

THE CITY.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 14. A WANDERING husband named Malley is being sought by his wife who has come from Tacoma to induce her lord and master to return to his home.

ANNIE McCoy is still a guest at the city lock-up, under the care of Health Officer Dr. Duncanson. She has expressed her willingness to return to Vancouver, whence she came here, but will in all probability be induced to remain at the Rescue Home for her own good.

A MEETING of the creditors and shareholders of the Thunder Hill Mining company was held yesterday in pursuance of the order of Hon. Mr. Justice Drake. Nothing definite was arranged, but an adjournment was taken for fortnight in order to complete a scheme for reorganizing the company.

THE steam schooner Mischief, Captain McCook, returned yesterday morning from the scene of the wreck of the American schooner Norway, where she had been for twelve men who had been left a few weeks ago to pick up the valuable fragments of the vessel, and also to bring back what they had secured.

In accordance with the constitution of the Steamship and Stationary Firemen's Association, that body will meet at 24 Kane street, Monday evening next, to divide the residue of the fund standing to the credit of the association equally between the members who were in good standing at the last regular meeting held on the 17th September, 1892.

SEVERAL letters and other mail matter arriving from Australia by the Arava were, as on previous occasions, sent on to Vancouver and returned from there, involving two days' delay. It is hoped that further representations will be made by the postal authorities here to those in Australia to ensure that no further mail for this city shall be put in the Vancouver bags.

The fourteenth of February, in former years one of the most important holidays in the calendar—for the post office workers at all events—has well nigh forgotten by the friends of good Santa Claus. The sale of valentines is yearly decreasing, and soon the custom of sending these souvenirs of affection on the 14th of February, will be remembered only as a curious fashion of the past.

The two handsome drawing-room coaches of the V. & S. railway were safely placed on the rails at Sidney yesterday by Contractors McDermott & Cates, and will soon be seen in the city; the new locomotive was yesterday over the line, and brought the construction train in to the Douglas street terminus. The new road is now complete and ready for operation, and the telephone in connection gives direct communication between Victoria and Sidney.

The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of British Columbia, meets in Vancouver this morning to dispose of the business of the twentieth year since organization. Among the delegates from this city, the majority of whom were passengers by the Premier to-day, are: Grand Officers W. E. Holman, W. J. Grand, Davy, G. S.; L. Cousins, G. M.; H. Wall-r, G. R. Representatives—W. H. Huxtable, A. G. Day, and C. W. Ross, Victoria lodge, No. 1; R. W. Fawcett, A. Henderson and P. W. Dempster, Columbia lodge, No. 2; J. W. Fowle and George Glover, Dominion lodge, No. 4; E. Dickenson and J. McMillan, Acme lodge, No. 14; J. Phillips, P. G. M.

MR. J. M. KELLE, M. P. P., has received a telegram stating that at a meeting of the citizens of Kalo, held on Monday, it was unanimously resolved "That the citizens of Kalo, in public meeting, solemnly and strongly represent to the Provincial Government that the district of West Kootenay, having a voting strength of 1,200, of which 450 are in the city of Kalo; and it being the fairest revenue producing district of the Province; therefore it demands an increased representation, in accordance with its increasing importance, of two additional members; and that these resolutions, signed by the chairman (George T. Kane), be immediately conveyed by wire to the representative of the district, for presentation to the Government."

THE Foreign Mission committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church have appointed Mr. Swartz as missionary to the Indians of Alberni, in room of Rev. J. A. McDonald, who through ill health left the mission last summer. At the suggestion of the Foreign Mission committee in Toronto, the Foreign Mission committee of Victoria Presbytery holds a public service in the First Presbyterian church in this city to designate Mr. Swartz as their new field of labor. Dr. Milne, chairman of the committee, will present a number of ministers and will present and give suitable addresses, and wish the missionary God-speed in his work. All interested in missions are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

It is expected that the appeal in the case of the steamer Coquiltam will be proceeded with very shortly; it will be heard in the Washington district court at Olympia. It will be remembered that the Alaska court condemned the vessel and her cargo for forfeiture, and the vessel was tendered back to the U. S. authorities in Port Townsend in exchange for the bonds upon which her release had been secured. The matter having been referred to Washington, surrender of the bonds was refused, it being held that when they were accepted in the vessel, and that they could not now resume the interest. The Union Steamship Company, the owners of the vessel, will join with the owners of the cargo in the appeal.

THE GOLDEN EAGLE MINE.

Messrs. Fraser Lantz and Rufus, two miners who have just returned from Alberni, where they worked on the Golden Eagle, are at the Brunswick, a COLONIST representative Mr. Lantz said that the Golden Eagle gave promise of turning out a very fine property. The mine has not been principally been on tunnels high up the mountain side, but has not progressed to an extent to prove anything. A drift of fifteen feet, at a point considerably below the other tunnels, was run in the ledge being five feet in width, composed of twelve inches of blue quartz and four feet of rusty quartz. None of this rock had been assayed, but Mr. Lantz's opinion was sure to prove him. He was also of the belief that work had not been started in the right place. The mountain towards its summit is much disturbed, and the ore twisted in its place, while the lower down, as was demonstrated by the work above mentioned, the ledge is regular. The ledge is discovered still lower in the basin, while other veins are also found on the Golden Eagle location than the one being worked. The sides of the mountain surrounding the basin at the head of China

Creek, show a great deal of mineral, and with further development as soon as the snow disappears, Mr. Lantz is certain that a fine body of ore will be established. He has worked in the gold mines of Nova Scotia, in the Black Hills, Montana, and Idaho, and is, therefore, practically and extensively acquainted with quartz formations, and is confident that his opinion will be verified by results.

It is understood that arrangements have been made for the resumption of operations on the Golden Eagle by the first of April. Work will be started at the point where the five-foot ledge was uncovered, and a tunnel run in and shaft sunk. This, it is believed, will settle the extent and value of the mine. The confidence of both purchasers and the practical men who have seen and worked on the property refutes the reports that the vein had pinched out and that the work on the property has been permanently abandoned.

SINGLE TAXERS.

The usual weekly meeting of the Single Tax club, held last evening, received additional interest from the fact that it had been decided to nominate a candidate to represent the single tax idea at the next Provincial elections. The preliminary routine having been gone through, letters were registered and sent to the Westminister Single Tax club, office of New Westminister in Seaford, Louis F. Post as a course of lectures, were read, and on Mr. Cohen's motion, it was decided to communicate with Mr. Post and engage him for a week in May, the officers of the club to arrange dates with him.

J. C. Brown, M. P. P., writes accepting the invitation to address a public meeting in the City Hall this (Wednesday) evening on the "Municipal ownership of electric light plants." The President remarked that it was desirable to have a good attendance at the discussion which was open to everyone.

The President then made some remarks on the single tax question, and held that the only way for them to make single tax felt was to do it in the legislature. The interests of labor and single tax were, he argued, similar, and it was incumbent upon them at this time to see that their votes were registered and to choose a man to represent them at the coming provincial elections so as to see what their strength really was.

Mr. Sangster proposed W. G. Cameron as a candidate, the nomination being seconded by Mr. Talloch.

Mr. Cohen followed in an address, stating that single tax was the friend of labor, and that the time had come not only to nominate a man, but to elect him. He strongly supported Mr. Cameron's candidature.

There being no opposition, Mr. Cameron was declared by the president to be the choice of the meeting. It was, Mr. Howell's intention to run two candidates jointly in this city, and he considered the tax and labor, and he considered that they had received sufficient encouragement from the labor organizations to feel fairly sure that they would act with the single tax, though no definite answer had yet been received.

Mr. Cameron accepted the nomination with thanks, and suggested that a short platform be drawn up on which to base a canvass.

Thos. Forster, M. P. P., having addressed the meeting, it was decided on motion of Mr. Cohen that next week's meeting be confined to members of the club and supporters of Mr. Cameron.

On Mr. Beridge's motion a committee on platform was appointed composed of Mr. Beridge, Cameron, Cohen, Scalfie, and the chairman, Mr. Howell.

A discussion on single tax closed the meeting, Mr. Lattice, of St. Louis, making a humorous speech against monopolies, which was much applauded.

THE MARKETS.

The recent depression in business is slowly disappearing, and as a result retailers are now not only finding better sale for their goods but are making satisfactory collections. Importations have been heavy during the past week, the market having within the last few days been replenished with Australian fruits, meats, butter, etc., and fresh vegetables and dairy produce, and Prime Edward Island meats. For the last mentioned there is a big demand, due no doubt to its being a novelty here. The meats, in here frozen, and a few figures, giving some good satisfaction. From Australia, a fine mutton came by the last steamer. The canned article is meeting with favor wherever it is used, and will probably be in big demand shortly. It is especially well adapted for the sailing vessels as it is always fresh and ready for use. The grain market, although fluctuating elsewhere, is steady here.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Flour, Portland roller per brl., Oats, Barley, etc.

DELTA RAILWAY CONNECTION.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 15. Ald. Munn's Resolution Commending It Endorsed at a Special Council Meeting.

An Amendment Added Stipulating for Security for Fast and Regular Service.

The City Council met yesterday afternoon in the Mayor's office for the purpose of discussing the resolution of which Ald. Munn had given notice respecting the Delta, New Westminister & Eastern railway. There was considerable discussion at the outset as to whether or not the meeting had been regularly called—all the members were present except Ald. Vigelin—and what the effect would be of passing an opinion at a meeting which might be proved to be irregular, but after half an hour's deliberation the board came to the conclusion that no harm could arise out of the point of order should business be proceeded with.

ALD. MUNN then moved:—"That as a bill introduced the Delta, New Westminister & Eastern railway act, 1894, now under consideration by the Provincial Legislature, and contemplates the construction of a railway from English Bluff, on the Straits of Georgia, to Westminister municipality, with a branch running eastward towards the Chilliwack and the Upper Fraser; and whereas it is proposed to construct a railway and traffic bridge across the Fraser at New Westminister, which bridge would afford access to the above mentioned railway, as well as to other railways into the city of New Westminister; and whereas the Victoria & Sidney railway is nearing completion, and it is proposed to establish a ferry connection between the above railway, and the Delta, New Westminister & Eastern railway at English Bluff, and thereby establish quick communication between the city of Victoria and New Westminister and the important farming settlements on the Lower Fraser; therefore, in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that the Government of British Columbia should give every encouragement and all reasonable aid towards accomplishing the above object."

In support of the resolution the mover said he thought so far as the citizens were concerned there was but one opinion, that being that the new line should be of the greatest benefit to Victoria. There was a mistaken idea that the resolution he moved proposed further aid to the scheme, but such is not the case, as he has said, as the morning paper said, that the council had in a good word for the undertaking. The project was entirely of the people; but apart from this he did not think the existing interest would be injured by the new connection. Such a thing as a city being harmed by increasing its outside connections was an essential that should be a thoroughly independent one. He was chiefly interested in this business outside were the farmers of the Lower Fraser, who looked to this city for their best market, but were kept out now for want of rapid communication. The fact that by this connection with the Great Northern railway the city would be cured, and thus the Victoria merchants would be given direct access to the Kootenay mining country. He thought it about the time that this city became more than mere transit, and the end of a transcontinental line which it is at present.

ALD. BAKER moved the following amendment:—"That the following words be added to the resolution: 'In case any aid is granted by the provincial government by way of a guarantee of bonds or otherwise, the council would request that a deposit of \$30,000 in bonds or in cash be made to the company with the government as a term of three years, which sum shall be forfeited to the government in the event of the company failing to provide for the transfer of passengers from Victoria to New Westminister and vice versa at least twice each week by each day of the year unless prevented by accident, some unavoidable cause, the time occupied in making the transfer of passengers between the two cities not to exceed three hours and a half under ordinary circumstances. The resolution proposed a very good thing in the interest of the city. It was a certainty that the Sidney railway would not pay without outside connection, but if the government would take the matter up as proposed he thought it probably would pay, and that the city would be relieved of the necessity of paying \$9,000 a year in the necessity of carrying out the line. It is important that Victoria should have quicker connection with the Mainland than at present, when it takes six or seven hours to make the trip. The fact that the present boats arrive and depart from Victoria at night works injuriously to the city.

ALD. DWYER seconded the amendment. He said he knew from acquaintance with the farmers of the Fraser river that they considered Victoria their best market, but cannot come to it as often as they otherwise would on account of the time they occupied in the trip and the attendant expenses. He thought the only thing to consider is whether or not this thing will be in the best interests of Victoria, not whether or not the city would be relieved of the necessity of carrying out the line. He thought the city could lose much by it, as quickening and cheapening transportation would increase the travel.

ALD. HARRIS said there were one or two things he wanted to find out, firstly, who are the company who propose to carry out this scheme. THE MAYOR—That is one of the things that we can't find out anything about. ALD. HARRIS continued that he wanted to be informed whether or not there is to be a ferry for cars; and what is the nature of the thing before the Council is asked to approve of. There are several points like this upon which he desired to be informed.

ALD. STYLES thought that before the Council took up one-horse railways like this thing important to the Canada Western Railway. He advised that the matter be laid over for a few days. ALD. HARRIS thought the proposal by Ald. Munn one which everyone should support. As to the nature of the bill, he thought the Government would see that that was all right.

ALD. KERR-WILSON said that since the last meeting of the Council he had given a great deal of attention to the matter, but had altogether failed to find out who are the men who propose to carry out the scheme. He thought it was time to have a transcontinental road of their own, but what security is there that this is not a scheme to chokemat that much to be desired project? He thought it not well to go to the Government about matters of which we know nothing. As to the proposed 31-mile ferry, he had grave doubts as to whether that is a practicable proposition. He rather favored the amendment in preference to the resolution.

ALD. BAKER thought no man could say that this scheme would not benefit the city, if the Council did anything to further it, it would be a real something very wise. He thought the Council should be unanimous on this matter.

ALD. MUNN pointed out that the city had nothing to lose by carrying out his proposition and everything to gain. If it did not pay for a year or two it would be bound to pay eventually.

ALD. HARRIS said the protest to the board came from Mr. Rithet, the president and not from the C.P.N. company, many of whose shareholders he knew to be warmly in favor of the new line. He thought nine men out of every ten in Victoria were in favor of it.

ALD. HARRIS suggested a public meeting to secure an expression of opinion.

ALD. MUNN thought this would be a capital idea, though the Council could pass the resolution in the meantime.

ALD. LINDRUM said he thought the new connection would be a great saving to Victoria, and would add to the prosperity of the city. He had been told that Capt. Irving was in favor of this scheme before he went East, because up to that time he feared competition from the C.P.R. It did appear, however, to be a big haul to favor a subsidy which would be a great advantage against Mr. Rithet who had shown great enterprise and had done so very much for the city. It might be that there was something in connection with the proposition now before the Council that did not appear upon the surface which led Mr. Rithet to ask the Council to oppose it, but he should have made the Council aware of it so that they would not be acting in the dark. While there was something to be said on both sides he would vote for the resolution.

The amendment, and the resolution as amended, were adopted, Ald. Harris, Wilson and Styles voting nay.

The Council then adjourned.

THE SURF BOAT for the Pitcairn islanders, presented by the English Government, is all on board E. M. S. Champion at Honolulu. It is very probable that the boat will be returned to Esquimalt and anchored on some other of the wharves for Pitcairn Island.

JOHN McNABB, fisheries inspector for the province is in the city on business in connection with his department. Speaking of the salmon hatchery on the Fraser, Mr. McNabb says that things are looking so well that fully six and a quarter million will be hatched this spring, a larger percentage than usual.

A VERY short meeting of the creditors of Hughitt & McIntyre was held yesterday afternoon, when the trustees were authorized to do as they saw fit with the assets of the firm in hand, and make arrangements for the payment of the balance as soon as possible. The trustees were also authorized to make some terms with Mr. Sutton for an extension of his agreement.

The sending of Victoria letters and papers arriving by the Australian steamer to Vancouver, involving a delay of two days, is engaging the attention of the postal authorities; and another communication on the subject will be sent by the outgoing steamer. A proper way of despatching the mails has already been explained, it seems as if the letters sent to Vancouver got into the bag for that place through carelessness on the Australian side.

At a public meeting held at Revelstoke yesterday to discuss the question of adjoint representation for West Kootenay, district in the Provincial Legislature it was resolved: "That the urgent attention of the Government be called to the fact that West Kootenay is insufficiently represented in the Legislative Assembly, especially as it is the most progressive district in the Province, and its population is increasing at a very rapid rate, upwards of 50,000 bona fide voters being already on the Revelstoke list, with probably more to be added; therefore the additional member being given to this district and the Revelstoke division be made the North Riding and include Nakusp."

THE sequel to the disorderly scene in the New South Wales legislature reported in yesterday's issue, is told by passengers who arrived on the Arava. The following day, a few hours after the printing of the resignation was made, the Hon. Henry Copeland, the Minister for Lands, was introduced from the chamber had been ordered by Speaker in consequence of the fracas. Among the spectators of the scene in the chamber were Mrs. James Angus and Mr. R. Angus of this city, who by invitation accompanied the Hon. Henry Copeland, the Minister for Lands, to the chamber from the chamber had been ordered by Speaker in consequence of the fracas. Among the spectators of the scene in the chamber were Mrs. James Angus and Mr. R. Angus of this city, who by invitation accompanied the Hon. Henry Copeland, the Minister for Lands, to the chamber from the chamber had been ordered by Speaker in consequence of the fracas.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

An Interesting Point of Law Raised as to a Public Officer's Discretionary Power.

A Question of Jurisdiction Raised in the Admiralty Court—Divisional Court Business.

Hon. Mr. Justice Crease in chambers yesterday gave leave to amend the statement of claim in the suit of Volley v. Lowenberg, Harris & Co., by adding another paragraph and changing two others, with liberty, however, to the defendants to amend their defence as they may be advised. The day of trial was also fixed for the 19th March inst. of 19th February.

The case of the R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., against the steamer Barbara Bosowitz, an Admiralty court action to recover the value of certain furs shipped down from the north on the Bosowitz and alleged to have been lost through the negligence of the steamer, came up in the Admiralty court yesterday before Mr. Justice Crease, D.J.A., on a motion by Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken to dismiss a question of jurisdiction raised by the defendant in the pleadings. Mr. Helmecken argued that the question of jurisdiction should not be raised in this way, but should have been brought up on a motion to set aside the writ in the first instance, and that, having failed to do this, the defendant could not now avail themselves of it. Mr. A. L. Belyea, who appeared for the defendants, replied that nothing which the defendants could or did do, or did not do, could have any effect on the jurisdiction of the court, which either had or had not its jurisdiction independent of the defendant or of anyone else, and he argued that, in this instance, the Imperial Admiralty Court act, 1861, expressly provided that where it was proved to the satisfaction of the court that the owners of the ship or any of them were resident in England or the colonies, the Admiralty Court should have jurisdiction, this provision being reasonable and proper one to prevent trivial litigation and expensive admiralty proceedings where there was a more convenient remedy, viz: a county court or a supreme court. Further argument was postponed until Friday at 12 o'clock at the request of Mr. Helmecken.

The case of Cooley et al. v. Napoleon Fitzstubs, gold commissioner for West Kootenay, is set for trial on Tuesday next, on an action for a mandamus to compel the defendant to issue a lease of certain mining ground to the plaintiffs, who allege that they have complied with all the requirements of the law, and that the gold commissioner is not fulfilling his duty as a public officer in refusing the grant. In defence it is alleged that the statute vests a discretion in the gold commissioner and the Court is not competent to interfere with the exercise of that discretion. There is also in the defence a denial of certain allegations contained in the statement of claim, but the question of law is the one of most immediate importance. In order to have this point settled before the case comes up for trial a motion was made yesterday in Chambers by Mr. A. G. Smith, deputy attorney-general, for an order to have the legal question argued and disposed of. Mr. A. L. Belyea, who appeared for the plaintiff, contended and the order was taken out accordingly. The question will be argued in court this morning at 11 o'clock before Mr. Justice Walkem, Mr. A. L. Belyea appearing for the plaintiffs and Hon. Theodore Davis, Q.C., Attorney-General, for the defendant.

The question of what discretion, in any public officer such as Gold Commissioner, is regarded as a most important one and it is altogether likely that in any event an appeal will be taken to the full court in order to settle it.

Divisional Court—Present: Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., and Crease, J. Gabriel v. Mether—This was an appeal from an order made by Mr. Justice Drake on June 16, 1893, upon a motion made before him to disallow, or direct the taxing of certain bills of costs, being the costs of the bill of costs as taxed; the plaintiff's solicitors considered that they were not properly chargeable under the Supreme court schedule, and in this particular case it was practically to depriving the plaintiff of a new trial, as he was utterly unable to pay any such amount of costs, on appeal directed to be paid by the Divisional court as a condition precedent to the plaintiff being entitled to go to a new trial. These items were: Stenographer's fees \$32.75, reading proof of printed case \$43.20, and printing case \$312.75. These items therefore formed a very considerable portion of the bill of costs as taxed; the plaintiff's solicitors considered that they were not properly chargeable under the Supreme court schedule, and in this particular case it was practically to depriving the plaintiff of a new trial, as he was utterly unable to pay any such amount of costs, on appeal directed to be paid by the Divisional court as a condition precedent to the plaintiff being entitled to go to a new trial. These items were: Stenographer's fees \$32.75, reading proof of printed case \$43.20, and printing case \$312.75. These items therefore formed a very considerable portion of the bill of costs as taxed; the plaintiff's solicitors considered that they were not properly chargeable under the Supreme court schedule, and in this particular case it was practically to depriving the plaintiff of a new trial, as he was utterly unable to pay any such amount of costs, on appeal directed to be paid by the Divisional court as a condition precedent to the plaintiff being entitled to go to a new trial.

The Divisional court, consisting of Crease and McCraith, J. J., thought that, although the order of the Divisional court granting a new trial as to costs had been made per incuriam, yet there was no power to alter it, yet in their judgment they gave leave to the plaintiff to appeal from the order of Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, made on the 16th June last, notwithstanding that the time for so doing had elapsed, and the appeal heard yesterday was from that order. The order of Mr. Justice Drake affirmed the appeal in the motion for a new trial was set aside, and the case was referred to the Divisional court to print the case, and it was from this holding that the appeal was taken. After hearing argument, their lordships reserved judgment. Mr. A. E. McPhillips, counsel for plaintiff, Gabriel; Mr. E. V. Bodwell for the respondent, contra.

"AS OTHERS SEE US." Mr. Hoyle, M.P., of New South Wales, who visited Canada and the United States recently and returned home by the Arava on her last voyage, has been interviewed at length by the Australian papers upon his escape of two cardboard hearts joined together by an arrow, with tender words inscribed thereon and a dove hovering above. Probably the youth of to-day think such old methods too slow, and if they feel timid in the presence of the fair one, have recourse to the telephone as more in keeping with the times. The only one who seems to rejoice in the day now is the small boy, who vents his revenge on some hated foe by despatching to him one of the colored caricatures which are so common in the streets, and who are supposed to lay bare the weak points in the victim's character. Older people can remember the time when Valentine's Day was looked forward to as one of the greatest anniversaries of the year; but alas! to the youthful generation its joys are unknown, and, like many another good old custom, it is relegated to the memories of the past.

There are only two cross at intersections. There are fine street services, though—electric for level grades and cable for heavy grades, both working splendidly. They have a funny system of making sidewalks there and in the United States by building them of planks on a timber framework, and as in the back streets this footpath is frequently three feet high, there are a good many accidents.

"What I particularly admired were the taste and effectiveness with which things are shown for sale in the great plate-glass windows of shops—so well displayed that really you are induced to go in and buy what, in fact, you do not want. All 'gin-jinners' (that we call hotels) have huge glass windows, so that you can look in and see who is inside, and to have the 'hotels' (which are really boarding houses), the barber's shops."

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER, Feb. 14.—G. M. Rawlinson, C. M. Langley and Councillor Gordon, of Surrey, are proceeding to Victoria to-day to urge the Government to extend the trunk road from Langley to Westminister, decreasing the distance by road seven miles.

The post mortem examination of the remains of Duncan McRae revealed no evidences of foul play. The coroner's inquest will be resumed to-morrow.

Two men were arrested for stealing iron from Hastings' mill and selling it. Ames, one of the men, heard of his partner's arrest, when he put out into the Narrows with his dog, Officer Purdy followed with a tug and boarded the steamer, having a hand-to-hand fight with Ames, holding him to the deck until land was reached.

There were twenty-five patients entered in hospital yesterday, twenty charged and sixteen cured.

The secretaries of the Metropolitan Club and the Board of Trade and the Mayor have received a formal message of thanks from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of their visit here at the inauguration of the C. P. R. line between here and Seattle.

The Mowers, Empress of China, City of Puenla, Arava and Premier took the entire wharf room along the city front to-day.

Mr. Burns, son of School Inspector Burns, has received an appointment on the Arava. The gentlemen are making arrangements for the funeral of Duncan McRae. The deceased was also a Free Mason and a member of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian societies.

The Provincial Grand lodge I. O. O. F. convened in the Metropolitan club building to-day. There were seventy-five delegates present, Grand Master James Crossan of Nanaimo, presiding.

The otherwise unemployed labor of this city which has been set to work by the corporation is paid \$1.75 per diem for married and \$1.25 for single men, twice a week. It will be kept up until the \$5,000 voted for this purpose is exhausted. There is no truth in the report that the men are remunerated part in money and part in meals and lodging tickets.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 14.—Rev. Chan Sin Kai, Methodist Chinese missionary, was brutally beaten last night by a man named Robinson because he resented snobbery. A warrant has been issued for Robinson, but he cannot be found.

Captain Pittendrigh went to the Upper Sumas this morning to try three men for running deer with dogs.

NANAIMO, Feb. 14.—At the City Council last evening the Street committee was instructed to inspect Engineer A. R. Heyland's work on the resurvey of the city. Ald. Cocking's street-by-law for 1894 was introduced and passed. A Free Mason and a member of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian societies.

A what tournament is to be held at the Windsor hotel shortly, in which a number of the best local players are to take part. Nanaimo boasts of a number of keen whist players and these tournaments, several of which have been held in the past, are always very successful.

A children's entertainment took place in the New Presbyterian church last evening as a wind-up to the celebration in connection with the dedicating ceremonies. The musical programme was entirely rendered by children, who all did remarkably well.

Word was received here last night by Alexander W. Fraser, customs collector at Comox, had been poisoned yesterday by taking a dose of carbolic acid. Mr. Smith left this morning to investigate. Later particulars received this afternoon are to the effect that Mr. Fraser took the poison accidentally. For a time he was in a critical condition, but with the assistance of Dr. Lawrence he was brought round. He is now doing well though still very ill. Mr. Fraser has a brother in Victoria to whom the doctor has sent full particulars.

DUNCAN, Feb. 14.—Mrs. and the Misses Watson returned on Tuesday from a short visit to the Capital.

Chinese New Year has been kept in quite great style by the celestials here, notwithstanding the frost and other inconveniences. The football and other sports of Mr. Halliburton Johnstone, who is leaving for his old home, New Zealand, in a few days gave him a send-off dinner at the Quamichan hotel last night.

The Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 1894.

A VAIN TRICK. The organ of the Opposition to tactics of the meanest and most table kind. It publishes, in best calculated to attract a sum which the Premier has to the Province for eighteen months. Its object is clearly to lead the nothing about the salaries received by the Crown or by professional standing to believe that generation is much too large.

It does not inform its readers Premier did not receive a dollar salary or an seasonal indemnity. It does not even try to show that unusual or otherwise perfect.

If the Times told those whom to startle and delude by its figures, that the sum which it drew from the Treasury is not large as he would have earned by his profession if he had duties to perform, they would that the figures, instead of showing Mr. Davie is a gainer by accepting prove that he is a loser to a very able extent.

The Times also failed to inform that the sums which the Premier's salary and seasonal indemnity, closely the same as Mr. Beaven, also who occupied the office of Pr. head of Department, would have.

There is a sentence in the article the form of an advertisement given is intended to convey a most demagogic against the Premier. It really shows that malice itself has able to find good grounds for even trivial accusations against him. It will find that it will gain nothing dirty tricks and its dishonest tactics.

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

The subject of Dr. Watt's motion worthy the attention both of the Legislature of British Columbia and the Province are one of valuable resources, and their preservation should be a general concern. Experience is ever proving that the forests of this extensive as they are, are very far from being inexhaustible. From accessible to those who seek it, the which the forests of the United States at the present rate of consumption, exhausted can be easily calculated the rate of consumption will be on ing, bringing the time comparative when the only source of timber supply North America will be the forests of this Province. This is no theory; it is a matter of calculation.

When that time comes, as come it the value of the timber remaining province will be greatly increased. consideration should cause British. bians to set a very high value on the ets and to take every precaution to their being destroyed and the timber contain wasted.

Forty or fifty years in the life of a inoe is a very short time. There are in the United States who bitterly that their fathers as regards the preservation of the forests were not far-sighted provident. The people of America their legislators fifty years ago seem that it was impossible to exhaust timber supply. They smiled derisively when some theorist rebuked them for thoughtlessness and their waste and them that if they did not become careful the day would come when and their children would grievously. Their recklessness and want of foresight. The predictions of the theorist have been filled. Forests which then appeared less, and against which the people were relentless war with fire and steel completely disappeared, and the naked is mourning the loss of the trees which doing it so much good. If a time of which, in the course of the last fifty years, wantonly destroyed could by some be placed upon the land again the would be a richer and, in many very important respects, a better one to live in, trust that British Columbia legislators take warning by the fate of many of the United States and of the Provinces of ern Canada. They should avoid the takes that were made on the Eastern continent and prevent the waste unnecessarily denuded large areas of trees that were required not only to the landscape but to contribute to the fort and the convenience of their inhabitants.

MORE TESTIMONY. The importance of a Pacific cable meeting Vancouver Island with Australia exclusively British control, is being recognized both in Great Britain and in the States. We have seen that Lord Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies pressed himself favorably to it, and we have an Australian statesman, the Hon. E. Reid, at the other end of the route, insisting upon its necessity from an Imperial point of view. Mr. Reid, who is the Victorian Minister of Defence, said:

We recognize it as an Imperial necessity that there should be a cable passing through British territory and tending to cement the tie between Great Britain and the colonies in Canada and Australia. The expense of this should be borne proportionately by the Imperial Government and the colonies interested. The cost of alternative cable would not be great, in regard to the enormous interests involved. It is believed that it would pay into an expenditure from the date of completion. When so many able and influential

immigrants and returning voyagers find Ayer's Sarsaparilla a cure for eruptions, boils, pimples, sores, etc., whether resulting from sea-diet and life on a ship-board, or from any other cause. Its value as a tonic and alternative medicine cannot be overestimated.