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"Great Haste is Not Always Good Speed."

Many people trust to luck to pull them through, and are often disappointed. Do not dilly-dally in matters of health. With it you can accomplish miracles. Without it you are "no good."



LOCAL NEWS.

From Tuesday, December 18th. Victoria Clearing House.—The totals of the Victoria Clearing House for the week ending December 18th, were \$632,815; balances, \$117,391.

Nunns-Shaw.—L. W. Nunns, assistant postmaster at Cumberland, was married to Miss Margaret Shaw, eldest daughter of Joseph Shaw, of Victoria, yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Rev. W. L. P. presided at the ceremony.

Not Legal.—Complaint has been made to the police that Indians have been using salmon trout and young salmon under three pounds weight. This is contrary to the fisheries regulations and action will be taken against the offenders.

Friendly Help.—The committee on Christmas work of the Friendly Help Society wish to remind visitors to help their lists in at once. The rooms in the Market building will be open every day this week.

Yukon Appeal.—In supreme court chambers yesterday Mr. Justice Drake made an order allowing an appeal to be made down to the Yukon territory. The appeal will come on at the January sitting of the full court.

Closing of Schools.—The public schools will all close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, the High School, Victoria West, Boys' Central, South Park and Hillside schools in the city, the North Ward and the Girls' Central in the afternoon. There will be no closing exercises at the South Park and Victoria West schools.

New Official.—A position in the office of the manager of the Victoria Free Press has been accepted by W. E. Bow, formerly of the C. P. R. car service in Victoria. Mr. Bow is now residing at the local C. P. R. ticket office, and now travelling agent between North Bend and Vancouver, is W. R. Bow's father.

Law Exams.—At the law society examinations held here last week, some 11 candidates appeared for the first year, four for their final, four being English lawyers, three from other parts of Canada and two being students of the law in the Yukon territory. There were two candidates up for the intermediate examination besides.

Sons of England.—From the account of E. H. Brakes' speech at the S. O. E. E. Society's annual banquet, which was held last week, it follows that the society recently omitted from the grand lodge statement of that order for 1899: Amount of cash received, \$1,000.00; \$58,823.18; amount paid for funeral expenses, \$1,066.21; for sick benefits, \$20,000.00; balance on hand, \$23,200.02.

Sudden Death.—Henry Hancock, the proprietor of tobacco stores on Government street, died suddenly yesterday after a short illness. He was a native of Fulburn, Cambridge, England, and was 48 years of age. A widow and one son, the latter a student at the University of London, were left behind. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Borne to the Grave.—There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late John Parker, which took place yesterday from the residence, 57 Kane street, requested to come to the funeral. The services were conducted by Bishop Grigg, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The funeral was held at the residence of St. Anthony's, Newbury, Thomas Russell, W. Anderson, A. McGregor and R. J. Russell.

A Handsome Trophy.—Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., of Walkerville, Ont., presented a handsome trophy for the Ontario Rifle Association competition, which was won by Sgt.-Major McDougall, of this city. The trophy is now on view at Hibben's store. The cup has the following inscription: "Presented by Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., Walkerville, Ont., to Sergeant-Major McDougall, 4th R. C. A., Victoria, for the highest score (possible) in the Ontario Rifle Association competition for the Walker Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup."

High-Class Poultry.—Two pens of pure-bred White Plymouth Rock chickens have lately been imported from the United States. The birds were imported by Mr. J. H. Anderson, of Oak Bay avenue. The birds are of fine specimens of their class, a good many having been purchased from W. F. Fisher, of Home, Indiana, who won several prizes with the birds in New York at the fall fair. Mr. A. G. Gilbert, of the experimental farm, Ottawa, who gave a series of lectures here some time back, said that the White Plymouth Rock was the most suitable fowl for this climate, and he strongly recommended that Mr. Johnson import the chickens.

Rough Trip.—G. L. Roy Dana, mining engineer, and B. Brown, a mine owner, both of Victoria, were in the city for a few days. These two gentlemen left here six weeks ago to examine a property some 60 miles from the head of the Portland canal, and after a hard and most exciting trip, found that winter's chilly had precluded all hope of any examination of prospects in the field. It was found to be abandoned, and the camp equipment left behind, and for the time efforts

The Farmers In Council

Institute Approves of the Suggested Importation of Song Birds. Fruit Inspection—Size of Apple Boxes and Other Subjects Debated.

Natural History.—The Natural History Society last night discussed the importance of Canada in determining the proper spelling of names of places. The committee on the subject of the importation of song birds, the object being to select a list from the farms and fruit-growers' point of view. Canon Beaulieu submitted a fossil shell, and Dr. Newcomb presented some Indian implements. Mr. H. B. C. and Mr. Herbert Carmichael gave particulars of an Indian rock inscription at Harrison lake.

At the Schools.—The High school entrance examination commenced yesterday at 8 o'clock at the South Park school. There are 82 boys and 27 girls taking the examination. The subjects in the morning are Canadian history and arithmetic, geography and British history. The number of pupils from the various schools was as follows: Boys' Central, 18; Girls' Central, 12; Victoria West, 12; South Park, 5; St. Louis College, 5; Cedar Hill, 5; North Ward, 10—making a total of 59. The examiners were Superintendent Robinson, Miss Cameron, Miss Gill, Mr. D. C. Smith, and Mr. Gill. Thursday the pupils of the High school will hold an "At Home," commencing at 8 o'clock at the Victoria school.

A Good Appointment.—Mr. John Kennedy, superintendent of provincial buildings, has been appointed engineer at the Law Courts.

Holmes-Carmichael.—A quiet wedding took place in St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, on Tuesday afternoon. The happy couple were Annie Elizabeth Carmichael and David Holmes. The bride and groom were accompanied by Mr. J. R. Miller and Mr. J. W. Flinton. The honeymoon will be spent in Vancouver, after which Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will reside at Duncan.

Soldiers' Examinations.—The examinations in connection with the instructional class of the Fifth Regiment were terminated in the Maxim at Work Point yesterday afternoon. The examination was held by the examining officer. The candidates were going on for two weeks, the candidates being examined on the 6-inch gun, rifle, and other arms, and on the use of timbers and tackle, and infantry drill. There are 18 volunteers competing in the examination.

Friendly Help.—The committee on Christmas work of the Friendly Help Society wish to remind visitors to help their lists in at once. The rooms in the Market building will be open every day this week to receive their usual donations for the poor. Small contributions of groceries and provisions will be very gratefully received. The committee earnestly hope that this request will not be overlooked by those who hitherto have so kindly and generously considered the wants of the Friendly Help at this season of the year.

Orphans at the Westside.—Yesterday morning the boys and girls from the orphanage at the Westside had a splendid treat. They were invited to the management of the Westside to pay a visit to Santa Claus at the store on Government street. Santa Claus, who had his hands full of children, and gave each boy and girl a box of candies. They were all delighted with the view of the Stanta Claus splendid Christmas tree. The children all had a dip into one of the ponds, and each boy and girl received a present. The management of the orphanage deserve great credit for their thoughtfulness.

Children's Entertainment.—A large number of parents and friends of the Sunday school children of the First Presbyterian church assembled in the church last evening. The children sat down to a splendid tea, and afterwards a very interesting programme of songs and recitations was given. When the programme was concluded, the children were presented with prizes. The prizes were for merit, catechism and general Sunday school work.

At Centennial Church.—The young people of the Methodist church at Centennial church gave a highly successful concert in the church last night. In spite of the storm, a very good number were present, and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed. Songs and readings were given by seven young ladies, and a splendid chorus of about fifty girls and boys. A pleasing feature of the concert was a recitation by five very little girls.

Ridiculous Farce.—"A Stranger in a Strange Land" is a farce in the broadest sense of the word. It certainly provokes laughter by its ridiculous complications, which might be curtailed, but the author is so sure of his ground that he will not do so. The company are fully competent of carrying out what they are called upon to do, which cannot fail to be to their great extent.

Consolidated By-Laws.—At the next meeting of the city council it is proposed that by-laws will receive their first reading. Ald. Kinsman being the mover.

before the C. P. R. freight authorities were seen, as otherwise the company had so many schedules and rates that the delegates would easily be mixed up in the discussion. These would have to be some money spent and the matter pressed vigorously—even perhaps to the extent of a trip to Montreal.

The question of the payment for papers read at the meetings was brought up by Mr. Shogren, who also complained that some papers were published and some were not. At his institute one exceptionally good paper had been read but it did not appear in the paper. Mr. Deane explained that the papers read at local meetings were never paid for; they were works of the institute. Mr. Deane said that the C. P. R. was discriminating in favor of the Ontario fruit-grower, but it would take a good deal of trouble to get to the bottom of that matter, and that the institute is of opinion that good work can be done by district institutes arranged for competition in cultivation, and in the matter of having gone to Winnipeg to consider the express rates. Then a \$4.50 rate had been reduced to \$2.40, and the rate had been increased from 17,000 to 80,000 packages.

Mr. Hadwin, whose name had been mentioned in connection with the re-arranging of the work and place of pure-bred stock, disclaimed all credit for that good stroke, which he said had been arranged in the East. In connection with the matter of pure stock in February next, he was happy to inform them that reduced rates for buyers of cattle, sheep and horses were being obtained, generally down to about one-half. Both the E. & N. and the C. P. R. had granted these privileges. He illustrated the matter by giving the case of a company down about St. Louis, who were increasing their traffic by various attempts to aid the farmer in finding a market for his produce. Mr. Deane, C. P. R. appeared to have acted somewhat along these lines with regard to the matter of pure stock.

Mr. Anderson thought that the finances of the committee could be arranged for, and the motion was carried. The committee appointed to consider the matter of the importation of the local institutes and agricultural societies reported in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the institute to take place so long as the institute did not lose its identity; and the report was adopted.

Several short speeches were made upon the subject of the importation of song birds, and the matter was referred to a committee of three to compile a full statement of the matter, and to report to the institute at its next meeting. The committee also reported on the subject of the importation of song birds, and the matter was referred to a committee of three to compile a full statement of the matter, and to report to the institute at its next meeting.

Referring to some of the causes of weakness amongst the institutes, the superintendent spoke of the existence of the many local misunderstandings and jealousies arising from religious or other causes. He suggested that every effort should be made to clear up these misunderstandings, and to bring about a better understanding of the institute's work. He also mentioned the fact that the institute's officers are often selected to the various parts.

Mr. Anderson then brought up the question of fall fairs. Last year the fairs came off in a bunch, and there was a great deal of inconvenience. He suggested that the fairs should be arranged so that they would not all come off at the same time, and that the institute should be able to handle the matter at district meetings when called for.

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this was being the better realized here by the fact that the supply of produce was more readily procurable, and that too, of a uniformly good quality. Some time ago, in the case of butter, good pots were got, one day and bad the next. Now, however, an excellent quality was uniformly to be had. In looking over the year's record, he had a short time ago noticed that the mines and fisheries of this province had so far in the history of the province produced about \$100,000,000. Of this he had asked himself the question, where had the money gone, and one of the answers was, very largely in the form of produce. Out of the province to buy produce, very large sums had gone that way every year, and it was the more to be wondered at because good prices ranged here and there all sorts of supplies. He himself looked upon farming as one of the most important industries of the land. There were large areas of available land, and there were scattered over it the best citizens of the whole country. Their occupation made them most responsible citizens, good men, and it might be said, steady voters. They all appeared to be every body and nod of a political sort. He trusted that they would both enjoy their visit to the institute, and also have a most profitable institute meeting.

Before resuming his seat, His Worship mentioned the institute that he was desirous of recognizing their meeting by giving them a drive around, to see both the fine farms and the good roads of the province. The making of good roads by young people under the age of 15 years, and they further recommended that the institute should be able to handle the matter at district meetings when called for.

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