CRYSTAL PALACE TO BE VOTED ON

CITY COUNCIL WILL SUBMIT THE BY LAW

Conference on Water Question Will Be Held With Directors of Esquimalt Company.

At the meeting of the city council on Monday it was decided to meet the directors of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company on Wednesday evening to discuss the question of the acquisition of the waterworks system by the city. The conference it is expected will be of a very free character, and the whole question will be taken up.

The question of the Winter Palace, proposed by the Tourist Association, was brought before the council on a petition asking for the submission of a by-law. It was decided to have the necessary by-law prepared and a vote taken.

The question of an agreement with the tramway company relative to the double tracking of the Rock Bay causeway was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

After the opening proceedings last evening the following letter was read:

Gentlemen:—The letter from Mr. J. L. Raymur, your water commissioner, dated August 1st, 1905, asking if the Esquimalt Waterworks Co. would be prepared to consider an offer from the corporation of $600,000 for the company's undertakings, etc., came up for consideration before the board of directors.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried: "That the secretary be and is hereby instructed to reply to the said letter, stating that the company is not prepared to consider the offer of $600,000, but that if the corporation is serious in its desire to make the purchase suggested, the directors of the company would be quite prepared to meet the Mayor and aldermen to discuss the matter."

(Signed) T. LUBBE.

Some objection was taken to the holding of the conference on the evening proposed.

It was finally decided to notify the officers that the meeting should take place on Wednesday evening.

The Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs asked for the sending of the fire chief to the convention in Portland on September 12th.

Ald. Stewart proposed that this be referred to the fire wardens.

His Worship the Mayor did not think it was necessary for the fire chief to go every year to the convention. It was just one way of having a holiday.

Ald. Stewart disagreed with this view, and thought a vote should be made for sending the chief to the convention.

The letter was referred to the fire wardens for report.

J. A. Shanks complained of the state of Love Lane, and asked for a sidewalk.

On motion of Ald. Douglas it was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Thomas Hooper advised that $1,100 be deducted from the tender for the Old Men's Home in return for the heating system being taken out.

It was decided to act on this recommendation.

Thos. J. Worthington wrote respecting a new roof which he proposed to put on the Chinese theatre.

Ald. Fullerton wanted to know what the report of the fire underwriters was with respect to this.

The report was read, it being specified that a gravel covered roof of the character proposed would be rated as a non-combustible one.

It was agreed to allow the use of the roof proposed on condition that it was covered with gravel.

The city solicitor wrote submitting an amended contract proposed to be entered into with the tramway company respecting the Rock Bay causeway. The contract had been amended by Mr. McPhillips, solicitor for the tramway company.

The communication was tabled for the time being.

The water commissioner wrote explaining that in connection with Mrs. Van Tassel's complaint, $5.35 was charged for nine houses, whereas if the regular meter system was adopted she would have to pay more than this.

It was decided to send a copy of the report to Mrs. Van Tassel.

The sanitary inspector reported that the stable complained of by the trustees of the Odd Fellows was kept in a sanitary condition. He recommended certain improvements, however, which it was decided should be acted upon.

A petition from residents on the north side of Johnson street complained of the replacing of a portion of the walk by a permanent sidewalk.

The letter was filed.

A petition signed by a large number of citizens recommending the erection of the Crystal Palace was presented, and the council asked to submit a by-law.

The city assessor reported in connection with it that the 67 signautres represented $2,154,355, which was sufficient according to law.

Ald. Oddy proposed that the city solicitor be requested to prepare a by-law.

Ald. Hall thought it would be better to have the by-law postponed until election time, when a full vote might be obtained. If taken now only a small vote would be cast.

It was decided to prepare the by-law at once.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of $6,930.92, which were ordered to be paid.

The park committee recommended that $30 be appropriated for constructing steps.

Ald. Douglas moved that the remainder of the band concerts be held at the Beacon Hill park.

Ald. Oddy thought this was a matter to be left to the park committee, and a motion to this effect carried.

The amended contract respecting the Rock Bay causeway was then taken up again and compared with the one at first proposed by the city.

A little discussion followed the reading of the citation, it being largely left to the legal members of the council, the Mayor and Ald. Fell to interpret the effects of the changes.

Ald. Fell thought the tramway company were seeking a right to double track the causeway. This right did not belong to the company, as the street did not exist previous to the filling in, and therefore was not covered by the tramway's charter.

It was finally decided to pass over the citation for a time and proceed with the operative sections of the agreement. The first section of it, according to Ald. Fell, had the same objection. He said it was quite evident the company was seeking to get a right which did not belong to it. He was not in favor of further considering the draft agreement at that time. He proposed that it be referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee, and that the Mayor in the meantime endeavor to have the tramway company accede to the council's wishes, and remove the objectionable feature.

This was agreed to.

On the motion that the seal of the corporation be affixed to the contract for the Old Men's Home building, Ald. Fell said he would oppose this. The ratepayers were entitled to a completed building, and not one without the heating apparatus. It would likely be found that the heating would cost more than $1,100.

Ald. Hanna described Ald. Fell's action as childish. Architect Hooper had by telephone in the first instance found from one plumber that the cost would be $1,300. Since that he found that it would cost $1,100, and proposed the change. That was all there was to it.

The motion to affix the seal of the corporation to the contract was then carried, Ald. Fell voting nay.

Ald. Oddy wanted to know why the lights over the causeway had not yet been installed.

He was informed that the wiring was not yet complete.

The by-law providing for various permanent sidewalks passed through its various stages up to the final ratification, which will be done at a special meeting.

The council then adjourned.

ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE.

Decided to Hold Pound Party on Thursday September 7th.

The ladies' committee of the B. C. Orphanage held their regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon at the city hall. A letter was read from Mrs. W. F. McCulloch stating that owing to ill-health she was unable to perform the onerous duties of president. This news was received with deep regret and a motion was passed asking Mrs. McCulloch to continue to serve as vice-president. Mrs. G. A. McTavish was elected to the presidency.

The report of the visiting committee stated that "Owing to the home being quarantined our first week's work was done over the 'phone. Since then we have paid four visits, and found everything working very satisfactorily. During a visit paid last Saturday we were struck with the thoroughness of the work, and felt that the cleanliness and order might serve as a model to many of the homes in Victoria. The children are all in good health at present. Three have returned from the hospital, and the remaining three are expected back in a week's time. Four children have left the home, Mrs. Olmstead having removed her three children, and one little boy from Ladysmith having returned to his father. The McKenzie children expect soon to visit their father in Nanaimo.

"Mrs. Kay spoke very gratefully of an outing to the Gorge given her and the girls through the kindness of Mrs. Higgins. We think that the home is fortunate in having such an efficient matron as Mrs. Kay, and that after all the extra work and anxiety she has lately had, we feel that a few days' holiday, if it could be managed, would benefit her very greatly."

Mrs. K. Huckell and Mrs. W. R. Higgins were appointed visitors for August.

A special committee reported favorably on an application to adopt a little boy. This was referred with a recommendation to the standing committee on receptions.

It was decided to hold the annual pound party at the home on Thursday, September 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

The matron acknowledged with thanks the receipt of the following donations: Mrs. Van Tassell, vegetables; Miss Galletly, shoes and clothing; Mrs. C. F. Todd, green peas; Mrs. Frank Barnard, lettuce and carrots; D. Spragge, 1 case coal oil; Mrs. McTavish, candy; Mrs. Van Tassell, apples; Mrs. Porter, Burnside road, box of cherries; Mrs. Jackson, Hillside avenue, 2 pails of currants; Empire Canning Company, 4 large salmon; Mrs. Chas. Vernon, 1 sack vegetables, box lettuce; Mrs. Blair, Fort street, trunk of boys' clothing; Mrs. Munsie, clothing and rhubarb; Empire Canning Company, 3 salmon; Mrs. Dent, 10 pounds rolled oats; Mrs. Hewitt, Sidney, per Mrs. Scowcroft, 3 dozen eggs; Mrs. Stoddart, per Mr. Spragge, hats and clothing; A Friend, per Porter & Sons, clothing; S. P. C. A., 8 copies "Animal World" and other reading matter; Mrs. Watt, Esquimalt, box of toys; Mrs. W. J. Smith, "Sunset," shoes and clothing; Mrs. H. Harris, St. Clarence hotel, shoes and clothing; Mrs. Van Tassell, apples and rhubarb; Mrs. Huckle, clothing.

Mrs. G. A. McTavish occupied the chair, and there were present besides: Mesdames Hutcheson, Milne, Higgins, Wilson, Pickard, Huckell, Van Tassell, Toller, Bishop, Astle, Andrews, Berridge and Miss Aubin.

AN EASY ROUTE.

The Extension of the E. & N. Line to Comox Offers Few Difficulties.

The trip of the C. P. R. officials to Comox and by automobile from that point to Nanaimo, and thence southward, demonstrated, it is said, not alone the feasibility of extending the E. & N. to Comox, but the comparative ease with which this work could be carried out.

Throughout a good part of this route the land is heavily timbered, but there did not appear to be any great difficulties which would interfere with construction work. The land, once the timber was taken off, would be valuable for agricultural purposes.

The general information gathered by the officials will be valuable to supplement the expert report which will be necessary when the route of the extension is surveyed.

EXPERT EVIDENCE WILL BE CALLED

FOR THE DEFENCE IN EXTRADITION CASE

An Adjournment Taken Until Thursday to Allow of Stenographer's Notes Being Transcribed.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

An adjournment has been taken in the Collins extradition case until Thursday. Yesterday afternoon after the motion for the discharge of the accused had been dismissed by His Honor Judge Lampman, the accused was asked if he had any statement to make on his own behalf or wished to call any witnesses.

His counsel, H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., asked for an adjournment in order to consult with his client as to whether any witnesses would be called. This was readily agreed to and an adjournment taken until to-day.

This morning upon the case resuming Mr. Helmcken said that after consultation with his client he found it impossible to proceed to-day. He suggested an adjournment until Thursday.

It would be impossible to go fully into the points of law raised by Mr. Whiting for the prosecution until the stenographer's notes were available.

It was the intention to call evidence as to the law, and would take a day or two to prepare the case. This delay was only necessary to properly prepare the case.

"I suppose you will have to get some witnesses, or have you got them here?" said His Honor.

"We have them here," replied Mr. Helmcken.

F. Higgins took some objection, claiming that if the accused had any statement to make the time to have done so was when called upon in the proceedings yesterday.

Mr. Higgins, speaking to the motion for an adjournment, said that he wished to clear up the imputation which had been made from time to time that this was a persecution of the accused by the police of San Francisco. It was no such a thing. This action was one taken on behalf of the people of California, and further, by the federal power of the United States.

With respect to an adjournment he saw no reason why the accused should not go into the box and give the evidence he wished to give. If he wished to call further evidence after that an adjournment might then be granted. The prosecution was forced to keep witnesses here in case they were required to be called in rebuttal. These proceedings had been in progress for nearly a month, and he objected to these delays from time to time.

His Honor said it could not be said that there had been many adjournments asked for, as he had reason to know. He thought the request for an adjournment was only a reasonable one. To proceed without the transcript of the stenographer's notes would only be a waste of time.

The case was accordingly adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge Lampman intimating that in future the court would sit from 10 to 4 instead from 10.30 to 4.30.

It is expected that Mr. Collins will go in the witness box himself and give expert evidence.

RICH FIND AT FERGUSON.

Strikes Are Being Made Daily by Prospectors.

James Grant has returned from a trip to Ferguson, says the Nelson News. While in the Lardeau he visited the Silver Cup mine, on which a very rich strike has lately been made. Of the operations Mr. Grant said:

"The tunnel is in 1,800 feet. At the end of it a crosscut was run about 30 feet when the rich ore was struck. The vein is about two feet wide. A drift was run 50 feet in ore all the way; the ore varies from 18 to 30 inches in width.

"At the end of the drift a raise has been started, at the top of which are two feet of solid ore. This ore has been assayed and contains 30 ounces in silver, $19 in gold and a good percentage of lead.

"The raise is now in 28 feet and has to be continued 240 feet further before it reaches the shaft, which has been sunk 125 feet from the old workings. The company has now approximately 500 feet of stoping ground."

Asked as to the conditions of other mines and prospects generally round Ferguson, Mr. Grant said: "The Silver Cup is doing the most work at present. But rich finds are being made almost every day in the hills. I know most of the prospectors there. I was shown some specimens found on new claims. The owners are not advertising, they're working. They weren't trying to sell me anything. They were telling the truth, I have no doubt. The samples I saw indicate phenomenal richness.

"Yes, they need capital, but if they came here and reported their finds some people would say they were too rich, it couldn't be true. The owners have tried to interest local capital and failed, and they have no means of making their discoveries known outside. So they are working ahead themselves. It is a slower process but it may be just as satisfactory in the end.

"That Lardeau country is rich, the whole of it. People who laugh at the stories of rich strikes up there don't know what they are talking about."

A CHANGE.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—The Dominion government has decided to change the fiscal year to end with March instead of June as at present. This will not only be more satisfactory as regards trade and financial returns, but will permit of parliament meeting at an earlier date.

PORTLAND FAIR.

Attendance For Sixty-Three Days, June 1st to August 2nd, Foots Up 1,013,551.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 5.—The million mark has been reached and passed in the record of attendance at the Lewis & Clark exposition. When the 27,420 admissions of August 2nd were added to the aggregate since the fair opened on June 1st, it was found that in sixty-three days 1,013,551 gate admissions had been recorded by the turnstiles.

Before the fair opened there were those who said, "Well, if you have a million attendance during the four and a half months of your show you will be doing very well." The management, of course, expected a total considerably in advance of this, but nobody was sanguine enough to count upon a million during the first two months. With more than half the exposition period still to run, it is now the popular prophecy that at least 2,500,000 will be reached.

The attendance, by weeks, up to August 2nd, has been as follows: June 1st to June 7th, inclusive, 99,275; June 8th to 14th, inclusive, 100,724; June 15th to 21st, inclusive, 98,842; June 22nd to 28th, inclusive, 89,916; June 29th to July 5th, inclusive, 141,415; July 6th to 12th, inclusive, 111,534; July 13th to 19th, inclusive, 113,737; July 20th to 26th, inclusive, 131,984; July 27th to August 2nd, inclusive, 126,124.

The extra attendance for the week from June 29th to July 5th was due to the large number of admissions on the 4th of July. Since then, as a perusal of the figures shows, the attendance has increased constantly.

Poultry Show.

The first poultry exhibition representative of the whole Pacific Northwest will be that held in connection with the Lewis & Clark exposition in October, the dates being from the 5th to the 11th of the month, inclusive. The prizes offered to successful exhibitors are on a scale which should encourage generous participation.

SCOTS WILL HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

AT THE GORGE PARK SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Splendid Programme of Sports Has Been Arranged—Good Prizes Will Be Presented.

The first annual picnic of the St. Andrew's Society will be held at the Gorge park on Saturday afternoon. Special arrangements have been in the hands of a capable committee for some time, and an enjoyable outing is promised all who attend. The scene of the picnic is easily reached by tram car and launch, and doubtless a large crowd will avail themselves of the hospitality of the society. A splendid programme of sports, for which excellent prizes have been offered, has been prepared as follows:

Foot race, boys under 7—1st, Scotch pin; 2nd, Scotch pin; 3rd, Scotch pin. All presented by President Dr. G. L. Milne.

Foot race, boys under 10—1st, knife; 2nd, knife; 3rd, knife. All presented by E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd.

Foot race, boys under 15—1st, knife; 2nd, knife; 3rd, knife. All presented by E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd.

Foot race, girls under 7—1st, brooch; 2nd, brooch; 3rd, brooch. All presented by W. H. Pennock, jeweller.

Foot race, girls under 10—1st, music book, presented by Fletcher Bros.; 2nd, brooch, presented by J. Wenger; 3rd, picture, presented by C. H. Smith & Co.

Foot race, girls under 15—1st, pair gloves, presented by Hy. Young & Co.; 2nd, picture frame, presented by A. A. Clayton; 3rd, music book, presented by M. W. Waitt & Co.

Old man's race—1st, white waistcoat, presented by W. & J. Wilson; 2nd, shirt, presented by Sea & Gowen; 3rd, tie, presented by Fletcher & Finch.

Married ladies' race—1st, half dozen silver spoons, presented by Robt. Mowat; 2nd, preserving pan, presented by Hastie's Fair; 3rd, stew pan, presented by Sidney Shore.

Young ladies' race—1st, Scotch brooch, presented by A. P. Blyth; 2nd, coffee pot, presented by A. McGregor & Son.

Highland Fling for boys—Medal, presented by J. R. Mackie.

Highland Fling for girls—Gold medal, presented by President Dr. G. L. Milne.

Sword dance—1st, jewel case, presented by D. E. Campbell; 2nd, 1 doz. plates, presented by Geo. Powell & Co.

Best dressed girl in Highland costume—Special prize, presented by D. Spencer, Ltd.

Best dressed boy in Highland costume—A vase, presented by W. B. Shakespeare.

Bagpipe competition—1st, bale of 10 packages of oatmeal, presented by the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., Ltd.; 2nd, cash, presented by L. Godacre & Sons.

Pitching Quoits—Book, "Peter, the Whaler," presented by O. B. Ormond.

Putting the stone—1st, sack flour, presented by R. Baker & Sons; 2nd, book, "Scottish Chiefs," presented by T. N. Hibben & Co.

The sports will start at 2 p.m. sharp. No admittance will be charged to the grounds. All Scotchmen and their friends are invited.

BOMBARDED BY RUSSIANS.

Destroyed Village in Crete Because Insurgents Opposed Landing of Boat Party.

Canea, Crete, Aug. 8.—The Russian gunboat Khrabry has bombarded and destroyed Castelli on the north coast of the island of Crete because the insurgents there opposed the landing of a Russian force to take over the customs house. A boat party, which was sent ashore from the Khrabry, was repulsed, whereupon the Russian commander after warning the insurgents to remove the women and children opened fire. The insurgents returned the fire with small arms, wounding two Russians. The bombardment continued until the village hoisted the white flag.

ATTRACTIONS AT LOCAL PLAYHOUSE

LIST OF OFFERINGS IS NOW COMPLETE

Season Will Open at End of This Month Some First-Rate Productions Are Promised.

The Times has secured from the management of the Victoria theatre a list of the attractions to be offered at he local playhouse during the coming season. This list has just been completed so it is given out to-day for the first time. The season will open on August 29th, when "The Pit," the dramatized version of the late Frank Norris' great novel will be presented. There will then be a lull for eleven days to be followed by Ezra Kendall on September 9th, and McEwen, the hypnotist on the 11th. The latter will probably have a several nights' engagement.

"Under Southern Skies" will be the bill on September 18th, and on the 23rd, the popular production, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," will be given. On the 25th "The Girl From Kays" will be the attraction, and then on the 28th Victorians will have an opportunity of seeing Miss Eleanor Robson, who, doubtless, will present her great success, "Merely Mary Ann." Miss Robson has made a big hit in this piece, and is regarded as one of the most finished actresses upon the American stage. In October the offerings will be: "In Old Kentucky," October 5th; Harold Nelson, on the 11th and 12th; Florence Roberts, the 16th and 17th. Miss Roberts, by the way, has been creating quite a furore in New York, where the critics have been deeply impressed by her decided emotional work. "The Tenderfoot," on October 21st will be followed by Madame Hermann on the 23rd. Richard Pringle, on the 26th, and "The Marriage of Kitty" on the 28th will close October's list.

November will be ushered by "When Knighthood Was in Flower," which will be presented on the very first evening. On the 6th, "The Sultan of Sulu," on the 8th "Peggy From Paris," on the 11th "Arizona," and the 24th, Andrew Mack will monopolize the playhouse for that month.

The attractions for December as far as arranged are: December 14th, Haverly's Minstrels; 18th, "Prince of Pilsen"; 28th, "Shoo Gun."

In January there will be the following: New Year's night and January 2nd, "Buster Brown"; 12th, "College Widow"; 15th, "Polly Primrose"; 25th, Louis James; 26th, Effie Ellsler.

February will be distinguished by the appearance of the English Grand Opera Co. on the 15th, Nance O'Neill, the magnetic California actress, on the 19th and 20th, Chas. Hanford on the 24th, "Woodland" on the 26th, and Wests' Minstrels on the 28th.

In March the list is: March 5th, "Way Down East"; March 15th, "Paul Gilmore"; March 22nd, "Beauty and the Barge"; March 26th, A. Gallatin. April 1st, "Babes in Toyland" will be given. Of course this list will probably be largely extended during the season.

In April the elaborte scheme of improvements contemplated by the owner of the theatre will be carried into effect. Plans have already been prepared, and it is the intention to convert the playhouse into one of the neatest in the Northwest.

G. T. P. IN ACTION.

Proposition for Commencement of Construction in the Northwest—Purchasing Right of Way.

A dispatch from Portage la Prairie says: An important move, which indicates business on the part of the Grand Trunk Pacific, is in progress in this vicinity; this is the securing of the right of way for the new transcontinental.

Yesterday Engineer McNeil came into town and negotiated with J. & E. Brown for right of way through 400 acres of farm lands held by them, and which is situated only half a mile north of Bagot, on the C. P. R. line. Near Burnside, or about half a mile north, 30 acres have been purchased from Jas. McKenzie, ex-M. P. P., for station and grounds. The engineer has been some days in this vicinity, arranging with farm owners for right of way.

It is only in the country west or northwest of Portage that right of way is being secured, because as yet the line from Portage to Winnipeg is a blank. It is desired that the route be south of the river, with terminals in the southern part of the city, and until this is settled the route from here to Winnipeg will not be located.

It is very evident from the country through which the right of way is being secured that the line is to parallel the C. P. R. for some miles. Bagot is 15 miles west of Portage, and the G. T. route at that point is only half a mile from the C. P. R.

No definite information has been secured as to the route west of MacGregor, or where the C. N. or C. P. northwestern lines will be crossed. Mr. McNeil expects grading to commence early in September. If by that time the terminal question in the city is arranged, grading may begin from Winnipeg.

McMillan Bros., the big railway contractors, pulled into Westbourne, their home camp, this week, with their enormous grading outfit, complete. This is significant, and is in line with the activity of the right of way engineers in this vicinity.

It is understood that grading will start by Sept. 1st. At least contractors are getting ready for that time and have evidently got the word.

—In anticipation of the visit of the California Veteran Firemen, who will arrive on August 18th by the Princess Victoria, it is proposed to call the Victoria Veterans together for the purpose of taking part in the parade that is expected to be held on the morning of that day. With this end in view all veterans of the Victoria old guard are requested to meet this evening at 8 o'clock at fire department headquarters.

YELLOW FEVER IN THE SOUTH

VICTIMS HIDDEN AWAY FROM THE DOCTORS

Ignorance One of Great Foes to Health in New Orleans Previous Outbreaks of Dread Disease.

Because two young doctors did not realize the importance of quarantining a case of yellow fever, the city of New Orleans is the scene of an epidemic of this terrible disease. So far the physicians have been able to confine the outbreak to a comparatively small quarter of the town, although within these limits there are 37 centres. Ominous as the figures are, they convey not the slightest idea of the gravity of the situation, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. New Orleans is practically cut off from the world Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee have raised the bars of quarantine against not only her citizens, but her merchandise, while similar precautions have been taken by Cairo, Ill., Norfolk, Va., and Philadelphia. In Mississippi the militia has been called out to guard the borders of the state with bayonets, if need be. Trade and communication are paralyzed. There is no escape for the terror-stricken inhabitants. They have to stay in their own city and take their chances.

Italians are blamed for the spread of the disease, and an Italian is suspected of importing it from Panama. Natives of Italy have lately been supplanting negroes to some extent in the rougher kinds of work, and there is a large and growing colony of them in New Orleans. They live in filth and squalor, and are therefore regular

Hotbeds for Bacteria.

Poverty is not more responsible for their violation of all sanitary laws than ignorance; indeed, ignorance is probably a greater foe to the health of New Orleans than even mosquitoes. Stricken Italians are hidden away from the doctors by their well-meaning compatriots, and smuggled from one cellar or garret to another. Thus new centres of the disease are established. One can judge of the sanitary condition of Italian colonies from the fact that a full grown cow was located in a room on the third story of one tenement, it having been carried up as a calf. In another house a fever-smitten Italian was found in bed, at the foot of which a woman was milking a goat.

That yellow fever is caused by a mosquito known as the stegomyia fasciata is the assumption upon which the medical men of New Orleans are fighting. As is well known, the city is built on low-lying, marshy lands, where these pests find a ready breeding ground. Moreover, as we gather from dispatches, there is an unusually large number of cisterns in use by citizens, these also being favorite haunts of the mosquito. The importance of clean and disinfected cisterns is proved by the fact that 20,000 men of New Orleans are walking about wearing buttons with this device, "My cisterns are all right. How are yours?" Staffs of men are patrolling the city, oiling and screening the cisters and oiling the gutters. The reek of petroleum and sulphur and lime is in the air.

Everybody is House-Cleaning, from the millionaire to the negro, for the dread of Yellow Jack is confined to no one class. As far north as New York the terror has spread.

Looking back over the history of yellow fever in the south, we can appreciate the danger that threatens several millions of people. The disease was first recognized definitely in 1647 in the West Indies, and since 1691 it has been endemic there. In the latter part of the eighteenth and the first part of the nineteenth century the disease created havoc along the whole Atlantic coast of the United States, spreading to seaports as far north as Maine. In 1793 the city of Philadelphia, then having a population of 40,000, was stricken, and 4,000 persons—10 per cent. of the population—died. Four years later Philadelphia suffered another visitation, with a death loss of 1,300, and in the year following 3,645 deaths from the fever occurred. In 1798 New York also was attacked by the epidemic, 2,080 persons dying, while Boston gave 200 victims to the disease in the same year. In 1802 Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wilmington, and Charleston suffered extensively from the spread of the fever along the coast, but since that time epidemics have been confined more nearly to the Southern States. New York, however, has never been immune. In 1853 there was

A Widespread Epidemic,

taking in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas. Many deaths from the fever occurred in New York city in the same year. In 1867 there was another epidemic, more limited in area, but particularly virulent in Galveston, Texas, where the mortality reached 1,150. Then occurred the great epidemic of 1873. In that year Memphis furnished 2,000 victims. New Orleans proper only lost 225 from the disease, but the neighboring town of Shreveport lost 759.

Then came the terrible plague of 1878, when the fever invaded 138 towns in Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky. By thousands the citizens fled from New Orleans and Memphis, but 20,000 remaining in the latter city. Of this number 70 per cent. sickened and 5,150 died, while an equal number perished in New Orleans. Death spared none, and from the highest to the lowest victims fell every hour. "Send coffins," was the cry that went north, and by the thousand coffins were shipped south. There is in the history of no nation in modern times a more terrible passage than that which makes the year 1878 memorable through all the South; nor did ever a battlefield breed greater heroes than those volunteers—doctors, nurses, priests, clergymen, and nuns—who grappled with the Destroyer, and gave their own lives for helpless strangers. After this awful year there was comparative freedom from the scourge until 1893, when there were more than a thousand cases in Georgia, but only 46 deaths. Four years later there was another outbreak, which cost 59 lives. Since then, however, much has been learned about the disease, and this increased knowledge and efficiency should more than counterbalance the peculiar danger of an outbreak so long before the frosts of autumn.

C. P. R. HOTEL.

Rapid Progress Being Made—Delay in Finishing Vancouver Building.

The big steel beams that are projecting into the air on the C. P. R. hotel site show that the workmen are progressing as rapidly as their facilities will permit. When Mr. Marpole was here the other day he expressed himself satisfied with the strides made, so there is no reason to doubt that the work will be completed by the appointed time. Vancouver is not lucky with her tourist hotel, and the Province on behalf of the company makes the following explanation:

"The local authorities of the C. P. R. have stated to the Province in regard to the article in Saturday's issue, objecting to the delay in the reconstruction of the Hotel Vancouver, that it was deemed best in the interest of the city as well as of tourist travel, to postpone the remodeling of the building until the hotel at Victoria should be completed. It was the original intention to begin the work of rebuilding last fall, but the very reasonable expectation of an unusual amount of travel during the present summer, owing, among other things, to the fair at Portland, decided the management to put it off until other accommodation could be provided for the throng of visitors to this city. It was quite obvious that if the accommodation to which this travel is accustomed could not be provided either here or in Victoria the province would be the loser to that extent, as the visitors would go right through to Seattle or Portland. Accordingly it was decided to have the hotel at Victoria, which is now under way, finished and ready to accept guests before a start should be made on the building in Vancouver. In pursuance of the plan thus determined on the work of reconstruction of the Hotel Vancouver will begin in 1907, when the big hostelry at the capital has been completed, and is in operation. The programme undoubtedly has business shrewdness to recommend it, and the people here will have to wait as patiently as possible until the time when the work on the company's hotel in this city can be undertaken without interfering with business."

HAS LEFT QUARANTINE.

Mr. Wurtheim, Who Was Detained Because of Measles, Has Gone East.

W. Wurtheim, a large manufacturer of sewing machines in Melbourne, Australia, who with his family were detained at quarantine on the arrival of the steamer Manuka, because of one of the children having measles, has left for the East. He is taking his son through to Boston, Mass., to finish an education.

Asked about the present development of Australia, Mr. Wurtheim said that there was a vast country in the interior comparatively untouched, but droughts and the cry of "White Australia" retarded its development. While there was a great deal to be said in favor of the restriction of Asiatic labor, in Australia it was carried too far. It was the only labor that could be successfully employed in developing the arid plains of the Australian interior.

Another objectionable phase of "White Australia" was a recent enactment of the Commonwealth parliament refusing to give a mail subsidy to any steamship line employing Lascar labor. In view of the horrible torture that white men must suffer in stokeholes when passing through the tropics, he considered that this was carrying the thing to an extreme. At present the constant change of governments in Australia was a political bogey that was keeping the country back, but he was sure that it would right itself.

V., V. & E. RAILROAD.

Active Preparations Are Now in Progress—Grading on Vernon Road.

A dispatch from Midway says: It will be some days yet before actual work on the road bed of the V., V. & E. is started, but contractors Welsh & Stewart have a large force of men busily employed in clearing a site for boarding houses, warehouses and stables preparatory to grading, and work on the right of way will soon be in full swing.

Grading for the Midway & Vernon has been commenced on a small scale and within a month it is expected that a big construction force will be at work.

Naturally this once peaceful village is now the scene of great activity. Hotels are crowded, new ones are being rushed up, business men are looking up convenient premises, or locating sites upon which to build. For a year or two at least Midway will be a big pay roll town and there are those who believe that this place is destined to be a permanent centre of industrial importance. Prospects of a smelter and railroad shops loom in the distance.

JAPANESE DROWNED.

Fisherman in the Water Twenty Minutes and Did Not Revive.

A Japanese was drowned Monday night at Steveston. He was climbing down from a cannery wharf when he fell into the water. He probably struck his head in his descent, for he made no effort to swim. He was in the water twenty minutes before his companions managed to catch hold of his clothing and bring him to the surface. Efforts were made to resuscitate him but without avail.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Auburn, Aug. 7.—L. E. Brown, a fireman employed on the Northern Pacific railroad at Auburn, was killed in the yards last evening. He was placing a headlight on an engine that was moving slowly, when he must have lost his foothold, for, without any warning, the engineer discovered that the unfortunate man's body was being dragged underneath the engine.

Brown was about 25 years old, and it is believed that he came from Indiana.