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Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, April 4, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Sworn In.

Hon. Forbes G. Vernon was sworn in yesterday before his honor the lieutenant-governor as chief commissioner of lands and works.

Improving.

Mr. John Howard's friends will be glad to learn that he is growing better every day. He was able to sit up for an hour on Thursday afternoon.

Heavy Freight.

The steamer Yosemite arrived from New Westminster last night at 9:30 o'clock with 400 tons of freight. Capt. Rudlin reports a high wind and heavy swell on in the gulf.

Conveyed to the Asylum.

Constable Campbell, of Esquimalt, returned from New Westminster last night whither he had gone to convey an unfortunate named Chas. Dillon to the lunatic asylum.

Not Quite Correct.

In the report of the Jubilee Hospital committee meeting, the paragraph in regard to the proposal of the Odd Fellows to hold a picnic, stated that a letter was read. This is incorrect. Mr. C. Hayward read a *resolution* passed by a committee of the society.

Liberated.

Alfred Adams has been discharged from the insane asylum at New Westminster, he having become sufficiently rational to be allowed his liberty. Some people who have conversed with him do not think he is sane by any means, but his friends think he will gradually grow in strength of mind.

The Wires.

Telegraph wires were down in all directions again yesterday. There seems to be a general storm raging along the coast. On Friday a regular tornado swept through a belt of the island and felled trees in all directions. At Nanaimo yesterday the Dunsmuir did not venture out owing to the rough weather outside. On the gulf and straits the sea was lashed into a regular foam.

The Mysterious Boat.

The Whitehall boat which capsized in Esquimalt harbor had not been claimed up to a late hour last night. It is now thought that it belongs to some Indians and got adrift down the coast. The crew of the Cormorant's boat say that the credit of most of the work in securing the capsized craft is due to the crew of the dockyard boat. Capt. McCallum's hospitality to the drenched men is spoken of in the highest terms of praise.

Arrested for Fraud.

A Chinaman named Ah Jim was arrested on Friday night on a warrant issued by T. C. Atkinson, police magistrate of New Westminster, charging him with having on the 14th day of August last obtained from a brother celestial, Gum Lung, the sum of $275 by fraud. The prisoner was brought before Mr. E. Johnson, S. M., yesterday morning, but he did not consider that it was his place to try the man as the warrant was only signed by him to further the ends of justice. The Chinaman will probably be sent to New Westminster for trial.

Sent Up for Trial.

Wong Ah Chu, the crazy Chinaman, who caused such excitement at the residence of Mr. Justice Crease and who received a sentence of one month's imprisonment on Wednesday morning, was brought from the provincial gaol yesterday and charged with setting fire to "Pentrelew." After hearing the evidence his honor committed the prisoner for trial at the next assizes. Chu will probably go the penitentiary at New Westminster for his crime, which is of a most serious nature.

Our Virgin Forests.

The prompt action of the government to prevent the timber lands of the province from being gobbled up by foreign speculators is to be commended. These sharks were beginning to play fast and loose with our forest wealth, and in a very few years would alienate all at least of our timber that was easy of access. The bill which passed through committee yesterday created consternation among this class as may be judged from the fact that last week there were 26, and on Friday last 50 applications for large tracts of timber lands in the different parts of the province.

A Determined Suicide.

Yesterday afternoon two little boys, sons of Mr. Wm. Snider, went to play near the swamp on Coun. B. W. Pearse's property, and were startled at finding a Chinaman hanging from a limb over the swamp, his knees touching the water. They immediately informed some people living near by who on going to the spot discovered that life was extinct. The fellow had tied a rope over the branch, making a loop and thrusting his head into it, had strangled himself. The provincial authorities were notified who had the suicide conveyed to town. It is thought that the man was insane when he committed the deed, as a lady saw him running about and making a great noise a few hours before.

Annual Inspection.

The annual inspection of the three local batteries of artillery took place yesterday afternoon at Beacon Hill. The muster was exceedingly creditable, and the men presented a smart, soldierly appearance. The inspecting officers, Lieut.-Col. Holmes and Lieut. Lang, R. E., were received with the usual salute, and after they had passed down the ranks, the batteries were formed into column and marched past in column and quarter column, both of which were well executed, the marching being particularly steady. The presence of numerous recruits in the ranks accounted for some shakiness very noticeable in many of the evolutions. What is wanted is more frequent parades and exercises in public to teach both officers and men confidence in themselves. With such a fine *corps* in our midst there ought to be no difficulty in arranging a volunteer review as an event of the Queen's Jubilee. The number all told was 95 officers and men. The band has been reorganized, and played some excellent marches and quick steps. The *corps* will parade at the drill shed at 10 o'clock to-day, and from there will march to St. John's Church to attend divine service.

Inexperienced Sailors.

Yesterday afternoon when the gale was at its height a small sailing boat containing two fair damsels and a young man, emerged from the outer harbor and running before the wind the latter endeavored to hug the shore. Alas! experience is indeed a dear teacher, and so the young man realized. Endeavoring to put the boat about the rebellious wind prevented him from doing so and drove the craft with considerable force on the beach near Capt. Vidler's residence. The young man, they say, was very much "put about" himself, but the young ladies remained cool and collected throughout the great danger to their lives, for those who saw the boat leave the harbor were in constant dread of its being swamped by the angry waves, which dashed against the rocks and upon the beach with alarming force. It seems to be of no use warning inexperienced seamen about leaving the harbor in stormy weather, although we have done so repeatedly. Had the boat gone under with its precious burden the young man, who would in all probability have been saved, would have regretted his rash step all his life.

B. B. B. One of Many. B. B. B.

Mrs. Agnes Black, of Orton, Ont., says: "For five years I have been a sufferer from dyspepsia and indigestion. I tried one bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters, and was getting better; I then bought three more and it has cured me." tu-th-sat-dw

PERSONAL.

G. E. Parkes is at Roccabella.

John Howard, of Esquimalt, is rapidly regaining strength and there is every hope that he will recover from the shock. He is unable as yet to speak.

Noah Shakespeare, M. P., left for Ottawa this morning *via* the C. P. R., prepared to look sharply after the best interests of his constituents.

MARINE.

Collier Wellington arrived from San Francisco last night bound to Departure bay for coal.

Spratt's steamer Eliza has been chartered by Capt. McPhadden to run between Vancouver and Moodyville.

British bark Oban Bay, from Middlesborough for Victoria, put in at Montevideo a short time ago. Cargo shifted.

The four-masted ship Ocean King arrived from San Pedro yesterday morning and was towed to Nanaimo last night by the tug Pilot.

The bark Don Carlos sailed on Tuesday from San Francisco to load a return cargo of coal at Nanaimo. This vessel was formerly the Chinese bark Hongkong, which put into San Francisco in a leaky condition and was afterwards condemned. She was sold and a more romantic name now ornaments her sides.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That a London dealer in cat's meat—that is not the meat of the cat but meat for the cat—has been in trade fifteen years and sells over four tons per day.

That General Kaulbars is in a very bad state of health, his nervous system being attacked, and he is subject to severe fainting fits. He is at present living at his Baltic estate for the benefit of his health.

That according to Secretary Dickinson's report fifty years ago two-fifths of the public school teachers in Massachusetts were men; now about one-tenth are men. The average wages of men then were $25.44 per month, and of women $11.38; now men average $111.23, and women $43.97.

That a member of a London library lately wanted to borrow Rider Haggard's story, "She." It was out at the time, but a few days after he received a postal card which ran: "'She' has come in and will be kept for you until the 8th." His wife read the card, and for a time there was a tragic air about the house.

BLUE RIBBON CLUB.

A large and enthusiastic audience assembled in Temperance hall last evening. The President, Mr. Samuel Gray, opened the meeting with an impressive prayer. After singing two appropriate odes the Blue Ribbon band, under Mr. F. Stevens, played a selection from "Martha." The president introduced Mr. Fisher who spoke feelingly on the evils of the drink traffic. Miss Annie Penkeith favored the audience with a pretty solo. Corporal Chapman recited "The Publican's Bee," an appropriate temperance selection. An instrumental duet by Miss Hendricks and Prof. Baernstein received an ovation. The lady and gentlemen are first-class musicians and deserved the loud applause accorded their performance. Capt. R. E. Green's solo was duly appreciated. A little lady, Miss Anita Goodwin, sang a nice solo. Messrs. Booth and Waldon favored the audience with two solos. Vice-president Rudge made a few remarks on the temperance question. The president requested temperance people to attend a meeting on Wednesday evening. After singing "God Save the Queen," the meeting closed.

A BOAT CAPSIZED

While Attempting to Make Esquimalt Harbor—All on Board Probably Lost.

Yesterday afternoon a Whitehall boat about twenty feet in length and with a forecastle deck capsized while making Esquimalt harbor, with only a jib sail set. She was seen to go over by the crews of H. M. S. Cormorant and the bark Hermine and workmen on the dry dock, who put off in boats to the rescue. On coming up with the craft no human being could be found, and it is thought that either those on board had sunk to rise no more, or else there was no one in the boat when it went over. The craft was immediately taken in tow to McCallum Bay and righted. A black and white checked shirt and four deer skins were found in it but nothing more. Nobody at Esquimalt knows anything about the boat, and the affair is wrapped in mystery. Much praise is due the crews of the vessels and to the men at the dry dock for their prompt action, as the wind was blowing a perfect hurricane.

ABDUCTED AND MURDERED.

Tue Guay is Stolen from Her Husband, Taken to a Lonely Island, Murdered and Sunk in the Sea.

It will be remembered that about a month ago a Chinese woman was reported as having been abducted from this city. Her name was Tue Guay, and she was the wife of Wong Chuen, doing business in a small store on Fisguard street. Tue Guay became ill and was sick for a couple of months, but getting somewhat better a Chinaman friend, a wood-chopper, asked her to go out in a carriage for a ride. Tue Guay accepted, and she was seen to drive away with Wong Fat and Lee Sam. This was the last seen of her, and her husband and an interpreter shortly after started to hunt her up. The two men known to have gone away with her were discovered in a sloop in Nanaimo harbor, and were arrested and lodged in gaol. The interpreter, Lee Wing, an intelligent Chinaman, who understands good English, interviewed Lee Sam and got him to admit that the woman was murdered, and upon being pressed gave the whole story of the affair.

Driving to Saanich, she was kept in a camp all night. Next morning she was taken on board a sloop and to an Indian camp, where they remained several days. Promising to return to Victoria, they sailed further north. They then heard that her husband and some officers were searching for the abducted woman, and they sailed to a small uninhabited island, about thirty miles south from Nanaimo. Here they had a small tent erected, and Tue Guay slept on a blanket. The first night Wong Fat took a hatchet and going up to the sleeping woman struck her a hard blow on the back of the head. She never uttered a cry, but almost immediately died. After robbing her of her jewelry, nearly four hundred dollars of which she had on her person, a heavy stone was tied around her neck, and she was taken some distance from the shore and sunk in about forty feet of water. The Chinese then sailed away in the sloop and were arrested in Nanaimo. Seeing the officers coming Wong Fat dropped the tin box in which was the jewelry over into the waters of Nanaimo harbor.

At Nanaimo the interpreter hired the steamer Saturna and the sheriff and officers and the prisoner Lee Sam steamed to the island where the deed was committed and the latter described how it was done and where the body was sunk. Remains of the burned blanket, with the blood stains still showing, and the keys carried by the unfortunate woman were discovered. She had been sunk with all her clothes on and sewed up in these is the sum of over $1,500, of which the murderers were not aware. Several attempts were made to find the body by dragging, but were unsuccessful, and it is thought a diver will have to be employed for the purpose. Efforts should be made to secure the body, for so diabolical an outrage and murder should be brought home to the principals and they made to suffer the extreme penalty of the law.

Cure for Inflammatory Rheumatism.

Procure from your druggist a bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil and use according to directions. J. D. Cameron, of Westlake, Ainslie, Cape Breton, was cured by this remedy after all other treatment had failed. It may be taken internally for coughs, colds, sore throats, etc., etc. tu-th-sat-dw

From the Daily Colonist, April 5, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Baseball.

A match game of baseball will be played on Beacon hill between the Amities and a picked nine Good Friday.

Government House.

As Government House is undergoing repairs Mrs. Nelson will be unable to receive visitors until the work is completed.

Shipped.

W. J. Sherring, of the firm of Kelly & Sherring, left for Australia on Saturday. His partner remains to settle up the debts.

Improvements.

A new sidewalk is being laid in front of the Adelphi which will be a great convenience to pedestrians. It was very much needed.

Delayed.

The steamer Yosemite did not get away until 10 o'clock Sunday morning, owing to the heavy freight which she had to discharge.

The Yale Election.

It was stated by the premier in his place in the house last night, that the writ for the election in Yale district would probably be issued to-day.

For the North.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz left for River's Inlet and way ports at 5 o'clock this morning. She took a large amount of freight and a full list of passengers.

For the Jubilee Hospital.

Court Vancouver, No. 5755, Ancient Order of Foresters, at the regular meeting last evening, voted the sum of $200 toward the Jubilee hospital fund.

Sent to the Mainland.

Ah Jim, the Chinaman who was up before the police magistrate on Saturday morning on a charge of obtaining $275 by fraud at New Westminster, was sent up on Sunday morning to stand his trial at that city.

Supreme Court Proceedings.

The argument in the case of Bell vs. Nelson and others, was resumed yesterday morning, after which the court adjourned until 11 o'clock to-day. Mr. Taylor appeared for the appellant and Mr. Bodwell for respondents.

Baptist Church.

At the Baptist church on Sunday evening a number of ladies and gentlemen received the right hand of fellowship from the pastor, Rev. Mr. Barss, who preached a particularly able sermon. At the close of the service a young lady was baptised, when the Lord's Supper was dispensed.

Coroner's Inquest.

An inquest on the body of the dead Chinaman who was found hanging from a limb on Coun. B. W. Pearse's property was held by Coroner Jackson yesterday morning. The jury returned a verdict of death by suicide. The members of the jury were: Foreman, Neil Campbell, John Foard, A. Van Sicles, A. Cameron, James James and John Wessel.

A Dangerous Carpenter.

Wm. Morse, carpenter on board the British bark Viola, now discharging cargo at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf, was arrested at the instance of Capt. Price and charged with assaulting the steward. It is said he was very drunk at the time, and drove an adze deep into a door behind which the steward had concealed himself. Mr. Johnson fined the man $20, or in default two months' imprisonment. The arrest was effected by Officers Hawton and Hoosen.

Sunday Fires.

A fire in the roof of Mr. Uriah Nelson's residence on Sunday at noon caused an alarm to be sounded from the Tiger Engine house. The firemen were prompt in attendance, but their services were not required as the flames were extinguished by a few buckets of water.

The roof of Willie Bond's residence, on View street, was discovered to be on fire later in the day. No alarm was sounded, as the neighbors turned out and drenched the burning shingles with water, which soon put the fire out.

Puget Sound Directory.

R. L. Polk & Co., one of the largest directory publishers of the United States, has an agent in this city taking names for a business directory of Victoria. This is to be published in the new book to be issued by that firm, which will embrace a full city and business directory of all the towns on the Sound, with names of all the taxpayers of the twelve counties bordering on the Sound. This is the first attempt at a directory of that section by itself, and as Victoria is quite intimately related to that territory the request has been made that our city be included. There is every reason to expect that the work will be thorough and complete.

The Owner of the Sloop.

It is now learned that the sloop which drifted into Esquimalt harbor on Friday last belonged to Mr. D. R. Rule, of Beechy Bay. Mr. Geo. Brown, who arrived in the city yesterday, stated that Mr. Rule left home on Friday last with a load of farm produce and has not been heard from since. Another gentleman saw a sloop off Macaulay's point on Friday with one man in it, endeavoring to make Esquimalt. From the above there can be no doubt about the fate of the unfortunate man. Mr. Rule was formerly a Cassiar miner, and has been farming in Metchosin for the past five years. He was a native of Cornwall, England.

The Stranded Steamship.

The Mexico is still lying hard and fast on the Belle Chain reef. At low tide the greater part of the vessel is high and dry. As she was running full speed when she struck the rocks and the engines were not stopped until some minutes after the accident, the vessel's hull has sustained considerable damage. The Louise on Sunday night brought down the officers and crew to Victoria. No additional news arrived up to a late hour last night. Capt. Clarke, port warden; Mr. Collister, inspector of hulls, and Capt. Urquhart, representing the underwriters, proceed to the wreck to-day in order to make a survey.

The "West Shore."

The current number of the *West Shore* excels itself. The West has long been looking for a magazine to fill the wide field opened for it. This the neat publication before us does, and we are promised better things in the future. Mr. L. Samuels, the publisher, is now in the city and informs us that he has in preparation an exhaustive article entitled "British Columbia by Rail and Water," which will shortly be published in the magazine. It will be profusely illustrated with fine engravings and no expense has been spared in portraying in their true characters the beauties and resources of this favored province. The *West Shore* has deservedly a large circulation and turns out only first-class work. Mr. Samuel's enterprise deserves recognition and it is to be his hoped his venture will meet with the reward it deserves.

The Messiah.

A highly successful dress rehearsal of "The Messiah" was held last evening in The Victoria. The soloists took their numbers in a highly creditable manner, while the choruses were splendid efforts. The stage has been extended in order to give a better rendering of the magnificent oratorio. The large orchestra were perfect in their time and played the music in a masterly way. The event promises to be the most notable in the musical history of Victoria, and Prof. Sorge is to be congratulated upon the perfection to which he has brought all those who take part in the oratorio. His energy and perseverance will be amply rewarded by the ovation that will be given the production of "The Messiah" in public on Monday evening next. Half fares have been arranged on railways and steamers, and it is highly necessary for all who wish to secure a seat to at once do so.

The Dead Premier.

On Sunday morning, at St. James' church, the Very Rev. Archdeacon Scriven, at the conclusion of his sermon, adverted in fitting and touching terms to the death of the late lamented premier, recognizing the loss sustained by the congregation, the community and the country, and expressing the earnest hope that the example set by the departed, both in private and public life, for honorable and conscientious dealing might be widely copied. Many in the congregation were deeply moved during the delivery of the remarks.

Caught in the Act.

Officer Robb has made himself a friend of all theatre-goers. On Friday night he was stationed in the "gods" at The Victoria, and with an eagle-eye took in everything unseemly that was going on. The men and boys on the whole behaved themselves with decorum for a long time, and the officer was beginning to think that his services in that locality were not needed, when he suddenly saw a hand raised and a large roll of paper thrown on the heads of some people sitting in the parquette. He immediately took the name of the offender, and on Saturday summoned Walter Dempster to appear before the magistrate yesterday, which he did. His honor gave him a deserved lecture, and compelled him to pay the costs, which amounted to $2. A repetition of the offense will not be overlooked, and a few such examples made in the police court will rid the "gods" of all unseemly rowdyism.

Slaughter of the Innocents.

Those blood thirsty propensities which are common to members of all houses and which generally develope to a dangerous degree at the close of a long session manifested themselves in the legislature last evening in a very marked manner. As if at a given signal, the innocents were ruthlessly set upon and a wholesale and complete slaughter of every bill on the notice paper seemed imminent. One member having lost his bill determined to take a terrible revenge, and with blood in his eye forthwith set about to compass the defeat of somebody else's pet measure. The senior member for Nanaimo, the junior member for Victoria and one or two other cool headed members who understood the destructive nature of the house once it has tasted blood managed to save a few desirable measures which will be proceeded with to-day, and the house will probably prorogue to-morrow afternoon.

Royal Templars.

The Royal Templars of this city gave a social in Temperance hall on Friday evening, 1st inst. The hall was pretty well filled with an attentive audience. The meeting was opened with singing followed by a short prayer by Rev. D. Fraser. The chairman, Mr. R. P. Edwards, gave a short address. Miss Fraser sang "Comin' Thro' the Rye," and was followed by Mr. McLennan with a humorous reading, Mrs. Turnbull sang a beautiful solo which was *encored*. Rev. Mr. Percival set forth the merits of the order in a very clear and forcible address. The choir of the Gorge Road church then favored the audience with an anthem. Rev. Mr. Fraser delivered a short speech bearing on the merits of the order. Miss Evans sang a very pretty solo, and was followed by Mr. Muir with a humorous reading which was *encored*. The singing of the doxology brought the meeting to a close.

Provincial Museum.

The following are the contributions to the provincial museum for the month ending 31st March: Victoria—D. Denny, Snake in glass, ancient fire-arm; Alick Anderson and G. A. McTavish, 140 native birds' eggs; Mayor Fell, two western bluebirds in glass case; J. J. Cowley, two sea mice; George F. Langley, one zebra fish in glass; Carne & Munsie, section of petrified tree from Alaska, one flying fish; F. K. Williams, sample of silver amalgam from Vital creek; J. Knight, one red-shafted woodpecker.

North Saanich—G. A. McTavish, one stone axe, entomological cork.

Ladner's Landing—Paul Ladner, Townsend's fly-catching thrush; Thos. Mc Neeley, one northern diver.

Fort Simpson—W. B. Anderson, one sea argus, Indian curios, two gray-crowned finches, envelope of skate.

London, Ont.—Prof. Saunders, entomological pines and cork.

Moodyville—Capt. James Van Bramer, sample ores from Hope, Yale and Cherry creek mines.

PERSONAL.

Judge Boultbee returned to Vancouver this morning.

James Reid, M. P., left for Ottawa *via* the C. P. R. this morning.

T. R. Smith, of the Hudson's Bay Co., left for Vancouver this morning.

S. Oppenheimer left for Vancouver this morning to reside there permanently.

Mrs. Whitlaw arrived from San Francisco last evening by the Geo. W. Elder.

George Keeny returns to W. Manson Creek, Omineca, by the Boscowitz this morning.

J. A. Carthew went north this morning and will superintend the Whonnock Cannery at River's Inlet.

Charles Clifford, agent for the H. B. Co. at the forks of the Skeena, returned this morning.

Walter Morrow, the genial young gentleman connected with the firm of Cowan, Shaw & Co., left for the Whonnock Cannery, River's Inlet, on the Boscowitz this morning.

J. P. Howe has returned to Portland from New York, and has secured many attractions in the theatrical world, the most valuable being Mme. Rhea. Victoria may expect to be well treated by the veteran manager during the summer months.

MARINE.

During the last fortnight the following vessels have been chartered to load coal and lumber at British Columbia for foreign and coastwise ports:

American bark Otago, 870 tons, coal from Departure Bay to San Francisco.

American bark C. O. Whitmore, 855 tons, coal from Departure Bay to Honolulu.

German iron ship Fernind Fischer, 1726 tons, coal from Nanaimo to San Francisco.

British iron bark Ballumbie, 1131 tons, coal from Nanaimo to San Francisco, at $2.25 per ton.

American ship Harry Morse, 1313 tons, now on the way, coal from Nanaimo to San Francisco.

American Barkentine John Worster, 581 tons, now on the way, coal from Departure Bay to Honolulu.

American iron ship Clarence S. Bement, 1899 tons, coal from Nanaimo to San Francisco, at $2.23 per ton.

Ship Iroquois from San Francisco for Nanaimo arrived in Royal Roads Sunday, and was towed to her destination by the tug Alexander yesterday morning.

Tug Pilot returned from Nanaimo yesterday at 3 o'clock p. m., having towed the ship Ocean King up for a cargo of coal from the V. C. Co.'s shutes.

Ship John McDonald, Captain Storer. 2173 net tonnage, has been reported in the straits, 14 days from San Francisco to Nanaimo for a return cargo of coal.

Ship Rosie Welt made the round trip during the last voyage to Nanaimo and return with a cargo of coal to San Francisco in 36 days, which is considered by shipping men to be very good time.

Steamship Geo. W. Elder arrived from San Francisco last evening at 7:30 o'clock with a large cargo of merchandise for this port, and a number of passengers. The cause of her detention was strong head winds.

The Dauntless sailed from Queenstown for Southampton on Friday, where she will be overhauled prior to going on a cruise to the coast of Norway. She will afterward visit the Azores and then return.

British Bark River Fathoch, Captain Davidson, 1595 net tonnage, that sailed from Liverpool September 13th and arrived in San Francisco February 2nd, was chartered last Tuesday in the latter port to come to Departure Bay for a return cargo of coal.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of the First Session of the Fifth Parliament.

MONDAY, April 4.

MORNING SESSION.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 11 a. m. Prayers were read by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge.

REFERRED BACK.

The Delta railway incorporation bill (Mr. Orr) from which the enacting clause had been omitted, was referred back to committee and amended.

VANCOUVER INCORPORATION.

House went into committee on the Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment bill, Mr. Prior in the chair.

Mr. Dunsmuir said there was no necessity for every city having a special act of incorporation, and he would favor allowing these amendments to lie over for another year, when all the cities of the province could be brought under one general act.

Mr. Higgins moved to insert a clause changing the name of "Vancouver" to "Granville." The honorable mover referred to the perplexity and confusion that had been caused by the adoption of the present title, and said that the discarding of the name "Granville" was an affront to Earl Granville who at the very time the change was made was colonial secretary. He then referred to and read the petition of the B. C. board of trade and the memorial and resolution of the Victoria city council, addressed to the postmaster-general, protesting against the selection of the name of Vancouver, and produced telegraph blanks and envelopes to show that in the map of North America, which appeared thereon, the name of Victoria did not appear at all. It had been simply ignored, while "Vancouver" was printed on the blanks and envelopes in very black type. Was this proper conduct on the part of the C. P. railway company, who got three-fourths of their Pacific coast revenue from Victoria, and still endeavored to show by this disreditable means that there was no such place as Victoria in existence? And who could justly blame the people of this city and Esquimalt if they in their turn were to ignore the company and divert their patronage into a foreign channel? (Oh!) Honorable members might cry "oh," but Victoria was made to occupy a second position to that of Vancouver on the "folder" maps of the railroad company which were placed in the hands of travelers east and west and who were thus led to believe that Victoria had no existence except as a second-rate village. Referring to the legislation of last session the honorable member contended that the Vancouver incorporation bill should never have been passed at all. He would go further and say that the act granting the company 6,000 acres of land for bringing their line down to Coal harbor should not have been passed, and he (Mr. Higgins) heartily regretted the share that he had had in that transaction. The company would have taken the line there without any grant, and the contention that the whole of the land below Port Moody would have reverted to the Dominion Government was rubbish. The Dominion could never have claimed an acre. He believed that in the interest of the people of Vancouver as well as in that of the people of Victoria the name "Vancouver" should be taken away and "Granville" substituted. "Granville" was good enough for any city and too good for some and no person could reasonably object to it.

Mr. Allen did not quite agree with the honorable gentleman. He suggested that the place be called "Higginsville." (Laughter.)

Mr. Higgins—I hope the honorable gentleman will spare my modesty.

Mr. Orr said the name "Vancouver" had been unanimously adopted by the people of that city, and it would be a very great injustice upon them if it were changed. He hoped the good sense of the house would reject the amendment.

Mr. Dunsmuir said he had opposed naming the city Vancouver, but since it had been done he saw no good reason for a change. He was sorry that this matter had been brought up on account of the sectional feeling which it created. Victoria was his home, but he had to say of it that it was one of the most selfish and sectional places in the province.

Members—"No, no, no;" "yes, yes." "you mean Nanaimo," etc.

Mr. Dunsmuir, proceeding, said Victoria wants everything and gives nothing. A number of gentlemen, residents of Victoria, had given the C. P. R. company a large quantity of land owned by them, and it was nothing but right that the company should do something for them. The mainland members had been accused of sectionalism, but they were not nearly so much so as some of those representing the island.

Hon. Mr. Robson was sorry the house had treated this amendment in a serious manner, as it was certainly intended for a 1st of April joke, and he had hoped that that day having passed the good taste and good judgment of the honorable gentleman would have prevented him from introducing it.

Mr. Ladner said the people of Vancouver were perfectly satisfied with the name and no confusion resulted from it.

Mr. T. Davie did not consider that the amendment had been introduced with intention of doing Vancouver any harm; in fact, any such intention had been disclaimed by the introducer. For many reasons the proposed change was very desirable, and whether it was back to Granville, "Higginsville," or anything else, it would not affect private interests.

Mr. Semlin said when the name of the place was "Granville," he was in favor of retaining that name, but since this house had decided to change it to "Vancouver" he was equally well prepared to support it. There were already some half-a-dozen cities in the Dominion and Australia named Victoria, which were just as likely to create confusion as the multiplicity of Vancouvers.

Mr. Croft—Will the hon. gentleman state where the city Victoria is in Australia?

Mr. Semlin—"I mean the colony of Victoria." Continuing, he claimed that the mover of the amendment had made a more intensely sectional speech as he had ever heard a mainland member make. But while the island members were intensely sectional, they had no objection to mainland money being spent in their districts.

Mr. Higgins said he hoped that the honorable member who proposed to call Vancouver "Higginsville" would spare his feelings—would have some regard for his native bashfulness. (Roars of laughter.) He would deem it a high honor to have his name bestowed on the young town, but the people should first be consulted. They might object to so uneuphonious a name being given when there was so euphonious a name as Granville unemployed. (Laughter.) He always gave the C. P. R. credit for their enterprise, pluck and ability in building the line. They were beyond praise; but they had acted badly—very badly—in appropriating a name which belongs to another locality, and then adding insult to injury by ignoring Victoria on their blanks and reducing Vancouver Island to a mere speck on the map without a name. The map, indeed, looked as if a fly had alighted on it and after leaving its mark had passed on. (Laughter.) He disclaimed all idea of sectionalism in bringing forward this matter, and denied that he had threatened the C. P. R. with the withdrawal of Victoria and Esquimalt patronage if they did not change the name of their town. What he had asked was who could blame those people if they were to treat the company as they had been treated, by ignoring it and sending their trade elsewhere. He would regret such a course as much as he did the attitude of the company towards the island. The honorable senior member for Yale had accused him of sectionalism. He (Mr. Higgins) had never heard a more sectional speech than that honorable member had delivered at the opening of the session when the drydock refund was under discussion, one dollar of that refund he (Mr. Semlin) had denied to the island. There were too many Vancouvers—Vancouver district, Vancouver diocese, Vancouver Island, Vancouver, W.T., Vancouver city. Honorable members should endeavor to repair the damage that had already been done by the appropriation of the name, might he not call it an "outrage?" An honorable member—Yes.) Well, outrage be it then. (Laughter and hear.) He scouted the idea of the provincial secretary that this motion was intended as an April fool joke. There was many a true word said in jest, and this was one of them. He was in earnest and sincerely hoped the motion would prevail.

Mr. Mason asked members of the house through the chair to discontinue what he had to call a silly debate, and to get on with the business of the house. The discussion might be very good for city members, but it certainly was not for those from the country who were anxious to get home.

Mr. Grant had voted for the name Vancouver and had no intention of changing his mind.

The amendment was defeated on the following division:

Yeas—Higgins, Turner, Beaven and T. Davie.

Nocs—Robson, Martin, Croft, Thomson, Dunsmuir, Baker, Allen, A. E. B. Davie, Orr, McLeese, Mason, Cowan, Anderson, Ladner, Stenhouse, Grant and Semlin.

Committee reported and the house adjourned at 1 o'clock for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House convened at 2 p. m., and went into committee on the Vancouver Bill.

Mr. T. Davie objected to the time of the house being taken up at every session to enable Vancouver to have a special Act of incorporation. Vancouver no more required a special Act than other municipalities. He moved that the committee rise.

The committee passed the majority of the thirty-three clauses of the bill when Mr. T. Davie moved a clause providing that the act of incorporation might be repealed by order of the lieutenant-governor in council.

After some discussion the mover consented to withdraw the amendment. Bill was finally reported complete with amendments.

CHARITABLE FUND.

House went into adjourned committee on the Victoria Fire Department Charitable Association bill.

Mr. Turner's amendment providing that the fund should be divided among the members of the association according to the number of month's service by each was moved.

Mr. Prior moved in amendment to the amendment that the fund be divided in such manner as may be decided upon at a regularly called meeting of the members of the association.

Mr. Grant contended that the fund could not be divided equitably according to the time of service. Young members had paid all the fines in late years and besides the number of fires had been far greater during the last five years than previously.

On division Mr. Turner's amendment was carried.

Bill was finally reported complete with amendments.

TRESPASS.

House went into committee on Mr. Anderson's bill to prevent trespass on enclosed lands in pursuit of game.

Mr. Beaven moved that the committee rise.

Mr. Dunsmuir said if clause 1, which provided that any person carrying a gun shall not trespass at any time upon enclosed lands was passed he need not return to his district.

Hon. Mr. Robson said by a law already on the statutes a person was a trespasser the moment he went on enclosed lands. The farmers should have some protection from the injury and annoyance to which they have long been subjected. It being near 6 o'clock the committee reported and asked leave to sit again.

COURT OF APPEAL.

Mr. T. Davie introduced a bill to establish a court of appeal from the summary decision of magistrates.

Bill read a first time.

House rose at 6 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 8 o'clock.

The consideration of the

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was resumed in committee. Mr. Anderson said the measure was very much desired in his district, in fact, he had not heard one word against it, but in view of the lateness of the session he would consent to withdraw it. He moved that the committee rise.

The adjourned debate on Mr. Grant's resolution respecting the protection of the

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hunting seal in Behring Sea came next on the orders of the day. The preamble was amended and the resolution passed.

IMBECILES AND DRUNKARDS.

Mr. T. Davie's bill resp