening as a Streets, Sewers and Bridges committee, and then adjourned.

WHALERS MUTINY.

How Capt. Williams Quelled Trouble on Andrew Hicks.

A half score of determined men armed with shotguns and rifles suppressed a mutinous outbreak on the whaling bark Andrew Hicks on July 8, when the whaler was off the Japan Coast.

The Andrew Hicks lay outside the harbor of Hakodate. The captain entered the port in a small boat and brought back a supply of fresh provisions and upon his return the crew demanded that they be given shore liberty. The captain denied them the privilege and were ordered to make sail. The foremast hands refused duty to a man and the captain and officers were compelled to heave the anchor and set sail. For one week the crew were surly, refusing to turn to and leaving the entire work of handling the vessel for the officers.

Encouraged by the mild attitude of Captain Williams the crew became bolder and broached the ship's stores. Captain Williams then armed his five mates with shotguns and rifles and lined them up on the after deck of the vessel. He then summoned the ringleader of the men, and the entire crew rushed aft armed with belaying pins and sheathe knives. Thester, the leader, carried a slungshot and led the assault by making an attack on the captain. Confronted by the muzzles of the leveled rifles in the hands of the determined officers the crew retreated to the forecastle. They were forced to come out one by one and give up their weapons. Six were clapped in irons and thrown in the lazarette. The remainder willingly submitted to the orders of the captain and turned to.

THE WILLAPA.

Went to Her New Home Port on Sunday.

Steamer Willapa, which was purchased from the C. P. N. company through J. H. Greer by the Bellingham Bay Transportation company, left for Whatcom, her new home port, on Sunday. The new company was organized by John Rex Thompson, Fred T. Thompson, J. J. Donovan, L. P. White, C. E. Curtis, A. Pancoast and A. E. Woolard, of Whatcom. The articles of incorporation were filed at Olympia on Friday. The company has bought the steamer Dode as well as the Willapa, which will be operated on the Seattle, Tacoma, Whatcom, Blaine and Point Roberts run, giving a daily service. Both boats will be thoroughly overhauled and refitted. The gentlemen composing the new company are among Whatcom's foremost and most substantial business men. The Thompsons and Mr. Curtis are well known steamboat men.

HYSON IN PORT.

China Mutual Liner Loading Salmon—Japanese Liner Expected Today.

Steamer Hyson, of the China Mutual line, is at the Outer wharf loading over a thousand tons of salmon, four hundred tons of salt salmon for Yokohama, and 600 tons of canned salmon for Liverpool. The Hyson will said tonight. The steamer Shinano Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line will also sail today for the Orient, sailing from the Outer docks this afternoon for Yokohama and the usual ports of China and Japan. The steamer Tosa Maru is due inbound from Yokohama. The steamer Athenian of the C. P. R. fleet, left Vancouver yesterday for Yokohama via Comox. The steamer Luxor of the Kosmos line, which is bringing a cargo of sugar for the B. C. sugar refinery at Vancouver, passed up to the Terminal City yesterday morning.

SIGNALED FROM PITCAIRN.

Sailing Vessel's Crew See Beacon Fire on Lonely Pitcairn.

The British ship Howth arrived at San Francisco from Newcastle, Australia, several days ago. On the night of September 25th the vessel passed close to Pitcairn Island. Captain Martin noticed a signal fire burning on a lofty hilltop. Three times the beacon flared against the sky, and was answered with lanterns from the ship. The signal was repeated from the hilltop and Captain Martin ordered his vessel hove to until morning when he intended to send a boat ashore. At dawn it came on to blow and the Howth was driven far from the island. Captain Martin is still wondering what the inhabitants of the lonely island desired of him.

MR. ROSS DENIES.

No Connection With New Trans-Canada Scheme.

Montreal, Nov. 17.—James Ross today stated he had no connection with the proposed construction of another trans-Canadian railway in conjunction with Senator Cox. He had not even considered it sufficiently to be desirous of discussing the matter.

Preparing For Festive Times

Societies Busy Getting in Readiness For Long Winter Evenings.

K. of P. and Foresters Have a New Hall—Coming Anniversary Celebrations.

Members of the various societies in this city have shown by their attendance this week a keener interest, that denotes the advent of the winter months. Several of the lodges by reason of the increase in their membership have had to make arrangements for larger rooms, and there is a regular flitting going on. The Knights of Pythias and the Foresters have removed their furniture and lodge paraphernalia to the rooms above Atmour's grocery, and there is no doubt that with only one exception it is the best fitted up and arranged hall for Fraternal work in this city.

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The masquerade ball held under the auspices of the Sons and Daughters of St. George was the best arranged and managed affair of its kind that has been held. The attendance must have been very gratifying to those who were responsible for its management. The prizes, which were exceedingly pretty and costly, were much admired by those whose good fortune it was to be recipients. The committee who carried out the work were: Mesdames Rivers, Greenhalgh, Levy, Rowbottom, Ranns, Davis and Penketh, assisted by Messrs. Siddall, Rivers, Jeeves, Boorman and Greenhalgh.

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Alexandra lodge, S. O. E., met on Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, a special notice having been sent out to the members. The chief business was as to whether the society should continue to hold meetings in the A. O. U. W. hall or remove. By the unanimous vote of the lodge it was decided to hold their future meetings in the new K. of P. hall. Messrs. Croot and Petch were appointed on the banquet committee, and it was decided to celebrate the anniversary of the order's birth on the same date as usual.

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Pride of the Island Sons of England, at their next meeting will decide whether to hold a banquet on their natal day or not. There is a strong feeling in favor of having a social and dance this year and decided action will be taken at their next meeting. The ladies lodge have decided to celebrate Queen Alexandra's birthday in an appropriate manner.

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The Native Sons celebrate their anniversary in December, an energetic committee having the arrangements well in hand. The anniversary banquets of this order are exceptionally well managed affairs.

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Victoria lodge, A. O. U. W., had a very busy evening on Wednesday last. The members are very active in canvassing for new members, eight signed applications being sent in. This lodge has a large number of energetic members, who are determined that Victoria lodge shall lead in membership. The finances are in a very healthy condition, and a prosperous time is being enjoyed.

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Vancouver lodge No. 5, A. O. U. W., has decided to appoint a canvasser for members. (Mr. Beaven, who has received the appointment is a very energetic member and success will be felt as the result of his work. The advisability of having semi-annual sessions instead of those held now is being canvassed amongst the lodges in this province. There is a strong feeling amongst members that a meeting of the several lodge executives would result in a closer fraternal feeling, and that it would enable them to discuss those matters that was for the mutual good of the whole order.

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The Sons of St George had a big meeting on Monday last. The pressing business of the lodge was concluded, and then the members sat down to enjoy themselves and celebrate the King's birthday. The president opened the entertainment with a rousing patriotic speech, and the members of the order, with voice and song made the rafters ring with their enthusiastic patriotism. Previous to the entertainment the following members were nominated for officers for the ensuing term: W. P., Bro. Boorman; W. P., Bro. Ed. Siddall; W. V. P., Bro. Barnett; W. S., Bro. Geo. Penketh; W. T., Bro. H. Rivers; W. C., Bro. S. Court. The election for the officers will take place next meeting.

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Victoria lodge, Daughters of St. George, meet morrow evening. The executive desire all members holding tickets to hand them in to the committee, as all the business connected with the ball will be wound up at once.

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Grand Master Bro. Allan Graham, I. O. O. F., has returned from his visit throughout the province. He reports a most satisfactory condition of affairs of the order, the financial and numerical standing was never higher and the outlook is very gratifying.

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Sons of England, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World and I. O. O. F., nominate officers next month.

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Victoria Tent, No. 2, Knights of the Maccabees, had a well attended meeting last Tuesday evening. They had one initiation and several applications.

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The Far West Lodge, Knights of Pythias, had a well attended meeting in their new hall last Friday night. Two initiations were made in the Esquire rink, one in the Knight rink; they also received other applications their emphified team is doing splendid work. The Knight rink will be given next Friday evening.

A grand opening and reception is to be given at the art parlors of Mrs. W. H. Adams, 78 Douglas street, to which all lovers of the artistic and beautiful are extended a cordial invitation to attend and pass their inspection upon the beautiful work in the different lines. The display of lace and embroidery, as well as in novelties for the Xmas trade is very complete. The reception will begin Thursday, November 20, and continue on the following Friday and Saturday.

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You must have an adequate supply of the proper kind of roasting pans, cake tins, pots, pans and cooking utensils generally ready for culinary operations incident to the holiday festivities, to enable you to enjoy the fruits of good cooking. Poor cooking is the result of want of proper utensils to cook with. If you make an inventory of what you need in this line, and leave it in Shore's hardware, your trouble will end right there, and all will be well with you. See his ad. elsewhere in this paper for particulars.

MARINE NOTES.

The Charmer was late in arriving from Vancouver yesterday. She was two hours late and the steamer City of Puebla, which arrived from Seattle yesterday afternoon, waited for two hours after her sailing time in order to get the passengers from the steamer Charmer for San Francisco. When the Charmer arrived there were no passengers bound to San Francisco. What Capt. Jepson said when he learned that he had waited for nothing is not fit for Sunday reading.

The automatic machines at the Alexandra Palace, on being emptied after the Islington Coronation treat, were found to contain over five hundred medals instead of pennies.

LOCAL NEWS.

Coming to Victoria.—Messrs. A. U. Davis and J. Davis, of Seattle, visited Victoria during the summer and were so taken with the beauties of the city and its advantages as a place of residence that they determined to make it their home. Mr. A. U. Davis according purchased Mr. Dean's residence, on Frederick street, while his brother, J. Davis, bought Mr. George Munro's property on Carr street. The Davis brothers' removal was materially influenced by an old lady, the mother-in-law of Mr. James Davis, who is 90 years of age, and who expressed her desire to end her days under the Union Jack.

Launches Building. — Anticipating a busy tourist season next summer, a number of Victorians are taking time by the forelock and during the winter months are having several launches built which will be fitted with gasoline engines.

Very High Tide.—At 2 p. m. yesterday the depth of water in the harbor was greater than had been noticed in many years, according to water-front habitues. At the time mentioned Sehl's wharf was almost awash, and but a foot or so of the wharf at which the Majestic lands showed above water.

Obituary.—The funeral of James Edward Dennie, who died at the Jubilee hospital on Monday evening, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from W. J. Hanna's parlors to Centennial Methodist church, where services will be conducted by Rev. P. Westman. Deceased was 55 years of age and a native of London, England.

Kinsman a Candidate.—That veteran representative of the interests of North ward in the municipal council, Ald. Kinsman, will, providing his health, which has been poorly of late, holds good, be a candidate for re-election at the forthcoming municipal elections. Ald. Kinsman has served continuously in the capacity of alderman for over five years.

Broke Adrift.—During the prevalence of the strong Westerly gale yesterday afternoon, the boat house owned by W. J. Pendray, and moored at the slip in front of his residence on Belleville street, broke from its fastenings and drifted rapidly across the harbor. It narrowly escaped colliding with a couple of seating schooners, but was finally brought up and secured in the vicinity of MacIntosh's boathouse.

Good Work Appreciated.—Yesterday A. B. Fraser, sr., honorary treasurer of the Tourist Association, received a letter from Ald. Barnard expressing his warm appreciation of the work of the association during the past season, and enclosing a check for $25—the amount of the worthy alderman's honorarium for the past month. Such unsolicited aid to the funds of the association is the most gratifying form of praise which the members of the executive can receive.

Hardy Bay Wharf—In response to petitions which have been presented praying that the $2,000 which was appropriated by the Dominion government for the erection of a wharf at Hardy Bay, the most Northerly port on the Eastern Coast of Vancouver Island, should be expended, it is likely that the work will be undertaken within a few days. Mr. Keefer, of the Department of Public Works, is all ready to go ahead with the project, and is only awaiting orders from Ottawa.

At Saanichton.—