SUPT. HUSSEY'S REPORT

Provincial Detective Service Suggested—The Indian Whiskey and Coast Smuggling Evils.

Requirements of the Coal Centres—New Lock-ups and Other Improvements Asked.

Superintendent F. S. Hussey has made a very interesting report upon the organization and operations of the provincial police force, placed fully under his charge by the act of last session. This report, dealing with the year ending 31st October, 1895, has just been distributed to the legislature. The force has become no inconsiderable one, consisting of seventy regular constables, besides specials from time to time required, all under the supervision of Supt. Hussey and the Sergeant—John M. Langley. Mr. Hussey notes, however, that a large number of those enrolled as constables are required to act as government agents, assessors, recorders, gaolers or guards, so that the greater portion of their time is employed in other than police duties. Owing to the growth of the mining industries of Cariboo and Kootenay he desires extra constables for those localities, and therefore asks $42,000 for salaries for the next fiscal year in place of the last appropriation of $37,000. The Superintendent says:

SECRET SERVICE.

There should be attached to the department at headquarters one or two thoroughly experienced detectives for the investigation of important criminal cases. At the present time there are no such officers connected with the force, and I am compelled to employ the regular police for work which, in many cases, they are not entirely competent to perform. The administration of justice in this province is attended with great expense, and it is desirable that the best results should be obtained. In order to accomplish this I would strongly advise the appointment of suitable men for this service.

PROTECTION FOR THE COAST.

Frequent appeals have been made by settlers and others residing on the coast of the Island and Mainland for a better system of police protection, their property being more or less a prey to wandering whiskey peddlers and smugglers, who constantly infest our shores and travel in sloops and boats of all descriptions. Many of these offenders come from the American side with whiskey and all sorts of dutiable goods, which they sell to whites and Indians all along the coast, returning to Washington or Alaska with goods which they have stolen from unprotected settlers, who can ill afford to suffer such loss. The effect of this sort of traffic is seriously felt in the logging camps and in Indian villages visited by these law-breakers, who leave a trail of drunkenness and misery wherever they go, sometimes being followed by the most fatal results to human life.

I have been asked to urge upon the government the necessity of providing a police patrol steamer for coast protection, but I hesitated to press for the appropriation of so large a sum, since to secure a proper and efficient service at least two steamers would be required; and further, the nature of the crimes so far reported does not, in my opinion, warrant such a heavy expenditure. I would strongly recommend that proper recommendations be made to the Dominion government to induce them to equip a suitable steamer as a revenue cutter, to protect their customs laws and regulations, now frequently violated. If this were done, the Provincial government might co-operate with the Dominion authorities by furnishing police assistance for such steamer, and in this way better police protection might be afforded, with reasonable cost to the province.

INDIANS.

Numerous complaints have been made to me by ministers of religion and others, concerning the large supply of intoxicating liquor which is furnished to Indians throughout the province. These statements are undoubtedly true, and I may say at once that I believe the Indians succeed in obtaining nearly all the intoxicating liquor that they are able to pay for. Notwithstanding the fact that the penalties for infractions of the "Indian liquor act" are very heavy, and although the act is rigorously enforced by the authorities in each of the coast cities, it is safe to say that in these towns there are always to be found persons who will take the risk of supplying liquor to Indians. The same may be said of other parts of the province; and in many places where spirituous liquor is not easily obtainable, the Indians manufacture an intoxicant which is freely used by them, with far more injurious effects than are produced by liquor obtained by purchase.

The police use every effort to suppress this traffic, or at least to keep it within bounds, but they realize that it is almost impossible to do so, in spite of the large number of convictions annually obtained. I am pleased to be able to report that in all other respects our Indians are peaceable and law-abiding, and that breaches of the criminal law amongst them are of rare occurrence. They are self-supporting and industrious.

OBSERVATIONS.

In the detailed reports on the several districts the Superintendent thus comments:

Alberni — Constables Stanley Spain and James Seeley were appointed for patrol duty on the west coast of Vancouver Island. They have been furnished with a sloop for this purpose, but such means of transport has not proved satisfactory and the service is not so effective as could be desired.

Kootenay Reclamation Works—Wm. French, special constable; salary, $70 per month. The appointment of this officer does not take effect until April 1, 1896. Mr. French has been appointed to prevent Indian disturbances and settle disputes amongst them. The government have hitherto been put to much expense in order to preserve peace amongst the Indians who reside in the vicinity of the above works.

Nanaimo City—William Stewart, chief constable and jailer; salary, $100 per month; Mr. Stewart is head jailer at Nanaimo county jail and chief of district police. Samuel Drake, assistant jailer, sheriff for the county of Nanaimo and constable; salary $80 per month. This officer does not perform any police duty. In addition to the above, salary he is paid sheriff's fees. The office of sheriff has been found to interfere with the performance of Mr. Drake's duties as assistant jailer. The position of sheriff should be separated from that of assistant jailer, as it has been found that one officer cannot fill both positions and give satisfaction in each.

Comox—Walter B. Anderson, assessor, collector and constable; salary, $90 per month. This officer is kept busy attending to the duties of his office as collector of revenue. In addition to which he has charge of the police work of his district. His headquarters are at Comox, but the official business of the district could be better transacted at the town of Union, which is an important mining centre, with a population of about 2,500 persons. I would respectfully suggest that Mr. Anderson be removed to Union, and that the local police of the district be placed under his control as government agent.

Union—John W. Hutchison, senior constable; salary, $70 per month. P. Scharschmidt, second constable; salary, $60 per month. Elijah Smithurst, special constable; an allowance of $20 per month is paid to this officer for his services as night watchman at the town of Union. The necessity for a proper court house for the use of the stipendiary magistrate and the local justices of the peace is very badly felt in this town. The room at present used for this purpose, which is the only one available, is the police office in the lock-up, which is too small and altogether unsuitable for such purposes. I would respectfully urge that a building be erected at this place at an early date, available also for sittings of the county and small debts courts, and of sufficient size for all of such purposes.

NEW LOCK-UPS REQUIRED.

Fort Steele—As the building which has been used at this post as a lock-up is entirely unsuitable for the requirements of this portion of East Kootenay, I would respectfully recommend that a new and substantial building, consisting of three cells and a guard-room, be erected during the year 1896.

Mission City.—It has been found necessary to station a constable permanently at this point on account of its close proximity to the boundary line, and a lock-up is absolutely necessary at Mission City. I would suggest that a small building, containing two or three cells and a room for the constable, be provided for this station without delay.

Plumper Pass.—A lock-up and small room for magistrate's court is badly needed at Mayne Island, which is the headquarters of Mr. A. D. Drummond, the resident constable for the district. I would strongly urge that an inexpensive building be erected at Mayne Island for the above purpose.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Second Session of the Seventh Parliament

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, March 18, 1896.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 p. m. Prayers by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge.

Mr. Bryden presented a petition from residents at Englishman's River and contiguous settlements asking for a resident physician. Ruled out of order but to be referred to government.

Capt. Irving moved for a return giving the following information: The number of settlers in the Bella Coola valley comprising the colony on 31st December, 1895; the number of those who have left the Bella Coola colony since September, 1894; the terms upon which these settlers were placed upon the lands. Also, a return showing the number of bona fide immigrant settlers at Quatsino, and the number of those who are embraced in the settlement and who are not immigrants in the true acceptation of the word; the terms under which the settlement was made, and the money expended in surveys or otherwise on both these settlements up to 31st December, 1895. Agreed to.

Mr. Williams moved "That an order of the house be granted for all papers relating in any way to the payment of $10,000 to the legal representative of the late Frederick Adams; all contracts with McGregor & Jeeves relating to work to be done on the new parliament buildings; all correspondence or agreements with the Bank of British Columbia relating to the completion of the contract of the government with the late Frederick Adams." The mover said it appeared that the amount paid to Mr. Adams on account of his contract, and the price at which McGregor & Jeeves have contracted to complete the work, is $139,000 in excess of the sum originally contracted for with Mr. Adams. This being the case, he wanted to know why the amount of the original contractor's bond of $10,000 should have been surrendered—he presumed to the Bank of British Columbia. Motion agreed to.

Mr. Sword moved: "Whereas subsection (12) of section 58 of the assessment act gives the court of revision power to amend the assessment roll by changing it so as to assess the right person; and whereas Mr. Mills who acted as court of revision in Victoria stated in his interim judgment, on the appeal of the Bank of British Columbia against its assessment, that failing disclosure of the names of the depositors in the said bank he must assess the bank itself as agent or trustee: Therefore be it resolved that an order of the house be granted for a statement of the authority or instructions under which the assessor acted in withdrawing his claim that such deposits should be assessed." The mover said it appeared from Mr. Mills' judgment that the case had been adjourned for a week, and he believed that when it was again called the assessor declined to proceed; he wished to know therefore by what authority he had so withdrawn his claim. Motion agreed to.

The house again went into committee on the Columbia & Western railway company bill (Mr. Kellie) with Mr. Forster in the chair. Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report from committee on the Alberni water and electric company's bill was adopted.

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAY.

The house went into committee on the Consolidated railway and light company bill (Mr. Helmcken) with Mr. Smith in the chair.

Mr. Kennedy moved to lay over section 7, declaring valid the purchase by this company of the property and privileges of the Westminster & Vancouver tramway company, the Vancouver electric railway and light company, and the Vancouver electric company. This motion he said was in accordance with the petition he had presented the other day alleging that the sale of the Westminster & Vancouver tramway had not been lawfully made. If the sale was a lawful one he could not see the necessity for the section.

Mr. Williams said he had himself examined the title deeds, and found that the company have a perfectly valid title. The object of expressly stating so in the bill is to assure persons from whom the company may desire to secure money on their bonds.

This point was debated at some length and the committee rose and reported progress.

Mr. Adams introduced a bill for the extermination of wild horses. Read a first time.

The house adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

THE CITY.

Colwood residents, distant from the city eight or nine miles, are petitioning the Postmaster-General for a daily mail service instead of a weekly one as now given. The service, they believe, could be supplied by the E. & N. railway.

Hon. D. W. Higgins and Hon. C. E. Pooley will, in response to a requisition of their constituents, attend a meeting to be held at the school house, Metchosin, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss the British Pacific proposition.

Mr. Harold Kemp, an electrician of Victoria West, and Miss Margaret Lillian Traynor were united in marriage yesterday at the Bishop's Palace by Rev. Father Nicolaye. The newly married couple will make their home on Belton avenue, Victoria West.

J. S. Antonelli, well known in Victoria as having been the contractor for the Goldstream division during the construction of the E. & N. railway, is in town. He is on his way to the Cariboo country where he has a contract for building a ditch and flume seventeen miles long for the Horsefly mine, and will also place the plant in position. Since leaving Victoria eight or nine years ago, Mr. Antonelli has accomplished a number of large contracts in the United States.

Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries, returned yesterday from Duncan, where he has been in connection with a charge brought against David Page by the Indians of illegal oyster fishing on their reserve. The case was tried before Messrs. Wellburn and Musgrave, J'sP., and was dismissed, it being shown that Mr. Page had confined his operations to the property leased by him from the Dominion and had not infringed upon the reserve.

The Ladies' True Blue, No. 37, gave a successful social in A.O.U.W. hall last evening. There was a generous supply of refreshments on hand and with an interesting programme the evening was made to pass very pleasantly. The programme was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Roch; song, Mr. Munroe; violin solo, May Wolff; solo, Miss Clark; recitation, Miss G. Furnival; club swinging, Miss Emma Wolff; solo, Miss King; piano duet, Mrs. Dickinson and Miss Roch; solo, May Wolff; solo, Miss Anderson; comic song, Mr. Oliver; and song, Mr. Braden.

His Honor the Lieutentant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at dinner last evening: Rear Admiral Stephenson, C.B., R.N.; Flag Lieut. B. Godfrey-Faussett, R.N.; Capt. Finnis, R.N.; Mr. F. Dent, R.N.; Hon. C. E. and Mrs. Pooley, Capt. Ludlow, U.S.N., commanding U.S.S. Monterey; Lieut. Fewell, U.S.N.; the Misses Pooley, Mrs. and Miss O'Reilly, Mr. W. C. Ward and Miss Ward, the Hon. Stratford Tollemache, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Bostock, Mr. Oliver and Captain Richardson (private secretary).

Word has been received by the department of agriculture that the first shipment of apples from Tasmania this season will arrive next month on the Australian steamer. Mr. R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, and Mr. A. Ohlson, of the horticultural board, will hold a series of meetings with the farmers of Victoria district during next week for the purpose of giving information upon fruit growing. The meetings will be held as follows: March 21, Cobble Hill; March 22, Sooke; March 24, Metchosin; March 25, Rocky Point; March 26, Colwood; March 27, Cedar Hill.

Heart disease claimed another victim yesterday in the person of Mrs. Ann Miller, an esteemed old-time resident of Cedar Hill, who has for months past made her home at 46 Rae street. She was summoned to her reward almost without an instant's warning, being up and about as usual on the day of her death. In the morning she walked down town and in the afternoon visited the bank, from which she had just returned and lain down on the sofa for a short nap when the end came. No members of the family were in the house at the time, and when Dr. Duncan was summoned, at about six o'clock, medical skill was valueless. Investigation showed that heart disease had been the cause of death, so that in any event it would have been impossible to save or further prolong the life so abruptly terminated.

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At a special meeting of the Junior Wanderer Association Football Club, last evening, the following team was selected to play the Northfield Violets in the semi-final contest to take place on the Caledonia grounds on Saturday: Goal, W. Wriglesworth; full-backs, W. Sewell and A. Peden; half-backs, V. Howard, C. Wilson (captain), and W. Winsby; forwards, H. Shandley, G. Wilson, — Jackson, E. P. Johnston and H. Gadsby. G. Donaldson and H. Lawson were chosen as reserves.

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The Spokane Delegation See No Reason to Complain of the Tax Bill.

Favorable Impressions Formed of the Public Men and Citizens of Victoria.

(From the Spokane Spokesman-Review.)

Speaking of his week's visit to Victoria, President G. B. Dennis, of the Northwest Mining Association, said:

"My sojourn in Victoria was in the especial interest of the bill before the provincial government implying a tax of 2 per cent. upon the gross output of British Columbia mines, the passage of which our association deemed unwise from many standpoints. At a recent meeting of the executive committee the matter was thorougly discussed, resulting in my being commissioned as a deligate to go to Victoria and there to intercede for such remedial measures as would insure to the mine owners protection against a taxation ruinous to the industry.

"As telegraphed to the Spokesman-Review, the result of the work there was most gratifying. The bill provides for a tax of 2 per cent. upon the gross output of the mines. Before I left Victoria I had sufficient assurances that a tax not greater than 1 per cent. upon the smelter returns would be imposed.

"A 2 per cent. tax upon the output would mean that every ton of ore, irrespective of its grade or value, mined would be subject to this tax, whether on the dump or sold, and that no prospector or miner, could undertake development without being subject to the penalty. In other words, that in addition to the cost of prospecting and development the item of a 2 per cent. tax on the assay value of the ore must be added. The seduction to a 1 per cent. tax upon net smelter returns is a saving, taking all charges into consideration, of at least two-thirds of the penalty, and besides eliminating discouragement to the miner, provides for the provincial government a fair revenue, which it is justly entitled to, and saves to the miner at the present output about $500,000 per annum. As the mines of British Columbia enlarge in development and numbers, the saving will of course be proportionately larger, and in the same ratio will the coffers of the province be enriched, and will unquestionably result in a larger revenue to the government, taking into consideration the stimulus to mining, than a 2 per cent. charge would."

"Do you think the tax of 1 per cent. upon the smelter net returns fair?"

It is fair from a number of standpoints, and yet I do think that much more encouragement could have been afforded the developer of mines had a tax upon the profits been considered only, and I further think that greater impetus would have been given to development. But the province is entitled to a revenue from the mines. It is in need of funds for its support, and since it has already done more than any other government in the way of good roads, trails and smelter subsidies to encourage mining, it is but fair that the miner submit to a reasonable charge; nor do I think that they will seriously object to it."

Mr. Dennis said the Spokane delegation were accorded a reception that was courteous in the extreme. He had a two hours' conference with the Premier, Mr. Turner, and although that official's time was valuable, the legislature being in session, he cheerfully heard the arguments presented against the bill.

"I was forcibly taken with him," said Mr. Dennis, "as a man of fine sensibilities, keen in business affairs, alive to the best interests of his government, and withal a man capable and well worthy of the confidence of the people and of the high and influential position he holds.

"The following day the Hon. James Baker, minister of mines, called. This was a second pleasant experience. Col. Baker is a gentleman of high merit, scholarly in the extreme, a diplomat, and thoroughly conversant with the subject of his honorable position. With him as with the premier, I discussed mining as fully as the opportunity afforded, and was charmed with their conversancy with the various phases of it. Col. Baker is of the old type of the English gentleman, and of that broadness of mind and intellect, which at once commends him to the respect and affection of his first cousins, the Americans, as often as they come in contact.

"The speaker of the house, the Hon. Mr. Higgins, R. P. Rithet, one of the most influential men in the government, a resident of Victoria and a gentleman of large wealth, G. A. Kirk, the junior partner in business with the premier, Dr. Milne, a gentleman in every sense of the term, also wealthy and influential, Arch. J. C. Galletly, manager of the Bank of Montreal, who graces with dignity and ability the resposible position he holds, a banker of high order, a gentleman of acquirement, polish and finish; Mr Anderson, manager of the Hudson Bay Company, with whom I spent a delightful and instructive hour, and who carries the responsibilities of a great commercial business creditably upon his shoulders; Captain John Irving and Colonel John Grant, vice-president of the Northwest Mining Association, both splendid men; W. H. Ellis, publisher of the Daily Colonist, the forceful organ of Victoria, and himself a thorough, enterprising newspaper man; all extended courtesies which will be long remembered.

"To me this trip to Victoria, laying aside the effort in the interest of the object, and its attendant success and gratification, was a new realization and all the more impresses me with the conviction that after all the American and Briton are one, no more distantly removed than first cousins, and that in their unison and brotherly love their hands will and must always be clasped together."

"What do you think of Victoria and its future, commercially?"

"Victoria has a splendid location and the wealth to build a large commercial metropolis, which, coupled with the nerve, enterprise, energy and brains of its people, will surely advance rapidly."

Speaking of other members of the delegation, Mr. Dennis said:

"Upon my arrival I found Byron White, who was the chairman of the delegation, J. C. Eaton, Colonel W. W. D. Turner, William Harris of Rossland, Frank Loring, P. A. O'Farrell and John L. Retallac. All of these gentlemen did good work and proved themselves thoroughly loyal to the cause and deserve much praise for their efforts put forth.

"I feel satisfied that when the tax bill is passed all people interested in mining in British Columbia will have no reason to complain, and further, as the government becomes more conversant with mining, its greatest commercial factor, and its needs, that it will more generously extend to the mining interests that helping hand so necessary to the advancement of so great an interest."

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Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45@50
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Potatoes, per lb	¾
" sweet per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	2½
Hay, baled, per ton	$9@12
Straw, per bale	75
Green peppers, cured, per lb	8@10
Onions, per lb	2½@3
Eggs, Island, per doz	20
" imported per doz	20
Butter, fresh, per lb	25@30
" Creamery, per lb	30
" Dairy, per lb	25
" California per lb	30
" California per square	50@60
" Delta	30
Hams, American, per lb	14@18
" Canadian, "	14@16
" Boneless, "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	14@18
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Mutton "	5@12½
Lamb, "	10@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
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Turkeys, Eastern, per lb	17
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