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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Mayor Authorized to Sign Waterworks Contract With Walkley, King and Casey.

A Motion to Accept Mr. Haggarty's Proposal Lost by Five to Four.

The first thing to come up at the city council Tuesday night was the waterworks matter, a letter from Mr. Haggarty to the following effect being read:

"GENTLEMEN—I am informed that Ald. Macmillan has given notice of his intention to move that new tenders be called for the filter beds contract, the city to supply the cement necessary to do the work. This course I consider is hardly dealing fairly with my tender. Although I am confident the worthy alderman does not mean to prejudice me in any way, still I think it will have that effect. If the corporation wishes to supply the cement I would respectfully suggest that they deduct the price of the amount of cement required from the total amount of my tender at a rate not to exceed $2 85 per barrel, which is the price that I have received from a good responsible firm to supply it to me. If you decide to accept this proposition and would prefer other security to that which I have already given you in compliance with your advertisement, namely, 5 per cent. deposit, would you accept a bond in twice the contract amount, or 10 per cent.? This, of course, on the understanding that my cheque for 5 per cent. would be returned to me in exchange for the bond. Trusting you will not consider these suggestions impertinent.

JOHN HAGGARTY.

This was laid on the table till later in the evening.

In his monthly report Chief Deasy drew attention to the numerous dead wires in the city which were a menace to the safety of the men. He recommended also that the men be provided with clothes when theirs were damaged on duty at fires.

The market fees for the month were reported by the superintendent at $127.90.

An offer from Hayes & Bell for street crossings was referred to the streets committee.

Thornton Fell, for Mr. Bechtel, said that the offer of the city, if meant to purchase the land on which the bridge encroached, was not enough. Referred to the streets committee.

A report from the Old Men's Home committee stated that it was the intention to have the caretaker live in the home itself, but in the meantime temporary quarters would be secured for him. A new list of regulations was adopted.

The sewerage committee recommended that the request of Messrs. Redfern and Harris for a refund on sewer connections on Fort street be laid over till the claims of all property similarly situated be taken into consideration. The report was adopted.

The sewerage committee recommended that the flushing of sewers be left to the sanitary officer. This was adopted.

The street and sewerage committees to whom was referred the matter of extending the sewers to the government buildings recommended that sewers and laterals be extended on Maclure, Belleville, Menzies and Birdcage walk. The report was adopted.

The Tax Bylaw, 1895, was introduced by Ald. Cameron.

Discussion on the water works contract was raised by Ald. McLennan moving, seconded by Ald. Partridge that the Mayor be authorised to sign the contract with Walkey King & Casey.

ALD. HUMPHREY said that some of the aldermen during the elections had been in favour of taking the sense of the ratepayers on important questions at public meetings. There was no doubt that the opinion of the ratepayers at the last public meeting, though no resolution was passed was against awarding the contract.

ALD. MCLELLAN—"Here's one man who did not want a public meeting." (Laughter.) He was of opinion that the sentiment of the majority of the ratepayers could not be got at a public meeting, as only a very small proportion of them were there. His desire was to give the Mayor the right to sign the contract. Then the men who did not want the contract carried out might bring along their injunction.

ALD. WILSON was satisfied the public meeting showed that people favored Haggarty getting the contract.

ALD. MACMILLAN'S resolution to call for tenders, the city to buy the cement, was next read.

ALD HUMPHREY moved that the offer in Haggarty's letter read at the beginning of the evening be adopted, with the exception of the part referring to the bonds. This Ald. Williams seconded.

ALD BRAGG and Ald. Cameron held that Walkley, King & Casey should have the contract.

ALD HUMPHREY'S motion was lost and Ald. McLellan's motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Walkley, King & Casey contract was carried by the following division:

For Ald. McLellan's motion: Ald. McLellan, Bragg, Partridge, Cameron and Hall.

Against: Ald. Humphrey, Macmillan, Williams and Wilson.

The council adjourned till Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

VANISHED.

Richard Carter, jr., of Comox, has mysteriously disappeared and his family are quite unable to throw any light on the matter. His father has been in town looking for the young man and trying without avail to find the slightest trace of the missing one. Richard Carter, jr., a partner of the firm of Leighton & Carter, blacksmiths, of Comox, left home on June 14 for Nanaimo on his way to Victoria on business. He had a through ticket to Victoria, but on reaching Nanaimo on the day he left home, put up at the Windsor hotel for the night with the intention of taking the next morning's train for this city. On the morning of the 15th, after breakfast he paid his bill at the hotel, took his satchel in hand and started off for the railway station. That was the last seen of Richard Carter, jr. He disappeared as mysteriously and completely as if the earth had swallowed him up. His father, Richard Carter, sr., receiving no word from his son, became anxious and started in search of him. No trace, however, could be found beyond the fact that the son, who is well known in this city, never arrived here. The old man, after his vain search, has asked the provincial police to help him and has now returned home. The missing man is about 25 years old and is unmarried.

Blood-purifiers, though gradual, are radical in their effect. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is intended as a medicine only and not a stimulent, excitant or beverage. Immediate results may not always follow its use; but after a reasonable time, permanent benefit is certain to be realized.

THE CITY.

AT the election on Saturday last for Gordon Head school district trustee, Mr. William Dean was duly elected.

The bark Wrestler, laden with lumber from Vancouver for Shanghai, came into the Royal Roads yesterday and left again outward bound.

TO-DAY teachers' examinations begin in this city, Vancouver and Kamloops. The examinations here begin at 9 o'clock in the South Park school.

THE registered mail bags from this city were among the plunder of the train robbers who held up the train on the Southern Pacific at Grant's Pass, Oregon, on Monday night.

THE Inland Revenue collections for June at the port of Victoria were: Spirits, $6790 49; malt, $2187 03; tobacco, $3802 22; cigars, $764 70; inspection of petroleum $19 00 and manufactured tobacco, $73.75. Total, $13,637 19.

AT the annual meeting of the Parksville school district for the election of trustees, Mrs. Florence H. Davis and Mr. William Morrison were elected for three and two years respectively in place of Messrs. Geo. Plummer and Hy. Pillar.

DURING the month of June there were 1,748 exchanges of books at the city library—775 to ladies and 973 to gentlemen—the highest issue in one day being 125 and the average number 70. There has been an addition of 37 new members in the month—11 ladies and 26 gentlemen.

THE annual picnic of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, took place on Monday at Oak Bay, and was largely attended by the children, parents, teachers and friends. A number of prizes were contested for with great spirit by old and young. All came home pronouncing the picnic the most successful and enjoyable in the history of the school.

EMMANUEL Baptist Church Sunday school children, with their teachers and many of the older members of the congregation, spent a jolly Dominion Day out at Macaulay point. The tram cars took the party as far as Lampson street, then a pretty spot near the water was picked out and the day was spent picknicking, playing games, and having a good time generally.

THE farmers' picnic at South Saanich proved one of the successful attractions on Dominion Day. The attendance was very large and the sports and other pastimes were well enjoyed by both participants and spectators. Everyone had a good time. The Victoria & Sidney trains took out a number of people from town, over three thousand persons going out to Saanich or Sidney.

THREE trains on the Sidney railroad on Monday carried a large number of Methodists out to Sidney for their annual Sunday school picnic. Once there, the people broke up into small parties, each choosing its own particular form of amusement. There were the ordinary sports and games, including boating. The steamer Mary Hare made several trips to Salt Spring Island, taking over excursionists who heartily enjoyed the delightful side trip thus afforded. The Sunday schools represented were the Metropolitan, Victoria West, James Bay, Spring Ridge and Centennial.

THE Salvation Army had a field day at Oak Bay on Monday. A large number of soldiers were out from town and Captain Washburn and a cadet were present from Seattle as visitors. Strawberries and ice cream were sold during the day, the proceeds going towards liquidating the debt on the shelter home. During the day a large open air meeting was held, which attracted quite a crowd of spectators. At night the eighth anniversary of Army work in Victoria was observed by a meeting at the barracks, at which Captain Washburn gave an interesting address on "Army work in America." The next item of interest in Army circles will be the welcome home of Adjutant Archibald on July 6.

YESTERDAY Mr. Justice Drake gave judgment in McKenzie v. Russell and Macdonald, a suit to set aside a writ on a claim for balance of account of $5,333 42. The judgment was as follows: "This is an application to set aside a writ served on Mr. Russell. The plaintiff obtained an order for service out of jurisdiction on Macdonald and served a copy of this writ on Russell. When one defendant is within the jurisdiction and the other without, two writs may be issued, one for service within and the other marked concurrent for service without—Beddington v. Beddington, 1 P. D. Rule 27 provides for this case. The plaintiffs have not followed it. The service of the writ on defendant Russell must be set aside with costs." Mr. Jay for plaintiffs; Mr. Belyea for Russell.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Company have chartered the British ship Eskdale, a large freighter, to run in connection with their present fleet of trans-Pacific liners. The ship left Yokohama for Victoria on July 2, carrying one of the largest cargoes brought from the Orient this year. Altogether she has upwards of 3,000 tons, including 150 tons for Victoria, 100 tons for San Francisco, about 100 tons for Portland, and 200 bales of silk for New York. The cargo consists principally of tea, a considerable quantity going overland. There are no passengers aboard the ship. To-day the steamship Strathnevis of the same line will be due from the Orient, being another of the newly chartered vessels of the company. A third, the steamship Evandale, is scheduled to leave the Orient shortly. She belongs to the same line of ships as the Eskdale.

MARINE NOTES.

In view of the Mud Lark dredge shortly starting another season's work, the harbor is being surveyed for the purpose of being deepened where required. The dredge has been idle for some time, owing to the government appropriation for her work being exhausted, but this having been renewed for another year, commencing last Monday, the work will at once proceed.

Contractor West is making extensive repairs to the naval wharf at Esquimalt. The tug Sadie yesterday took to Esquimalt some 60,000 feet of lumber to be used in connection with the work.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress of India sailed from Hongkong for Yokohama and Victoria yesterday at 12:30 p. m.

The Northern Pacific company's steamer Eskdale left Yokohama June 30 for this port.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise and delight on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. Sold in Victoria by Dean & Cryderman.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Individual Rifle Scores at Vancouver—Minor Wins the Calendar Watch.

Victoria Baseballers at Seattle and Port Angeles—Stanley Park Races Postponed.

LONDON, July 3.—The annual athletic games between Oxford and Cambridge universities began at the Queen's Club grounds at 4 40 p m. to-day. The prospect of an international contest between the winning team to-day and a team representing Yale university is greatly increased by the interest taken in the meeting. The following are the events: One hundred yards dash, won by G. Jordan; time, 10¾ seconds. Watson, Cambridge, won the weight-putting contest with 37 feet 9 inches. G. A. Gardiner, Oxford, won the high jump with 5 feet 9 inches. The one mile run was won by W. D. Luytens, Cambridge; time, 4 23 2 5.

W. J. Oakley, Oxford, won the hurdle race in 16 2 5 seconds. The quarter mile run was won by W. Fitzherbert, Cambridge, in 50 seconds. In throwing the hammer, C. B. Robertson, Oxford, won, 116 feet 7 inches. The score stands four firsts for Oxford and four firsts for Cambridge. The three mile run was won by F. S. Horan, Cambridge, who thus scored a victory for his university. The time was 14:50 2 5 The score at the end of the game was Cambridge 5 firsts and Oxford 4 firsts.

Cambridge having won the athletic contest with Oxford, it is now expected that the former will accept Yale's challenge. Mr. W. J. Oakley, president of the Oxford Athletic club, said to a representative of the Associated Press after the sports were finished: "Well, the thing now rests with Cambridge." There was a strong wind blowing across the grounds of the Queen's Club to-day, and it was this which prevented faster time being made by the runners. Immediately after the close of the athletic contest the Cambridge athletic team went into secret session in order to consider Yale's challenge. At the close of the meeting the following official statement was issued:

"The committee decides that as Harvard refuses to agree to their part in the original proposal, it would not be desirable for Oxford and Cambridge to meet Yale single-handed, which decision the committee regrets in view of the sportsmanlike proposal of Yale. As another American combination seems under the circumstances to be impossible, it now remains only for Cambridge as the winner of to-day's contest to decide whether she can consider Yale's challenge. This she proposes to do immediately, and will communicate her decision at the earliest possible date. Yale's proposed date is too late for the Cambridge. October terms; the date preferable would be immediately before or after the London Athletic Club-New York Athletic Club meeting." F. Shoran, president of the Cambridge athletic club, after the meeting informed a representative of the Associated Press that it was more than probable that Cambridge would either accept Yale's challenge or challenge Yale themselves. The feeling among the whole Cambridge team is favorable to an American trip, and the only obstacle seems to be the date of the proposed meeting.

THE WHEEL.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

WATERLOO, July 2.—The C.W.A. championship meet yesterday was not distinguished by any record breaking. The one mile, class B, was won by Angus McLeod, Sarnia, in 2:52. The half-mile, class A, was won by A. F. Loughead, of Sarnia, in 1:07 1-5; the five mile championship, class B, by W. McIntosh, in 12:55; the two mile, 5:40 class, by John Wills, Toronto, in 5:22 2 5; the one mile international, class B, by Coulter, of Toledo, in 2:09 2 5.

FOR THE HARRIS HANDICAP.

Messrs. Penwill, Gilbert, Johnson and Wille are the riders drawn to contest the second heat of the Harris handicap race at Beacon Hill next Saturday afternoon. The positions of start are as follows:

Rider.	*Mount.*	*Handicap.*
Harry Wille	Keating	4:00 min.
T. A. Johnson	Eagle	3:00 "
Justin Gilbert	Columbia	1:30 "
W. F. Penwill	Tribune	Scratch.

AQUATIC.

THE J. B. A. A. CREWS CHOSEN.

The boating committee of the J.B.A.A. have finally chosen the crews to compete in the North Pacific Association regatta, which are as follows:

Senior Four-oared Crew—D. O'Sullivan (stroke), W. Scott, D. T. Jones and J. Watson (bow).

Junior Four-oared Crew—T. C. Boulton (stroke), T. Geiger, J. W. Wilson and G. Watson (bow).

John Aden will represent the J.B.A.A. in the junior singles. The other events which will fill up the programme have not been finally decided upon, but first class entertainment is assured and the association are working hard for the honor of themselves and the city. Several of the boys went to Vancouver on the first to size up the crews in training there, and they are satisfied that there will be some keen competition, but it is hoped that the J.B.A.A. will give a good account of themselves and add to their long list of victories.

VANCOUVER'S REGATTA.

VANCOUVER, July 2.—(Special)—In the aquatic races at Vancouver to-day, Russell won the amateur single scull race from Wilson. In the four-oared junior race, the Burrard Inlets came in first with the Vancouver boating club crew a length behind. In the second-class six mile sailing race, Thurston's skiff Flora came in first. In the first-class sailing race, the Avis won with the Whist second by time limit. The new shell of the Burrard Inlet rowing club arrived to-day in perfect condition.

BASEBALL.

AMITIES AT TACOMA.

The Amities left last evening for Tacoma, where they fill an engagement this afternoon, having the assurance that the boys from the City of Destiny will return the visit on Saturday. Franklin has been selected to pitch the game against Tacoma, and his performance in the box will be watched with interest. He has a deceptive delivery, good speed and fair shoots. During the last week he has developed a very fast out-drop, and the local batters have failed to find him at all in practice. How he will work with the Sound and Terminal City men remains to be seen. The nine taking the field at Tacoma to-day is composed of Franklin, p; Duck, l. f.; Jackson, s. s.; Scott, 3 b; Gowen, c. f.; Schultz, r. f.; Huxtable, c.; Partridge, 1 b.; and Williams, 2 b.

The Tacoma athletic club have two nines in the field, and besides playing the game against the Amities at home, they are sending another nine to do battle against Seattle. It is expected that Tacoma will have Carroll in the box, who was so effective against the Amities last year; Baker, their other twister, being assigned to face Seattle.

AN INVITATION FROM PORTLAND.

The Multnomah athletic club, one of the finest institutions on the Pacific, have communicated with the Amity manager in the hope of arranging a series of games.

YOUNG NATIONALS V. ANGELES.

The Young Nationals of this city send the following team to Port Angeles to day to cross bats with the local aggregation of ball players: J. Hollness, W. Fletcher, W. Dodds, B. Rourke, S. Hearde, W. Jones, G. Clarke, R. Dodds and Carlow.

CRICKET.

FLOURISHING ALBIONS.

At a special general meeting of the Albion cricket club last night Mr. H. L. Gulline was appointed secretary in place of Mr. A. C. Anderson, resigned. The financial statement showed that the club was free of debt and that everything was in a most satisfactory condition. A committee was appointed to revise the club by-laws. Messrs. C. Braund, P. A. C. Armfelt and B. Williams were elected members of the club. The team to play the second match of the season with the Victoria club next Saturday will be composed of Q. D. H. Warden (captain), F. W. Thomas, C. Schwengers, H. J. Martin, R. H. Swinerton, A. A. Green, H. L. Gulline, W. York, L. York, A. Booth and A. C. Anderson. Play begins at 2:15 sharp on the Albion grounds at Beacon Hill, and players are particularly requested not to be late.

THE RIFLE.

THE PROVINCIAL MEET.

The programme and prize list for the annual competition of the British Columbia Rifle Association have been finally approved by the council, and will be issued in the usual form in a few days. Goldstream range is receiving the repairs annually necessary. The meeting will open on Thursday, July 25, and continue during the two following days. The prize list is much the same as that of last year, with the addition of some prizes in each match, and the introduction of pool shooting, which in former years proved very popular. A new match which promises to arouse a great deal of interest is one in which the Queen's Birthday Cup competed for in connection with the celebrations here in 1893 and 1894 is offered as the prize, to be competed for by teams of ten men each, at Queen's ranges. The only competitors hitherto have been Victoria and Nanaimo, each having once been successful; but this year Westminster also will have a strong team in the field. The Laurie Bugle has been offered for a team aggregate. Provision is made for sending a team as usual to compete in the matches at Toronto and Ottawa. There is every indication that the coming meeting will be one of the most interesting in the history of the association.

THE VANCOUVER MATCHES.

The following were the winners of individual prizes at the rifle matches at Vancouver on Tuesday in connection with the Dominion Day celebration:

200 yards—Sergeant Gibson, R.M.A., Victoria, 33; Mayor H. A. Collins, Vancouver, 33; Gunner W. J. Sloan, B.C.G.A., New Westminster, 32; W. Wall, Nanaimo, 32; W. W. B. McInnes, Nanaimo, 31.

500 yards—Gunner W. J. Sloan, Westminster, 35; W. H. Forrest, Vancouver, 32; Corp. J. D. Stuart, Vancouver, 31; Gr. W. Huston, Westminster, 31; Gr. G. Turnbull, Westminster, 31.

600 yards—Captain McGregor, Nanaimo, 32. G. Pittendrigh, Nanaimo, 32; Gr. W. J. Sloan, Westminster, 32; Gr. W. P. Winsby, Victoria, 31; F. R. Sargison, Victoria, 31.

Aggregate of above three ranges:

	200	500	600	TT.
Gr. W. J. Sloan, Westminster	32	35	32	99
Gr. H C Chamberlin, Westminster	29	31	28	88
Gr. W. P. Winsby, Victoria	26	30	31	87
F. R. Sergison, Victoria	26	30	31	87
Gr. A. F. Cotton, Westminster	29	30	28	87

Naval Match — Sergeant Gibson, 33; Howburg, 26; T. Collins, 25; Sergeant Barton, 25; Butler, 24.

THE RIFLE.

MATCHES AT VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, July 2.—Several members of the B. C. G. A. from Victoria remained for the rifle matches which took place at the Moodyville range to-day. There were individual competitions at 200, at 500 and at 600 yards, and for the aggregate of the three, and a match for six men teams, the three range aggregates to count. The team scores were; Westminster, 511; Nanaimo, 474; Vancouver, 463; Victoria, 460. Sloan, in the winning team, made a provincial record with 99.

In a match restricted to the Navy the Nymphe scored 415 and the Wild Swan 348.

HERE AND THERE.

GENERAL GOSSIP OF CURRENT EVENTS.

Mr. C. H. Gibbons, president of the V.W.C., has been invited to act as referee at the North West championship race meet to be held at Calgary on August 3, 4 and 5. He will, however, be unable to accept.

McGregor of Tacoma won the 100 yards dash at Vancouver yesterday in 10½ seconds. D. G. Phillips of the Vancouver News Advertiser took the half-mile and the mile, Hillier running second in both events.

The Victoria Fire Department send a team to Port Angeles to participate in the sports there this afternoon.

Steinitz the chess champion left for England yesterday to participate in the international tourney opening at Hastings on the 5th August.

At the Vancouver shoot, Monday, F. S. Maclure and C. W. Minor shot off the tie for the silver calendar watch presented by Mr. J. A. Virtue on the Queen's birthday. Out of 60 possible, Minor made 55 and Maclure 50

The Valkyrie III again suffered defeat yesterday in the race on the Clyde for the Muir cup, being beaten by both the Britannia and the Ailsa. Never once in the race did the hope of the English yachtsmen succeed in getting even second place.

Owing to the small attendance yesterday the horse races at Stanley park have been postponed till Saturday. The horses to have participated were all on the grounds yesterday, and as the track and weather were all that could be desired interesting sport was expected. Better patronage is looked for Saturday when the effects of the Dominion Day attractions will have worn away.

"One of my sick headaches," you will hear people frequently say, as if the complaint was hopelessly incurable. As a matter of fact, Ayer's Pills not only relieve sick headache, but effectually remove the cause of this distressing complaint, and so bring about a permanent cure.

In the treatment of nervous cases, he is the best physician who is the most ingenious inspirer of hope.—Coleridge.

Nothing is more dangerous than an imprudent friend; better it is to have to deal with a prudent enemy.—La Fontaine.

THE CITY.

THE county court will in future sit on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

IN celebration of their fifth anniversary Alexandra lodge, No. 116, Sons of England, held a social in the Sir William Wallace hall last evening. A suitable programme for the occasion of music, readings, etc., was provided.

THE city has had its attention called by Mr. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, to the desirability of enforcing the city by-law against noxious weeds, as in some parts of the city the Canada thistle is being allowed to grow unmolested.

JULY is apparently a popular month for marriages in Victoria. The present week has witnessed the weddings of Mr. Walter Scott Duncan and Miss Amy Knowles Clegg, Mr. Thomas Hodges and Miss Annie Sketch, and Rev. Benjamin Appleyard and Miss Florence Appleyard.

THE officers of Vancouver Encampment No. 1, I.O.O.F., were installed on Tuesday evening by W. H. Huxtable, acting Grand Patriarch, as follows: Walter Dempster, C.P.; R. A. Anderson, H.P.; A. Sheret, S.W.; James Pilling, J.W.; A. Graham, Scribe; E. Bragg, Treas.

A WELL known Victorian, Mr. W. L. Challoner, of the firm of Challoner & Mitchell, was married at Toronto on June 24 to Miss Hattie E. Diprose, daughter of Mr. Robert Diprose, of the Queen City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Hunter, B.A., in Erskine church.

THE result of the verdict into the death of Edward Bifield, who died on Saturday night at Comox, was that deceased came to his death by concussion of the brain by jumping out of a window. Lepla, who had been fighting with Bifield and was arrested to await the result of the inquest, was set free again.

MR. ALFRED W. WOODS, a former resident of Victoria, and who has relatives here, was married June 24, in Toronto, to Miss Annie E. King Miss Annie Wood was the bridesmaid and Mr. J. R. Hand, of the Fenelon Falls Gazette, supported the groom. Dr. Griffin, of Guelph, performed the ceremony.

ON Monday last upwards of six hundred members and friends of the First Presbyterian and St. Andrew's church Sunday schools enjoyed the annual union picnic at Goldstream. Numerous outdoor sports were provided, and the children of the Protestant Orphans' home were hospitably entertained as guests of the two schools.

THE telephone office in Trounce alley is shortly to be vacated. The company are now moving into their new quarters in the upper flat of the Five Sisters block, where they expect to be located by the end of this month. There are some 500 wires to be hifted, and this work, which has been in progress for some time past, will continue for the next few weeks.

SANITARY INSPECTOR CONLIN is completing his preparations for the destruction of a number of tumble down shacks in the central portion of the city, recently condemned as unsanitary and unsafe. He visited each on Tuesday and served formal notice upon the occupants that forty-eight hours later the buildings would be removed. The work of destruction will probably be taken in hand to-morrow.

THE garden fete at Cloverdale yesterday afternoon and evening in aid of St. Luke's church and rectory proved very successful. A considerable number of people were present from the city. Among the attractions was an art gallery, old curiosity shop, museum and fairy well. High tea was served from 5:30 to 7:30, and in the evening there was a promenade concert, a very pleasant time being spent by all.

THE teachers' examinations commenced yesterday morning at the South Park school under the direction of Dr. Pope, Superintendent of Education, and Venerable Archdeacon Scriven. The morning subject was English history and the afternoon English grammar. About one hundred candidates are writing. Applicants for the highest grade certificate will be kept busy until July 16, those trying for the lower grade will finish much earlier.

THOUGH the Mayor has now the power to sign the waterworks contract with Walkley, King & Casey, the writ expected to be taken out with a view to prevent the contract being carried into effect has not yet bee served o the city. The contract was not signed yesterday, the mayor stating that he wished to give an opportunity for injunction proceedings to be taken by opponents of the contract. It is likely that some action will, however, be taken to-day.

THE following officers of Columbia Lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., were installed last evening in ample form by W. E. Holmes, Grand Master, assisted by an efficient staff of Grand officers: H. A. Porter, N.G.; G. T. Fox, V.G.: R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec.; A. Henderson, Treas.; W. Jackson, Per. Sec.; A. Edwards, War.; R. L. Allen, Con.; J. Wilby, R S N.G.; F. Taylor, L.S.N.G; Colin Cameron, I.G.; W. H. Huxtable, O.G; C. Minckler, R.S.S.; G. E. Smith, L.S.S.

ONE does not require to be wealthy in order to travel to-day, thanks to the steamship companies doing business on Puget Sound. Prices dropped like mercury in cold weather yesterday. The first announcement by the Northwestern company was $1.50 round trip to Seattle, but as soon as they found that the P. S. & A. steamship company had placed their rate at 75 cents they came down likewise. The P. S. & A. company were not to be outdone and immediately added a brass band to their outfit, said band being warranted to play continuously. As to what additional attractions will await the tourist this morning one can scarcely dare to hazard a guess, but in any event it will only cost 75 cents to go to Seattle and return. The City of Kingston had about 500 passengers when she went out last evening, the public having no hesitation to avail themselves of the low price of tickets.

THE closing exercises of Craigflower school were held on Friday afternoon last, when Mr. J. W. Rowland, secretary of the board of trustees, presided and distributed the prizes to the pupils. Parents and friends turned out in full force and congratulated the teacher, Mr. S. Shepherd, and his pupils on the marked improvement during the year. The certificates for the provincial roll of honor were awarded to Gerald Fagan, for regularity and punctuality; Mabel M. Shepherd, for proficiency; and James Purdey, for deportment. Eight pupils were promoted. The chairman's prize for spelling and geography was awarded to Ada Winsley. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. J. J. Wilson (trustee), and seconded by Mr. R. Porter (a former trustee), was carried unanimously. At the close of the examination the annual picnic was held and full justice done to the dainties kindly provided by the ladies. The annual school meeting was held on Saturday morning, and Mr. J. J. Wilson, whose period of office had expired, was unanimously re-elected to fill the vacancy on the board.

MESSRS. W. C BRUCE and J. O. Anderson, representing the Orange and A P A. lodges of Tacoma, are making Victoria a visit for the purpose of completing arrangements for the celebration of the Battle of the Boyne here on the 12th proximo. The visitors promise an excursion of, at the lowest estimate, 500 Orangemen, with a band of thirty pieces, by the Kingston on July 12.

THE strange case of George Dixon will again make its appearance in the city police court this morning. Dixon was originally brought in as a vagrant, but was discharged, the police believing him to be of unsound mind, and he himself asserting that he had but recently escaped from an Eastern asylum. The very night of his discharge from custody he was rearrested for attempting to commit suicide by jumping from the outer wharf. On Sunday he made a second attempt to end his life by tearing his shirt into strips, and with these knotted together endeavoring to hang himself in his cell. The city medical health officer after a careful examination adjudged Dixon to be perfectly sane, and he will be held to answer in the courts for attempting to commit suicide.

THE CITY MARKETS.

The most noticeable change in the retail markets this week is in fish. Dealers say salmon is very difficult to obtain, as most of the local fishermen have gone to the canneries for the packing season. Smoked salmon and halibut have almost disappeared from the market, and so have cod, sturgeon and the smaller fish, all for the same reason—want of fishermen. Fresh meat has shown a tendency to drop a little, partly from the smaller consumption during hot weather and partly on account of grass-fed beef from the ranges coming in rather freely. Flour, barley and ground feed have fallen a point or two, and old potatoes have disappeared from the market. The outlook for crops in all parts of the Province is exceedingly favorable. Hay cutting has begun on the island, and though light in spots the yield will be good. On the Lower Fraser there has been plenty of rain, and in consequence the crops are wonderfully good. Hay cutting there will begin next week. Grains everywhere are reported to be exceedingly fine and a bountiful harvest may be looked for. Following are the current retail quotations:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$ 6.00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.00
Victoria	5.25
Lion	5.00
Portland roller	5.00
Salem	5.00
Rainier	5.00
Superb	5.00
Plansifter	5.00
Snow Flake	5.00
Olympic	5.00
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Wheat, per ton	30.00@35.00
Oats, per ton	30 00@32.50
Barley, per ton	28.00@30.00
Middlings, per ton	25.00@30.00
Bran, per ton	20.00@25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	25.00@27.00
Corn, whole	45.00
" cracked	50.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	40
Oatmeal, per 10 pounds	50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
Potatoes, new, per lb	1¼
Rhubarb, per lb	3
Cabbage, per lb	3
Cauliflower, per doz	60
Hay, baled, per ton	12.00
Straw, per bale	1.00
Green Peppers, cured, per lb	10@15
Onions, per lb	3
Cucumbers, per doz	25
Radish, per doz	25
Lettuce, per doz	30
Spinach, per lb	5@7
Eggs, Island, per doz	20@25
" imported	10@18
Butter, fresh	30@35
" Creamery, per lb	25@30
Hams, American, per lb	15@18
" Canadian "	15@16
" Boneless "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	15@18
" Rolled "	12@16
" Long clear "	12@15
" Canadian "	16@18
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard, per lb	15@20
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½@15
Meats—Beef, per lb	7@12½
Sides "	7@7½
Veal "	10@15
Mutton "	7@12½
Spring Lamb, per quarter	75@1 50
Pork, fresh, per lb	10@12½
Chickens, per pair	1.00@1 50
Turkeys, per lb	16@20
Pigeons, per brace	50@75
Fruits—Apples, per lb	6@08
" "	10
Oranges (Navel)	30@50
" (Riverside) per lb	15@20
Lemons, (California) "	20@35
Strawberries, per box	10
Cherries	8
Bananas	25@35
Gooseberries, per lb	5@8
Apricots, per lb	10
Peaches, per lb	12½
Raspberries, per lb	10
Plums, California, per box	1.25@3.50
Tomatoes, California, per box	2.00
Fish—Salmon, per lb	10@12½

WINNIPEG, July 2.—(Special)—A little boy named Lyden, while playing in a vacant house, secured a bottle of muriatic acid from which he took a drink, and fatal results are feared. The bottle had been left by plumbers, who were making repairs.

Mr. McKellar, chief clerk of the Manitoba department of agriculture, and Mr. Fletcher, Dominion, Etymologist, have returned from a trip of inspection in the provinces. The rapid spread of noxious weeds has decided the local government to take prompt steps to stamp out several new and dangerous varieties noticed from the railway track.

MONTREAL, July 2.—Ald. Patrick Kennedy, M. P. P., for Montreal Centre, is dead. The deceased was an important factor in local Conservative politics, having been a strong ally of Hon. J. J. Curran. He was 63 years old and was prominent in temperance works. He defeated Hon. James McShane at the last provincial election.

Hall's Hair Renewer enjoys the confidence and patronage of people all over the civilized world, who use it to restore and keep the hair a natural color.

BIRTH.

ROBERTSON—At 253 Fort street, on Monday, June 24th, the wife of Arthur Robertson, of a daughter.

BROWN—At Harrison Hot Springs, on Sunday, the 23rd inst., to the wife of John R. Brown, a son.

MARRIED.

APPLEYARD APPLEYARD—On July 1st, at St. John's Church, Victoria, British Columbia, by Archdeacon W. H. Collison C.M.S., assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, the Rev. Benjamin Appleyard, of Grand Valley, Ont., to Florence, daughter of George Appleyard, Esq., of Woodhall, Kiveton Park, Sheffield, England.

MILES-COLLISTER — At the residence of the bride's parents, Dallas Road, on the 27th inst., by Rev. Solomon Cleaver, M.A., Harry O. Miles, of Great Falls, Montana, to Clara M., youngest daughter of R. Collister, Esq.

THIRTY DAYS after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for leave to lease 160 acres of meadow land for hay-cutting purposes, situated about 2½ miles S.W. of Morrison's and Adams' meadow on Mackin's Creek.

WM. WEBSTER.

Alexandria, June 27th, 1895. jy5-4t