LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Thursday's Evening Times.

Empress of India Coming.

The Empress of India is expected here on Monday or Tuesday next from Yokohama. She has nearly a full list of saloon passengers aboard, there being 110 in all. She has as well come Chinamen, and in her carge of freight is E,500 tons of tea. Silk and miscellaneous freight make up the rest of her cargo. The passengers include a number of people on their way to Chicag6.

Are They After Reams?

Sergt. Langley and Constable McNeill, of the provincial police, left Victoria in the naphtha launch last night. They did not say where they were going, but rumor has it that they are after Reams. Chief of Provincial Police Hussey had a notice over the door of his room, "Gone to the mainland." The fact of the absence of three of the members of the department at one time has led to the public jumping at the conclusion that Reams is the game.

H. M. S. Pheasant Coming.

A dispatch from San Diego says: "The British gunboat Pheasant arrived from the South this morning and is anchored in the stream. She left Acapulco on July 7 and called at Magdalena Bay. She will take on coal and other supplies here, remaining two days, and sailing then direct to Esquimalt, where she is due about July 28. The Pheasant left Esquimalt last May and has been cruising in Southern waters, going as far south as Coquimbo."

Refused a Landing.

The steamer Danube returned this morning from Portland ith 50 of the 85 Chinamen she took over with her, only 35 of the Chinamen being allowed to land, the other 50 having fraudulent certificates. They will be taken back to Vancouver for deportation to China. The Danube also brought over 745 tons of freight. There was 600 tons of flour for shipment to China and Japan by the C. P. R. The rest was composed of general merchandise for Victoria merchants.

Back From the East.

Willis Dean, of the firm of Dean & Cryderman, returned last night from a visit to the east. While away he visited his old home, Port Hope, spent 15 days at Chicago and visited several of the other larger cities of the east. Said he this morning: "Everybody who can get the chance should see the World's Fair. It is wonderful. There are marvels everywhere but the one great feature is the immensity of it. There have been miles of articles in the papers about it but they have not given anyone a correct idea of it. It must be seen."

Schooner Earle Returns.

The sailing schooner Walter H. Earle, Capt. Magneson, arrived from the north last evening and is at anchor in the harbor. She brought back 2,252 skins, of which number 1,532 were taken by herself. The remaining 720 were from the Fawn and were transferred on July 4th, 40 miles south of the Shumagon islands. The Fawn was then on her way to the Russian side. Capt. Magneson had little information not already reported here. On April 28th the Earle picked up a hunter and boat's crew from the Annie E. Paint. The three men had been in the boats for 50 hours and had subsisted on biscuits. The weather was fair except during one night, when a piercing cold wind blew and they almost perished.

STRUCK BY A CAR.

Mr. Coigdarippe Thrown From His Wagon, Receiving Serious Injuries.

The Pandora avenue street car this morning ran into a cart driven by Mr. Coigdarippe, that gentleman being thrown out and severely injured. Mr. Coigdarippe was crossing the street just below the First Presbyterian church when the car struck the wagon and threw it from the track across the sidewalk ten feet. The cart was lifted a couple of feet and the driver thrown over the side of the cart against the fence, receiving a very ugly cut in the temple. When he fell his head went between the spokes of the wheel, and if the horse had not been caught immediately Mr. Coigdarippe must have been killed. The injured man was carried into a neighboring house, where he was attended by Dr. Duncan. The patient fainted several times during the operation of dressing the wound.

Persons who were present when the accident occurred say the car was running at a terrific rate and that the motorman was unable to stop it, although he put on the brakes, until it had gone thirty or forty yards. There is a slight grade all the way down Pandora avenue and the car always runs very fast. Yesterday a similar accident was narrowly averted at the corner of Blanchard and Pandora avenues, the driver of the vehicle being a lady.

The Blarney Stone Undisturbed.

London, July 17.—Not satisfied with his forcible declaration that no part of the real Blarney stone had been removed to the World's Fair at Chicago, and that the stone remains intact and will not be disturbed, it is stated that Sir George Colthurst, the present owner of Blarney Castle, proposes to send a delegate across the water for the purpose of placing his protest clearly, fairly and squarely before the Irish residents of that city, and the visitors to the fair. It is also stated that Sir George has addressed a strong letter on the subject to Lady Aberdeen, under whose auspices Blarney Castle was erected.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. Justice Walkem made an order in Chambers that the plaintiff in Mohun vs. the corporation of the City of Victoria deliver a statement of claim, the endorsement on the writ not being a special endorsement. The costs will be costs in the cause.

In the Cariboo election case, on an application by the respondent, Hugh Watt, to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed for want of prosecution. Mr. Justice Walkem made an order refusing the application as notice of the withdrawal of the petition is pending, but the costs of the application are to be the respondent's in any event, as the said notice was not served on him.

On the application of J. H. Brownlee an order was made authorizing the registrar-general of titles to correct map 402 C of part of the Mount Tolmie estate, being a subdivision of sections 39 and 40, Victoria district, by changing the numbers of lots as follows: 275 to 273 and 473 to 475.

The plaintiffs in the H. B. Co. vs. Kearns & Rowling were ordered to deliver a statement of claim within one week.

The chief justice and Mr. Justice Walkem sat as a Divisional Court to hear an appeal from an order made by Mr. Justice Crease in Urquhart vs. the Union S. S. Co., McLelland and Thomas Earle. W. J. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff-appellant and E. V. Bodwell for the defendant Thomas Earle, the steamship company not appearing. The trouble arose out of the seizure of the Coquitlam by the U. S. authorities. At the time of seizure she had on board skins belonging to the charterers and also 150 skins belonging to Capt. Urquhart. Mr. Earle redeemed all the skins, including the 150, by giving bonds in $10 a skin. The owners of the Coquitlam would not deliver the skins until the freight was paid, and Mr. Earle was obliged to pay freight on Capt. Urquhart's skins. In the meantime the captain brought action against the steamship company and caused to be issued a writ of replevin directed to the sheriff to replevy his 150 sealskins. The sheriff did replevy on the captain giving bonds to the steamship company to prosecute the action with vigor. Mr. Earle was, on his own application, made party defendant by an order made by Mr. Justice Drake on Oct. 13th, and shortly afterwards Capt. Urquhart settled with the steamship company, and his bond was returned to him and cancelled. On July 4th Mr. Justice Crease made an order that the plaintiff deliver a statement of claim against Earle within five days or in default that the action be dismissed and a further order that the sheriff assign to Earle the replevin bonds made in favor of the steamship company. From this order an appeal was taken and to-day the court allowed the appeal with costs, dismissed the original action without costs and discharged the balance of the order appealed from in so far as it affected Earle, without prejudice, however, to any steps that Earle might be advised to take in order to prosecute his claim against Urquhart.

To-morrow the Full Court will hear the appeals of Cowan vs. McPherson and Adams vs. the Tramway Co.

LITTLE NUGGETS.

(Victoria Single Tax.)

There is likely to be less street work, because the wealthy could not afford to pay taxation in the same proportion as the workers.

It will be interesting to see how the city council will make up the deficit caused by the reduction in favor of the rich.

Hurrah for the Australian steamships! They will bring trade. Let us subsidize them, and when the trade is developing let us raise the tariff to keep foreign competition out.

Tax lots according to their value and lots become cheaper, but tax potatoes raised on lots and potatoes become dearer. Isn't that funny? Tax lots and acres according to value and wages go up; tax the things that grow on lots and acres and wages go down. Isn't that funnier?

Hundreds of land seekers have lately visited British Columbia in search of farm land, only to find that all land worth having is taken up by some monied speculator, who, while not using it, is only wiling to sell at such a price as to make it useless for a settler. Those rich men who bring their money here for investment in land and hold it for a rise are the curse of British Columbia as of every other country. The only way to deal with them is to tax them out of existence.

A Baking Powder of Known Purity and Surpassing Excellence

Dr. Price's

Cream Baking Powder.

Many marvel at its rapid strides in popularity. The cause is its marked superiority over every other leavening agent.

It is a pure Cream of Tartar Powder.

Works quickly.

Makes the finest flavored, most delicious and wholesome food,

Whitest flaky biscuit,

Lightest and finest griddle cakes and

Pastry and cake that remain moist and sweet.

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL

Standing Committees Appointed by the President.

NUMEROUS COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A New Invention by Which Salmon Offal Can be Converted Into a Good Fertilizer—Mr. Hosmer on Victoria's Telegraph Service.

The first meeting of the new council of the British Columbia Board of Trade was held this morning, President Flumerfelt in the chair. There were present Messrs. C. E. Renouf, A. B. Gray, Gus Leiser, T. B. Hall, H. F. Heisterman, T. Futcher, E. B. Marvin, H. E. Connon, F. H. Worlock, A. L. Belyea and R. Ward. The president presented his oath of office.

A letter from the Mackenzie centenary committee, inviting the board to attend the meeting this evening, was read and accepted.

Mr. Hosmer, superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraph service, wrote relative to Victoria's telegraph service. The Victoria people, he considers, have no grounds for complaint. Received and filed.

H. C. Beeton, in a communication, addressed the board at some length in reference to an invention in the direction of solving the problem of the disposal of offal at the salmon canneries. By the invention the offal is converted into a good fertilizer. Long reports from chemists accompanied the letter, which was ordered to be acknowledged and referred to the fisheries committee.

Minister Bowell acknowledged the receipt of the board's resolution relative to trade with Australia. Received and filed. In reference to the same question, Thomas Earle, M. P., wrote stating that he would use his best endeavors to carry out the wishes of the board. The Winnipeg and St. John, N. B., boards of trade who had been requested to co-operate with the British Columbia board in their endeavor to foster trade between the two countries, wrote for further particulars. The request will be complied with.

The Mission Board of Trade wrote for information re the wool trade. Referred to Jas. R. Anderson of the department of agriculture.

The thanks of the board will be conveyed to Capt. Devereaux of the dry dock and John Jessop for information furnished for the annual report.

An interesting budget containing references to matters considered by the London Chamber of Commerce was received. The subjects referred to were: Establishment of boards of arbitration and conciliation; bills of lading reform, and commercial education. A long discussion on the education system of the province followed the reading of the report. The matter will be further considered.

The secretary was requested to acknowledge the receipt of the budget, ask for further copies of the documents and forward to the chamber copies of all the acts relating to arbitration passed by the legislature at its last session.

A communication re the manufacture of cement was referred to a special committee.

The letter from Bradstreets agent pointing out the necessity of an act requiring the registration of partnerships was referred to the attorney-general with the request that he consider the desirability of introducing a similar law to the one in force in Ontario.

The president appointed the following standing committees:

Fisheries—Robt. Ward, J. H. Todd, M. T. Johnston, Capt. J. G. Cox and Hon. J. H. Turner.

Manufactures—F. J. Claxton, Jas. Hutcheson, G. Leiser, D. R. Kerr and William Templeman.

Harbors and Navigation—R. P. Rithet, Captain John Irving, Thos. R. Smith, Thos. B. Hall and H. E. Connon.

Public Works and Railways—A. L. Belyea, A. B. Gray, W. H. Ellis, E. B. Marvin and Jos. Hunter, M.P.P.

Finance—F. H. Worlock, A. J. C. Galletly and H. F. Heisterman.

Statistics—C. E. Renouf, F. J. Claxton and Robt. Irving, jr.

Mining and Property—Major C. T. Dupont, H. Croft and Joshua Davies.

The annual report was referred to a special committee composed of Messrs. T. B. Hall, A. B. Gray, A. L. Belyea and C. E. Renouf. They will revise it and arrange for its publication.

Mr. Futcher directed the attention of the board to the communication forwarded by the postmaster-general requesting that mails be forwarded by the N.P.R. S.S. Co. to and from China and Japan. He pointed out the loss of time and inconvenience caused by consignees having goods shipped by the N.P.R. being unable to receive invoices until the arrival of the C.P.R. boats. Another letter will by addressed to the postmaster-general on the question.

Dublin Stout on the Mount of Olives.

It is with something like a feeling of horror that one reads that part of the way to the Mount of Olives is disfigured with advertisements of Dublin stout, and that bands play dance music on Sundays in the Garden of Gethsemane. Whose stout can this be? The advertisements must have been put up by some enterprising Mohammedan caterer, and the Sunday music is probably also a catchpenny attraction. But is it possible that any Christian visiting these sacred places could allow himself to patronize this purveyor of Dublin porter or this musical tout? The tourist has sometimes sunk low enough in his ignorance and unsympathetic irreverence, but surely he has not sunk so low as to countenance such desecration of two of the most sacred places on the earth.

Lady Brooke.

Lady Brooke is a far more beautiful woman than her photographs make her appear. Her friends say that they have never yet seen a portrait that did her justice. With her wealth of chestnut brown hair, her violet blue eyes and her exquisite complexion she has always seemed the perfection of fresh, delicate and lily-like English loveliness. In one thing, however, she is entirely un-English, and that is in her taste for dress.

There are few women in London whose toilets are more perfect in every way and more in harmony with their wearer than those of Lady Brooke. She is one of the best whips in England and drives a four-in-hand, handling the ribbons in a delightful manner. She also rides to the hounds, her well-made pink habit being one of the most striking objects in the Essex hunting-field. A model hostess, she is never seen to better advantage than when ministering to the comforts of her guests in her Louis Quatorze drawing-room, where she keeps so many of her wedding presents. She has transformed the schoolroom of her childhood into a Queen Anne boudoir, and Eastern Lodge is as regards furniture, appointments and equipments of every kind, one of the most perfect country houses in England.—New York Tribune.

A Costly Watch.

Sir R. Jardine, whose horse, "Riversdale," won the Manchester Cup in 1886, owns the most valuable watch and chain in the world. The chain and watch to which it is attached cost £2400. On one of the inner cases of the watch is a representation in enamel of the horse in question. The watch gives the time of day—by seconds and sections of seconds; and it is presumably intended to go on for ever without correction. Its great cost, however, is due more to outward adornment than to its intricate and complete internal machinery, and several huge diamonds were used in its ornamentation.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Matters of Interest Going Forward in the Sporting World.

THE TURF.

ROAD RECORD BROKEN.

Erie, Pa., July 19.—Hon. John M. Reed's brown road team, Lunate and Evangeline, broke the road record this morning. The race was for a wager of $2000, the distance, from Gerard, Pa., to Mr. Reed's barn in this city, 16 1-2 miles, and the time allowed was 55 minutes. The team left Gerard at 5:30, starting from a standstill with a 100 pound sulky and Ed. Bernard, Budd Doble's assistant trainer for several years, handling the reins. The distance was covered in 49 1-2 minutes. The road was rough and full of sand holes, and one of the hills was a mile and a half long, with a grade of 20 degrees. Lunate is by King; he by George Wilkes, dam by Norman M. Evangeline is by Elevator, he by Hambleton, dam by Vallive, a son of Mambrina Patchen. The team was quite fresh when it came in, and showed no signs of distress. This record beats the Boston 20 mile track record, which was 58 minutes.

AQUATIC.

SATURDAY'S CRUISE.

About 50 ladies and twice as many gentlemen will take part in the cruise of the Victoria yacht and canoeing clubs on Saturday. There will be about a dozen yachts and a steamer in the company to render assistance to the canoes in case of any accident. The only place where there is any danger is off Albert Head. If it be found that the tide is running very swiftly at that place the members of the party will board the steamer and be towed to Peddar Bay, where the party will camp until Sunday afternoon. Every member who can spare the time should be present. There is good salmon fishing in the bay and trout fishing at Matheson lake, two miles from the bay.

YACHTING.

DUBLIN RACES.

Dublin, July 19.—The regatta of the Royal Irish Yacht club, of which Lord Ormonde is commodore, took place to-day on a course covering fifty miles off Kingstown. There was a strong southwest wind blowing and the racers had a good opportunity to show their weather qualities. Among the yachts that took part in the contest for the Queen's cup, were the Prince of Wales' Britannia, P. Donaldson's Calluna, and A. D. Clarke's Satanita. The cup was won by the Satanita, which came in two minutes and forty-three seconds ahead of the Britannia, which was second. The mainsail of the Calluna fell during the race, presumably through the breaking of the halyards, and this put her out of the contest.

YESTERDAY'S RACE.

The postponed race of the Victoria yacht club took place yesterday. The time was: Scud, at 7:19.7; Petrel, 7:22.12; Victoria, 7:22.21. The Victoria having a time allowance of 44 seconds was declared winner.

THE MARKETS.

A Short Summary Covering Articles Produced by the Farmer.

The only changes in the markets this week of any importance are confined to general reductions in fruits. Trade is very fair all things considered. Here are the retail prices:

Salem	5 75
Ogilvie's (Hungarian)	6 00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6 00
Premier	6 00
Three Star	5 75
Victoria	5 75
Lion	5 75
Royal	6 00
Wheat, per ton	30 00@40 00
Oats, per ton	32 50@35 00
Barley, per ton	32 00@35 00
Middlings, per to	32 00@35 00
Bran, per ton	27 00@30 00
Ground Feed, per ton	30 00@35 00
Corn, whole	45 00
" cracked	50 00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	40
Oatmeal, per 10 lb	50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
New Potatoes, per bag	2 00
Cabbage	3@3 1-2
Cauliflowers, per doz	1 50
Asparugus	10@12 1-2
Green Peas, per lb	8@10
Hay, baled, per ton	18 00@20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00
Onions, per lb	4
Eggs, Island, per dozen	25@30
Butter, Island roll, (2 lbs)	50@65
" Creamery, per 3 lbs	1 00
Cheese, Canadian, per lb, retail	20
" American, per lb	20@25
Hams, American, per lb	20@25
" Canadian, per lb	17@22
Bacon, American, per lb	20@25
" Rolled, per lb	18
" Long clear, per lb	17
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard, per lb	18@25
Golden Cottolene, per lb	20
Meats—Beef, per lb	10@18
Sides, per lb	9@11
Mutton, per lb	12@20
Pork, fresh, per lb	12@18
Chickens, per pair	1 75@2 00
Turkeys, per lb	30
Geese, per lb	25
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	10@12
Salmon (Smoked), per lb	8@10
Halibut	10@12
Cod, per lb	8@10
" (Nfd), per lb	12 1-2
Small fish	5@8
Smelts, per lb	10@12
Sturgeon, per lb	7@8
Herring (Labrador), per doz	50
" (smoked) "	50
Fruits—Apples, per lb	7@10
Oranges (Navel), per doz	50@75
" (Riverside), per doz	25@30
" (Australian)	25@30
Lemons, California, per doz	35@40
" (Australian)	25@30
" Sicily, per doz	40@50
Bananas, per doz	40@50
" (Australian)	15@20
Rhubarb, per lb	05
Cherries, per lb	8@10
Strawberries, per lb	10
Apricots, per lb	10@12
Gooseberries, per lb	5@10
Tomatoes, per lb	12 1-2@15
Peaches, per lb	15@20
Pears, per lb	12 1-2
Currants (red) per lb	12 1-2
Pine apples, apiece	25@50
Plums, per lb	10@12
Water melons	40@75
Currants, per pound	8@10
Peaches, per pound	15@20
Tomatoes, per pound	12 1-2
Pears, per lb	12 1-2
Apricots, per pound	10@12
Strawberries, per pound	10

The steamship Victoria, Captain Panton, will leave on Saturday for Yokohama.

PITIES THE CAMEL.

Ald. Styles Likens That Burdened Beast to the Victoria Taxpayer

WHO IS TAXED NEARLY TWO PER CENT

Assessment By-Law Passed the Council—Auditor's Half Yearly Report—The Bonus and Exemption Taken Away from the V., S. & N. W. Railway.

The subject of city taxation occupied most of the time of the city council last night. Before the assessment by-law was presented City Clerk Dowler read the revenue and expenditure returns for the months ending June 30th last.

REVENUE.

Balance on hand January 1	$ 1,438 70
Market fees	1,058 95
Provisional Government	314 42
Land and Improvement tax	3,153 35
Water rates	25,361 33
Trades licenses	10,802 35
Liquor licenses	13,235 00
Revenue tax	7,836 00
Fire Insurance tax	3,625 00
Police court fines and fees	1,922 00
Road tax	2,618 00
Cemetery fees	1,603 25
Dog tax	302 00
Pound fees	266 75
Miscellaneous receipts	1,011 82
Total	$74,584 92

EXPENDITURE.

City debt	$ 35,688 29
Municipal Council	2,799 97
Civic Salaries	38,109 25
City Institutions (maintenance)	16,916 92
Buildings and surveys	7,594 15
Streets, bridges and sidewalks	12,155 09
Miscellaneous	11,693 03
Education	12,252 17
Board of Health	36,910 21
Total	$174,119 38

The assessment by-law was then introduced.

Sec. 1 provided for the levying of 13 mills on the dollar upon all land.

Sec. 2 placed the assessment upon improvements at 12 mills.

Sec. 3 created a special assessment of six mills on the dollar for board of health purposes, the assessment to be levied on land.

Sec. 4 gave a one-sixth reduction to persons paying taxes before Oct. 31st.

Sec. 5 provided that 7 per cent. be paid on overdue taxes.

Ald. Baker thought the taxes were too high. The people were overtaxed, and this in times of depression. The taxes should be cut down.

Ald. Styles objected to levying a 2 per cent. tax on property, saying times were too bad. He urged that the estimates be cut down. The assessment was levied on boom valuation. Half of the property was vacant and half the workmen of the city out of employment.

Ald. McKillican said it would only be 1 1-2 per cent. when the 6 per cent. reduction was off. Victoria was taxed lower than Vancouver or Westminster, or even the Sound cities. If the people wanted improvements they would have to pay for them.

Ald. Styles reminded the council that the sixth reduction had nothing to do with the matter. That reduction was a matter of course.

Ald. Miller did not think the levy was sufficient to supply the civic requirements for the current year.

Mayor Beaven said the auditor had figured the assessment out and this was the result of the figures.

Ald. Henderson advocated levying a tax of 1 1-2 per cent. on land and a special rate for the deficiency.

Ald. Belyea asked the assessed valuations.

Mayor Beaven answered $15,000,000 on land and $3,500,000 on improvements.

Ald. Bragg wanted two mills taken off improvements and placed on land values, and moved accordingly.

Mayor Beaven said this was an erroneous principle and would work out wrong.

Ald. Belyea said the effect of Ald. Bragg's resolution would give the council $32,000 more than required.

Ald. Bragg—Strike out the extra assessment.

Ald. Belyea thought the auditor's figures should be left as they were.

Mayor Beaven said there were bylaws which imposed taxes on improvements and this could not be avoided.

Ald. Miller said the exemption of improvements was an unjust one. It was detrimental to the workingman. A rich man could sink his wealth in a big building and not pay for it.

Ald. Bragg differed from Ald. Miller. The exemption of improvements was a great thing for the workingman.

Ald. Munn said there were other sources of revenue that were heaping taxes on land.

Ald. Henderson—What sources?

Ald. Munn—Liquor licenses. Vancouver taxed liquor men higher than Victoria.

Ald. McKillican—I moved in that direction and there was not a seconder around the board.

Ald. Belyea—Improvements should pay full share. The police and fire departments were not kept up for land.

Ald. Henderson seconded Ald. Bragg's motion

Mayor Beaven—I would like to see the assessment lower, but if the obligations of the city were to be met the assessment could not be changed. They were as low as possible.

Ald. Styles wanted the $64,000 for the board of health for one year cut down. It had never before been heard of in Victoria.

Ald. Belyea said Ald. Styles knew all about this matter when the estimates went through committee of the whole, and Ald. Styles did not raise his voice against it.

Ald. Styles—That shows that your memory is out.

Ald. Belyea, continuing, said Ald. Styles was talking to the gallery. The sooner the citizens knew what the civic institutions cost the better.

Ald. Munn asked why it should all fall on improvements?

Mayor Beaven explained that according to the statutes the assessment had to be on either land or improvements.

Ald. Belyea—What is the question?

Mayor Beaven—Shall sec. 1 pass.

Ald. Henderson—What about the amendment?

Mayor Beaven—That will upset the estimates.

Ald. Henderson—I do not see that this should be all cut and dried. We have a right to alter.

Ald. Styles—This is exorbitant taxation, but since we have to pay it it does not matter how. If I take 50 cents out of one pocket and 50 cents out of the other it would be the same as giving $1 out of another.

Ald. Belyea was not in favor of increase of taxation or the levying of a special rate.

Ald. Bragg's amendment was lost and the first section was carried.

Ald. Bragg had an amendment to decrease the tax on improvements from 12 to 10. Lost.

The motion to increase to 15, made by Ald. Munn and seconded by Ald. Belyea, was also voted down.

When sec. 3 came up Ald. Bragg asked why they wanted $64,000.

Ald. Baker thought it too much.

Ald. Styles wanted a reduction.

The section carried, Ald. McKillican voting aye, and Ald. Baker, Munn and Styles nay. Ald. Belyea, Henderson and Miller not voting were counted in the affirmative.

Ald. Styles asked why add another straw to that already overburdened camel—the taxpayer. A month was a great deal to many a man.

Mayor Beaven—The statute says so.

Ald. Styles—It is a bad statute. You will crush Victoria before she raises her head again.

The section was passed.

Ald. Styles said the next section was another straw for the camel, but it passed despite the alderman's protest.

The remaining sections passed the committee reported and the by-law was passed through its final stage.

Ald. Belyea's resolution approving of the change of line of the Sidney & Victoria railway within the city limits was brought up.

The resolution passed, the aldermen having examined the changed location.

Ald. Styles called attention to the prevalency of thistles in the park. He said the park keeper should have help.

Ald. Baker said thistles were cut for no purpose. The government never cut their thistles.

A question was asked had the directors of the Victoria, Saanich & New Westminster railway met the committee of the council.

Ald. Belyea as chairman of the committee stated that Mr. De Cosmos, president of the railway company, had refused to meet the committee.

The committee was appointed as a sequence of a resolution of Ald. Munn withdrawing the aid of $20,000 from the railway as guaranteed interest on bonds.

Ald Munn moved, seconded by Ald. Belyea, that the bonus be withdrawn and exemption from taxation and free water disallowed.

Ald. Munn said that nothwithstanding these large bonuses the company had not gone on with the work and another company had practically covered the same ground.

Other communications were about to be read when several of the aldermen cried out "adjourn." The council adjourned at 10:45.

THE NAVAL BATTLE.

Pirate Alexandria Was in Hakodate on June 25th far From Behring Sea.

A large amount of circumstantial evidence tending to prove the Mohican-Alexandia incident a hoax is being collected constantly. Last evening's mail brought the little seven-year-old Miss McLean, daughter of Alexander McLean, that pirate who disabled the Mohican, a letter from her father written in Hakodate on June 25, the very day he gave battle to the flagship Mohican. The letter tells her he is not even going to the Russian coast, but will return home when the season is over in Japan. He expects to be in San Francisco on or before August 5th. Mrs. McLean, who lives on Chatham street, has never believed the story since it first appeared. She met with quite an accident last evening while driving, being thrown from a buggy and being trampled on by the horse. She will be laid up for some little time.

The letter to Miss McLean does not give any sealing news. One to Mrs. McLean is mentioned in it but as yet that letter has not been received.

Tailors Object to Cutting.

The union tailors of the city have declined to accept 20 per cent. reduction in wages and the entire force at the store of George S. Jackson has struck. The men at the two other union shops in the city, Gregg & Sons and Leask & Co., are still in as their week has not terminated. With the latter Saturday is pay day while at Mr. Jackson's Wednesday is the day of settlement. Notice of the proposed reduction was served on the men several days ago, and it was very unfavorably received. Efforts to compromise the matter in some way followed but they did not succeed. The union men will have a meeting to-night when some definite action will be taken. There are still hopes that the matter can be patched up in some way.

—A Raymond-Whitcomb excursion party, including 63 ladies and gentlemen, will arrive here this evening on the Premier. Charles R. Harding is in charge of the party. The excursionists came over the C. P. R., stopping at Banff, and leave on the Queen for Alaska.

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