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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist March 27.

THE C. P. R.'s PLIGHT.

The Dominion Government Reject the Company's Proposals.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 23.—The government has rejected the proposals of the Canadian Pacific railway syndicate for the relief of the company. A more general proposition will be submitted by the government.

Savona.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

The town is at present very busy, there being large gangs of men at work on railway construction, finishing the grading from end of track through the piece of land for which piece there was a disagreement in price between the owner and the syndicate. Another gang is working west ballasting, while the gang of men working on the building of the new steamer Skuzzy makes times very lively in our neighborhood. The steamer will run almost immediately on being launched, as it is expected every day that the ice will leave the lake.

A slide of several thousand yards of earth occurred the other day on one of the sub-contracts near Kamloops, but is being rapidly replaced. The whole bank gave way.

The new brewery, to be known as "Savona Brewery," erected for Pendola & Velatti, on the opposite shore of Lake Kamloops, from the town of Savona, is very thorough in its equipment. The building is two stories and a half in height 50x70 feet, with malt house 38x11 feet; kiln 10x10 feet, with 2,500 pounds capacity. The capacity of the brewery is 400 gallons per brew. The water will be pumped from Kamloops lake by horse power. The brewery is supplied with every modern appliance for turning out the different brands of beer, ale and porter. When the liquor passes from the copper boiler there is no more handling until it is placed in the barrels ready for sale or bottling. For the latter there is a bottling and corking machine, one man being able to bottle thirty-six gallons per hour. There are two weigh-houses, one for weighing grain before and one after malting, with storehouse for hops. A couple of rooms are partitioned off for the brewer, and a first-class dwelling is adjacent to the building, the residence of Mr. Pendola. The establishment is now complete, and brewing will at once be commenced.

Dominion License Commissioners.

A meeting took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair and Messrs. Crossdaile and Vipond, commissioners; Mr. Sparrow, inspector.

Mr. Mills appeared for the following applicants: Jas. Fell, Wm. Tierney, Jno. Begg, Dougherty & Savage, Commercial Hotel, and M. Rowland. Mr. Mills said that the court had not the right, except as to wholesale licenses, to exercise a jurisdiction after the decision of the supreme court of Canada until such decision had been reversed.

His worship said that all the commission could do was to take into consideration what Mr. Mills had said.

The board then adjourned until Friday at 3 p.m., in order that all applicants may be present.

Ho! For the North.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz sailed for the Northwest coast at 10½ m. yesterday, with a full freight and a large crowd of passengers. The wharf was crowded as the steamer moved off, and the Lorne creek miners on board were heartily cheered. Following is the passenger list: Judge Elliott, Miss Hendray, D. R. Lord, L. J. Lewis, constable for Lorne creek, Benj. Yeomans, Sam Evans, C. Bowen, You Rencie, E. A. Booth, O. T. Farnum, D. F. Farrvell, S. W. Sirong, R. T. Cawfield, Chas. Ellison, John Jayyes, John Rinney, T. N. Bowlio, A. McFarland, G. Huson, T. W. Conant, W. Larkin, Jas. McLarty, Mike Larkin, Yarmton Mossman, Peter Irving, J. Hatterly, C. Boyle, Dan Meney, C. McLandry, Peter Carr, E. K. Smith, Peter Cunningham, P. Sass, John A. Fraser, E. Vigor, John Murphy, M. Chickens, A. Nanaycle, C. Kuldrich, J. McCormick, P. Hudland, H. Miller, John Ward, A. Heeley and 13 Chinamen.

Personal.

Mr. D. H. Ross (Neufelder & Ross) has so far recovered as to be able to appear on Government street.

Mr. Dixon Irwin and wife of Winnipeg, are among the recent arrivals from Manitoba. They report the frost 32 degrees below zero and splendid sleighing when they left a week ago on Sunday last. Their surprise and gratification to find that summer prevailed here was unbounded.

Mr. Thomas Charles is confined to his room by illness.

Coal Harbor Lands Enquiry.

Sir M. B. Begbie has been appointed Royal Commissioner to enquire into and report concerning the genuineness of a certain document purporting to have been executed on the 23rd April, 1884, by two Indians in favor of J. M. M. Spinks. Sir Matthew will hold a public sitting at Victoria on the 9th day of April next at the house of assembly, James Bay, and a public sitting at New Westminster on the 14th April following, for the purpose of hearing evidence under oath.

Lytton.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Though the railway line has passed far beyond us there are still a large number of men at work on the road, and business generally is fair. The Indians are mining along the Thompson, taking advantage of the low water, and have been very fortunate, during the first couple of weeks at least, in getting as much as one hundred ounces per week being brought in by them.

HORSES.—About a dozen horses came down by the Louise yesterday from the interior for the Transfer Co. in charge of Mr. S. Tringle, one of the firm.

THE test of the Canadian hand grenades last evening was a failure. The fire refused to go out at the grenade's bidding and water had to be called to extinguish the fuses.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, March 25.

The regular meeting of the council was held last evening.

Present—His Worship in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Earle, Teague, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Edwin Johnson stating that the deeds given by Mr. Pearse and Mr. Wilson conveying street were sufficiently binding.

From Chas. Steers asking permission to use street for the erection of a dwelling. Granted.

From A. J. Bechtel calling attention to the dangerous condition of sidewalk in front of the Terminus Hotel. Referred to street committee.

From C. Bossi in reference to the bad state of sidewalk corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets. Referred to street committee with power to act.

From E. M. Johnson acknowledging receipt of letter in reference to a deed of a portion of Chatham street. Received.

From G. Bossi asking permission to use street for building purposes. Granted.

From Wm. M. Ross asking for street lines and use of street for building purposes. Granted.

From John Graham asking the council to sell him a small amount of stone for building a garden wall.

Several councillors objected to the council going into the rock business, and the matter was referred to the street committee with power to act.

From Wood & Lee asking use of street while erecting cottage on Chatham street. Granted.

From ratepayers of north side of Fisgard street drawing attention to the bad state of sidewalk on that portion of the street. Referred to street committee for report.

From J. D. Ross asking permission to use a portion of Yates street for building purposes. Granted.

From L. T. Wallenstein asking that the sidewalk be removed from his property on Green street. Referred to street committee for report.

From A. DeCosmos asking for extension of water mains to Fernwood road. Referred to water committee for report.

From A. DeCosmos in reference to the extension of Pandora street, going variously into historical matters in connection with it, and referring particularly to Capt. Rudlin's house, lot and fence.

Coun. Earle explained that the street committee had seen Capt. Rudlin in reference to the matter, and he had stated that he would be willing to sell his house and lot at cost price, $8,000; otherwise he could do nothing in the matter.

The matter was extended one week for the street committee to report upon.

FIRE LIMITS.

Coun. Ward gave notice of motion that he would move an amendment to the by-law regulating the fire limits.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Coun. Ward moved, seconded by Coun. Grant, that it is expedient that a bylaw be framed for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Dominion law relating to cruelty to animals. Carried.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Coun. McKillican moved the first reading of the by-law in referance to the observance of the Sabbath.

Read a first time and second reading next meeting.

SANITARY REPORT.

The sanitary committee, recommending that the theatre company be allowed to drain from the theatre building through Driard alley to the drain on Fort street, and that the council contribute $100 to the expense.

Report received and adopted, and the work ordered to be done under the supervision of the street committee.

JOHNSON STREET RAVINE.

The committee appointed to report on the Johnson street ravine drain, and recommending that the ravine be covered, and a brick drain be constructed at some future date.

The report was received and the work ordered to be done.

TENDERS.

Tenders for the grading of Pembroke street were read from A. Beswick, $395; P. Gilligan, $290; N. Laelaire, $345; McCormick & Harkins, $400; and James Baker, $351. The contract was awarded to the lowest tenderer provided sufficient security was given for fulfilment of contract.

Tenders were read for the re-building of Rock Bay bridge as follows: Charles Roper, $650; McCormick & Harkins, $625; Thos. Elliott, $550; and William Rocket, $560. The tender was ordered to be given to the lowest tenderer, Mr. Elliott.

Tenders were read for repairs to the city hall, as follows: D. T. Johnson, $305; Thos. Storey, $225; and Wood & See, $290. The tender of Thos. Storey was accepted.

Tenders for erection of a city fountain: Wood & See, $832; J. Robertson, iron palisading only, $550; H. Carrol, $972; and for drain 50 cents per foot. Referred back to committee to see if the work could not be simplified so as to bring it in the amount previously specified, $600.

MONEY BY-LAW.

Coun. Smith gave notice that at the next meeting he would bring in a by-law to raise money for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations of a previous meeting in reference to the better supplying of the city with water.

PARK CARETAKER.

Coun. McKillican gave notice that he would introduce a by-law at the next meeting to increase the salary of the Park caretaker from $15 to $25.

WATERING STREETS.

His Worship called the attention of the council to the fact that complaints were general in regard to the great amount of dust flying from the streets.

On motion of Couns. Teague, the street committee was authorized to have the streets watered until tenders were called for.

WATER WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The water works committee's report was read, and on motion of Coun. Grant the items of the report were considered *seriatim*.

The first clause, recommending the extension of pipes on Church Hill and along View and Rae streets was adopted, except that referring to Church Hill which was deferred.

The second clause recommending that water used for manufacturing purposes be drawn by meter into tanks between the hours of 9 p. m. and 4 a. m. was adopted.

The third clause recommended that no pipes be connected for irrigating purposes only, and that all pipes so used at present be disconnected, and stated that a bylaw would be brought in to regulate the same. After considerable discussion in reference to this item of the report the clause was adopted.

Clause 4 referred to the detriment that the high pipe at Snider's Hill caused to the supply of water in that it sometimes caused the flow of water to cease and recommended that the pipe be changed to a lower level. The clause was adopted.

Clause 5 recommended that the high level reservoir be built, as they considered it the best system and that a by-law be framed for the purpose of having the same done. The clause was adopted as read.

Clause 6 recommended that a street sweeper be purchased, in order to save the great amount of water at present used in sprinkling the streets. This clause was laid over until cost of sweeper was ascertained.

On motion the report was adopted with the exception of the last clause.

CITY DRAINAGE.

The report of the committee on drainage was taken up clause by clause.

The first recommended the offering of three premiums for the best system of drainage—of $2,500, $1,500 and $1000.

After an exhaustive discussion on the matter on motion of Coun. Robertson the consideration of the report was deferred until next meeting.

Council adjourned.

SAANICH DISTRICT.—Reports from this district are to the effect that roads are good and the land is drying rapidly. On several farms ploughing has commenced.

THE AFGHAN FRONTIER.

The Probability of War Increased.

Stocks Excited and Prices Lower.

Reported Preparations for Forwarding Troops.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

LONDON, March 24.—The tension between Russia and England over the Afghan frontier question is increased. The stock market excited, British consols are one-half and Russian securities one per cent. lower than at the close last evening.

The cabinet held a special session this afternoon on the Afghan difficulty and resolved firmly to demand of Russia that she commence forthwith the work of delineating the Afghan frontier in accordance with the understanding under which Sir Peter Lumsden and the British surveying party passed so many months in the Ameer's dominions. All the officers belonging to the British India army and now in Europe on furlough have been ordered to immediately rejoin their respective regiments.

LONDON, March 25.—The Earl of Kimberley, British secretary of state for India, in the house of commons this evening in answer to a question stated that he had, on behalf of the government, informed the deputation that the government had decided not to annex upper Burmah to the Queen's Indian Empire. He admitted Her Majesty's Indian affairs at present required it necessary for the government to exercise great prudence in engaging in any enterprise beyond the frontier. Earl Dufferin, the present Indian Viceroy, has been instructed to endeavor to improve British relations with the Burmese.

Sir Charles Dilke, president of the local government board, answered for the government a question by Sir Stafford Northcote and said the government had not today received any news from Russia concerning pending negotiations in regard to the Afghan border dispute.

BOSTON, March 26.—The Herald prints the following private cable dispatch received in Boston from a reliable source. It says: "There is great excitement in London. It is reported that 25,000 militia have been called out. Rumors are thick that Russia has rejected the English proposals.

THE NORTHWEST REBELLION.

The Rising Believed to be Serious.

WINNIPEG, March 23.—Artillery, mounted police and volunteers are being hurried forward to Prince Albert and Carleton to suppress the Saskatchewan half-breed and Indian uprising. The situation there is still critical, and serious trouble is imminent. News from the scene of disturbance is meagre to-day.

WINNIPEG, March 23.—The telegraph wires near the scene of the riots and rebellion is still cut and no dispatches can be received from any points in that vicinity. Colonel Irvine, with a force of mounted police from Regina, should reach the crossing of the south Saskatchewan tonight. The rebels are understood to be at that point to prevent Irvine's force crossing the river and joining the force stationed at Fort Carleton. The half-breeds number 500, and are armed with Remington and Winchester rifles. They are trying to stir up a general rising among the Indians all over the Saskatchewan district. The nineteenth battalion of the Winnipeg rifles has been ordered to be ready to start for the scene of trouble, and will probably leave Wednesday morning.

OTTAWA, March 23.—It is well known that the disturbance in the Northwest territory is much more serious than Sir John Macdonald is willing to acknowledge in parliament. The minister of militia was closeted all day with General Middleton and Sir David MacPherson. The minister of the interior has information that there are 600 half-breeds under arms. Latest advices from Prince Albert and Carleton show that the rising is a most serious affair.

Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, at present in Winnipeg, has been in constant communication with the authorities here relative to the disturbances. A detachment of mounted police, with field guns, will go to the scene of the disturbance.

It is admitted that the location for Reid could not be better to accomplish his object. Big Bear is near the spot, and stoutly refuses to take to his reserve, and would doubtless be willing to follow with the tribe of Louis Reil. French half-breeds are also in close proximity, and the feeling in every way, if Reil could get hold of it, would be an advantageous one to him. The mounted police department is in close communication with officials at Prince Albert, and full details are expected.

A rumor that Fort Carleton has been captured by Riel is denied. Notice was given in the commons of an inquiry whether Riel had been in the employ of the government at any time, in any capacity, in the past two years.

A DOMINION CHINESE BILL.

Women and Laborers Affected by it.

OTTAWA, March 23.—The Dominion government will introduce a bill on Tuesday which will provide for a poll tax upon every Chinaman entering Canada, and will restrict the number of Chinese immigrants to be received by steamship or sailing vessels trading between China and this country, on the basis of so many per ton capacity of each vessel. It is also intended to require the registration of the names and location of all Chinese entering the country, so that in the event of their being required in criminal case or for purposes of municipal taxation, their whereabouts may be readily ascertained. One of the features of the bill will be the enforcement of rigid sanitary laws. The poll tax will only apply to Chinese women and laborers and not to merchants, bankers or other professional classes of Chinese.

MARINE ENGINEERS DISPENSED WITH.—The Oregon Railway and Navigation company have issued orders that all third assistant engineers employed on their steamships be discharged. Hitherto their vessels have carried a chief engineer and three assistant engineers. The first steamer on which orders were carried into effect was the State of California, now at San Francisco. A meeting of the marine engineers was held there yesterday. Instructions have been issued for all engineers of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company steamers to quit work immediately, unless the third assistant engineer on the State of California is restored to his position. The Society of Marine Engineers embraces all certified engineers on the Pacific coast.

THE sternwheel steamer James McNaught has been taken to New Westminster from Seattle. It is said she will not return, but will be sold and put under the flag of Great Britain.

THE DUST.—The council adopted a resolution last night ordering the streets to be sprinkled. This will be very welcome, for the dust has been flying in most uncomfortable quantities the past week, penetrating the stores and covering the goods with a regular layer.

ARREST.—A man named Deans, from Camp 8, Island railway, was arrested yesterday on complaint of Dr. Walkem. He beat one Chinaman with an ax and prodded another with a hayfork. He will be sent back to Nanaimo.

From the Daily Colonist, March 27.

THE NORTHWEST REBELLION.

Troops to be Forwarded at Once

The Rebellion Confined to a Small District.

Riel's Object to Extort Government Funds.

Troops Being Rapidly Sent to the Front.

Communication with Prince Albert Still Cut Off.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

OTTAWA, March 26.—The government received no information of any collision between the mounted police and Riel. The scoutled rebellion is confined to a small district near Fort Carlton on the outskirts of Prince Albert settlement. Riel is reported to have about 100 followers, 40 of them Indians and the rest half-breeds.

ST. PAUL, March 26.—The St. Paul & Manitoba railway officials got orders from the Dominion government at Ottawa to-day for the transportation of 400 troops to Winnipeg to arrive to-morrow. These are troops the government asked permission of the United States to transport through to the scene of the Riel rebellion in the Northwest Territory.

WINNIPEG, March 26.—The detachment of militia that started last night arrived at Qu'Appelle at noon to-day, where they are quartered in the immigrant shed to await the arrival of the force, which will leave for the front to-morrow afternoon under command of Gen. Middleton. The reported cause of the hurried movement last night was the fear of an Indian outbreak at Regina and Broadview. Gov. Dewdney went with a detachment to Qu'Appelle and had a conference with the Indians at Broadview. He reports them quiet, but demanding more supplies. Nothing has been heard from the Irvine troops since last night, and some uneasiness is felt regarding their safety.

Communication with Duck Lake and Prince Albert is still cut off, so that no word can be received of the movements of the half-breeds. The Hudson Bay agent, Clark, of Prince Albert, has not been heard from and the company are getting anxious, feeling sure he would send word if he could.

OTTAWA, March 26.—In the commons this afternoon Blake asked the government for further information about affairs in the Northwest, and said he would like to get such full information as was due the house with reference to the cause of the troubles, and what action the government had taken. Sir John Macdonald said the situation stood very much as before. No information could be got until to-morrow. The force commanded by Col. Irvine, and the one at Carleton under Capt. Crozier, as soon as they unite will number 250 men. There are 100 men of the 19th regiment now at Qu'Appelle ready to proceed if necessary in the direction of South Saskatchewan. They can be followed by the remainder of the regiment, 200 men, and a half battery of artillery. He had to-day received a dispatch from Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, who had seen a number of Indians on the reserve at Broadview, who were said to be excited and ready to join Reil. The Indians were very indignant at the circulation of these reports, and commanded the lieut.-governor to assure the "Great Mother" that they remained loyal to her person and government under Reil. Sir John said: "We are quite unaware of the proximite cause of the half-breed government under Reil. Reil came into the country invited by them some time ago. The government believe he came for the purpose of extorting money from the public purse. In fact, the government heard during last summer intimations that if we gave him money ($5,000 was mentioned), he would depart in peace. Of course the government could not entertain such a proposition for a moment, and he has been there exciting the half-breeds and attempting to arouse the Indians, telling them the country all belonged to them, and the white man had no right to it whatever.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, March 26—A dispatch from Fort Edmonton says the most fortunate circumstance that no member of the family was in the house at the time, but the loss to Mr. Thrift is quite serious.

Last Sunday H. Hudson, of Delta, was coming over the South road on horseback. When about two miles from Brownville a large cougar sprang from the brush and struck the horse on the neck. The horse fell, but recovered himself and threw Hudson over his head, afterwards galloping off with all speed. Hudson saw the cougar leave the road, plunge into the bushes, and disappear from view. The horse suffered very little from the attack, there being no injury visible beyond a few scratches on his neck.

The Street Railway.

It is reported that the necessary capital for establishing and maintaining a street railway in Victoria has been raised in the east. It is expected that the road will be in running order in twelve months' time. One line will run from the junction of Government and Douglas streets, along Government to Yates, up Yates to its junction with Fort street, down Fort to Government again, and then back to the place of starting. Another line will be run through Douglas street to some point not yet defined.

Mr. Beatty in New York.

Mr. Henry Beatty, manager of the Canadian Pacific steamship line and of the lake traffic, is in New York and says the company will have their own steamers built especially for foreign and coast trade as soon as the financial question is settled with parliament. Beatty, who has just returned from British Columbia from examining the harbors and taking preliminary steps towards establishing a line of coasting vessels, says the choice of terminus lies between Coal Harbor and English Bay.

NEW ARRIVALS.—The streets present an animated appearance on account of the great number of new arrivals. The steamers yesterday brought large lists of passengers and the hotel accommodation is taxed to its utmost capacity. There is an evident necessity for increased hotel accommodation as there will undoubtedly be a much greater influx in the course of a few months than at present. At nearly all the hotels yesterday afternoon large numbers were turned away, or else promised a cot in the corridors.

DIED AT SEA.—D. Sullivan, a steerage passenger on the Geo. W. Elder, was found dead in his berth on the 24th inst., one day out from San Francisco. The deceased was a native of Nebraska, and was on his way to work on the Canadian Pacific. An inquest was held on the body, the supposed cause of death being apoplexy. The body was consigned to the deep, Rev. Mr. Gill, of New Westminster, reading the service for the dead.

ARCTIC.—He must have been from Winnipeg, for he had a wolfskin overcoat on that reached to his heels and a fur cap. However, it was instrumental in keeping the dust out, though he must have been rather warm carrying a heavy "grip" as became up from the steamer.

FREIGHT.—A large freight came over by the North Pacific to-day and the warehouse is pretty well filled. A lot of Michigan furniture is consigned to John Weiler. There is a large lot of sugar from the Montreal refineries, and tons of grain and flour from Oregon.

THE WAGES.—There was a large crowd in front of Mr. Busk's office waiting to be paid yesterday. There was another crowd in front of Robert Ward & Co.'s waiting their turn to get employment on the C.P.R.

POLITICAL.—Mr. J. R. Hett is mentioned in connection with the seat for Victoria City.

The Salmon and Coal Trades at San Francisco.

Dismal accounts continue to reach Victoria of the depressed condition of the two chief staples of British Columbia production in the San Francisco market—salmon and coal. The San Francisco Call reports that activity in the salmon business usual at this time of the year is almost wholly wanting this spring. The situation appears lifeless. A few—the Cutting Packing Company, the Washington, John A. Devlin, the Scandinavian Packing Company, and perhaps another—are making cans, a few more have given out some twine for knitting, but the great majority of the canneries show no present signs of life. The outlook is not a roseate one, and caution bids nearly every one in the business to pause, lest future complications out up a business seriously embarrassed in the past. Generally in March every cannery has thousands of pounds of new twine out, a large force of Chinese making cans, teams busy hauling supplies, scows coming with wood and charcoal, boats being built or repaired, machines put up or overhauled, and an army of workers employed in different lines. The general apathy is remarkable, and in writing of the present state of the business nothing but the demands of truth compel the admission of such universal dulness. In former years it was no uncommon thing for a packer of Columbia salmon to sell his entire pack at a handsome figure long before the first boat had been put in the water. Even last year, bad as it was at the time, nearly 150,000 cases had been sold at prices ranging from $1.10 to $1.30 Up to date the Astorian hears of but one sale, of 10,000 cases, by a prominent upper Astoria canneryman, said to be at $1 a dozen."

Coal is demoralized and very cheap, and dealers are cutting right and left. A private circular thus gives the situation:—"The market is being crowded beyond its capacity, principally by our coast productions; the ambition of the local agents here appears to be, which will dispose of the largest amount for the least profit, and they have succeeded in demoralized this branch of trade. Our consumption has diminished materially, hence the coal yards are taxed to their utmost capacity, so that any unsold cargoes arriving this month will have to be sacrificed for want of storage room. Another new colliery is bidding for public favor, certainly an inopportune time for profitable introduction. How long this slaughtering of prices will continue is a query; the remedy is in the hands of a few of our coast colliery agents, who must limit their output to better the market. Money is in fair demand and the supply is ample. The old rates rule."

New Westminster.

(Columbian.)

In the last issue of the Mosquito appeared an item which greatly provoked one of our city merchants. Yesterday morning the merchant called the Mosquito editor over to his store, shut the door and proceeded to put a head on him. The indignant merchant used an iron weight with which he pounded the Mosquito, who, having some knowledge of these matters, waded in and left his antagonist all broken up in a remote corner of the store. The affair created quite a sensation, and the parties will probably appear in the police court this morning. The parties to the affray were L. Good, the assailant, S. Trapp, the assaulted.

A man named Smith got 12 months in the chaingang yesterday for assaulting Constable Roxbury and Mr. Rankin. Smith had just got out of jail the day before and sent on a spree.

Mr. Wm. Moresby, governor of the gaol, lost a valuable horse a few days ago. Not long before the horse died it bit Mr. Moresby on the finger, but it does not follow that this caused its death.

Some of the farmers at Chilliwhack have already finished seeding.

Mr. Geo. Turner, C. E., (Woods, Turner & Gamble), and Mr. J. C. Hughes, (Hughes & Atkinson), both of this city, have been appointed by the government to appraise the improvements made by the squatters on Coal Harbor and English Bay property.

Mr. H. T. Thrift, of Hall's Praire, recently met with a serious misfortune and a narrow escape. A large tree fell on his house, crushing it like a shell, and breaking almost every article within. It is a remarkable circumstance that no member of the family was in the house at the time, but the loss to Mr. Thrift is quite serious.

Last Sunday H. Hudson, of Delta, was coming over the South road on horseback. When about two miles from Brownville a large cougar sprang from the brush and struck the horse on the neck. The horse fell, but recovered himself and threw Hudson over his head, afterwards galloping off with all speed. Hudson saw the cougar leave the road, plunge into the bushes, and disappear from view. The horse suffered very little from the attack, there being no injury visible beyond a few scratches on his neck.

THAT THE SWANSBROWN EASTER CARDS AT T. N. HIBBEN & CO'S STORE ARE THE GNOIDEST PRODUCTION OF THE KIND EVER EXHIBITED IN THIS PLACE. dw

THAT T. N. HIBBEN & CO'S REGISTERED SHIPPING RECEIPT BOOK IS THE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL BOOK OF THE KIND IN THE MARKET—PRICE 25 CENTS EACH. dw

That in the St. Johnsburg (N. Y.) Times there appears an item to the effect that "the obituary notice of Mrs.—— is not continued to day, for the reason that the family refused to pay our regular rates for such work, adding that they could get it done for nothing at Fort Plain. Good way to encourage home industry."

THAT A FINE ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' HAND BAGS JUST RECEIVED BY T. N. HIBBEN & CO. dw

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.—It is proposed to form a joint stock company for the purpose of supplying the Edison electric light to consumers. Mr. J. J. Austin, *The Colonist* building, has the matter in hand.

DEATH.—The death of Mrs. Deane, the estimable wife of Coun. R. W. Deane of New Westminster, is announced by telegraph. The deceased lady had been a great sufferer for some years.

BEREAVEMENT.—Mr. Luke Pither, of the Occidental Hotel, received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing the sad news of the death from typhoid fever of his youngest sister, Mrs. H. J. Edson, in Buffalo, N. Y. The deceased was but twenty-six years of age, and will be interred in the family cemetery at Le Roy, N. Y. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Pither in his sad bereavement.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

AFGHANISTAN.

LONDON, March 24.—A dispatch from Subran, March 17th, says: Outwardly all is quiet, but it is reported the Russians are concentrating towards Herat. It is proposed to withdraw Colonel Ridgeway from Penjdeh and leave Capt. Yale there. Measures are being taken for the defence of Herat.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 25.—There is great excitement here over reports from Constantinople to the effect that the Porte has asked the advice of Bismarck in regard to a Turco-Russian alliance against England.

Earl Granville to-day sent for the Turkish ambassador, and Hasson Ferni Pasha, special envoy of the Sultan, and had an interview with them. It is rumored that the interview was owing to a report from Constantinople of a Russo-Turkish alliance against England.

LONDON, March 25.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon publishes an interview with Lowell in reference to the appointment of Phelps, his successor. Lowell said that President Cleveland was the last man who would make an inconsiderate appointment especially to such a high office as minister to the Court of St. James. Continuing, Lowell said Phelps is a gentleman of high character, marked independence and most agreeable manners and has fine social qualities.

SUAKIM, March 26.—A convoy of grenadier guards, under command of General Graham, accompanied the Shropshire, Surrey and Sikh Indian regiments left this morning on their departure for Tamai as far as McNeill's zareba. The start was made at seven o'clock. The zareba was reached with the loss of but three men wounded in a fight on the way. A force of Arabs rushed on the troops when the latter at once formed a square. The Arabs recklessly charged upon this with such impetuosity that they got within 20 yards of it and were repulsed with a loss of one hundred killed.

LONDON, March 26.—The Standard says the liabilities of Scaramanga & Co., who failed, amounted to £1,000,000. The failure was caused by a decline in wheat last autumn.

LIVERPOOL, March 26.—Wheat, demand fair; market firm; supply good. Corn, demand fair; market firm.

LONDON, March 26.—At to-day's wool sale 9,020 bales of Port Phillip and Sydney were disposed of; market firm.

After official hours to-day foreign funds became flattened, owing to the calling out of the reserve and militia. Consols and Russian, Turkish and Egyptian securities are the principal sufferers by the decline. The Paris Bourse fell flat; rents closed the lowest figure of the day, owing to the Tonquin defeat.

In the commons this evening, Gladstone said that England protested against the action of France in declaring rice a contraband of war. This announcement was greeted with cheers.

Rev. John Kinney asked whether the Venezuelan government had ceded the large territory in British Guiana to an American named Fitzgerald, who had formed a limited company for the purpose of exploring the country ceded and developing its resources. Anthony Ashley said the question was still in dispute. The company had not entered into possession of the territory, and England had taken steps to prevent the company from so doing.

In the commons Henry Drummond Wolff, conservative, asked whether in view of the fact that ice was vanishing in the Baltic sea the government was prepared to send there an adequate fleet. Sir Thomas Brassey, secretary to admiralty, declined to answer such questions. (Cheers.) Brassy, replying to Baron de Worms, said the admiralty was not aware of the British man-of-war Canada having been fired upon at Carthagena, as was stated in Sunday's cable dispatch.

Earl Derby, colonial secretary, stated in the lords this afternoon that disputes had arisen between Sir Hercules Robinson, British governor of Cape Colony and General Warren, special British commissioner in Bechuanaland, but that he (Derby) was at present engaged in adjudging between the disputants, and hoped to be able soon to amicably arrange the misunderstanding.

LONDON, March 26.—Calling out the reserves and militia increased the excitement over the Anglo-Russian dispute in military circles. Orders for a thousand rifles and revolvers have been sent to Birmingham, arms to be shipped to Fairbay as rapidly as completed. The factories at Birmingham are working night and day.

The Queen's message calling out the reserves and militia is as follows: The present state of public affairs and extent of demand on Her Majesty's military forces for the protection of the interests of the empire having promoted in the opinion of Her Majesty cause of great emergency, Her Majesty has deemed it proper to provide additional means for military service. She has therefore thought it right to communicate to the house of commons that she is about to draw the reserve force and such proportion of the militia as might be deemed necessary to be called out for service.

The fact the Queen had sent message to parliament was not known until the official close of the stock exchange and when the news was received most operators had gone home. Business during the day was steady with a tendency towards better prices. When the news of the message came a rush was made by remaining dealers to sell consols and Russian bonds. The former fell to 96⅞, the lowest point touched since 1878 when the Anglo-Russian war was threatened. Russian bonds were offered at 92½ with no buyers. Large selling orders were received from Berlin. It is feared there will be a panic to-morrow.

In the commons to-night during the debate on the Egyptian convention the attendance of most members who gathered in the lobby was absorbed in conversation on the immense war. Owing to the lack of interest shown the liberals called for a division after three hours discussion. The conservatives opposed the motion. The speaker decided that the debate should continue. The government expects to have a majority of 50 in the vote on the convention. Neither side is concerned in the result, the relations with Russia overshadowing everything else.

LONDON, March 26.—The council of India is authorized to raise a credit of £1,500,000 on account of the Indian treasury for war purposes. Earl Dufferin, viceroy of India, will give the Ameer of Afghanistan the grant which he demands to pay the Afghan troops and allay the discontent of the tribal leaders. The Ameer promises to place 50,000 troops on the frontier and in forts at Balkah, Penjdeh and Herat. Preparations now being made at Rawul Pindjo and Quetta indicate that an early advance will be made via Quetta and Sidi with the object of reaching Herat before the Russians.

The Russian ambassador informed Granville that he expects an important dispatch from St. Petersburg on Saturday. Ali Risa Pasha yesterday left Constantinople on a mission from the Sultan to Bismarck, with reference to the Russian proposals for a Russo-Turko alliance.

LONDON, March 26.—A special cabinet council was held this afternoon at Windsor Castle by command of the Queen. Just as the ministers were leaving the castle a messenger arrived from the foreign office bringing despatches for Lord Granville from Sir Edward Thornton, British minister to Russia, and Lord Dufferin, viceroy of India. The ministers returned to the castle and a second council was held.

The Duke of Cambridge has referred to Gen. Wolseley the question of the recall of Gen. McNeil. Gen. Graham's tactics in advancing from Suakim are causing increased discontent among the officers and men. It is reported that a decisive attack on Tamai has been postponed in consequence of the breakdown of the transport service, owing to the cowardly conduct of the Sepoys when facing the Arabs in the fight on Sunday. The force that will attack Tamai will be composed solely of British and Sikh regiments.

LONDON, March 26.—The Daily News says:—The Queen's message does not imply that peace is less hopeful. It simply means that England will not shrink from responsibilities to remove the impression abroad that she is reluctant to engage in war. This is true; but there are some things preferable to peace, some things worse than war. The excuse that the Czar is unable to control his officers in Afghan frontier would be more convincing if their acts were promptly disavowed. If necessary Indian soldiers will be employed to do garrison duty in England.

The Standard says the government is preparing to send a fleet to the Baltic to prevent the exit of Russian vessels when the ice breaks up. The entire reserve force and militia comprise only 150,000 men. This number can easily be spared from the aggregate population and will not seriously interfere with trade or agriculture. All preparations now being made indicate that the cabinet consider it more probable that war will be declared than that an amicable settlement of the difficulty will be reached. The nation is in a humor to settle the business once and for all. The general impression is that England is better prepared for war now than she has been for years. She can continue the war in the Soudan and also send 70,000 men to India. India was never before so tranquil. The Soudan campaign proves the troops are still what they were in the old days. There is little to lose through war and never was there such a time in the present generation when the nation would so calmly accept as necessary that which she never would accept as her choice.

The Standard continues: We appear to be on the verge of what is likely to draw into its vortex the whole civilized world. There is no tendency to boasting, but a national conviction that there must be an end of yielding. Even though negotiations might tend to peace it would be a matter of regret if Russia should allow the whole fabric of government finance and society to fall to the ground with a crash. Still nothing less can be expected if owing to the madness of her rulers Russia and England come to blows.

The Times says: When Disraeli called out the reserves in 1878 Earl Derby retired from the ministry. Earl Derby's opinion, therefore, and his experience was unique. The risks of a rupture with Russia are now greater than they were then. The Czar's forces were almost at the gate of Constantinople. The English were disposed to preserve peace by concession after concession. It is now clear that such a policy is unsafe, as it would be dishonorable. Yielding would alienate the Afghans and degrade in the eyes of all the people of the East without insuring averting war, which would only be postponed at most for three years. Delay would only be a benefit to Russia to the detriment of England.

The Russian railway from Askabad will be completed in a fortnight when the section to Merv will be commenced.

The Daily Telegraph says that everything is still possible in the way of arrangement.

Earl Granville had an audience with the Queen this evening. It is expected that at present only 20,000 men of the first class will be called out. War ships will be supplied with two first class torpedo boats and appliances. The military authorities state that a force of 25,000 men could be dispatched from England within a fortnight. A contract has been concluded with a Tyne merchant to day to carry 12,000 tons of coal to Cronstadt during the season with the option of delivery at Copenhagen or Aarhuns in the event of war with Russia.

CANADA.

OTTAWA, March 26.—In the house of commons to-night Blake, leader of the opposition, rose amid cheers to call attention to the Riel rebellion and the causes of the same. He reviewed the conduct of the government since Riel's return to Canada, and in stern terms condemned their failures to deal with the grievances of the half-breeds and other settlers in the Northwest. The government had been negligent in their duty and in withholding information from parliament. He reminded the house of Sir John Macdonald's conduct in 1871, when he paid Riel $3,000 to get out of the country, while professing that he wished to God he could catch him.