

LOCAL NEWS.

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The honorary treasurer of the Royal Jubilee hospital acknowledges the following subscriptions from A. W. Bridgeman for the estate of the late Van Lockers...

George Morphy has moved his law offices from the board of trade building to the Mahon block, on Government street.

The laying of the new paving on Government street will not be commenced until after the holidays. Mayor Morley says that a start could have been made immediately after Christmas...

With 16 holes in her bottom, keel torn away, stem and blades of the propeller and stern post damaged, the fishing schooner Erie has arrived in Seattle from the fishing banks of Southeastern Alaska...

The Bucknall steamship Kazembe is expected in port from the Sound tomorrow to complete loading for New Zealand. The Kazembe has been delayed through the excessive amount of freight...

Last evening the children of the Sunday school of the St. Paul's Presbyterian church were given a supper by the older members of the church in Semple's hall. Tea was served at 6 o'clock and was followed by games and an impromptu programme.

The funeral of the late Edward Caldwell took place Saturday afternoon from the Hanna Chapel. Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted the services and the following acted as pallbearers: John Braden Jr., W. Duncan, W. Sturland, A. J. Brace, Thomas Ashe and John Brown.

The funeral of the late Emily Skinner, who died in Vancouver on the 19th, took place Saturday from the residence of A. C. McPherson, Rockland avenue, and the Roman Catholic cathedral. Rev. Father Gallay conducted the services.

An interesting exhibition of pupils' work was held Saturday at the studio of Miss Ethel Earle, 1441 Port street. There were drawings in charcoal and pencil, consisting of studies from nature and still life, and there were some good examples of the drawings. Calendars and cards, decorated by the pupils for Christmas gifts, were noticeable in the exhibition.

Season tickets for the Kubelk-Homer-Poderewski-Witersonson concerts have been mailed to those members who have paid the subscription. Those who have not yet paid can obtain their season tickets by forwarding cheques to, or calling upon the hon. secretary, Stewart Williams, at his office on Port street. Kubelk is creating a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in New York and other eastern cities.

J. N. Hibben & Co. have issued a pretty and striking souvenir of Victoria. It is placed on sale in the form of a panoramic view of the gateway to the city and a booklet of picture postcards. The former is taken from a point at the entrance to the inner harbor and shows the parliament buildings, the C. P. R. Empress hotel and the postoffice and custom-house. The Princess Victoria is seen lying at her wharf and the Indianapolis appears at the Alaska Steamship Company's dock.

James A. Bland, secretary of the Horticultural Society, has gotten out the prize list for the two shows to be held by the society during the coming year. The third annual rose show will be held on Friday, the 19th of June, and the seventh annual flower show on Wednesday and Thursday, August 12th and 13th. Prize lists can be obtained on application to Mr. Bland.

Big preparations are being made for the celebration of New Year's at the Y. M. C. A. The ladies have the matter of refreshments in hand and they are preparing on a much larger scale than usual. Committees have also been appointed to look after the decorations, the musical entertainment and other features. The six mile Marathon race is being arranged for that day and the runners are training regularly.

Professor E. Burwash, of Columbia college, will lecture next Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. on Egypt. This lecture will be illustrated with about fifty excellent lime light views. He is coming over to Victoria early in the week to visit the recent crater at Christmas Hill, in which he has shown a great deal of interest.

The first of the international Y. M. C. A. series of basketball matches will be played on Christmas Day in the evening. This will be a great event

for the local association and will prove interesting to everyone who likes to see a good game of basketball. The Y. M. C. A. was the team that beat the veteran Regiment team on Saturday and they will doubtless give a good account of themselves on Christmas Day, Vancouver Y. M. C. A. is the visiting team and they will be suitably entertained by the local boys.

A Canadian patent was granted recently through the agency of Rowland Brittan, patent attorney, Vancouver, to A. E. Levis, of Vernon, British Columbia, on an improved swing-tree particularly designed for use in orchards, hop gardens and the like. The invention consists in the particular construction of the ends of the swing-tree whereby the traces are carried round these ends and prevent the projecting end of the swing-tree from injuring the bark of young trees or from catching in the vines of plants under cultivation, as wherever an obstacle projects in the path of the swing-tree end, it is engaged first by the trace which harmlessly pushes it aside and allows the swing-tree to pass. The extreme simplicity and efficiency of the device should recommend its general adoption for orchard ploughs or cultivators.

INCREASES MADE IN THE SALARIES

Male Principals of Schools Are All to Receive the Same Amount.

At a special meeting of the board of school trustees held last night letters from a number of the teachers in the city schools ament the recent salary advances were read. Some expressed thanks, curty, but many more suggested that the increases made were inadequate.

A communication addressed to the board by E. B. Paul, M. A., in which the latter suggested that further increases be made in the case of two lady teachers in the High school, was considered. Principal Paul pointed out that there was a possibility of both teachers resigning if further advances were not made.

Trustee Lewis opposed the granting of further increases. He would be willing, he said, to advance salaries if the board was in a position to do so, but under the circumstances he felt justified in moving that the writer be notified that the board could not make any change. This motion was seconded and carried.

Trustee Riddell, upon the question of principals' salaries being brought up, moved that Messrs. Tait and Winsby, principals of the North Ward and South Park schools respectively, have their salaries increased to \$1,440. Trustee Lewis declared strongly against this advance, saying that Principal Dean's salary had been raised to \$1,500 solely because he had more work to do than the other principals.

Trustee Riddell's motion, however, carried and Trustee Lewis was immediately on his feet. "I move that the salary of Miss Williams, principal of the Girls' Central, be raised to \$1,400 also," he said. "It is a question of making all principals' salaries equal I don't think Miss Williams should be left out."

Mrs. Jenkins suggested, therefore, that the board should deal with the question more seriously. Considering the importance of the subject, she thought that it should be treated with more consideration.

Trustee Lewis withdrew his motion, and the matter was dropped. The resignation of Miss G. MacFarlane, of the South Park school, was accepted with expressions of regret.

To fill two vacancies on the teaching staff Herbert Pringle, a graduate of Queen's University, and J. Van Munster, graduate of the University of Manitoba, were appointed at salaries of \$340 each, their engagements to date from January 1st.

Chairman Jay was authorized, on motion of the board, to sign the contract for the Victoria West school heating plant with J. Tracey, of Vancouver. The cost of the plant will be \$4,125.

Trustee Riddell, chairman of the building and grounds committee, reported that the foundation of the Victoria West school had been completed. William Murray was appointed inspector for the superstructure.

Mrs. Jenkins, for the finance committee, presented accounts totalling \$602.82, which were ordered paid. Mrs. Jenkins also reported that only two accounts remained to be paid and when these were settled there would be a balance on hand of \$21.

Six months' leave of absence was granted to Superintendent Eaton, who has been ill for some time. The motion was made by Mrs. Jenkins, who praised Mr. Eaton's work. It carried unanimously.

MISFITS TO PLAY.

A Team of Old-Timers Will Meet the Victoria Next Week.

One of the most interesting matches of the season will take place on Saturday, December 28th, at the Oak Bay grounds, when the Victoria Misfits will meet the Victoria Misfits, a team composed of many of Victoria's best players of bygone ages, whose team will consist of the following: Back, Helmswell; three quarters, K. Scholfield, R. Schwengers, C. Gamble and R. Wilby; halfbacks, J. Harvey and F. Smith; forwards, J. Gaudin, C. K. Bennett, W. P. Owsen, H. C. Hart, H. C. Hart (captain), Rev. J. Collison, Hamilton and Bray; reserves, J. C. Bridgeman and H. G. Anderson.

The kick-off will take place at 2:30, one of our well-known townsmen, taking the honors. Twenty minutes each way, it is understood, will be sufficient for the Misfits and will decide the victory.

TYEE SMELTER CLOSED DOWN SHORTAGE OF ORE CAUSE OF STOPPAGE

Cessation of Work Only Temporary -Spring Will See Plant Doubled in Capacity

Ladysmith, Dec. 20.—The Christmas at Ladysmith promises to be rather dull from a business point of view. Primarily, of course, the town is a mining camp, dependent for its existence and prosperity upon the mines at Extension. But it has always derived considerable assistance and profit from the neighboring logging camps and smelter industries. The lumber business has now been at a standstill for some weeks and the local shingle mill, operated by the Ladysmith Lumber Company, has also been closed down tight. A large number of men were thus thrown out of employment and a considerable portion of the town's revenue cut off.

This week also the Tyee smelter has temporarily suspended operations. The fires are out, and the great majority of the employees are out of work for an indefinite period. Shortage of ore is the main cause of the stoppage, and this again is directly traceable to the stringency in the American money market. It is thought that the ore will be idle for long; but meanwhile the town is experiencing the effects of the general industrial depression.

Fortunately the mines are working steady; and both the smelter and lumber companies are making ready for the coming spring. The lumber company is taking advantage of the mill being closed to increase the capacity of its drying kilns. Mr. D. Nicholson, a local contractor, is busy now with the erection of another kiln which will almost double the storage capacity of the mill, from which it may be readily inferred that the company is anticipating another prosperous period of trade.

Even greater improvements are in progress at the smelter. The trestle from the new ore bunkers erected by abandoning the old one is now practically finished. The wharf has yet to be built out into the bay, but at present it is impossible to proceed with this owing to the fact that piles cannot be driven into the soft mud and part of the machinery required ready to be put in. The new bunkers are practically completed, and the ground has been cleared and graded for the present coke dump for the erection of a second set of hoisting engines, by which the cars are to be hauled from the slip, along the wharf and up the trestle to the bunkers.

Municipal politics are now looming up large. There are three men already in the field for mayor, and there is a good deal of talk of a fourth man. Who the fourth man will be has not yet been announced. The Property Owners' Association has not yet met up his mind, although he thinks it improbable that he will be in the field.

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The death occurred on Saturday of Miss Cora Gertrude John, in South Saanich. The deceased was 20 years of age. She was the daughter of the late R. F. John and was a native of the Saanich district. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon from the family residence, 3040 Saanich, to Shady Creek cemetery.

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There is to be a wedding in the Anglican church here on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, when J. Ganner Jacobson and Miss Susie Morgan are to be married. Both the young people are well known in town.

Rev. Mr. Heath went down to Victoria on Wednesday, returning the next day.

Mrs. Watson paid a visit to Victoria during the week.

Mrs. S. Weaving and daughter went up to Nanaimo on Wednesday, returning on Thursday.

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Those Who Are Expected to Be in the Field for Various Offices.

The names of C. E. Redfern and Charles Hayward are still being spoken of, but Mr. Redfern says he is too busy to think about the matter, and Mr. Hayward has not yet made up his mind, although he thinks it improbable that he will be in the field.

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QUESTION OF INDIAN RESERVES

to deal with any other reserve in the province of British Columbia. However, there have been negotiations between the two governments looking to the respective rights of the Indians and the province in these lands. This government has agreed or suggested that the British Columbia government should join issue with us and have this question tried and finally settled. The Dominion government recognizes that it is not to the advantage of the Dominion that these fertile valleys in British Columbia should be held in the hands of people who do not use them. At the same time, as guardian of the Indians, it is not for us to undertake to displace them, nor is it for us to trespass in any way on the rights of British Columbia. So we hope that with the concurrence of the province we will have it tried before the courts; the Dominion will have to act for the Indians, not in any spirit of hostility to British Columbia, but merely in discharging the responsibility placed on us to guard the interests of the Indians. The matter will be tried in due time, and when a decision has been rendered it will be possible to deal with the reserves in a more businesslike way than in the past.

Mr. Fowler advised the two governments to get together in a friendly way and deal with the question on a business basis. Let the lands go to the public tender and sale, and the proceeds divided, a portion going to buy out the reversionary interest of the province and the balance to the Indians.

"I would suggest," said Duncan Ross, "that as this government has secured 3,500,000 acres in some of the best valleys and 6,500,000 acres in the railway belt in British Columbia, the minister ought to make an offer to bargain with the provincial government and to exchange a portion of this land taken from the province for the reversionary interest in the Indian reserves. If the province should abandon its reversionary interest in the Indian reserves, these lands should be dealt with by the department just as in other parts of the Dominion. To-day, of the whole Smitka-men valley, one of the richest in the Dominion, only half is open to cultivation. There is room there for from 100,000 to 200,000 families growing fruit. It is absolutely impossible, under present conditions, to have anything done with it. The Indians quite properly say: We do not want to do anything; if we abandon our right to the reserve, any money to which we are entitled, we will get prompt action by giving the provincial exchequer, not into our pockets at all, so why should we abandon our right? Thus it is practically impossible to do anything while you have what is to all intents and purposes dual authority over the lands of the Indians. I would throw out the suggestion to the minister that if we could get prompt action by giving the province of British Columbia a quid pro quo for its reversionary interests in the shape of lands, and you have plenty of land in the province of British Columbia, owned by this government, it would be an easy and satisfactory method of settling the difficulty."

Mr. Oliver—I only want to say a word as to the suggestion that we ought to be able to arrive at a satisfactory and amicable solution of this difficulty by agreement with the province of British Columbia. There was a time when we hoped to be able to do that. But, in view of what seems to me, the very extraordinary attitude taken by the province in this matter—that is, its view that whatever the Indians do to release any portions of that land that act thereby transfers that land to the ownership of the province—as long as the province maintains that attitude we have nothing to negotiate; we are not in a position to make any bargain in regard to anything. We believe that that is not warranted under the law, and, believing that, and being guardians of the Indians, we are not able to accept it. But, should it be decided by the Privy Council that the contentions of the province is right, of course we should accept it, and we should then be in a position to negotiate with the province, acknowledging that the land was theirs.

Mr. Oliver—There are any question as to the reversionary right of the province, say in case of abandonment of the land by the Indians? Is not that settled by the courts?

Mr. Oliver—I suppose the province had the reversionary right after the Indians where it was a case of the extinction of the tribe or abandonment. But, if, as has been pointed out, this is not a case of the extinction of the tribe, the matter ought to be finally settled by the courts.

city, passed away at the Old Men's Home this morning. He was a shipcarpenter by trade, and worked at the different local shipyards. He was a native of Portsmouth, Eng., and has been removed to Smith's undertaking parlors, 35 Yates street, and the funeral will be announced later.

Rev. T. E. Holling will likely succeed Rev. G. K. B. Adams at the Metropolitan Methodist church after his co-adjutor next spring. Mr. Adams will take Mr. Hilling's place at Young Church, Winnipeg. An invitation has been extended to Rev. Mr. Hilling and accepted by him, while the congregation of Young Church, Winnipeg, has invited Rev. Mr. Adams.

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