

COUNCIL OF THE BOARD OF TRADE

TAKES ACTION ON IMPORTANT MATTERS

Opposes Proposed Duty on Tin Plate—Davies' Resolutions Were Also Discussed

An important meeting of the council of the board of trade was held Wednesday, President T. Patterson, presiding. The meeting was held in the board room, and most of the members being present.

After formal business, a letter was read from the Tourist Association and, on motion, laid on the table. The letter was as follows:

Victoria, B. C., April 29th, 1906.

F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary Board of Trade, City.

Dear Sir:—In reference to the series of resolutions which have been put before your board by Mr. Davies, I beg to inform you that, as an outcome of two large and influential meetings of the citizens of Victoria, held for the purpose of promoting the advancement of Victoria, a meeting of a nominating committee, consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Colonel Prior, W. J. Pendray, Anton Henderson and C. H. Lugin, was held yesterday, at which four committees of fifteen citizens each were appointed to carry out almost all the practical ideas contained in the suggestions of Mr. Davies.

This committee spent nearly three hours, selecting from five hundred names, thoroughly representative committees, including all classes of citizens, many of them being our brightest young business men and members of our board.

It is obvious that if these committees perform the duties for which they were appointed, and if Mr. Davies' resolutions are carried in their present form, that there is a danger of two sets of people making the same end of inquiries from the same sources for the same objects and for the same city.

This information is furnished you so that your meeting may have these facts before them when dealing with this matter.

It is rather unfortunate that Mr. Davies did not give the public the benefit of his ideas, considering the wide publicity given to these meetings, and the objects of calling them were identical with those set forth in the introduction of his resolutions to your board, as they would probably have been of considerable value to the meetings, and would have saved the possibility of the same work being done twice over.

If I can be of any service to your board in any of these matters please command me.

Yours faithfully,
HERBERT CUTBERT,
Secretary.

The resolutions introduced by Arthur Davies at the quarterly general meeting and referred to the council for action were then considered. A very lengthy discussion followed, the determination being evident that only the most reliable data should emanate from the board of trade. Attention was directed to the published reports of the board and the truthfulness of character of them, the provincial government for some years having used thousands of copies for distribution to inquirers regarding the resources of British Columbia. It was further pointed out that in the year 1900 the board published a supplement to the report, under the title "Victoria Past and Present," but was unable to continue that work, through lack of funds. In addition to some thousand copies of this supplement sent out with the annual report a further edition of 10,000 copies was subsequently issued in pamphlet form. During the following year the Tourist Association was organized, and has since continued work of this character. It was claimed that nearly all the information asked for in the resolutions has, from time to time, been published in the board's reports, and to go further than in the past would entail great expense, which cannot at present be met.

A member also pointed out that the organization that has amalgamated with the Tourist Association propose to carry out almost in detail the work outlined in the resolutions, and has reasonable expectations of ample funds to carry it on.

It was, therefore, considered inadvisable to duplicate that work, but rather to assist it in every way possible.

Some present also directed attention to the fact that the resolutions as presented were somewhat vague, and it was finally resolved that the board should be requested to prepare a detailed statement in respect to one or more branches of his proposal and submit same to the council.

The next matter taken up was the movement on foot in favor of the imposition of a duty on tin plate, and it was unanimously resolved:

Whereas we have learned from Eastern sources that the Canada Tin Plate & Sheet Steel Co., of Montreal, Ontario, have petitioned the government for a protective duty of 33-1/3 per cent. on tin plate, and whereas the granting of said petition would, in the opinion of this board, cause considerable loss to manufacturers all over the Dominion, retarding the development of certain canning industries, and cause a general advance in prices to the consumer;

Be it therefore resolved, that this board enters a strong and emphatic protest against any duty being placed on tin plate, and that the minister of finance be notified accordingly.

The board then reached the report of the royal commission on transportation, which, in consequence of the late hour could not be fully dealt with. The council thought the board was to be congratulated on the effectiveness of its representations when the royal commission visited Victoria. Practically every recommendation made has been endorsed by the commissioners. The council unanimously resolved: That this board endorses to the fullest extent the recommendation of the royal commission on transportation; That a further and exhaustive exploration and survey be made in order to find the best route from the plains of Alberta to an ocean port on the west side of Vancouver Island;

And that in case of the building of a bridge at Seymour Narrows or elsewhere connecting the Mainland of British Columbia with the Island of Vancouver, such bridge and the approaches thereto, and the land on both sides of the water running back from same, such distance as may be deemed reasonably necessary to allow of free access thereto, be owned and controlled by the government of Canada with the view of according equal rights on and over such bridge and its approaches, to all railways desiring to use it.

And that the Dominion government be requested to order the said exploration and survey, or so much thereof as may be necessary to determine the practicability of constructing an all-rail connection with Vancouver Island, at the earliest possible day.

Further resolved, that the Dominion government be requested to include in any report it may make on the subject, an all-rail connection a report upon the resources and advantages of Vancouver Island.

Further resolved, that the Dominion government be requested to insert in its act incorporating a railway company with power to extend its line to Vancouver Island by way of Bute Inlet, a provision authorizing the government of Canada at any time to take over such portion of the company's undertaking as is essential to all-rail connection with Vancouver Island, including any line that may be built or proposed along the shore of Bute Inlet, or to provide for the use of such portion of the company's undertaking above mentioned by all railway companies, which may establish terminal upon Vancouver Island.

Further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Minister of Railways, the Hon. Minister of Inland Revenue, the Hon. Senator Macdonald, the Hon. Senator Riley, Ralph Smith, Esq., M. P., and William Sloan, Esq., M. P.

It will be noticed from the report mentioned, portions of which were published in Monday's Times, that the recommendation in regard to the Dominion government bonusing shipbuilding has been endorsed. This will be one of the next measures taken up by the council as also the question of pilotage, the commissioners also fully endorsing the recommendation in regard to the abolition of pilotage fees where no services are rendered. The council then adjourned.

VICTORIA DAY.

Preparations For Forthcoming Celebrations Gradually Rounding Into Shape.

The arrangements for the Victoria Day celebrations are gradually rounding into shape. It is expected that the programme will be completed on Saturday evening when a special meeting of the committee will take place at the offices of Dr. Garesche. Only one point remains to be decided, namely, whether it would be most advisable to hold a fireworks display on a hillside, or to have a military demonstration. It is understood that this matter has been practically settled in the minds of the majority of those concerned. They state that there are not sufficient funds available for the fireworks display, and that a military demonstration is more in keeping with the character of the celebration. As soon as this question is settled steps will be taken for the publication of the official programme. All members are asked to attend the special committee meeting called for Saturday.

A PIONEER'S NIGHT.

Pleasant Social Gathering of Native Sons Was Held Last Evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the Native Sons was held in K. of P. hall on Tuesday. After the usual routine work had been disposed of an evening of pleasure was indulged in, which might properly be designated a "Pioneer's Night." An invitation having been extended to the members of the Pioneer Society to attend and partake of the post's hospitality and incidentally to relate some reminiscences of pioneer days to the rising generation, there were many veteran residents present. The programme was inaugurated by an able address to young men by Dr. J. D. Helmecken, and was much appreciated, after which a musical treat by the Watson boys (piano, violin and cello) was given very creditably, and received well merited applause.

Richard Hall, M. P. P., was then called upon, and in his usual happy vein dilated upon the good old days of pioneer life, and the adventures of the pioneers. The benefit that was sure to result in their concerted effort to advance the up-building of their native country was obvious, and the ability displayed by a great many of the most prominent of the younger of Victoria's commercial men, many of whom are native born, is a sign of coming prosperity. Mr. Hall's remarks were most enthusiastically received.

After a song by one of the members, W. G. Cameron, M. P. P., addressed the company in a few well chosen remarks, urging the community as to the advisability of encouraging the movement launched recently by the 100,000 club.

The two Watson (Willies and Jim) then appeared in a novelty musical specialty, which was well received. Allan Graham, secretary of the B. C. Pioneer Society, was then called upon to relate some of the experiences of the early settlers in the good old Canadian days, which were at once instructive and very amusing, especially the story in verse written by the then eminent poet of the mines, entitled "Waiting For the Mail."

After the social part of the programme had been completed, which by the way was interspersed with grammaphone music, the concert commenced with the good old Canadian songs, the meeting adjourned to the supper room, where a sumptuous spread was indulged in. A very pleasant evening was spent by all.

James Vair, of Barrie, Ont., is staying at the St. Francis. He will probably make his home on the Island.

TO MAKE SURVEYS AT KAIEN ISLAND

G. DODGE IS IN CITY ON HIS WAY NORTH

He Will Make Detailed Examination of Harbor and Approaches—Waiting For Boats

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Some time ago the Times announced that the survey of the harbor at Tuck's Inlet, preparatory to the beginning of the new city of Prince Rupert, would be prosecuted vigorously this year.

Mr. Bacon, the harbor engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific, will reach the coast about the first of May and proceed north to carry out the necessary work.

Already there has arrived in this city the surveyor, who will have charge of the work. This is G. Dodge, who has come from the east and is at present making his headquarters at the Driad. Mr. Dodge is getting ready to go north, but does not know exactly when he will be able to get away.

He is taking north with him a gasoline launch and boats, and a small party of assistants. The boats are being built for the purpose, and will have to wait until they are ready before he can proceed to the harbor at Tuck's Inlet. In the meantime he is getting the necessary outfit, so that there may be no delay.

The work in hand includes the making of a thorough survey of all the waters which will form the harbor of the new city of Prince Rupert, the approaches to the harbor and the waters contiguous to it. This is all necessary before the city is built and trade invited to the place.

Up to the present there has not been any more than a general survey of the harbor. This was done by Mr. Bacon before the harbor was selected as the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific. It was then regarded as well adapted for the purposes intended. Before there can be any shipping of consequence, however, the harbor must be thoroughly gone over and a chart of it prepared for the guidance of vessels.

This is exactly the work which Mr. Dodge is in hand at this time. There is a large area to cover, and it is anticipated that Mr. Dodge will be engaged the greater part of the summer in the waters off the site of the coming city of Prince Rupert.

Mr. Bacon, it is expected, will, when he goes north, devote his attention particularly to the question of terminal facilities, and will make all the surveys required for the work. It is likely also that there will be work begun on these terminals during the summer, and before winter the harbor and the town harbor will be well defined, and every thing will be in shape for the actual laying out of the city and the opening of the plan for the summer of 1907, when the work of construction on the line of railway is expected to commence.

A special view for the supplying of the ties and necessary timber in the work of construction is to be built at Kaien Island this summer, and active work in cutting is being done.

All this preliminary work will ensure considerable activity at the prospective northern terminus this summer.

In connection with the work which are being carried on in northern British Columbia, it is said that there will be a greater number engaged than was at first expected as announced in the Times. Instead of six parties being put in the field, there will probably be as many as eight to go into the northern interior of the province. Already two parties have gone in by way of Ashcroft, and others will be sent later. It is not expected now that there will be any parties sent up the Skeena at the present time. The policy of the company seems to be to cover the territory from the coast to the interior of the province before beginning work on the way to the Pacific. There are several parties of surveyors working in the mountain passes, and these will supplement the work done on this side, making connections with them.

FRUIT REGULATIONS.

Statement Issued For General Information by Maxwell Smith, Dominion Inspector.

The following statement for publication has been received from Maxwell Smith, Dominion Inspector:

As there seems to be considerable alarm and some misunderstanding as to the Dominion government's intentions re the enforcement of the existing laws regulating the fruit trade, it might be well to say that: In addition to my other duties, including the enforcement of the Fruit Marks Act, I am instructed to enforce sections 4 and 5 of the "Act respecting the packing and sale of certain agricultural commodities, 1901," as amended 1905. Section 5 of the said act states that: "Every box of berries or currants offered for sale in the Dominion shall be marked and offered for sale in Canada, shall be plainly marked on the side of the box, in black letters at least half an inch square, with the word 'short,' unless it contains more than half a bushel, in which case it shall be marked with the word 'practicable' (a) at least four-fifths of a quart, or (b) two-fifths of a quart.

This will allow those having berry boxes on hand, or who may be importing them, to have them marked in accordance with the above regulations, to dispose of same by simply marking them 'short,' but I strongly recommend that no more illegal boxes or baskets be put into the market. The justice and convenience of having uniform standard packages must appeal to all fair-minded persons, and no undue hardship will be imposed on those who endeavor to go into line as quickly as possible. I shall continue to exercise the same discreet moderation as has characterized my official work in the past, but there must be steady progress toward full compliance with all the fruit regulations in order to insure the fullest measure of harmony between growers, dealers, consumers and inspectors.

THE FALL FAIR. Bowker Park Race Track at Disposal of B. C. Agricultural Association.

The difficulty with which the executive of the B. C. Agricultural Association was confronted in obtaining the use of the Bowker Park race track for the fall fair has been overcome. Secretary Smart announces that the agreement has been reached by which the grounds are placed at the disposal of the association upon the understanding that the latter repair the fences and do what other work is necessary to put the park in thorough shape. It is estimated that the expenditure entailed will amount to about \$300. As the first demand of the Bowker Park managers was for \$500 the executive committee has made a good bargain. Other arrangements are being made for the exhibition.

REFUGEES ON SENATOR.

Steamer Carried 127 Passengers From San Francisco.

The steamer Senator, the first ship carrying passengers to leave San Francisco for Seattle, arrived last night at 9 o'clock, says Wednesday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer. She brought 127 passengers, 30 of whom went down to date, and also so that we may not have any more of the earthquake occurred on the Umatilla, and were not allowed to land by the military authorities.

In talking with the Post-Intelligencer reporter Capt. Lloyd, of the Senator, said: "The water front suffered less than any other part of the business section of the city. The front, from the ferry building north, was almost unimpaired. The big wharves of the Pacific Mail Company and the transport dock standing up in the best shape. North of the ferry things were not so good, but still they were better than any one expected. Broadway wharf No. 1 was badly listed, and will have to be rebuilt, while Broadway No. 2 collapsed completely. The Union street wharf was blown up. The military authorities to save other property. The Goodall coal bunkers, at the Vallejo street dock, got through all right, but the greater wonder of all was the way in which the Rosenfeld building escaped. There were several small wooden buildings around them, and then a small vacant lot, but in some manner that I cannot explain they were hardly damaged. The lumber yards on North beach were completely swept by the flames."

The list of first class passengers who arrived on the Senator is as follows: G. D. Ealey, Mrs. C. Dueber, Miss J. Angell, G. M. Graham and wife, Mr. J. Ingalls, Mrs. P. V. Finch, J. F. Wood, J. G. McNamara and wife, J. Corrie, Mrs. J. W. Carahan, R. S. Coe, H. L. Palmer and wife, Miss M. Walsh, Miss Maude Lyone, H. E. Osborn, C. L. Walsh, C. L. Wales, E. Roberts, W. Morton, J. Morton, L. Morton, A. Morton, Mrs. A. Buller, D. Carleton, W. Campbell, C. Austin, S. Namman, Mrs. G. E. Bullen, C. E. Clegg, C. E. Hertion, wife and son, Miss A. McLeod, M. J. Bulchman, E. M. Harrison, wife and child, Mrs. T. L. Merrill, Mrs. E. Beers, Mrs. C. Walker, E. R. Gibbs and wife, Mrs. A. Haughton, Mrs. N. Van Armer, Tracey Merrill, Prof. H. J. Walker, Mrs. H. Newton, G. H. DeWitt, wife and child, Mrs. F. Kern and wife, Grace Dwyer, Mrs. D. C. Kinne, R. Hawkins, wife and children, H. G. Hawkins and wife, A. Mutch, F. Tank, Miss Jessie Hadley, G. H. DeWitt, wife and child, W. Smith, W. J. Forbes and wife, Y. D. Yates, S. Kooper, Mr. Matby.

CONVICTED OF "RAGGING."

Decision of War Office In Case of Officers of Scots Guards.

Aldershot, Eng., April 22.—The decision of the war office in the case of the officers of the First Battalion of the Scots Guards, charged with the "ragging" of Second Lieut. Clark Kennedy, "the ragging" of others was made public yesterday. It is not expected now that there will be any parties sent up the Skeena at the present time. The policy of the company seems to be to cover the territory from the coast to the interior of the province before beginning work on the way to the Pacific. There are several parties of surveyors working in the mountain passes, and these will supplement the work done on this side, making connections with them.

By the decision Lieut.-Colonel G. J. Cutbert was ordered to attend to the case of Lieut. Clark Kennedy, who was charged with the "ragging" of others. Lieut. Clark Kennedy has left the regiment.

SPRING ADVICE.

Do Not Dose With Purgatives and Weakening Medicines—What People Need at This Season is a Tonic.

Not exactly sick—but not feeling quite well. That's the spring feeling. You are easily tired, your appetite variable, sometimes headaches, or a feeling of depression. Or perhaps pimples and eruptions appear on the face, or you have twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia. Any of these indicate that the blood is out of order, that the indoor life of winter has left its mark upon you and may easily develop into more serious troubles. Don't despair, however, for a simple medicine in the hope that you can put the blood right. Purgatives gallop through the system, and weaken instead of giving strength. What you do need is a tonic medicine that will make new, rich, red blood, build up the weakened nerves and thus give you new health and strength. And the one medicine to this end is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine makes new, rich blood which makes weak, easily tired and ailing men and women feel better, more active and strong. If you need a medicine this spring try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and you will never regret it. This medicine has cured thousands and thousands in every part of the world, and what it has done for others it can easily do for you.

Medicine dealers everywhere sell these pills or you can get them direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

A little child was burned to death at Lillyfield, Man., in a fire which destroyed the farm house on Tuesday afternoon. The coroner has been summoned, but no particulars can be obtained.

STEAMER SENATOR PASSED VICTORIA

WENT TO SEATTLE DIRECT FROM 'FRISCO

Amur Expected This Afternoon and Will Probably Sail To-Night With Big Load.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Keen disappointment was felt by hundreds of Victorians at the failure of the steamer Senator to arrive here from San Francisco last evening. The steamer had been reported entering the straits shortly after 11 o'clock and should have reached Victoria about 5. In anticipation of seeing relatives, of whose fate in the "Frisco" cataclysm they have been wondering up to date, crowds gathered at the outer wharf. In fact there were anxious ones who impatiently scanned the straits most of the afternoon in expectation of seeing the ship put in an appearance.

Later in the evening the news came from Port Townsend that the steamer had reached Seattle at 10 o'clock. No explanation was given as to why she passed Victoria.

The C. P. R. steamer Amur, which has been placed at the disposal of those contributing to the relief of sufferers in San Francisco, is expected to arrive from Vancouver at 4 o'clock this afternoon. She will take aboard about six tons of freight at Victoria, this being the second shipment to be made from this city for the destitute.

The contributions of provisions and clothing to be shipped by the Amur, with the donors, are: Capt. William Grant, 50 sacks potatoes; H. E. Levy, 10 sacks potatoes; Mrs. Van Tassel, 1 box eggs, 1 sack vegetables, 1 package clothing; Mrs. G. W. Booth, 1 package clothing; Lenx & Leiser, 1 bale blankets; F. Clark, 1 package clothing; Mrs. J. D. Helmecken (on behalf of the Reformed Episcopal church), 5 packages clothing; Mrs. T. Lubbe, 1 bale of clothing.

With this consignment it is expected that the Amur will be loaded to her capacity, for she has a large shipment from Vancouver, which represents what has been forwarded not alone from that city but from numerous cities in the West. It is not known yet what hour the steamer will leave here for San Francisco, but she will sail just as soon as possible after getting her Victoria freight aboard. On her return to Victoria she may bring a number of passengers from the Bay city.

R. P. Rithet has wired his firm here that the San Francisco establishment of Welch & Co. was totally destroyed by the big fire. They have, however, resumed business in temporary quarters at Oakland.

G. O'Connell has received word that the quest of A. B. Cotton who went to seek his wife and children at Santa Cruz has been successful. They are all safe.

E. Zoulls Reed has obtained news of his daughter's safety. She is still in San Francisco.

Capt. Thompson, of this city, has telegraphed his daughter and other relatives in San Francisco to come north at once. They lost their residence and personal effects, but if the bank vaults have not been destroyed will suffer only temporary inconvenience.

W. A. Lorimer has received word that his wife and child went through the earthquake uninjured. The house they were residing in was somewhat damaged but no casualties occurred.

M. R. C. Corrick and wife, who were in the city at the time of the earthquake, received by F. H. Worlock, the former's father, yesterday.

J. C. M. Keith has received word from his brother at Berkeley that he is safe, and two brothers resident at San Francisco.

RESCUED PRISONERS.

Men Dressed as Police Secure Release of Companions From Jail.

Warsaw, April 24.—Seven men in costumes and attire in the uniform of the gendarmes and police drove to the prison here at 3 a.m. to-day and presented a release order for the delivery of three political prisoners, who were easily tried, saying the men they intended to convey them to the citadel. The prisoners were delivered to the men, who then drove away. At daylight the carriages were discovered empty on the outskirts of the city, the drivers bound and gagged, and the discarded uniforms inside the vehicles. There was no further trace of the political prisoners or of the men who had rescued them.

FRENCH MINING TROUBLES.

Wholesale Arrests Among the Revolutionary Element of Strikers.

Lens, France, April 23.—The military authorities this morning began making wholesale arrests among the revolutionary element of the strikers hoping thereby to crush the disturbances. An army corps is now dispersed throughout the mining region, and maintains order. No serious incidents were reported to-day.

LOUBET'S LIFE IN DANGER.

Bomb Placed on Window Sill of Former President's Villa.

Paris, April 24.—A dispatch to the Journal from Montellmar, department of the Drome, to-day, says the authorities there found a bomb to which a burning fuse was attached on the window sill of the library of former President Loubet's villa, where he and his family are spending their Easter vacation.

The fuse was extinguished and an examination of the bomb proved it to be of an extremely deadly nature.

What Other People Think

CANADA THE DUMPING GROUND FOR ENGLAND.

To the Editor:—It is said that the "poor law guardians" in the Old Country are taking advantage of the popular movement toward Canada, and that a fairly large proportion is bound to be wholly undesirable.

Some of the English newspapers venture the assertion that "it would be selfish and almost barbarous to shut the doors of Canada, when there is room to provide for more than a number million people, especially when we have only a twentieth part of that number in the Dominion." This is not the question. It is rather a question whether or not these immigrants would be a charge upon the people of Canada already working hard to improve their condition. We have already closed the door to a more industrious class of persons. We have placed a head tax of \$500 upon the Chinese, and these people do work and are not a moment advocating the Chinese immigration, it should be stated, in fairness to them, that we in British Columbia have had the benefit of their labor at a twentieth part of that number in the Dominion."

We are already endeavoring to provide for ourselves in such a manner that we shall not be any charge upon the people, and also so that we may not have any anxiety about our latter days. It is proposed that we should do this by a system of state life insurance and also by granting "old age pensions" to all persons over 60 years of age. These pensions would be increased at 65 or 70 years. If we put aside a small portion of the public domain and appoint committees to select lands as time goes on, realizing an income from the earth subject to the will of Providence. It is not, therefore, extraordinary that we should ask our representatives to formulate some workable scheme by which we can derive advantage from our heritage when we are old.

Now, sir, if we permit the English authorities to shunt their burdens upon our shoulders then we are making our chances for social improvement move difficult. They have persisted in making the Old Country the dumping ground for Europe with the result that they have now thousands of working people walking about the country seeking work, while we are doing nothing or else a living wage. Already several of the immigrants have arrived in this country and have become a charge upon the municipal authorities.

It should be known that we do not object to an industrious immigrant, but we do object to shiftless paupers. "Canada for the Canadians" should be our watchword. The definition of Canadian in this sense should be, "one who is trying to improve his or her condition on Canadian soil, no matter whether they be Scotch, Irish, French or English, or any other industrious white people, who have made Canada their home and have invested their capital and labor, or labor only, in the country then they are as much Canadians as though they were born in the country."

The conclusion, therefore, is that anyone who has neither youth, labor or capital to invest cannot be admitted into the land which is destined to be the home of the workers and the most prosperous country on the face of the globe.

FRANK RICHARDS, J. P.
Vancouver, B. C., April 19th, 1906.

THE BULKLEY VALLEY.

To the Editor:—Judging by the glorious weather which residents in this locality have been experiencing, it would be fairly justifiable to consider the winter as practically over.

The weather, generally speaking, has been lovely, quite exceeding the expectations of even the most sanguine of the new arrivals, and on account of its mildness the surprise of all, but especially of those from the northern parts across the line, has been very great indeed.

The measurement of settled snow can very safely be computed as not more than eight inches on the meadows that were mown last fall, and on one place at the northern end of the valley, O'Herin's Point, the snow never remained at one time for more than 10 days together, and on the ranches bare ground was very frequently plainly visible.

The valley is establishing quite a reputation for the successful wintering of stock, and Mr. Charles Barrett has a band of 200 horses and cattle in the very best of condition, all looking really splendid, and quite a large quantity of hay has been left on hand, unneeded. This is in accordance with the fact that the capabilities of the soil of the ranches producing the hay, and the exceeding mildness of the winter now passing. What more could be expected by the most exacting? Smaller ranches with capacities for supplying fodder for from 50 head downward have all done equally well, and the condition of the stock generally can be summed up as very good, indeed.

During the winter the work of land clearing, cutting brush, etc., was proceeded with continuously, not even "the very worst" storm being in any way sufficient to affect the slightest stoppage or interference.

Active preparations are now being made for the spring, fencing being hurried on and the farmers "getting busy." It is naturally expected that the influx of new arrivals will be very great indeed during the coming summer, and with the largely increased number of prospectors in the hills the further discovery of additional good claims will no doubt in due course result.

So far as can be seen, it is quite apparent that the Bulkley Valley is pressing forward in the march of progress, but with the advent of the summer, the railway, which, as already pointed out in the press, will pass right through the district, the rate of progress will be so accelerated that the designation of this as a frontier country will be entirely a misnomer.

Perpetual sunshine occurs on the coast of Peru, where, although it may perhaps be misty occasionally, the blue sky is always visible through this whitish veil. Perpetual sunshine, when the sun is above the horizon, also exists in the other rainless regions of the earth.

MINSTREL SHOW IN MID OF SANATORIUM

ENTERTAINMENT TO BE GIVEN TO-NIGHT

The Best Local Talent Has an Enjoyable Programme Prepared For Presentation.

This evening in the Victoria theatre the performance by the Magpie minstrels, long-looked forward to, will be given in the presence of the entire staff of the provincial tuberculosis sanatorium. The entertainment promises to be an excellent one, and in connection with it there are introduced many very novel features. Those taking part in the programme are all residents of the city, and the talent displayed by local artists in all lines has always been quite the equal of professionals, and in many instances far in excess of it. The cause in which the proceeds are to be a worthy one, and so that there is no doubt that the theatre will be crowded to the doors this evening.

There is to be no lack of diversity in the programme for this entertainment. The first part is on the plan of the popular minstrel show. In this the interlocutor will be Bryan H. Tyrwhitt Drake, who in local theatricals has always been a popular performer. The ends are made up of a group which is promised will not let the time pass unoccupied, and who may be depended upon to provide the very best of entertainment throughout the time allotted to them. Those who are included are Mrs. Lammiman, Mrs. Courtney, Miss Newling and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, and Messrs. H. A. Goward, Percy Richardson, Earl and Tye.

The choruses are of the best quality, and the company have them well in hand. In addition to these there is in the first part a solo by Mr. Wallace, included among these are the following: "I'm Lonely Now My Baby's Gone," by Mrs. Campbell; "Ma's Curly Headed Babe," by Miss Buckett; "He's My Pal," by Mrs. Beauchamp Tye; "Abraham," by Mrs. Lammiman, and "Adeline," by Mr. Wallace.

The second half of the programme will, it is promised, be in novelties enjoyable than the first part. There will be an entire change in it and no lack of variety.

Hon. Mrs. F. G. Hood will sing a goblin song, in connection with which there will be introduced a full company of elves and goblins.

An enjoyable feature of this part will be the quartette, composed as follows: Miss Lugin and Miss Sel (soprano), Mrs. R. H. Pooley and Mrs. Campbell (alto), and Mr. Wallace (bass).

Herbert Kent, who is always a popular soloist in this city, will sing in the second part of the programme the patriotic song, "Land of Hope and Glory."

An amusing feature will be introduced by the appearance of Polly McGilligan's Amazon band. This cannot be a novelty, as special attention has been given to it.

There will also be an acrobatic performance given before the entertainment closes.

Music, which will contribute to the enjoyment of the evening, will be under the conductorship of J. M. Finn, who needs no introduction to Victorians. He has taken full charge of the orchestra, which ensures its being a decided success.

The concert will lack nothing in the line of accessories. The costumes will be in keeping with the other features of the entertainment, and an enjoyable evening of music and fun is promised all who attend.

ESCAPED UNDAUNTED.

Not a Tremor of Earthquake Felt on Alcatraz Island.

San Francisco, April 24.—There is no place within 100 miles of ruined San Francisco that the earthquake did not touch, that did not lose a chimney, or feel a tremor—Alcatraz Island, despite the fact that the island is surrounded by water, and has no buildings, but its brick chimneys, not a brick was loosened, not a crack made, not a quiver felt. When the scientist comes to write he will have his hands full explaining why Alcatraz did not have any physical knowledge of the event.

The scene from the island was awe-inspiring.