

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Nanaimo Water Works Bill Occupies Attention of Members for Some Time.

Continuation of the Debate on the Two Million Dollar Loan Bill.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

Wednesday, Jan. 9.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. G. C. King.

The private bills committee reported the preamble of a bill to incorporate the Victoria Hydraulic Mining Company.

Dr. Walkem introduced a bill intitled an act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in British Columbia.

Mr. Kitchen moved that a select committee, composed of Messrs. Booth, Walkem, Braden, Sword and Forster be appointed to examine the returns brought down to this house in connection with the Fraser Valley relief, with power to call for persons, books and papers, and to report to this house.

The mover explained that the information imparted to the house some time ago was not satisfactory. The object was to have Mr. Townsend sent for to clear up and explain some discrepancies in connection with the distribution of the aid.

Hon. Mr. Davie objected to the motion. It was causing a lot of expense for nothing.

Mr. Kitchen said he would be willing to strike out the word persons so that there would be no expense.

Mr. Sword explained that the papers sent down were not clear and the committee was required to examine them.

Dr. Walkem, as a member of the committee, said if the clerks in the provincial secretary's office had not made out the papers properly he did not intend to do it. The clerks were paid for the work, he was not. If they could not do the work someone else should be employed to do it.

Mr. Kitchen said the books did not agree as to the amount of seed given to different men. Men were credited with grain they never received. He wanted the public to know what had been done. If the lists were published those who were credited with receiving too lots of grain would deny it and the committee could find out where the missing grain had gone to.

The motion was adopted in its original form.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved that the order of this house passed on the 28th February, 1894 (Journals 1894, page 68, and printed as order 113), be amended by adding thereto the following words: "Unless the sense of the amendment be more plainly manifested by a simple erasure, substitution, or addition; and that it be the duty of the law clerk to alter any bill after its introduction, so as to comply with this rule, before the second reading thereof."

The order, 113, referred to, provides that in drawing a bill to amend an act, the clause amended must be repealed and re-enacted as it is proposed it shall read.

Hon. Mr. Davie said the rule was good in some cases but bad in others. It should not be necessary to repeal and re-enact a whole clause when it was only intended to make a slight change.

The motion was asked the minister of agriculture the following questions:

1. Whether tuberculin is an infallible test of the presence of tuberculosis in animals?

2. Whether tuberculin may not cause the same action as in cattle not affected by tuberculosis?

3. Whether the injection of tuberculin may not cause tuberculosis in cattle not previously affected?

4. By what authority is it proposed to order the destruction of animals in quarantine?

5. Who pays the cost of the various men in charge of animals now in quarantine?

6. Who pays for the feed of animals while in quarantine?

7. Will the whole cost of maintaining animals in quarantine (including the cost of keeping man in charge and feed of animals) be ultimately borne by the owner of such animals?

8. Is it the intention of the government to appoint a representative, other than the inspector, to be present at the slaughter of any animal while in quarantine?

Hon. Mr. Turner asked if the questions were in order. He contended that they were not as they asked for a professional opinion.

Mr. Helmecken contended that the questions were in order. He intended in a few days to ask a question of great importance and he wished to obtain some information before asking it.

The point was discussed with the speaker in the chair, some contending that additional privileges were asked for in the bill and others that additional powers were not asked for.

Mr. Forster said the company wanted to go higher up the river, and that must be an additional privilege.

Dr. Walkem said it was only a change of location.

Mr. Hunter held that if the assent of the crown was necessary the amendment would not give it.

Dr. Walkem said the land through which the river runs was owned by the E. & N. railway company, and not by the crown.

The speaker reserved his decision, and the house again going into committee, rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Sword continued the debate on the loan bill. He moved the adjournment of the debate yesterday so that he could see the finance minister's statement in print. He had expected the hon. gentleman to rise to a question of

privilege on the report in the Colonist. The finance minister was surely mistaken when he said the province had an asset worth \$80,000,000 in the annual payments from the Dominion government. While we receive a large sum from the Dominion, we pay a much larger sum to them. The expenditure in the province had increased at a much greater rate than the revenue. He quoted a number of figures to prove this. The finance minister had said that the revenue had increased by 150 per cent. If he would look at the accounts he would see that the expenses of the government had been increased by 300 per cent. It was not the duty of the opposition to point out individual cases where economy could be practiced; but he thought the province could do away with half its present servants. He did not believe in cutting wages, but he repeated he believed the province could do with fewer officers. He strongly opposed the appointment of a paid agent in London. He saw that the province of Manitoba had done away with their London agent. The expenses of civil government and immigration might be considerably reduced. The finance minister said there had been an increase in revenue, but no increase in taxation. This was wrong; there had been an increase in taxation. The wild land tax had been increased. He also believed the personal property tax had been increased during the last ten years. The finance minister contemplated an increase of from 50 to 75 per cent in the revenue. His argument, therefore, was that the loan was necessary. The loans were always secured for public works, but only a small portion was devoted to public works. The revenue of the province and the subsidy received from the Dominion should be sufficient to cover the expenditure. He could not vote for the bill.

Mr. Prentice contended that the government would not find it easy to realize 88 or 89 on the stock issued at 3 per cent, nor would it be easy for the province to carry this additional millstone. The finance minister said a portion of the loan would be devoted to paying the present debts, but the largest portion to public works. This was not possible, and it would be found when the appropriations made were paid that there would be very little left. At present the overdraft amounted to \$650,000; it would cost \$200,000 to meet the same; \$800,000 for the first year's interest was \$200,000 to complete the parliament buildings would absorb the loan. The expenditure had increased by over 200 per cent, while the revenue had only increased by 60 per cent, and a small portion of the expenditure was now available than was available a few years ago. The finance minister proposed to capitalize the amount received from the Dominion, and said it would amount to eighty million dollars. The debt might also be capitalized, and it would be found that it amounted to one hundred and twelve million dollars. He moved the adjournment of the debate.

After the vote had been taken the attorney-general rose and started to discuss the budget, but was promptly called to order although he made persistent efforts to continue.

The motion to adjourn the debate was lost, and Mr. Prentice closed by saying he could not vote for the bill.

Hon. Mr. Davie argued that because Mr. Prentice was a supporter of the government, some years ago, he would be one now. He quoted the speech from the throne as an authority that the government's financial policy had been a good one. It was not true that the expenditure had for a number of years exceeded the revenue. The question had been threshed out before the people and they had endorsed it. The money had not been expended on salaries, but had been expended on public works. From June, 1877, to June, 1886, \$3,700,000 had been expended on public works and \$1,075,000 on schools, while only two small loans had been made during that time. He moved the adjournment of the debate until Friday, which motion was carried.

Hon. Mr. Davie introduced a bill to amend the provincial voters act. The house adjourned at 5.45.

BRIEF LOCALS

Cleanings of City and Provincial News

From Wednesday's Daily.

John B. Perry and J. C. Voss, proprietors of the Queen's hotel and restaurant, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Perry retires and Mr. Voss continues.

Mr. McPherson's election regulation bill introduced in the house yesterday. It provides that there shall be numbers or other distinguishing marks placed on the back of the ballot papers.

A ball was given at the Royal Marine Artillery barracks last night. The barracks was nicely decorated and an enjoyable time was spent. Seventy-five couples were present. Supper was served.

The street committee has awarded the contract for clearing away the fence in front of the property of Messrs. B. W. Pease and J. H. Turner to W. J. Leitchman. His bid of \$135 was the lowest of all.

A bill introduced in the legislature yesterday by Mr. Braden provides that aliens shall not be employed on public works, provincial and municipal, and that eight hours shall constitute a legal day's labor on such works.

The Barbara Boscowitz, after being in port a few weeks, sailed for the north last night. She had a good cargo of freight for the different northern ports and her cabin passengers were: Mr. Price, F. Hodge, J. Noble, R. Chambers, S. McRae, Miss Lawrence, A. Smith and wife.

Before Mr. Justice Drake in the supreme court this morning, Lim Yenn, charged with the theft of \$800 from a fellow Mongolian in Nanaimo, elected to be tried summarily. Yick Yock, alleged to have secreted \$375 of the booty, elected to have his case tried by a jury. Likewise, Tuesday was set as the day for trial.

It was a man named Foley, not Cummins, employed by the city in the elec-

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tric light development work, who skipped out. Mr. Cummins remains faithfully at his post.

Through the efforts of Gen. Roberts, United States consul, the official publications of the United States government, extending back for several years, have been secured for the legislative library.

Many of the books are of great value and all are useful for their information. At the meeting of Victoria Council, Royal Templars, last night, and Bros. W. Gleason and A. E. Fraser installed the grand council officers. Addresses were delivered by H. O'Neill, S. C., and John Ellis, F. C. Brox, O'Neill, Gleason and Fraser were appointed delegates to the grand council.

James North, arrested a few days ago on the charge of trying to rob the house of T. F. Sinclair, but discharged, is again in custody. He was arrested today for stealing a pair of blankets, a quilt and some wine glasses from the White Horse hotel, where the fire was. Constables McDonald and Moutat made the arrest and the stolen property was recovered.

William Plummer, formerly an inmate of the old men's home, who was lately sent to Scotland at the city's expense, is now on the Atlantic on his way back. Plummer has written a letter to a friend in Victoria saying that his wife and son are in New York; he sends love to the boys and hopes to be able to soon see them again. He is a passenger by the Etruria to New York.

Bob, the Indian policeman, arrested for assaulting Mrs. Babcock, a keeper of a second-hand store, was fined \$5 in police court this morning by Magistrate Macrae. Bob happened in the store and during a discussion assaulted a woman who was an Indian policeman and thrust a pair of handcuffs in the woman's face. He thrust too far and struck the woman's face.

The Dora dramatic company of Port Angeles, an organization composed entirely of young amateurs of that city, will probably visit Victoria in the near future. The company gave a couple of performances at Port Angeles and it appears very successfully. The plan proposed is to play both Port Townsend and Victoria on the same trip. No effort as yet has been made here for appearing.

Victoria lodge, I. O. O. F., has installed officers as follows: E. Hoosen, N. secretary; R. Roberts, P. G. treasurer; J. Shaefer, warden; W. H. Huxtable, P. G. O. G.; A. McKeown, P. G. conductor; W. Owens, I. G.; A. Graham, P. G. E. S. N. G.; A. G. Day, P. G. R. V. G.; J. James, L. S. V. G.; J. Kennedy, B. S. S. N. Sabin, L. S. S., and J. Doughty, P. G., chaplain.

Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., held its weekly meeting last evening. After the regular order of business had been dispatched a recess was taken and the members had a social chat with visiting members of the order, a number of whom were present. After recess there was an address from Mr. Newbigging on the present work and progress of the order in Ontario and a fine programme of songs, recitations and instrumental music followed. Next Tuesday evening the officers of Triad of the Post-Intelligencer will preside over the meeting of Perseverance lodge.

John Martin was arrested last night for burglarizing the tailor shop of Mr. Pierre on Douglas street. He was seen leaving the place by a young man named Chapman, who informed Sergeants Hawton and Levin. They followed Martin up, and the latter dropped a parcel he was carrying and started to run. The officers caught him and placed him under arrest. The parcel proved to be a large piece of cloth. The case was called in the police court this afternoon, but only the evidence of Chapman was taken. The case will come up later this afternoon, and there is no doubt that Martin will be committed for trial.

Two more sealers hauled out to-day. They were the Annie E. Paint, Captain Bissett, and the Mermald, Captain Bissett. Both carried a fine cargo of seal. The Paint was delayed for a time in the usual way. One of the crew failed to materialize when the tug came alongside and Captain Bissett picked out a man "tried and true" to go and hunt for the missing man. Time went on and neither appeared, and Captain Bissett finally came ashore and took up the trail of the trailer. A few hours were lost in the hunt. The clipper Agnes McDonald, Captain Cutler, will get away to-morrow; the Carlotta G. Cox, Captain C. Harris, and the Diana, Captain Nielson, have cleared. There will be many more ready to go by the end of the week.

The suit of Andrew Reid, formerly stevedore at the Walla Walla, for \$5000 damages against Captain T. Wallace, was heard by Judge Osborn yesterday, and was given to the jury late in the afternoon, says yesterday's Post-Intelligencer. The trouble arose last June on a trip of the boat from San Francisco. An Italian passenger in the stevedore claimed to have been robbed of \$180, and after the boat reached Seattle Reid claims that he was assaulted by the captain and Joseph Seelye, who evidently thought he had the money. He claims that they were violent, although he offered to submit to the search, and that they took from him a gold watch, notwithstanding his initials were afterwards returned. In consequence of the suspicion Reid claims to have lost his situation and to have been greatly damaged. The stevedore men deny the ma-

terial points of Reid's contention, and say that his failure as an officer of the boat, was his duty, resulting in suspicion falling on him. The jury was instructed to bring in a sealed verdict.

From Thursday's Daily.

The question of making the Sons of Erin a benefit association will be discussed at the next meeting of that society.

It is the Young Women's Christian Association that have opened a room for the use of young women on Government street, next the W. C. T. U.

The Tacoma poultry association will hold their annual exhibition January 15th and 16th. An invitation is extended to Victoria fanciers to compete. Prizes, entry forms and full information can be secured from R. Kenny, 74 Yates street.

A number of citizens have made application to Police Magistrate Macrae to be placed on the municipal voters list. Some were householders who had failed to make the proper declaration in the required time, and some had acquired property after the assessment roll was made up, and the magistrate did not see fit to order the name of a single one placed on the roll.

The little children of the Church of Our Lord, had their Christmas entertainment last night. Supper was served at 6 and a programme was given by the children followed by a magic lantern exhibition by Rev. G. C. King. A Christmas tree and a fairy chimney were special features of the entertainment. The children from King's Road mission and Protestant Orphans' Home were also in attendance.

The shily social given in First Presbyterian church last night was quite unique. The school room hall was decorated to represent the deck of a ship, and the roster of officers was: Captain, Mr. George McCandless; first officer, Mr. George Watson; chief engineer, Mr. Wm. Bell; second engineer, Mr. A. G. Hay; purser, Mr. Bernard; pilot, Mr. Robertson; steward, Mr. F. W. Teague. The programme published last night was gone through with and dinner was served by Stewart Teague.

The preliminary hearing of Mat Madison, charged with arson, was concluded last night and resulted in the accused being committed for trial at the coming assizes. At the conclusion of the hearing of the evidence for the prosecution Mr. Lampan moved for a dismissal. He said there was no direct evidence against the accused and that the threats were of the vaguest kind. The latter furnished the only evidence against the accused. The magistrate said that there was rarely ever any direct evidence against incendiaries, and the accused was last evening removed to the provincial jail, where he will await his trial.

James North arrested for stealing a pair of blankets, a quilt, a table cover and seven wine glasses from the White Horse hotel during the fire there, was tried summarily before Magistrate Macrae this morning. He was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor. North is a very clever fellow and had a most stylish bluff about the stolen property. He saved it from the fire at the risk of his own safety, and was taking care of it. He was going to return it at once, but had business on one of the steamers and could not get to it next day. Then when he got ready to bring them back the police arrested him, the hero of the fire at the White Horse Inn. There is a suspicion around the city hall that North was at one time a lawyer. He displays the greatest finesse in cross-examination, and whenever he makes a point smiles a wide smile.

FELL SIXTY FEET.

Dugay, the Tightrope Walker, Fell—At the Point of Death.

Professor Alfred Dugay, the tightrope walker, fell from the top of the mast of the Islander at 3.45 this afternoon, and is lying in the cabin of the Islander, more dead than alive. Thousands of people had gathered to witness the performance of a man who had achieved fame as a tightrope walker and whose exhibitions were much admired at the interstate fair at Tacoma. The railway bridge near where the Islander is moored was this morning crowded, and the sidewalks on Wharf and Johnson streets were also thronged. Dugay bowed to the audience and began to do his perilous walk and the rain was pouring down and the rope must have been in a very bad condition. A moment more and a shriek issued from the crowd. "He's fallen, he's fallen" were the words shouted from a thousand throats. There was a mad rush for the Islander. Those on board ran to the fallen man. He lay on the deck unconscious and apparently lifeless. He was tenderly picked up and taken to the cabin and medical men were telephoned for. Persons who saw the accident said a pulley slipped that fastened the tightrope. Dugay fell head foremost and clutched at the rope in falling. He fell 60 feet. At the time of going to press Dugay was still alive.

Mrs. Jackson—Did you see Mrs. Brown's collection of rare old china?

Jackson—Yes, her family must have been quite poor.

Mrs. Jackson—Nonsense! Why do you think so?

Jackson—Well, if they had been able to keep servants she never would have had that collection of rare old china.

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IN BRITISH

Hans Helgesen T. to the Lau and P.

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Mr. H. Helgesen re. ago from British G. ting account of his t. esting:

We left Victoria 3. August, 1893, taking N. King via Chicago, the World's Fair, and York, where we took sailboat for Demerara, a tedious voyage, as of the West Indian places in Venezuela Trinidad, arriving in weeks after leaving Georgetown in situ Demarara. Five degre and is a most beautif clean, with splendid level as a floor. l are planted in a mental tree and sh try can afford, and seen mango limes and breadnut trees, beautiful contrast. los in a swampy s level, and in conseq. There are many car city, provided with the opened when the tide as the tide rises. I am told, have flooded the streets, splendid race course and other pleasure part of the city is a the people often res and to get a bree breezes. I think the populated in twent for the sea and land.

The ruling powers nor, government offic sugar planters, the having nothing to s der is strictly con population I believe cent, blacks, all s trying to do so. I gings belong to me the miners and fir positions for the gold creases. At a time, ing from 30 to 50 rations, which cons sugar, two biscuits, success salt fish, on half pint of split w park or beef per day rivers are the Bara rara, Cajinas, Maz together with their and creeks.

The facilities for half pint of split w distance of about thence about the sa landing at the plac stores to receive the and then forward diggings. Every p men, and the constanly packing pr into the diggings. nothing so far excep ny of the merchants, beguiling them all. hundreds of thousa for the most part b who know little or but whom the merc their sorrow. So f a line of fissure ve have only traversed the country, and ca of what of the rion is that there r rich veins, but t face ledges and ch try bears unmistak eruptions and long e the quartz. Lava of these elements be and washed into where we can find sand and large diggings are con and ravines so far. Five mining distri washed for six or nearly worked out, city of gold is still year.

In the forest there r, but every tree h and nearly all hard w when brought to mar being 140 feet. Ther ted locust and balata their sap and gum; mora and silverbir varieties, all of wherly seeds so large dangerous to travel should a seed of the all others fall on a kill him dead. The tar and full of inse the creeks and rivers to promote the fever.

Were I to depict the try I should only ma Along the streams an by innumerable creep variety, interven d smooth wall from d high, many of them c imagine the size of leaves and flowers, t ty of the walls, an perfect there are n such as the green anous others who d feet wide and many dug squatted here an There are also rop