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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—It is reported that the poems of a well-known and popular authoress of this city have been collected by a Victoria publishing firm, which intends, with the lady's permission, to publish the same in book form.

—All the prominent lumber firms of San Francisco are interested in a combination movement. They claim that the trade has been worse than profitless for a year and that they must combine to save themselves.

—At a firemen's ball at Burke, Ill., on New Year's eve, Mrs. John Bresnahan left her 13 months old baby daughter asleep in a carriage in the dressing room. While she was dancing another woman sat on the baby and killed it.

—Owners of a certain sloop that the man Quinn, who was killed on New Year's night on the trestle near Abbott street, and an inquest over whom was held to-day, was taken down to the harbor while in a stupidly drunken condition and left there. The police will investigate the story.

—British Columbia is reported to have sent 867,000 tons of coal to San Francisco this year. Great Britain sent in 174,000, and Australia 177,200. British Columbia shipments show an increase of 20,000 tons over those of the previous year since 1889. British Columbia's closest competition was the port of Tacoma, which last year shipped to San Francisco 257,300 tons.

—As the Whatcom express went puffing past the Japanese quarters near the Hastings mill on Wednesday morning about 40 Japs were in line along the track. They had gathered for a last look at Consul Shimizu, who was on board the train. They cheered loudly, and were very earnest in their salutations. Mr. Shimizu acknowledged the tribute by saluting his countrymen from the steps of the car.

From Friday's daily.

—The last issue of the Canada Gazette contains an intimation that Chas. Mohun, of Moha building contractor, has been granted a copyright for a History of the Steamship Beaver.

—J. Wilson, a journalist, who is walking around the world accompanied by a companion named Yorke, has reached Calgary and will push on to this city. Along his route he has been giving lectures, devoting the funds to local charities.

—The snow which fell yesterday allowed of fairly good sleighing, and last evening almost every vehicle in town for hire was in numerous parts of the bells being heard on all hands. The weather gradually broke and by midnight the thaw had generally set in, this morning the sidewalks being dangerous and disagreeable to walk upon on account of the slush.

—Death by accident, with no one to blame, is the verdict of a jury in a case of an unknown man found mangled on the railroad track near Port Hammond. The man had evidently been a sailor, judging from the tatoo marks upon various parts of his body. He had been drunk when he lay down on the railroad track, because his body smelt of alcohol 24 hours after he was found.

—The action on skating, which appears in this issue was prepared by the religious editor when the prospects were good for a continuance of clear ice. The horse editor suggested when the proof came in this morning that it should be replaced by an essay on gum boots. The religious editor mumbled something about its having got damp quick, but made no distinct reply.

—The body of Henry C. Zechow, which was found under a wharf at New Westminster several days ago, with unmistakable evidence that he had been murdered, is still awaiting final disposal through the action of the coroner's inquest. From Seattle it is learned that deceased lived at Young's Cove, West Seattle, and was a fisherman by calling. The authorities of that place are investigating his departure from there for New Westminster, and some startling revelations may be expected. If it is murder it is thought to have been a case of spite, as deceased's money and watch were untouched.

From Saturday's daily.

—Albert Garthy, a Nanaimo teamster, was severely injured on Friday through falling under a load of lumber.

—At present, in Jan. 2nd, Geo. Munday, Aid-elect for New Westminster, was married to Miss Ida McMillan, daughter of John McMillan, of the former city, by Rev. Ed. H. Sise.

—Nothing further has been learned of H. Thames and his family who left Nanaimo nine days ago in an open boat for Puget Sound. It is thought that the craft was probably swamped.

—Peter Bellinger has been committed for trial at Victoria for the alleged selling of a little white bay named Arthur Lamour to a West Coast Indian for $90. It has been learned from North Dakota that Bellinger is a very bad egg, anr well-known to the police there, but what his motive was in selling the boy is hard to conjecture. Particulars obtained show that little Arthur's father is a wealthy man in North Dakota, but that he is divorced from his wife, who is thought to have married Bellinger.

Judge MacDougall, of Toronto, has reported to the council of that city on the boodle inquiry, in which he finds that corruption was proved against John Bailey, Edward Hewitt, Wm. M. Hall, John Maloney, and John E Verral, formerly members of the city council; H. A. Everett, vice-president of the Toronto Street Railway Company, and J. F. Clelman, agent of Everett. W. A. Bell, of the City Clerk's department, was found guilty of handling money used for bribing City aldermen. Maloney and Verral have been arrested, and others will probably be placed behind the bars. Coleman, Hewitt and Hall have fled the country, but may be extradited.

From Monday's daily.

—George Barrett is about to build a skating rink in New Westminster on Agnes street, and the structure will be 100 by 60 feet. It will be adapted for roller and ice skating.

—A happy smile illuminated the expressive features of A. Paull, delivery clerk on the C. P. R., wharf this morning, and hand shakes were in order. Its a boy, and he arrived on Friday.

—A concert was given at North Bend on Saturday evening for the benefit of R. Banville, the news agent who recently lost one of his feet in a railroad accident. Among the contributors to the programme were James Sclater, Les Rogers, the Misses Mollison, Mr. Cancellor, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Creelman and Mr. Stearman. The concert was a success in every respect and netted over $30.

—Mrs. Barbara Campbell, widow of the late Neil Campbell, of Cariboo, died on Friday at the residence of Capt. Wm. McDougall, Victoria West. The deceased was 60 years of age and leaves a family of two daughters and three sons.

—Ashford remains in much the same condition. His neglected wound has got in such a shape that at times the pus that gathers in it presses on his brain so that he becomes a raving maniac. If by chance he does not die he will always be wrong in the head.

—The second annual show of the Nanaimo Poultry Society will be held February 12th, 13th and 14th. This date has been fixed to suit the convenience of Mr. Butterfield, who will come straight on from judging at New York. Accommodation for 1,000 birds will be provided. The local fanciers are jubilant at the prospect of a very successful exhibit. Wm. K. Leighton is secretary, and will furnish entry forms and further particulars.

—An authority on farm yard stock says that more turkeys should be raised by our farmers. They are one of the most profitable as well as the least troublesome, of the different kinds of poultry. The best way to fatten them is by confining them in a small coop in a darkened room. Feed plenty of oat or wheat meal, all the kitchen scraps, and keep the trough well filled with worn or buckwheat. Don't neglect to keep their water-dish well filled, and in two or three weeks they will be in fine marketable condition. This is tough on the turkey, but not on the consumer.

From Tuesday's daily.

—James McKim, general merchant, Union, has assigned.

—Nanaimo city council has decided to lay in a supply of toxine serum, the specific against diphtheria.

—The clause in the charter amendments which was not put through was the one providing for a three-fifths majority for certain money by-laws. It involves a question that is now before the courts.

—The sealing schooner C. D. Rand has been fitted out to sea. She is in command of Capt. Whiteley, formerly of the Labrador. It is the intention to ship Indian hunters and the Japanese coast will be the scene of her principal exploits.

—Mention was made some time ago that a log had jumped into the engine of Mr. Higgins' steam logger, which was in operation up the Fraser. By the Dunsmuir last night a new engine was taken up and the plant will be in running order again in a week or so.

—A correspondent at Hastings wants to know who wrote The Mill on the Marsh. Will some subscriber who knows please furnish the information? The House on the Marsh was written by Florence Warden; perhaps that is the novel our correspondent has in mind, or will it be The Mill on the Floss?

—General Booth in his remarks the other evening made no allusion to Stanson, but which was crowded out of the report. In speaking of the Food and Shelter, referring to the clothes of poor, indigent people being fumigated, and their being given a bath, he said it did not matter if they came in 20,000 strong they only went out one person.

—The Fur Trade Review, of New York, says: "There does not seem to be any hurry about paying the award agreed upon for compensation to Canadian sealers, as accruing under the terms of the Paris arbitration. Some of our politicians are manifestly not aware of the fact that they are child-like and bland, to the reproach of this great country."

—The British schooner Rinaldo, the last of the 1884 salmon fleet, sailed from Victoria last night for Liverpool, Eng. Her cargo is valued at $190,643, made up as follows: R. P. Rithet & Co., 19,077 cases, valued at $43,169; Finlay, Durham & Brodie, 5,673 cases, valued at $28,365; Robt. Ward & Co., 4,769 cases, valued at $26,760; Anglo-B. C. Packing Company, 18,381 cases, valued at $186,450.

—Peter Bellinger, the slave seller, has changed his mind about waiting to be tried at the Spring assizes, for when he was brought up before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday he concluded to take a speedy trial, which the court fixed for to-morrow morning. In a conversation with a fellow prisoner yesterday Bellinger remarked he would be well pleased if he got off with three years—he expected five.

—Somebody is late for one of the Gulf ferries every day it was the Cutch that had to back in this afternoon. It was a female Salvation Army order this time. She had an umbrella, a handbag and an ulster, and she was stout, and when the outfit, female included, went overboard it was a heap even respect for the sex could not keep back the laugh.

—D. T. Denny, a well-known citizen of Seattle, is in deep financial trouble. He and his sons have confessed judgment for $302,619.11. The sums aggregating the amount named were made up as follows: The Puget Sound National bank vs. D. T. and John B. Denny, $17,335.34; Puget Sound National bank vs. D. T., John B. and D. Thomas Denny, $125,295.92; P. T. Blunde vs. D. T., John B., and D. Thomas Denny, $159,977.95.

—The changes in the U. S. lumber tariff are beginning to be felt in Victoria. On Sunday the steamer Lakme arrived from San Francisco to load lumber at the Sayward mills for Los Angeles. A portion of her cargo, however, will be taken aboard at Seattle, but the bulk will be obtained at Victoria. The Lakme is a vessel of over 400 tons register, which formerly traded between Portland and Victoria, and is commanded by Capt. S. Bonfield.

—The Board of License Commissioners of 1894 held their last meeting this morning. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The transfer of G. D. McKay's wholesale license to the premises of Evans, Coleman & Evans was sanctioned. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman and inspector were passed, the minutes of the present meeting confirmed and the board made its final adjournment.

—Commodore Irving is negotiating to establish a line of steamships from British Columbia to Mexico. The chief consideration is whether sufficient outgoing cargo can be obtained to warrant this extended service. If half a cargo of coffee could be secured for at least a good portion of the return freight, and it is believed that eventually a good business could be worked up. For many years San Francisco has had control of this trade almost exclusively. If Captain Irving's plans are successful the steamship Danube, of the C. P. N. fleet, will be placed on the route. She will touch at Puget Sound ports and after calling at Victoria and this city will sail as far south as Acapulco

—A gentleman directly connected with warship building in England writes to a relative in this city stating that the Oriental war has proved of the greatest concern to the firms that engage in this this class of ship construction. His firm in particular has an agent in the extent watching the more minute details. The correspondent expresses an opinion based upon the most reliable information that the English Government this year will place a large number of orders for new vessels, upon lines of the very latest type not covered by any other nation, and that with this in view a renewed impetus will be given to shipbuilding with the advent of the new year.

From Wednesday's daily.

—The Montreal Gazette of January 1st contained the following: M. Carlin and H. G. Parzeau, of Golden, B. C., arrived in the city yesterday. They are guests at the Hall.

—The Kingston Whig sent out a number of papers recently to exchanges with one page blank. Had the paper been received by a subscriber unacquainted with the mysteries of a newspaper office the impression would have been created that on the day after Christmas the editor was too full for utterance.

—Some pretty foreign Christmas cards were received in the city this year. A World reporter saw some from Norway that were unique. One from Scotland bore as a decoration a flake of polished Scottish granite.

—The hyphen in names such as J. Autimacassar-Snooks is generally laughed at. Still it has its uses. Mark what a difference its absence makes in the following ad. which recently appeared in a London, Eng., paper: "Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Levi, having cast off clothing of every description invite an early inspection."

—There is no truth in the report that a Mission Indian was murdered in the Southern Okanagan country. The Indians on this reserve are unusually quiet for this season of the year, and the salutary warning given them by the arrest of three of the worst mischief makers of the band for hog stealing and improperly branding stray colts, appears to have had a good effect. Constable Parke made two visits to the reservation and reports everything quiet and no drinking going on.

—Mayor Anderson received the other day a very handsomely gotten up scroll of honor from the management of the Interstate Fair, Tacoma. It purports to have been awarded "for services rendered by His Worship the Mayor of Vancouver, B. C." Views of the fair grounds, together with appropriate designs of exhibits, etc., are tastefully arranged around the border and at the top and base.

—The Empire brewery, Nanaimo, had a horse killed and delivery wagon smashed by an E. & N. train a day or two ago. It appears that the horse had been allowed to stand on Franklin street near the railway crossing, while the driver went to a customer. The horse strayed on to the track right in front of the afternoon train and before the train could be stopped the horse was killed and wagon demolished

—The funeral of Fong Ling, commonly known as "Sam," who for over eight years in the employ of George Raymond of the Wilson house, Nanaimo, but formerly of the Colonial, New Westminster City, and a Chinese hero in high standing in the Chinese order, provided a curious and interesting spectacle for a large number of onlookers at the Black Diamond City on Sunday afternoon. The ceremony was a very imposing one, and the procession from Chinatown to the cemetery on Departure road was the first of the kind ever seen in Nanaimo.

—The Spokane Chronicle says of recent remarks which appeared in these columns from an esteemed correspondent from Hockey: The sage of the Vancouver World may be on the wrong side of the boundary, but his head is level. Here is his advice to the young ranchers of Okanagan: Don't keep a few hens, make lots of butter, employ no Chinamen for cooks, raise feed and good hay for cultus cayuses, grow your own fruit, plant enough apple trees so that in a few years you will have a surplus to sell, stay home at nights with your wife, leave cards and liquor alone."

—Colds and chills, pneumonia and the like are easily contracted during the damp, chilly, changeable weather. An English physician tells how to keep such ills at a distance. Deep and forced respirations, he says, will keep the entire body in a glow in the coldest weather, no matter how thinly one may be clad. He was himself half frozen to death one night and recovered consciousness by dint of keeping the air in his lungs as long as possible. The result was that he was thoroughly comfortable in a few moments. The deep respiration, he says, stimulates the blood current by direct muscular action and cause the entire system to become pervaded with the rapidly generated heat.

—A subscriber at Port Haney writes to know where Dr. William Hammond is. We do not know, and, what is more, we do not care, and the correspondent is doing himself off if he never hears of him again. Hammond was a villain of the worst kind, and despite the fact that he was shown up fully by The World first and other papers afterwards he went on duping people right and left. This paper went to some expense and trouble to hunt up Hammond's record in Minneapolis and publish it, and, unkindest cut of all, a Victoria man who had been victimized by Hammond and wished to expose him, borrowed the portrait and data in question from The World over Boston and other cities and never returned them. The doctor is no doubt still seeking suckers and likely catching them too, but just where he is fishing is a matter of little moment.

FLOCKMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Vancouver Island Flockmasters' Association was held at Duncan's, Cowichan, on Saturday. Capt. Barkley, R. N., president, and Vice-president Shopland occupied the chair and vice-chair. About 40 persons were present, including J. P. Booth, M. P. P. for North Victoria, and Major Mutter, M. P. P. for Cowichan-Alberni. Major Mutter explained that press of legislative duties prevented Premier Davie, senior member for Cowichan-Alberni, from being present. The usual loyal toasts were duly honored. Capt. Barkley referred to the success the association had met with, and said that being now incorporated and affiliated with the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Society its usefulness would be increased. Major Mutter and Mr. Booth made practical speeches on the good results association had done and could do, and after a session of jollity the banquet came to a happy conclusion with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen. Secretary A. T. Woods was warmly complimented on his invaluable services in the past and in carrying out of the purposes of the association, he virtually having had the whole of the work to do.

A CLUMSY BURGLARY.

Last night some persons fired a big rock through the $40 plate glass show windows in the Hudson Bay Company's clothing store on Water street. The missile must have been thrown with very considerable force, because it went through the pane, shattering it in all directions and made a big dent in the partition some distance behind the window. One of the big sections marked by the cracks was then thrown out and through it two cases of Whitley were taken. The smashing must have made considerable noise. Besides the window itself the lettering and coat-of-arms on it will cost considerable to replace. The thieves deserve double punishment for their clumsiness.

A SAFE OPENED.

Last night someone opened the safe in the New England Fish Company's office on the U. S. S. Co.'s wharf. It is not known if it was locked or if there was any money in it, as the person who closed it is out of the city. If it was locked the thieves worked the combination. All the drawers in the safe were pried open and smashed and papers were scattered all over the place. The desk was also pried open and $3.50, known to have been in one of the compartments of it, is taken. A boat builder who has been working in another part of the establishment had left his trunk full of tools there. The top of it was chopped off and all the implements, valued at $250, are gone.

WESTERN CATTLE.

Said the Winnipeg Free Press: "Dr. McEachrean, chief inspector of live stock for the Dominion, returned by the express from inspecting the ranches of the west. He continued his journey to Montreal. He stated to a reporter that he never saw the range animals in better condition than he found them on this trip. He did not discover any disease, and nineteen in twenty told him they had suffered no loss to their stock through severe cold weather or other causes." Why did the inspector not come out and take a look at the British Columbia cattle.

THE ROYAL CITY.

Happenings in and About the City of New Westminster.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Jan. 7.—The city council held its last meeting this morning prior to surrendering control of their affairs to their successor. The following reports were received: Weigh scale fees for December, $4.75. Police court records, 1894—Arrests, 135; summonses served, 92; convictions or orders by police magistrate, 134; dismissed, 3; sent up for trial, 13; sent to Provincial jail, to serve sentence, 40; withdrawn, 21. Nature of offences—Vagrancy, 24; theft, 37; robbery, 2; keeping disorderly house, 1; insanity, 5; refusing to pay wages, 3; infraction of city by-laws, 31; abduction, 2; drunk and incapable, 26; damaging property, 2; fraud, 4; keeping house of ill-fame, 10; frequenters, 9; stowaways, 2; in possession of fire arms, 3; under Indian act, 19; creating a disturbance, 4; in possession of state's property, 1; resisting arrest, 1; assault, 22; assault with intent to murder, 3; gambling, 17; total, 222.

Sanitary—Only five prosecutions during 1894, 287 places cleaned, 543 barrels night soil removed. Contagious diseases reported, 83, of which 51 were diphtheria and 2 scarlet fever. Of these 7 proved fatal. Quarantine hospital remains in good condition and in a state of readiness in case of need. Recommendations re sewerage system were renewed, to afford protection against contagious diseases.

Market—Commissioner's report showed marked improvement in the year's business as compared with 1893. Producers and consumers both taken advantage to a satisfactory extent of facilities provided for their coming together. The market consequently is no longer an experiment, but an institution established upon a sound and permanent basis. As enlarged accommodation is necessary the commissioners recommend that $5,000 be placed at their disposal to enable them to make necessary improvements. Market receipts for year: Rents, $355.20; commissions, on sales value $12,—46, $621.80; water, $21.15; total, $2,098. Consignments to market clerk were: 6,031 sacks potatoes, 202 sacks onions, 215 sacks turnips, 363 sacks carrots, 252 sacks parsnips, 62 sacks beets, 45 sacks parsnips, 158 sacks cabbage, 1,714 sacks oats, 213 sacks wheat, 15 sacks timothy seed, 53 sacks chopped feed, 880 bales hay, 50 bales straw, 108 sacks guano, 2,153 boxes apples, 93 boxes pears, 575 boxes plums, 7,760 lbs. butter, 7,694 doz. eggs; 835 doz. chickens, 13 doz. ducks, 46 turkeys, 12 brace geese, 2 brace pheasants, 7 sets beef, 49 carcasses pork, 2 carcasses mutton, 3 carcasses veal, and a lot of sundries. It must be noted that the above sales of goods consigned to the clerk are only a small proportion of the total sales made during the year, the majority of sellers handling their own goods.

(The proceedings were in progress as the report left.)

The meeting held on Saturday by Capt Pittendrigh and a jury resulted in the following verdict being returned: "We find that the body found near Burnaby lake, in Burnaby municipality, is the body of one Frank Hallgarth; how or by what means he met his death there is no evidence to show." The only witnesses were D. McGowan, J. Harper, and W. Moresby, and the evidence briefly showed that in December, 1893, Hallgarth escaped from the asylum grounds, was then trailed to Burnaby lake, and that there a skeleton with asylum clothes was discovered last week.

The funeral of the late Miss Pollard took place at Sapperton on Saturday afternoon. A large number of friends and the burial services were conducted by Revs. J. Hicks and R. B. Chesnut.

The annual meeting of the West End Presbyterian church congregation took place last Friday night. Rev. D. B. Chesnut presided, and with him on the platform were several other ministers. A very pleasant evening was spent by those present.

The Court of Revision, in connection with the Coquitlam Dyking scheme assessment, was held by chairman W. J. Geary at New Westminster Junction on Saturday morning. Two appeals were made, one on behalf of Judge Bole, and the other by A. A. Atkins, the commissioners reserving their decision.

A case of burglary at the Royal City mills store occurred last Saturday night. The burglars took only a few dollars worth of goods away, having apparently been disturbed before he could remove a lot he had evidently put together for removal. The police expect to arrest the culprit to-day.

At a meeting held on Friday night the New Westminster Operatic Society was formed. The following officers and directors were made: President, Geo. D. Brymner, vice-president, J. W. Creighton; sec.-treas., W. H. Fulding; committee, Dr. W. A. De Wolf Smith and W. R. Jones, A. G. Macfarlane and A. M. Whiteside. F. Victor Austin was chosen conductor. It was intended to at once commence rehearsals on the Pirates of Penzance, and as a numerous chorus and efficient orchestra are being enrolled it is anticipated that the production of the opera will be attended with marked success.

New Westminster, Jan. 8.—When mj last report left yesterday the Council was in session. In addition to the reports published the City Engineer submitted his report for the past year, in which was detailed the work done on streets, mention being made of the opening of a new one in Sapperton, and of Tenth avenue, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets; 1½ miles of side-walk had been laid, 6-foot and over; 1 1-16 miles of 3-plank sidewalk constructed; also 3 miles of boxes, 28 chains of culverts, and 1 8 chains of crossings. Important works carried out included completion of retaining walls at penitentiary guards' cottages, and of the Glen bridge. The expenditure had been—Board of Works, $19,510.31, and miscellaneous, $1,630.33—a total of $21,140.63. The engineer also reported upon the waterworks system, recommended improvements, and the Water committee submitted a statement of the year's operations.

The Chief of the Fire Department reported for 1894 18 fire alarms, with an estimated loss of $60,310.33, the chief losses being Royal City mills, $25,000; J. A. Fraser, $10,000; Mrs. J. Ross, $3,000; John Ross, $1,329.03. Length of hose laid 12,300 feet. Alarms show a decrease of 10 in number as compared with 1893. Apparatus was reported to be in good condition, and recommendation for purchase of four additional alarm boxes was renewed.

The Fire and Light committee reported that the previous year's anticipations on a profit resulting from the electric light operations for 1894 are not likely to be realized, owing to the Gas company cutting prices down below what seem to be living rates. The committee not considering it good public policy to meet the cut by going below paying rates, the custom of consumers with an aggregate light revenue value of $5,820 has, as a consequence, been lost. During the year some 600 lights have been added, making the number now in use, after deducting those lost, 3,758, with an average of 1,000 16 c. p. lamps burning per night. The previous year's policy of non-extension has been continued, nor has any addition been made to arc system, which remains at 87 lamps. Plant, etc., is reported to be in good order with a prospect of running until midsummer without requiring much further outlay. Conclusion is drawn that notwithstanding the ridiculously low rate charged to the city for the street lamps, the plant, which is now loaded nearly up to its capacity, would have been earning a handsome revenue had it not been so affected by the Gas company's competitive policy.

A transfer of the sum of $3,500 from Fire Department account to credit of waterworks account, for use of hydrants, was agreed to. A resolution was adopted recommending the new council to proceed with the construction of the Fraser river bridge, provided a sum of the debentures at not less than par can be affected. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor for the impartial and considerate manner in which he had presided over their deliberations during the past year, this resolution being the closing vote of the 1894 council. The new council met at noon, all the members being present, excepting Ald. Cox, whose absence was caused by illness. The customary formalities having been observed the appointment of the various committees was proceeded with, and the meeting closed. The council met again at night, when several matters had attention. Notice of motion was given by Ald. Keary for an appropriation of $2,000 for an audit of the city's accounts by the Government auditor. The standing committees for the year were appointed, of which the following are the chairmen: Finance committee, Ald. Keary; Board of Works, Ald. Fales; Water and Sewerage, Ald. Jaggers; Fire, Ald. Buckland; Electric Light, Ald. Lewis; Bridge, Railway and Ferry, Ald. Bain; Health, Ald. Munday; Park, Ald. Forrester. Upon re-assembling in the evening some unimportant business was transacted, after which the council adjourned till next Monday evening.

The members of Amity lodge, No. 27, O. U. A. M., met last night, when a brother was instructed in the mysteries of the Third degree. The officers for the ensuing year were duly installed, these being: N. G., Jos. Johnson; V. G., Jas. Chambers; P. G., Robt. May; R. S., W. C. Calhoun; P. S., J. J. Johnston; Treas., Geo. Adams; W., R. J. Kilpatrick; Cond., R. Sherwood; O. G., R. Bremner; I. G., A. Kirkland; R. S. N. G., A. Brown; L. S. N. G., F. Broad; R. S. V. G., B. McKeen; L. S. V. G., Isaac Coward; R. S. S., C. Brenchley; L. S. S., J. Oddy; Chap., C. C. Fisher. The Grand Patriarch and other Grand Encampment officers proceed to Vancouver to-night to install the officers of Columbia Encampment, No. 5, I. O. O. F.

GENERAL BOOTH

General Booth, accompanied by several of the more prominent of his B. C. officers, reached this city by special car yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was met by Mayor Bishop, City Clerk Robson, and a large number of members of the local corps of the Salvation Army, headed by their band. After the Mayor had been introduced to the General, they together entered a carriage and were driven to the residence of James Cunningham, whose guest the General is during his brief visit to this city. Meanwhile the Opera House was filled to the doors by a large number of people, anxious to accord the Salvationist leader a hearty welcome to the Royal City. By the time the crowd and audience had settled down the General and the Mayor had reached the largest hall the city has, where they found everybody on the tiptoe of expectation. A roaring welcome greeted the General as he appeared on the platform, which was already occupied by Revs. Dr. Reid, Prof. Whittington, J. H. Best, Rev. C. Scoular, J. H. White, J. P. Hicks, E. B. Chenoweth, T. Hall and Prof. Colter, besides the Salvation Army bands and many of their officers and other members. Above the platform was the motto, "Banner, upon which were inscribed the words: "Westminster Extends a Hearty Welcome to General Booth and staff." The opening exercises, consisting of a hymn, followed by a prayer, were led by Col. Lawley, who at their close announced that His Worship the Mayor had consented to take the chair. The chairman's introductory remarks were brief. These were followed by addresses to General Booth, presented by City Clerk Robson on behalf of the city; by Rev. E. B. Chenoweth, from the Ministerial Association of New Westminster; by W. C. Choatham, from the Y. M. C. A.; by Dr. Drew, from the medical profession; and by J. Bose, on behalf of the Salvation Army. To all these addresses the General, who was again enthusiastically applauded, expressed his sincere thanks for the warmth of their welcome and spontaneous expressions of sympathy, which had been so cordially endorsed by the plaudits of the large audience before him. A detailed account of the history of the Salvation Army movement was then given and much interesting information was imparted. The evening meeting, also held in the Opera House, was numerously attended, the building being well filled, notwithstanding the two-bit admission charge. As soon as the General commenced his address, which was of a similar nature to those already lengthily reported in The World's columns, the doors were closed, many thereby being excluded, otherwise the large auditorium would have been filled to its utmost capacity. Principal Whittington presided and the General spoke for nearly two hours.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

New Westminster, Jan. 9.—The closing session of the Mainland Teachers' Institute was held yesterday afternoon, President C. E. Stewart in the chair. The first business taken up was a paper on Writing by J. D. Buchanan, of New Westminster Central school. A short intermission followed, during which the reception committee arranged with the other members not previously acquainted wit heach other. Rev. H. H. Gowen, of New Westminster, then gave an address on Antiquity and How to Study Them, the introductory allusions being to the peril of every profession of too great breadth and too great narrowness, and the need of a wheel they may not set on edge they are exceedingly thin, and some so narrow that for them the chief faculties of life are given in vain. The necessity for both breadth and narrowness was emphasized, the true success being that obtained by the union of both—the breadth that knows that life is not shut up within the four walls of a schoolhouse, but requires which deliberately determines to do one thing well, some permanent work which will enrich the world. True success can only come from true work, whatever its scope. The doctrine of conversation of energy holds good in teaching as in everything else. Coming to the particular subject under consideration, every professional man feels the danger of running too much in ruts, and has to face the problem how to use them for what they are worth, and yet remain free to escape from them. We must not expect them to be altogether unavoidable. A teacher must be to a certain extent conventional, travelling along well-worn ruts. Drudgery is inherent in all good work. But the sting is taken out of drudgery and the formalism out of convention when the work is done by a man, not by one who thinks, rather than by a machine. A teacher should be like the allegorical chariot of nature described by Emerson—such an image as gives the ideal which will enable him not to despise the ruts which experience marks out as necessary and wise, yet at the same time leaves to him the power to rise above them freely and boldly. The possession of the latter faculty is necessary for the sake of both teacher and taught. The ruts of text books, etc., may be as fatal to the intellectual freedom of the teacher as they often are to the mental development and expansion of the pupil. Into what fields of thought do school text books serve as windows, and yet how very often we make them almost shutters. Happy and successful is the teacher who, as far as possible, makes himself independent of his text books, using them only as a traveler in a strange city uses a map—outlines to fill in with the results of personal observation and discovery! No true teaching has ever been achieved where the teacher has regarded the text books as encyclopedias, his pupils as packing cases, or the examiners' report as his judgment day. And if the enthusiasm which soars out of the ruts is a help to the teacher himself personally, it becomes consequently a very great aid to those who are being taught. School is often a torture chamber, not merely in the physical sense, where intellectual nutrition is ladled out like the brimstone and treacle in Oliver Twist. Now, nothing is so easy to communicate to children as enthusiasm. As there is nothing there is so good to encourage, there is nothing it is so bad to repress. And an enthusiast will teach children who defy the efforts of the ingenious scholar or the most patient pedagogue. Let the teacher share enthusiasm of all kinds he may perceive among his pupils. Original work of every kind, however poor or imperfect, is better than any amount of cram. Let the teacher encourage all original work. Let him share all enthusiasm to guide, control and bring it to noble uses. It will add to the interest, as well also as to the success of the work if the teacher recognizes from the start that he is dealing with minds of very various and uncertain aptitudes. He must measure every child separately for its intellectual outfit—not supply all the children wholesale, as an army contractor would fill an order for uniforms. There should be sympathy, as far as is possible, with every type of mental and physical aptitude; such sympathy as will not only help the pupils in their work, but will also make them fellow-workers in the teacher's own. The teacher's business, too, touches such a matter as directing the reading of a growing pupil quite as much as that he or she absorbs the requisite amount of geography and history, not necessarily in prescribing what is interesting and what not, but in educationally guiding the tastes into the purest and noblest paths of literature. To do this wisely he must read widely and discriminatingly himself, not being afraid of condescending to know the needs of youth so that he may be able to determine what is good to read and what not. It is the teacher's function to teach his pupils to avoid mean books and to read only those which are pure, and bright, and good. Wide knowledge purposely and deliberately extended beyond the school curriculum, will give the scholar confidence in the teacher's instruction on the more