

His attention had been forcibly attracted to this matter by the long discussion which had taken place yesterday on the preamble of the bill, which at that time should not have been considered at all. This is distinctly provided for in the Rules of Order, and is laid down in the preamble of the bill, and that the preamble should be merely read before the succeeding clauses are taken into consideration, because there may be such changes made in the bill that the preamble, and even the title, may have to be entirely changed. He would so instruct chairman of committees for the future.

The house adjourned at 6 p.m.

THE CITY.

MR. ARTHUR C. SUTTON, of Westminster, has made application to be called to the bar.

SECRETARY B. WILLIAMS invites applications for the position of teacher of the second division of the Branch Central school.

MR. JAMES B. GORDON has received word of the death of his father, Captain Gordon, late of the steamship City of Agra, at Langside, Glasgow, Scotland, on the 10th ultimo.

A special meeting of shareholders has been called for the 31st instant, for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Western Investment, Savings and Trust Co., Ltd., of Vancouver.

The Council of the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association held a special and protracted meeting in the parlors of the New England last evening. The principal business discussed was in connection with the bill to amend the Pharmacy act, now awaiting its second reading in the Legislature.

With its next number the B. C. Commercial Journal enters upon its fourth volume. During its three years' career the paper has had a fair amount of success, particularly when the trade and other conditions which obtained have been taken into account. It has gained for itself a reputation for reliability and independence, and this its proprietors declare is their intention to continue to deserve.

The business of Thorpe & Co., manufacturers of soda and aerated waters in this city and Vancouver, has passed into the hands of a joint stock company to be known as Thorpe & Co. Limited, incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000 in \$100 shares. Victoria remains the principal place of business of the company, whose trustees are Messrs. William McCombie, Hutchison, Frank H. Price and William Bryce.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon, at the family residence on Chatham street, of Mr. Joseph Dewar, a veteran resident of Victoria, and for the past quarter of a century the city street foreman. The deceased was a native of Glasgow, Derbyshire, and 64 years of age; his wife, Mrs. Dewar, died of cancer over more than thirty years ago, and the news of his demise will therefore come as a sad surprise to many friends. A widow, two sons and one daughter, form the family circle immediately bereaved.

The Cariboo and Kootenay Prospecting and Mining Company, Ltd., has just filed articles of incorporation, in which the capital stock is announced as \$100,000 in \$2 shares, and Vancouver is described as the chief place of business. The general object for which the company is formed may be gathered from the name under which it has sought incorporation. The promoters are Messrs. Walter H. Kendall, Benjamin J. Cornish, Edward E. Penner, Francis M. Robertson and John Williams, all of Vancouver.

Messrs. Andrew Haslam, M. P.; E. A. Praeger, M. D.; S. W. Lobbs, Robert E. McKee, J. E. R. Targat, F. W. Tesague and Richard Nightingale have sought and secured incorporation as the Nanaimo Poultry Society, Limited. The object of the association's existence is to promote and encourage intelligent interest in poultry, birds and pet stock generally, hold exhibitions, publish and circulate periodicals devoted to poultry interests, effect sales or exchanges of choice birds or their eggs, and protect birds and pet stock by legal process if necessary against cruelty, malicious injury or theft. The capital stock of the society is fixed at \$25,000, divided into 2,500 shares.

CONSIDERABLE time was occupied during yesterday morning's meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria in the discussion of business remitted by the General Assembly, the proposed action of that body regarding being approved. Rev. Dr. Mackay, a returned missionary from Formosa, was nominated for Moderator of the next General Assembly, to which the following commissioners were appointed: Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. D. MacRae, clerical; Mr. Thornton Fell (Victoria); Mr. Ralph Craig (Nanaimo), elders; Mr. Rogers was appointed to dispense ordinances at Northfield. The afternoon meeting was devoted to the proposition of business to be brought before the Synod at its next meeting, at Calgary, in May. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Nanaimo on September 10.

The following are the names of the gentlemen invited to dine with the Honorable Lieutenant-Governor, last night: Mr. Thos. Earle, M. P.; Hon. F. C. Vernon, M. P.; Mr. John Grant, M. P.; Mr. G. W. Anderson, M. P.; Mr. A. W. Smith, M. P.; Mr. J. P. Booth, M. P.; Mr. J. C. Brown, M. P.; Mr. E. H. Hall, M. P.; Mr. J. W. Horn, M. P.; Mr. C. G. McKenzie, M. P.; Mr. J. R. Kille, M. P.; Mr. T. E. Kitchen, M. P.; Mr. J. Tuck, M. P.; Mr. C. B. Sward, M. P.; Mr. Thos. Forster, M. P.; Mr. Thos. Keith, M. P.; Mr. D. A. Stoddart, M. P.; Mr. Thos. Fletcher, M. P.; Mr. Wm. Adams, M. P.; Mr. A. G. Smith, D. A. G.; Major P. E. Irving (acting A. D. C.); Mr. G. A. Keefe, Mr. F. C. Gamble, and Mr. E. A. Jacob.

Five in the collar premises of Discher & Campbell, grocers, Clarence hotel block, filled Douglas street with firemen and curious spectators shortly after 10 o'clock last night. How the fire originated is not easy to conjecture, as there had been no light of any kind in the cellar and everything was safe and tight when the proprietors closed up shortly before 9 o'clock. After a hard fight, owing to the difficulty in getting down at the root of the trouble, the firemen departed conquerors, having flooded out the flames. The loss will be merely nominal, as packing boxes and empties were about the only articles the cellar contained. Had the fire smoldered until later in the night the consequences would, no doubt, have been more serious. In their efforts to save the premises were aided by the police, who held the crowd within a certain reasonable limit and prevented the thoughtless from interfering with those whom business brought to the scene of danger.

George Hughes, owner of the Mountain Chief mine, Sloan district, reports that property is looking better than ever.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The Pacific Coast Training and Racing Association has been organized with the following officers: President, A. H. Cohen; Vice-President, E. P. Heald; Treasurer, F. B. Barker; Secretary, F. W. Kelly. Board of directors—C. W. Woodard of Yolo; F. W. Leeb of St. Helena; R. S. Brown, of Petaluma; A. G. Ryan, of Portland; H. J. Agnew, of Hillsburg; F. H. Burke, of San Francisco; A. H. Cohen, of Alameda, and P. Heald of San Francisco.

MURPHY AS MANAGER. SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Thomas Murphy, the well-known trainer and driver of trotting horses, has been appointed to manage the racing stable of the Star of Russia, and with William Holmwood, his assistant trainer, will leave San Francisco on March 15 for New York, thence to St. Petersburg. Murphy was for a time under Orrin Hickok, and is acknowledged a first-class horseman.

SPECKLES EMULATES STANFORD. SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—A big real estate and breeding farm deal was consummated yesterday, whereby Dolph Speckles secured the noted Napa ranch, formerly owned by John McCard. It has been used as a farm for breeding trotters for several years, and Mr. Speckles is said to have paid \$25,000 for the property. It will be converted into a breeding farm for all classes of thoroughbreds.

THE GUN. ON THE RIGHT SIDE. VANCOUVER, March 8.—(Special)—The Vancouver gun club shot a cash balance to their credit at the end of their year. R. D. Featherston made the best average, with Captain Thompson second, and W. Meddler, E. G. White and M. Cowperthwaite next out of 29 competitors.

A POSTPONED ATTRACTION. MR. J. W. J. Brown writes the COLONIST from Lillooet as follows: I did not note the appearance of my challenge by Mr. Watson till after the race, when he told me his terms are quite satisfactory, still I could not have had the time to spare to wait till the latter part of April or early in May. Likely during the coming summer I shall revisit Victoria, and if I do I will gladly meet Mr. Watson for a prize trophy. Athletes will please bear in mind that a trip from here to the coast is quite expensive unless one has other business to attend to, then one could kill two birds with one stone. But just to go to Victoria purely to race for a trophy, one would not gain much compensation.

THE WHEEL. THE IDOLIZED "AMATEURS." NEW YORK, March 7.—A. A. Zimmerman, amateur bicycle champion of the world, says in reply to the challenge issued by John S. Johnson, race man, that he will meet Johnson at any distance, provided a large stake is put up, the same to be not less than \$5,000, and from that up.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

How the "Wrestler" Will Be Released.—The "Garland's" New Route Proves Profitable.

Stevenson's Scow in Danger.—Improvement of the Inner Harbor Entrance.

Messrs. Provost and Adams are losing no time in making preparations to get the barkentine Wrestler off White rock. Three large centrifugal pumps, capable of throwing 4,500, 2,500 and 2,000 gallons of water per minute respectively, were yesterday loaded on a scow and taken out to the wreck. The Wrestler is being stripped of everything movable either on deck, in the hold or attached to the spar. As she lies forward, where there yet lies a big anchor and some heavy chain. When this is reached, the wreck will be hoisted up, and the port side is patched up. It is thought the vessel will float. Should she not, however, after the pumps have been in operation, and her bottom found to be more or less broken than is now anticipated, a rough cofferdam will be constructed so that the machinery will be effective in keeping the water out of the hold. Contrary to expectations, Wednesday's gale had no bad effects on the vessel as the storm was severe when the tide was high, during which time there was sufficient water in the vessel to keep her firm on the rock. In lightening the barkentine of the yards, etc., an advantage to be gained is in destroying, to a great extent, the cause of rocking in a high wind, thereby preserving as much as possible the vessel's location. The scheme of freeing the vessel from the rocks, although being conducted by the owners in a simple way and on no particularly scientific principle, seems most feasible and may prove successful in a very short time.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS. For the convenience of the public, the steamer Garland has changed her time of departure from Victoria from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. She brought as passengers yesterday her second trip to Victoria: Wm. McKee, Wm. Eastwood, J. Holland, Wm. Abell and Mr. George. The steamer's first round trip has been a paying one, and her skipper says as long as the present business holds he will have no cause of complaint. The trip from here to Port Angeles is made in less than two hours. Henceforth the steamer will lie over at Port Angeles at night in order to take the 7 o'clock mail from there up the Sound.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS. Four or five piles sticking up a short distance above the surface of the water near the red buoy in the harbor are, at present, among the only indications of an important work which the Dominion Government will soon commence. Where the piles loom up is shallow water not more than twelve feet deep at low tide, and which heavy draught vessels coming into port have to take a semi-circle course around in, sometimes, narrow quarters. This hindrance to navigation has often been the cause of serious trouble in grounding vessels, and to improve the harbor in this respect the Government propose removing by blasting the rock causing the shallowness of water at the place.

THE JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR.—Will you permit me to say in reference to a statement made by Mr. Yates that he knew Dr. James Helmsken opposed the Jubilee hospital because he was a physician at St. Joseph's, that I am not, and never have been in any way opposed to the Jubilee.

THE JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

A Deputation of Aldermen Meet the Directors to Ask for Information.

Hostility of Medical Men Towards the Institution—Proposed Change of Management.

The Jubilee Hospital board held their semi-monthly meeting last evening. Alex. Wilson presided in the absence of the chairman, who was detained at home by a severe cold, and there were present also W. M. Chudley, J. S. Yates, E. C. Baker, Geo. Byrnes, Thos. Braden, G. H. Brown and J. V. Braverman. At the invitation of the board, Ald. Styles, Keith-Wilson and Humphreys attended on behalf of the City Council, to obtain further information on account of the board's application for aid from the City Council.

A letter from Fred H. Worlock tendered his resignation as a director, in consequence of his being unable to attend the meeting, and was accepted with regret.

Emil Ferdinand, who with reference to a statement reported to have been made by Mr. Chudley at a previous meeting, to the effect that members of the board had imposed upon the hospital by claiming free treatment, and stating that if any person so treated was to be a member of the Jubilee hospital, he would have misrepresented himself, as the order look after their sick.

Mr. Chudley said Mr. Ferdinand must have been grievously misinformed, as he had made no such reference to the Jubilee of Pythias, and the secretary was requested to send a reply to that effect.

The reports of medical officer, matron, stewards and treasurer were read. There were 51 patients in the hospital on February 1st, and 37 were admitted during the month, making a total of 88 treated, of whom 60 were free. There were 36 discharged and 5 died; leaving 47 in the hospital on March 1.

The aldermen's deputation were then invited to ask for any information desired.

Ald. Keith-Wilson, as chairman, spoke for the committee, first of all stating his personal opinion that the hospital should be generally dealt with. The doctors reported showed, he was glad to see, that the hospital is being economically run, but the total cost, it seems, is about \$26,700 a year, a very large aggregate which he was not surprised the board found it hard to raise.

He had heard charges of extravagance against the hospital, but nothing so far in support of them. It appeared to him that the board of eighteen directors is too large for economic management. The training school branch appeared to be a source of considerable expense, but whether or not it should be carried on he could not say now. He thought the most equitable way to raise the money for the hospital would be, if the endeavor to have it subscribed by the general public, but if it was to be a public hospital it ought to be supported by the public as a whole. Whether or not the hospital is too far out for a city institution, and whether or not a hospital should be provided for nearer the center of the city, is something which will have to be considered later. If, however, the city is to pass the desired law for \$35,000, it is desirable to have some assurance that the property will not be again mortgaged or run into debt, and for the more economic management in the future he would propose a smaller board of management. He would propose that the institution be made a city and provincial hospital, so that patients from all quarters might be admitted, the city and province each to have a half interest in the management. In the meantime, as this change could not be brought about immediately, he thought the board should guarantee that the property would be mortgaged in the future. He had been engaged in the future. He had been engaged in the future. He had been engaged in the future.

He thought the advantage of a city grant would be that it would compel a large class who now contribute nothing to pay their proportion.

Mr. Byrnes said the board was all possible means to find out whether or not those who are admitted are able to pay, but know they are often deceived. How to get at the real facts is often very difficult.

Ald. Keith-Wilson said he had anticipated that such is the case, and though his remarks might appear to be nothing but fault-finding they were not made in a spirit of criticism. He simply mentioned the ideas which had occurred to him on thinking over the matter, and he heartily favored the by-law, provided it was satisfactory guarantee against similar difficulties in the future.

Another thing he had said was that it was too easy to get into the hospital—much easier than in other places, and he thought this also should be looked into.

Mr. Yates said the hospital received annually \$10,000 from the government, \$2,000 from the city, and \$7,000 or \$8,000 from the pay patients, the balance having to be made up from voluntary contributions, which unfortunately are not enough for the purpose. How to make revenue and expenditure balance is a difficult thing to determine. One suggestion is that the training school will result in decreasing the cost of nursing, which will be largely done by the nurses in training, who start at very small pay. As to the location of the hospital, he had himself contended for the site in town. It was not a fact, as Ald. Keith-Wilson seemed to think, that anyone could be refused admission, for they were bound as the recipients of public funds to take in every patient, of course under proper regulations, so long as they had an empty bed.

The usual course is to procure an admission card from two of the directors, after which the patient is examined by the resident physician, who decides whether the patient is to be admitted or merely attend from day to day as an outdoor patient for treatment. Every man is asked not only as to his means and his relations, but as to who are his friends, so that if a patient dies they may know who are interested in the matter. It had been suggested once that all patients on employment labor should be asked to have their names subscribed 50 cents a month, in return for which they would be treated free in the hospital, but about the time this proposition was made the whole consulting medical staff sent in their resignations, and it was therefore abandoned. The medical men of the hospital seem to be against this hospital, one reason being given being that it is a Dr. Davis institution, but there is no foundation for such a complaint, as every medical man had the right to send his patients there and treat them if he so desired.

The Chairman next dealt with some of the charges of extravagance which had been made, showing that while they sound plausible they have no foundation in fact. He stated that no patient had ever been refused, if found to be requiring treatment, and even if when they come they are so unclean as not to be fit even for a police lock-up, they are given the best of care. One man, as

dirty as could well be imagined, was admitted two weeks ago at the request of the Mayor, and to-day is out cured. He thought the hospital had suffered a good deal from the hostility of the medical men of the city, and he only regretted that they were not here so that he could tell them so. As to the number on the board, he thought that at all events that did not prevent the business being conducted in the most proper manner. He stated the duties of the board in the surgical and medical wards are sent there simply to die, and the hospital is put to the expense of burying them. The board is made up of three members representing the old French hospital, and twelve elected from the citizens. He showed that the cost of the free patients during the last year had been upwards of \$13,000. The free patients are treated by the house-surgeon, and by Dr. Davis and Dr. Jones in the surgical and medical wards proportionately, and the pay patients are treated by their own physicians if desired, just as they might be at their own homes, and these physicians have the use of all the instruments and appliances of the hospital.

Mr. Chudley showed that the hospital had been put to a great deal of expense during the small epidemic, and that during that time it did not take in enough to pay salaries even. He thought the institution is run on a very economical basis, and that it will stand the closest investigation. He felt quite sure that there are 2,000 workmen in the city who would gladly have paid 50 cents a month for the promise of free treatment in the hospital, and if the scheme had not been interfered with he thought this aid might easily have been secured.

The Chairman said one way in which a saving might be made would be to provide a washing and disinfecting machine. The washing now costs \$150 a month.

Ald. Humphreys said it was commonly reported that the medical men of the city were against the Jubilee hospital, and he would like to be informed why this is.

The Chairman replied that of the whole consulting staff he thought there were only two who sent their patients elsewhere, and one of them being the regular physician of St. Joseph's hospital, could not be expected to do otherwise.

Mr. Yates said it had been reported that the medical men claimed that their patients would suffer, because their patients were told by nurses in the hospital that they would receive different and better treatment from their private physicians, but inquiry had failed to develop any foundation for the story, and he did not think the medical men had any real reason for complaint.

Ald. Keith-Wilson said what he had heard to night convinced him of what he had heard before thought—that if the city is to contribute largely to the support of the hospital it should have a direct share in the management. He intended to report to the council that the hospital should be made a provincial one. He had taken the proposition of asking the Premier whether he would have any objection to this, and the Premier had replied that personally he had not, though he had not consulted his colleagues.

He wanted to know now if the board would have any objection to such a proposition.

Mr. Yates said that such a proposition, the provincial government, the French hospital and the citizens generally who subscribe, it was not a clean corporation in any sense.

Ald. Keith-Wilson said he intended to bring before the Council also that the board of management is too large—too unwieldy, and he wanted an expression of opinion on that point.

The Chairman said this is no new point as Mayor Beaven raised it last year.

Mr. Baker said he quite believed that the board is too large for practical purposes. He thought they should now give some expression of opinion on this point. He for one is willing to resign his seat in favor of any member of the aldermanic board. He thought the advantage of a city grant would be that it would compel a large class who now contribute nothing to pay their proportion.

Mr. Byrnes agreed that the city should have representation on the board, but it should be by independent gentlemen, outside of the medical profession. Though the cost of the resident physician had been mentioned, he thought it was in the interest of the hospital and of the public that a first class and experienced man should be in charge, so that the poor patients might have the feeling that there was always present a doctor on whom they could depend.

Ald. Humphreys said he thought every doctor in town interested to vote and work against the proposed by-law, and he thought the reason for this should be made quite plain before the by-law was put to the people.

Ald. Keith-Wilson said he had visited several doctors in the city, and there were very general complaints about the management of the hospital.

Mr. Braden said he thought the aldermen should tell the board the nature of the complaints.

Ald. Keith-Wilson then gave, in confidence to the board, the substance of the complaints made by a large number of medical men whom he had visited.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that these complaints were the result of jealousy or lack of information, and that investigation would show this.

Ald. Keith-Wilson said in conclusion that he thought the by-law should be allowed to remain in abeyance until it could be arranged that the hospital should be a city and a provincial institution, and that the management should be in fewer hands than at present. If this were done he thought the by-law would be put through without any trouble, and that any further aid required would be forthcoming.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Putting a Stop to the Netting of Trout—Vancouver Bar Benchers.

Rancher Accidentally Shot—Nanaimo's Electric Light Plant to Be Greatly Improved.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, March 8.—Mr. Alfred Foster, of Okanagan Mission, rancher and fruit grower, is moving to Vancouver.

J. C. Ferguson and W. M. McKinnon have entered into partnership as hydraulic engineers.

A meeting of the local bar will be held on Friday to elect benchers for the Law society of the Province. The most prominent names mentioned in this connection are L. G. McPhillips and Charles Wilson.

Mr. Brophy, the new manager of the Van Winkle Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., went up the line to-day to take charge of the new works. The company are to exclude Chinese from their employ.

VANCOUVER, March 8.—Japanese Consul Shenzaw is giving a dinner to prominent Japanese residents to-day in honor of the silver wedding of the Emperor and Empress of Japan, fixed as a public holiday by the Japanese government.

One hundred and ninety-five votes have been lost through incomplete statements being made. Only forty-five applications have been made to be added to the civic voters' list this year.

The Japanese consul has received a cablegram announcing the result of the recent elections in Japan, which resulted in a gain of twenty seats for the Liberal party. The election was carried by the introduction of anti-foreign bills by the Radicals, which, if adopted, would have caused strained relations with other nations.

Dr. Johnston has returned from England. Ald. Salisbury and Mayor Anderson went to Victoria to-day to promote legislation in regard to the incorporation of the Vancouver High School, so that that institution may take advantage of the offer of McGill University, Montreal, to extend its course by permitting students to include their first and second year of the art work of McGill at Vancouver, thus enabling students to complete their course at about half cost. A senior matriculation examination in this province, marked out by the Ontario universities, shortened the course of these universities one year only.

Special meetings of the City Council and School Boards took place last evening, at which resolutions were passed requesting the Government to amend the school act so as to admit of the incorporation of High schools and allow their affiliation with any of the universities of Canada, upon which to receive the Government subsidy of \$2,500. Also to amend the university act to locate the university in Vancouver and make provision for examinations, the conferring of degrees, and any necessary expenditures.

The Board of Works are swamped with building applications. The new Highland society held a very successful concert last evening. A juvenile lodge of Good Templars has been organized here, called the Rising Sun Temple, I. O. G. T.

The Vancouver shareholders of the Monarch Cattle Co. have received word that \$1,000,000 of the proposed capital stock has been subscribed.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 8.—The Chil-liwack divorce suit of Sampson vs. Sampson and Larneden, has been set aside on motion by the Supreme court, on the ground of irregularity. A new suit will be entered immediately.

The Westminster Fishing Co. shipped eighteen tons of halibut to Seattle, Portland and San Francisco to-day. Fisheries Guardian Grant left for North Lillooet to-day to raid the Indians and whites who are netting trout wholesale in the stream.

No. 4 Company, Garrison Artillery, has severely punished their roll now and recruits are offering themselves at every parade. The Westminster Presbyterian has passed a resolution to the effect that in view of the gratifying results of a plibicite in the other provinces, the necessary steps be taken to induce the local government to give the doctors of this province an opportunity at the coming elections to vote on the question of prohibition.

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 8.—Fred Jackson, proprietor of the Royal City printing works, was married on Wednesday night at Langley to Miss Maggie Morrison, daughter of Kenneth Morrison. Last evening David Douglas was united in marriage to Miss Georgina Debock, second daughter of Howard L. Debock.

Fisheries Guardian Grant seized two nets on the Lillooet river yesterday, staked right across the stream from shore to shore. The Dairyman's Association held their first regular meeting here this evening, many farmers from the district being present.

Two million white fish eggs have arrived from Selkirk, Man., and are being incubated at the Fraser river hatcheries. The fry will be deposited in the up-country lakes.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, March 8.—The electric light plant is to be greatly improved; in fact, it is understood that a new system will be introduced at a heavy cost. The change is necessitated by the demand for cheaper lighting, which can only be given by lessening the operating expenses. Manager Stickles is now figuring on water power, which he calculates will effect a saving equal to at least 60 per cent. Mr. C. H. Stickles states that the present year will see a large number of electrical improvements instituted in this province. He knows of several pro-

posed installations which call for an outlay of between \$800,000 and \$700,000.

What is termed the Workingman's Platform to the Provincial elections, has been introduced to the Reform club. Its planks number fifteen, and include Woman's Suffrage; purchase of E. & N. B. lands, and the extension of the railroad to Comox district by the Government; that no more land be granted to railroads as a bonus; that no land be granted to any person or corporation free of taxation; increased taxation of unoccupied lands; repeal of mortgage tax; eight-hour day on Government contracts; non-employment of Chinese or Japanese on Government work; that the employment of Chinese or Japanese in any capacity be prohibited in any charter granted by the Government; regulation of underground work; stricter enforcement of the liquor act; Government control of school matters; repeal of the \$200 deposit by legislative candidates; prohibition of imported foreign contract labor.

Walter Beale, a Glens Island rancher, was brought down this afternoon suffering from a severe gun shot wound in the left leg. The accident occurred while out hunting with D. Sylvia. The latter's gun went off accidentally, and the contents lodged in the fleshy part of Beale's leg. Beale will be laid up for several weeks.

NANAIMO, March 8.—The New Vancouver coal company's pay roll this month amounts to close on \$65,000.

NAKUP.

(From the Nakup Ledger.)

During the past week a commendable undertaking has been concluded by Provincial Officer Pauglier, viz.: the enumeration of the inhabitants of Nakup, the result showing a total population of 419 persons. Of these 48 are Italians, 4 Chinese, and 9 colored. There was considerably less than 50 people here one year ago.

KALLO-SLOKAN.

(From the Kallo-Slokan Examiner.)

Buchanan's sawmill was started up this week in order to fill orders for lumber for new buildings. Lumber is now considered a staple and is sold only for cash or short-time paper.

City Engineer Turnbull is at work staking the lot in the burnt district and establishing the grade of Front street, between Third and Fourth.

MUNICIPAL VOTERS.

Changes in the Qualification Provided for in a Bill Laid Before the Legislature.

A bill to amend the Municipal act 1892 and amending act was introduced in the legislature yesterday by Hon. Mr. Davis. This deals with several important subjects, including the procedure for incorporation, the municipal franchise, the duties of mayor or reeve, municipal elections, procedure respecting by-laws, and other matters. The part of most general interest relates to the franchise and is as follows:

6. Section 37 of the "Municipal Act, 1892," as amended by section 7 of the "Municipal act amendment act, 1893," is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:

(37.) After the first municipal election, the following persons shall be entitled to vote for aldermen or for councillors at municipal elections in any ward in which they may be registered as ratepayers:

(a.) In city municipalities, any male or female, being of the full age of twenty-one years, who is assessed for land or improvements or for real property within the municipality;

(b.) In township or district municipalities, any male or female being of the full age of twenty-one years, holding a license for and carrying on business within the ward in which he or she is registered as the holder of a trades license in the municipality, the annual fee for which is not less than five dollars, and who shall have paid for such license for the six calendar months next preceding the first day of January immediately prior to the day of nomination, and who has been a resident of such municipality for at least one year previous to the date upon which the voters' list is finally revised and corrected;

(c.) In the cities of Victoria and Nanaimo, in addition to those qualified under sub-section (a) or (c) of section 37 of this act, any male or female, being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, who has resided and been a householder in the municipality in which he or she is registered as a voter for the six months immediately preceding the first day of November in each year, and who pays in the city of Victoria a rental or rent value as such householder of not less than sixty dollars per annum, in the city of Nanaimo of not less than thirty dollars per annum; Provided, always, that no person shall be entitled to vote under a householder's qualification, as defined in this sub-section (c) of section 37 of this act, nor shall he or she be included in the annual voters' list of a municipality in consequence of such qualification, unless he or she shall, before the first day of December in each year, enter with the assessor or clerk of the municipal council his or her name as a voter, and shall make and personally deliver to the assessor or clerk of the municipal council at the same time a statutory declaration made and subscribed before a judge, magistrate or notary public, in the form and to the effect following:

Section 17 makes similar provision for householders in rural municipalities.

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