

The people of this city will surely feel indebted to the Colonist for its efforts to make plain the fact that Mr. Earle and Col. Prior were not only consenting parties to the "settlement" whereby the postoffice men were robbed of \$10, but that they actually proposed the arrangement. Here is the statement it offered yesterday on this subject:

"They (the Dominion government) were, however, asked to admit that the postoffice clerks acted under great provocation, and that taking the circumstances into consideration the interest of the public service would be fully served by withholding the provisional extra allowance simply for the one month during which the serious interruption of the postal operations occurred."

Messrs. Earle and Prior and the government's journalistic admirer may regard this theft of \$10 from each of the men as a good, honest and just settlement of the difficulty, but they will surely find that the great majority of the people of Victoria do not agree with them. For evidence they need search no further than the resolution unanimously passed at the meeting in the city hall, which reads as follows:

"Resolved, that this large and representative gathering of all classes of the citizens of Victoria, irrespective of political leanings, emphatically and indignantly protest against the unjust treatment meted out to the meagrely paid employees of the postoffice department in this city, and demand that they be reinstated and that the salary, with the provisional allowance, be promptly paid."

Let the citizens compare what has been done with what they requested and then plainly declare whether they are satisfied with this infliction of the petty fine of \$10. Of course they will recollect quite clearly that the "serious interruption" was due to the action of the department, not to the men, who resumed their duties at the suggestion of the board of trade after an interruption of only one day. For the further enlightenment of the public we reproduce the following letter from the postmaster general, which Senator Macdonald has published in the Colonist:

Ottawa, Dec. 14, 1894.

Dear Senator Macdonald—I must thank you very much for your letter about the postmen, which I consider a friendly act on your part. The difficulty is not a question of money at all. Before I left for England our lamented leader, Sir John Thompson, and myself took up the matter, and fully agreed as to the course to be adopted. There was some delay in carrying out the matter, owing to my absence in England, but before it was carried out, without any possible reason, and in opposition to all rules known and expected for the good administration of any department, the clerks and letter carriers went on strike. If we permitted that kind of thing it would be impossible to administer any department. Upon hearing of the strike I placed the offenders under suspension. The members interested telegraphed, and, as a matter of grace, I re-instated them, although of opinion that they should be dismissed. I look on the offence as a very grave one and will not delay in replying to your letter until the new arrangements are made you will understand nothing can be done until the new administration is completed. Yours very truly,

ADOLPHE CARON.

This letter needs only to be read to have its worth appreciated. "Some defence in carrying out the matter" is particularly good, and "as a matter of grace I re-instated them" is even richer. The offence is "a very grave one" as we might judge from the fact that it has now been decided to punish it by the infliction of a fine of \$10. We trust every citizen of Victoria will peruse Caron's letter and look into the position which Messrs. Earle and Prior occupy, as described by the faithful Colonist.

THE CITIZENS' DUTY.

That the representatives of this city in the legislature may be under no misapprehension regarding the depth and the extent of the opposition to the Davie disfranchising scheme we strongly urge the citizens to mass at the city hall to-morrow night and present a united front to the outrageous attack upon their liberties. Unless the people have the courage and the manliness to defend their rights and resent to the last any attack upon their freedom, the privileges of citizenship will not only be threatened but will suffer irreparable injury. Mr. Davie's proposed legislation is highly dangerous to the vitality of our municipal institutions, and, if successful, will form a precedent for invasions still more impudent and dangerous. This encroachment should be fiercely resisted at the threshold and the complete withdrawal of the bill should be imperatively demanded. The object of the measure is so clear and unequivocal that no argument is required to illustrate its intolerable character. It will disfranchise at a single blow every elector who is not an owner of real estate, and those who own real estate will disfranchise themselves the moment they endorse commissioners selected by the government. It is simply an attempt to transfer the right of election from the collective body of the people to the government. Should it pass it will accomplish the destruction

of a splendid fabric which the progressive spirit and indomitable pluck of ages have delivered to us intact. If this gross violation of the first principles of self-government be permitted to become law we, as British subjects, and men of British blood, will be unworthy of the name and unfit to guard and transmit the traditions of the race.

COL. PRIOR'S LETTER.

Col. Prior has written a letter to the Colonist explaining that he did not want the Aberdeen reception committee's request for more money kept secret; he only wanted it kept out of the papers. This is one sentence of his letter: "As to the charge that I, or any of the committee, wished the citizens of Victoria to be kept in the dark as to our application I can only say that it is too silly to be entertained by anyone except the Times." Now, to paraphrase another sentence of the letter, everybody except the gallant colonel understands that in these days the citizens depend on the papers largely for their knowledge of civic affairs, and that to keep out of the paper any incident connected with the general public is a truly remarkable one; he did not want the citizens to be told about the affair and yet he was not averse to their knowing all about it if they got their knowledge from some unusual source. In another portion of the colonel's effusion he undertakes to convert the Times reporter of untruthfulness by saying that he "distinctly stated that he would not report" the conference. In a letter given in another column the Times reporter challenges the correctness of this assertion, and it is now incumbent on the colonel to prove truth or confess that he was wrong. We shall not be so uncharitable as to assume that the colonel was guilty of deliberate falsehood, but prefer to believe that he labored under a mistake.

THE EASTERN PROVINCES.

Quebec Legislature Proxogued After a Long Session—Nominations.

The Quebec provincial legislature was prorogued on Saturday night by Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau, after an unusually lengthy session.

Hon. Mr. Laurier was confined to his room in his home at Arthabaskaville from January 4th to Thursday, with bronchitis, from which he suffered severely. He is better and expects to go out again in a few days.

Valentine Ratz, of the township of Stephen, has been chosen as Reform candidate for North Middlesex.

East York Conservatives have renominated Mr. W. F. MacLean for the house of commons. Mr. Henry Duncan was also nominated, the ballot standing: MacLean 192, Duncan 50.

Dalton McCarthy was given a good reception Friday night at Barrie, Ont. He dealt briefly with protection and said that under that policy the people that came to Canada would not stay. It was argued that protection made a nation wealthy. It made millionaires, some in Canada and some in the United States, but it impoverished the people.

Joseph A. Chisholm, brother-in-law of the late premier, was nominated at Antigonish for the commons in the Conservative interest. His opponent is Hon. C. F. McIsaac.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Present United States Customs Officers Now Have Life Positions.

Port Townsend, Jan. 12.—Every officer in the Puget sound customs service, with the single exception of the collector himself, is subject to and is protected by civil service. The only exceptions are workmen and laborers, whom the law exempts. The amount of remuneration or the importance of the office cuts no figure. The special deputy collector and cashiers are included in the exempt list in precisely the same manner as an inspector or clerk working under civil service rules. Official information received from Washington by the local board of examiners says that the district was placed under civil service jurisdiction on November 10, 1894. Between that date and the time the local board of examiners were actually appointed a qualified, which was last week, the collector had the authority to remove any officer and fill the vacancy by appointment; such men appointed, however, must pass a successful competitive examination, but that must not be competitive. If such officer fails to pass the examination then the office is filled from the eligible list, which is to be composed of three applicants who theretofore receive the highest percentages in the competitive examinations. The collector is authorized to choose any one of the three to fill a vacancy. At the end of each year, if the aspirants on the eligible list are not appointed to office and desire to remain on that list, they will be compelled to pass another examination similar to the preceding one.

THE TAX SALE.

Minute Fraction of a Lot on Pandora Avenue Offered at Auction.

The sale of land for delinquent taxes took place at noon to-day and was attended by a number of people. It was held in the council chamber at the city hall, and Charles Kent, city treasurer, made an efficient auctioneer. A number of parcels of the land had been redeemed by the owners prior to the sale, and only 14 parcels were offered for sale. The total amount brought by the sale was \$188.87, and Henry Nathan, J. W. Carey, Chas. Hayward, Herbert Cuthbert, John Deary, William Wilby and Mrs. Jamieson were the purchasers. There was a rather remarkable incident in connection with the sale. It was the offering of the 160th part of an inch of a lot on Pandora street, near Elizabeth, owned by D. McEwen, and the offer for it came out of a dispute over lines. Wm. Wilby represented the owner at the sale and as a bidder against him had Henry Nathan. The strip was run up bid by bid and finally went to the owner's agent for \$18.

ALL OVER THE PROVINCE.

Items of Interest From Papers and Correspondents in Outlying Districts.

Gathering of Grand Lodge Officers C.O.O.F. at Port Hammond—Other Items.

NANAIMO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

J. Wilson, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R. telegraphs, went down to Valdez island yesterday to attend to the break in the wire there. He expects to have it repaired again by this evening.

The police made a raid on a Japanese house of ill fame yesterday. Only two women were fined \$20 each, the men succeeding in getting off free.

Thomas Keene drew a large house last night, although a heavy deluge of rain fell continually.

Nanaimo, Jan. 11.—It appears that Nanaimo will yet be benefited by a tramway running through its principal streets and to and fro from Wellington. An eastern syndicate has succeeded in bonding the charter for some time held by several citizens. The syndicate will put up all the necessary capital for the scheme, but will require a guarantee from the city before the work of construction is commenced. The guarantee mentioned is five per cent. on \$50,000 for a few years, the payment of the guarantee being subject to the operation of the road. It is very questionable whether the citizens will approve of this guarantee, but nothing further can be done until after the elections.

Wilson's committee rooms are located in the Johnson block. Dr. McKechnie has been asked to take the chair at the big meeting to be held on Monday night.

Nanaimo, Jan. 12.—At the citizens' committee meeting last night it was announced that M. J. Young and J. E. Wood had declined to stand for aldermen. After careful deliberation the citizens' ticket was decided upon as follows:

Mayor, A. Wilson; middle ward, E. Shakespeare, W. Woodman and R. Booth; south, J. H. Cockin, T. Wilkes and D. S. McDonald; north, A. E. Planter, T. Dobson and H. Rosevall.

A meeting of the supporters of Mayor Quennell was held last evening, but the full ticket was not decided upon.

There are three vacancies for school trustees and the following have been selected as candidates: Dr. McKechnie, Tully Boyce and W. McGregor.

Oscar Roko, a miner, employed in the Esplanade shaft, met with a serious accident while firing a piece of coal. The injured man was conveyed to his home, and Dr. Drysdale on examining him found him to be suffering from a dislocated hip.

Nanaimo, Jan. 14.—It is reported in certain quarters in the city that the well known probably resign his present position. It is also rumored that Dr. Walker will be pleased to accept the position of the vacant chair if he is generally believed here that the Davie government will be pleased to accept such a position in order to get rid of him, but the resignation should be made in Nanaimo. It is felt that some legal man of the city is being sought for the condition that he do not practice in the civil courts.

One of our leading citizens stated yesterday that if the city purchased the present shares of the water works company it would be a most desirable investment. The man proceeded to show that his statement was correct and said: "Seven years ago, one of the present shareholders held a \$1000 interest in the company and he now holds an interest amounting to \$12,400. Last year a dividend equivalent to 18 per cent was declared, or \$175 was taken from the profits of the company, and the fact that the company's property in well worth purchasing."

The storm on Saturday did much damage in the district. The roads between Nanaimo and Departure Bay and also to Wellington were probably closed, but the latter place Northfield a big tree fell on the big barn of the Hamilton Powder Company and smashed it in two pieces. There are many wash-out reported and floods caused by the heavy rains have done much damage. The Y.M.C.A. rooms were crowded beyond their capacity last evening in consequence of an announcement that the district would be occupied for political purposes. Rev. McEwen occupied the chair and in his opening remarks asked Rev. Mr. Taylor and R. M. Welsh to take seats on the platform. Rev. Mr. McEwen confessed that he was surprised to see so many members of the district, but he presumed it was owing to the squib contained in Saturday's issue of the Free Press. It was a surprise to the members of the Nanaimo party or who were present, and they were glad to apologise. He then went on to deal with the temperance question which he claimed was the most serious of the district. He addressed the citizens of Nanaimo to begin a home if they desired to better the conditions of their surroundings.

Wilson and Quennell have been nominated for mayor and all the wards will be keenly contested for the middle and five each for the South and North wards.

VERNON NEWS.

We are in receipt of information from Chamberlain C. Adams of Montreal that the Divide claim on Kruger mountain will certainly be struck next season. The avalanche of all the samples of rock taken from all parts of the vein gives \$18 in gold, 77 per cent. of which is silver. The parents who live twelve miles up Curlew creek are distracted with grief. He was their eldest child and twelve years of age.

A very sad event is reported from the Tanset Indian school (Okanagan) on the Coquille reservation. One of the scholars, Moses Lambert, a half-breed, while stooping over a large heating tub used for washing purposes, slipped and fell into the almost boiling water. Those near him attempting to pull him out let him fall in a second time. The unfortunate child was badly scalded that he died in great agony one hour afterwards. He was buried near the school house. The parents, who live twelve miles up Curlew creek are distracted with grief. He was their eldest child and twelve years of age.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the invention of our Mr. Millen, covered by Canadian Letters Patent No. 38,938, of the 12th May, 1892, and No. 39,528, of 29th July, 1892, and of both of which we are the sole proprietors, are for very ingeniously constructed paper boxes used by us for packing our celebrated matches. The value of these boxes was recognized as soon as we adopted them. Since then some of our competitors desiring to profit by our labor and experience, have seen fit to sell their matches packed in boxes of substantially the same construction as those covered by the above letters patent. These infringements of our rights if continued will be stopped. As a word of advice to our friends and a warning to our competitors who are infringing our rights, we give this notice.

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ASHFORD IS DEAD.

The Man Who Murdered His Wife and Child Dies in Jail.

George Frederick Ashford, the fiend who murdered his wife and infant child, and attempted to murder another child, died on Saturday evening in Westminster jail, thus escaping the gallows. Before capture Ashford attempted suicide by shooting, and though at the time it was thought he had suffered no serious injury it was found later that his skull was fractured. The man had been unconscious for the past few days, so no statement was made, and thus probably the history of his life will never be known.

QUARRELLED ABOUT SUGAR.

Why Lord and Lady Orford Lived and Died Apart.

Lady Orford, who died in 1886, had spent the greater part of her life in Italy, and her receptions at Florence were a curious feature in that dolce far niente town for about thirty years. They commenced an hour after midnight and lasted until 4 or 5 a.m. The guests assembled in one very large room. At one end there was a table, with a plate or two of cut up chicken and others of sandwiches. The wine was of the country. Lady Orford smoked incessantly, and so did most of her guests. She was witty and learned and she could talk most European languages. More informal and less conventional parties I never knew.

Whilst both Lord and Lady Orford were exceedingly good company, they could not abide each other, and separated soon after their marriage. Both explained to me the reason. It was about a sugar basin. Shortly after their marriage, according to Lord Orford, her ladyship came down to breakfast without having washed her hands and took some lumps of sugar out of the bowl with her fingers, on which he requested her in future either to wash her hands or to use the sugar tongs. According to Lady Orford, his lordship protested against her taking so many lumps of sugar for her tea. As both are now dead, I am afraid that the exact merits and demerits of this matrimonial squabble will never be solved—in this world, at least.—London Truth.

Robert Shears, formerly on the bark Thermopylae, leaves in the morning for Tacoma, where he will join the steamer Jubilee on Saturday. Mr. Shears is a son of Appraiser Shears.

Sing Yu was charged in police court this morning with stealing a piece of bacon on Saturday from the stand of R. Higginbotham in the city market. He was convicted and Magistrate Macrae sentenced him to imprisonment for two months with hard labor.

The officers for the B. C. Marine Engineers Association elected for the year 1895 are: President, W. Cullum; Vice-President, James Lauderdale; Secretary-Treasurer, Al Goddyn; Board of Directors: Alex. McEwen, James McArthur, John McGraw, R. McGill, Charles McKechnie.

John Kelly was up in police court this morning charged with being drunk on Cornwal street yesterday. The question arose as to where he got the liquor and he stated that he had been given several drinks at the Prince of Wales saloon. The magistrate ordered that a summons be issued against the proprietor of the saloon charging him with selling liquor on Sunday, and remanding Kelly's case until to-morrow pending the serving of the summons.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Philip Austin Receives a Charge Fired by a Nervous Hunter.

Philip Austin, son of J. J. Austin, was the victim of a painful and serious accident early yesterday afternoon. He was standing on Craigflower bridge, and received the full charge of a shotgun fired by a rather excitable hunter, who was taking a flash shot at some ducks. The shot entered the fleshy part of the leg above the knee, and as it had scattered considerably inflicted a number of wounds. As far as known the bone was not touched. The wounded boy was removed to the house of his brother-in-law, J. Stuart Yates, and by him to Jubilee hospital. At the latter place the boy was soon after his arrival placed on the operating table and Drs. Richardson and Douglas Corsan spent an hour removing the shot. Several of the pellets were found in clusters of two and three, and the work of removing them was very tedious, the boy being kept under ether for an hour. He suffered considerably, and his friends spent the entire night by his bedside. There was another operation this morning, and it is believed that all of the shot have been removed.

The boy was resting well to-day, and will very likely mend from now forward. The name of the man who did the shooting is not known, but he did everything possible for the boy. He secured a rig from John Parker for his removal to Mr. Yates' house, and was deeply exercised over the accident.

Hearing a faint rustle in the darkened hallway below, the elder sister, supposing the young man had gone, leaned over the balustrade and called out: "Well, Bessie, have you landed him?" It was broken by the hesitating, constrained voice of the young man: "She has."—Detroit Tribune.

PORT HAMMOND.

From our own correspondent.

Port Hammond, B. C., Jan. 12.—The regular meeting of Loyal Fraser Valley lodge, No. 91, C. O. O. F., was held in Odd Fellows hall, Port Hammond, on Saturday, 5th, when a large number of members were present. A large amount of business was transacted, and three new members initiated, besides four propositions for the next regular meeting on January 19th. It is expected that W. F. Fullerton, provincial grand secretary of the C. O. O. F., will arrive on Friday from Victoria to attend the grand ball here on that night given by Fraser Valley lodge, C. O. O. F., and will remain here for the regular meeting the following night. A deputation of the members will direct Mr. Fullerton to the station here and escort him to the hall. D. D. G. M. Blair, of Otter lodge, has signified his intention of being present, and it is expected that a number of the N. G.'s, V. G.'s and secretaries of the different lodges will also be present.

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance.

Word has been received from Mr. Marx, M. P., that a post office will shortly be established at Boundary Falls.

Six men are at work for Mr. Boss on the Gold Road. The shaft on his claim is now down 25 feet and will be continued to a depth of 100 feet.

The new shaft on the Skyhawk is now down 80 feet on the vein, and will be continued for another ten feet. The other

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DAVIE VERSUS THE

Premier Davie Declines to be Guided by the Opinion of the Public.

Wednesday Evening's Session of the Young Man.

THIRTIETH DAY.

The speaker took the 11 o'clock. Prayers by the King.

Mr. Kennedy introduced the school act, 1893.

Dr. Walken moved the reading of the veterinary surgery bill, which was introduced for showing the public who called veterinary medicine a profession. He considered he in the best interests of especially those who own cattle, which are subjects of the bill.

Mr. Semlin said the bill had been placed before the house for the adjournment, which was carried.

The house went into committee on the bill.

During the discussion regarding the bill, Mr. Davie thought this method of marking was cruel.

Hon. Mr. Martin said it was cruel to distinguish animals when the hair was long and the ears were cut off.

Mr. Walker wanted to know if the minister would mark the bill.

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Mr. Prentice pointed out that it allowed both ears. His bill provided that only one ear should be cut off.

Mr. Booth—That is a straw.

Dr. Walker—It is not a straw. It is a matter of principle. Hon. Col. Baker suggested a method of marking the ears to prevent the cutting off of tails of terriers.

Mr. Muttter's amendment moved an amendment providing that not more than three should be cut off of each ear.

This and three or four of the same nature were defeated by reported complete adoption.

Mr. Williams presented the select committee on buildings recommending the employment of a stenographer.

Mr. Davie objected to employing a stenographer. The report was adopted.

Mr. Graham asked the minister about the coyotes lowered? What assigned for the lowering?

Hon. Mr. Turner—The bill was passed on August 22, 1894.

Mr. Semlin asked the minister if he had the government's approval as to the truth of the statement that the employes of the Nakuap & Slocan railway have handed in their resignation.

Can the Canadian government sign the lease of the Canadian Pacific railway?

(c) Have the Canadian Engineers Association elected for the year 1895 are: President, W. Cullum; Vice-President, James Lauderdale; Secretary-Treasurer, Al Goddyn; Board of Directors: Alex. McEwen, James McArthur, John McGraw, R. McGill, Charles McKechnie.

(e) Is there any possibility of railways placing a bid?

Hon. Mr. Davie—(a) If that are some claim contractors for the Nakuap railway, but there is no proof that the persons' claims are in any danger of being accepted. No lease has been made under the agreement laid before the assembly at its last session. (b) The Canadian Pacific railway on the 31st of December last accepted the road as complete, some trifling deficiencies to be remedied until spring, or some of which the government will either assume or the railway will take satisfactory security therefor. (d) The Nakuap & Slocan railway have not yet received the full amount of guarantee. (e) There are no possible railways placing a bid.