

CHAIRMAN BOGG'S ACTION SUSTAINED

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Considered the Complaint Made by Trustee Jay About Supplementary Statement on Estimates.

The trustee squabble which has arisen in trustee circles over the question of estimates was Thursday investigated at a special meeting of the school board called at request of Trustee Jay. Chairman Bogg's resolution, and other members of the board present were Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Jay, Mowat and Huggett. Trustee Jay had raised the point that the supplementary statement submitted to the council in connection with the requirements for which the annual appropriation was asked was incorrect and unauthorized. In this contention he was supported by Trustee Huggett, but other members of the board took the opposite view, and endorsed the action of the chairman.

The board had prepared a statement for the council of the estimates for the coming year, according to which \$77,000 is needed for salaries. The board had first prepared a statement for January salaries, but the council insisted on a statement for the year. This was made out, but at the last moment the Mayor would not sign the cheques unless the statement was itemized. This information the chairman provided. In his classified the Boys' Central school as having eleven teachers instead of twelve as Mr. Jay contended, and the repair work mentioned was based on the architect's report, which had not been endorsed by the board.

This was the crux of the whole misunderstanding. Trustee Jay argued that there were twelve teachers on the Boys' Central staff. One appointment only dated to June 1st. It was not, he maintained, to classify this as one, because a substitute was not contemplated as being to be filled to the end of the year. The chairman had a rule of the thumb placed in the estimates \$1,670 for increased salaries and \$300 for increases in \$50.

With regard to the sum of \$4,000 required for school repairs, and included in the statement submitted to the council, the board had not contemplated a particular expenditure for each school. In the sum mentioned as being needed for the Boys' Central there was an item of \$1,100, which the board had agreed would not be spent in the manner indicated. Trustee Jay took up the whole statement of repairs, and showed that what was presented to the council was based solely on the architect's figures.

Trustee Mowat condemned the whole method of the board in getting up the estimates of the year. He described it as very unbusinesslike. He thought the question at issue was a mere quibble. Trustee Mrs. Jenkins said that while the board did not intend to do anything to the expenditure for repairs along the lines suggested, yet it was agreed that the money was required.

Trustee Mowat said that the statement made out this year was the same as that prepared last year. Trustee Jay added that all he could say was that it was sent in for the purpose of deceiving the council.

To this Trustee Bogg's retorted with the remark that if this was true the statement that was sent in last year was also made for the purpose of deception. The statement this year was prepared, as former statements had been for several years.

Trustee Huggett objected to the manner in which the supplementary statement had been prepared more than to what it contained, while Trustee Dr. Bolton considered that the chairman had justification for what he had done. Trustee Jay then moved the following: "That the council be informed that the board does not approve of the statement sent in by the direction of the chairman on the 27th February, that it was prepared without the sanction of the board, and was erroneous."

Trustee Huggett seconded the motion. It was then put to the meeting and defeated by a vote of two to one. Chairman Bogg then suggested that the board this year make out a detailed statement of the expenditure of the board during the year for the public's benefit. This had not been done for a number of years, but should be.

A couple of communications from the city council were next received and filed, and the meeting adjourned. Trustee Mowat stated before the trustees left the meeting that he understood that the council proposed cutting down the school estimates, which other members of the board declared the city fathers had no authority to do.

APPROVED UNDERTAKING.

Plan of Britannia Power Company—Notices in Current Gazette.

(From Friday's Daily.) This week's Gazette contains notice of the approval of the following undertaking of the Britannia Power Company: To construct a dam in Britannia creek, Howe Sound, New Westminster district, and to convey the water therefrom by a pipeline along and approximately parallel with the creek to its intersection with the tram line at the intermediate terminal station, and thence along the said tram line at approximately parallel thereto to the powerhouse situated on lot No. 892, at Britannia beach. The power will be developed by means of water wheels and electric generators and other necessary appliances, and it will be utilized to supply power to the concentrating, crushing and other machinery of the Britannia Copper Syndicate, Limited (Non-Personal Liability), at the said beach, and for the purpose of operating the Britannia group of mineral claims, situated about three and

one-half miles inland from the beach. The company further propose to construct an aerial tramway for the purpose of carrying ore from the said group of mines to the reduction works, and for all other purposes incidental to the business of an aerial tramway. That for the purpose of generating power the company will acquire or lease one thousand four hundred and fifty inches of water to be taken from Britannia creek and to be diverted by means of a pipe line.

The following companies have been incorporated: Peoples Trust Company of East Kootenay, Ltd. capital \$10,000; Skeena Development Company Syndicate, Ltd., capital, \$25,000; United Supply & Contracting Company, Ltd., \$100,000.

Notice is given of the withdrawal from the Osceola division of Yale of a described section of that district, which is established, and will be maintained as a separate land recording division, to be known as the Similkameen division of Yale.

The following appointments are gazetted: Harry Frenke Bishop, of Victoria, to be Justice of the Peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

Alexander Ball, of Vancouver, to be first assistant of the Industrial school at Vancouver. Francois Xavier McPhillip, of Vancouver, M. D., to be visiting physician of the said Industrial school. Ernest Willard Beckett, of New Westminster, to be a clerk in the land registry office at the said city from 1st March, 1905. Vice A. H. E. Beckett, resigned. Angus McInnes, of New Denver, to be registrar of voters for the Sloean electoral district, a registrar under the Marriage Act, and recording officer under the provisions of the Cattle Act, for the Sloean electoral district.

Charles E. Doherty, M. D., C. M., to be medical superintendent of the Public Hospital for the Insane, New Westminster, in the place of George H. Manchester, M. D., resigned.

The International Timber Company, of Seattle, has been registered as an extra-provincial company, capital \$500,000, divided into 2,000 shares of \$100 each. The head office for the province is in this city, and C. A. Holland is attorney.

The Gazette also contains a batch of assignment notices: J. J. Malbot and Andrew Balcombes, doing business in Nelson as the Farmers' trading Co., have assigned to George Nunn, manager of a firm of A. McDonald & Co., who has called a meeting of the creditors for Monday next. Archibald Mathieson, of Fernie, doing business as a jeweller under the firm style of Gordon & Mathieson, has assigned to J. J. Moffatt, who announces a creditors' meeting for Tuesday, J. A. Bennie, J. H. Bricker and J. Podbielanck, also of Fernie, and doing business as the Crown's Nest Pass Trading Co., have assigned to E. B. McDermid. Jakob Link, of Chilliwack, has assigned to C. W. Webb, and there will be a meeting of creditors on the 8th instant.

SMUGGLER CAPTURED.

After making a daring leap from a swiftly moving train and sustaining severe injuries, Larry Kelly, famous on Puget Sound waters, was captured while in an unconscious condition near Nooksack, B. C., last Saturday afternoon, says the Bellingham Puget Sound American. Kelly had opium in his possession worth more than \$1,200. For a number of years he has evaded capture. It is believed that Kelly's land in his smuggling operations and one not expected by the officers.

Kelly arrived in Sumas on Friday, having in his possession two valises containing opium, and was immediately shadowed by Customs Inspector Fred Strickland. During the night Kelly slipped away and went to Nooksack, taking the opium with him. He was followed the next day, and at the train arrived near Wickwasha Inspector Strickland, who had been secreted in the cab of the engine, started to go through the passenger coaches attached.

The first man he laid his eyes on after entering the first coach was Kelly. Asking to examine the grips which Kelly carried and meeting with a refusal, the inspector made a move to secure them. Kelly rose from his seat and made a dash for the platform. As he reached the door of the coach the train was passing through a cut, and Kelly threw himself against the embankment. Struck and bleeding as a result of the fall, he was made an object of easy capture.

A LUCKY WOMAN.

How Good Health Came to Mrs. Deschene After Much Suffering.

Mrs. Abraham Deschene, wife of a well-known farmer at St. Leon le Grand, Que., considers herself a lucky woman. And she has good cause as the following interview will show: "I was badly run down and very nervous. Each day brought its share of household duties, but I was too weak to perform them. My nerves were in a terrible condition. I could not sleep and the least sound would startle me. I tried several medicines and tonic wines, but none of them helped me. In fact I was continually growing worse, and began to despair of ever being well again. One day a friend called to see me and strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I decided to do so, and it was not long before they began to help me. I gained in strength from day to day; my nerves became strong and quiet, and after using about a half dozen boxes of the pills I was fully restored to my old-time health and cheerfulness. I now think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills an ideal medicine for weak women."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills feed the nerves with new, rich red blood, thickening and strengthening them, and curing such nerve troubles as neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, partial paralysis and locomotor ataxia. These pills cure also all troubles due to poor and watery blood, including the special ailments of women. Get the genuine with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around each box. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

OKANAGAN TOWNS ARE GROWING UP

RAPID GROWTH HAS MADE THEM AMBITIOUS

And They Are Seeking Incorporation—No Longer to Be Treated as Childers.

There can not possibly be any more conclusive evidence of the rapid development of the famed Okanagan valley than the flourishing condition of the various towns which have sprung into existence there. The marked influx of settlers during the past few years has increased their trade and caused an extension of their boundaries, with the inevitable result that they have outgrown the garments of infancy, childhood and youth in turn, and are now bursting out in the full strength of maturity. Vernon first became a city, and with a substantial lead in population, much rivalry from the other distributing points of the valley. But as this splendid tract of land became settled, Enderby, Armstrong and Kelowna began to sprout, and Vernon discovered that she had a monopoly of progress. The rivalry between Vernon and Enderby was very keen—seen from a business standpoint, socially, and in a sporting sense—but the former could always regard the latter as a rival in the Northwest. In the Yukon they will secure water at a rate that will admit of low grade gravels being worked.

PREPARING FOR EARLY ELECTION

SESSION MAY CLOSE WITH DISSOLUTION

Discontent Among Supporters of Government—Socialists Showing Signs of Disaffection.

(From Friday's Daily.) It would be no surprise if dissolution were to close the session this year. There is no attempt now on the part of the Premier and the Conservative members of the House to hide the fact that discontent and uneasiness reign on the government side of the House. The Premier lives only from day to day, and he is never in a position to say that the next twenty-four hours may bring forth.

There is a strong element on his side of the House which recognizes that the government by its failure to find a solution for the Yukon is too small for the duties devolving upon it, and for the situation in which the country is found. These were appraised last session by the promise that the heroic measures undertaken would result in solving the difficulties. Their distrust increased as they found that further troubles were thrust upon them, and that the government's course last session only increased the difficulties with which the country has to grapple.

To-day these men who acknowledged themselves last year as supporters of Mr. McBride no longer pretend to be his followers. They take their own course, and the bills brought by the government, and some of them even threaten to resign and appeal to their constituents.

But the element from which the Premier expected an unflinching support even when others deserted him was the Socialist party. This session there has been a tendency on the part of the Socialist party in the House to strike out from the Premier. The support from this party is known now by the government members to be of a very uncertain character, and at any time a crisis may occur.

The following dispatch from Fernie, the special correspondent at Fernie, indicates that the Socialists are preparing for a crisis: "The Miners' Union here has received instructions for every man in the organization to register his vote in view of an election to be held in the near future. The general impression prevails that the Socialist element in the House intends trying to oust the government on account of their failure to support the measure brought in by the government's masters."

TAKEN BY INSURGENTS.

Constantinople, March 3.—The towns of Aab and Yerim, southward of Sanaa, the capital of the province of Yemen, Arabia, have fallen into the hands of the insurgents. All Riga Pasha, with five battalions of Turkish reinforcements, left Akaba on February 28th for Hodeida.

Ever Felt That Death Would Be Welcome?

MRS. MARGARET SMITH OPTEN DID UNTIL DR. AGNEW'S CURE FOR GENUINE HOPE AND CURED HER HEART AND NERVES. "I have suffered from heart trouble and nervousness. At times I was confined to bed, when my pain was so intense that I would have wished death with joy. I was attracted to Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart by reading some wonderful cures wrought by it. He does give me relief in 30 minutes. After using four boxes I can truly say I never felt better in my life."—Margaret Smith, Brussels, Ont. Dr. Agnew's Pills, 40 doses 10c.

RHEUMATISM—WHAT'S THE CAUSE?—WHERE'S THE CURE?—The active irritating cause of this most painful of diseases is poisonous uric acid in the blood. South American Rheumatic Cure neutralizes the acid poison. Relieves in 6 hours and cures in 1 to 3 days.—50c.

NEW LEGISLATION SOUGHT FOR YUKON

DR. THOMPSON, M. P., ON WAY TO OTTAWA

Changes Will Be Asked in Laws of the Country in Interests of Miners.

(From Friday's Daily.) Dr. Alfred Thompson, successor to Senator J. H. Ross as member for the Yukon in the Dominion House, who was declared elected on the 7th of January, and received his certificate of office six days later, is in the city. He is on his way to Ottawa. In the recent election he ran on the independent ticket, and defeated his opponent F. T. Congdon by a majority of 618.

Dr. Thompson is a young athletic man—a thorough Canadian. He says he is going to appeal to parliament for improved legislation as a Canadian, appealing to Canadians irrespective of party bias. Briefly Dr. Thompson will ask that the size of the miners' claims be enlarged—they are now 250 feet by 1,000 on each side—a reduction in the miners' fees and the abolition of the royalty. The tenure of title to a claim is another matter on which legislation will be sought, and the government will furthermore be requested to provide for money now sent away to purchase products that can and should be manufactured in the province; secondly, in the direction of bringing the producers of live stock and possible purchasers together to the end that a fair price may be realized by the former, and animals of good quality and well acclimatized may be acquired by the latter to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

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Routine matters were dealt with at the evening session, after which the convention was closed.

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whilst the butter produced in the province during the same period was in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 lbs.; "And whereas a large quantity of live stock, much of it good breeding, is produced in British Columbia, and a considerable proportion does not find an adequate market because of the lack of proper information; "The it resolved; that the future policy of the Dairymen and Live Stock Association of British Columbia will be in the direction, firstly, towards the education of the producers of dairy products in the art of dairying, to the end that a superior article of uniform quality may be produced at the least possible cost, so as to compete successfully with the imported article; and furthermore looking towards an increased production with a view to shutting out the immense importations of dairy products, and thus keeping in the province the large sums of money now sent away to purchase products that can and should be manufactured in the province; secondly, in the direction of bringing the producers of live stock and possible purchasers together to the end that a fair price may be realized by the former, and animals of good quality and well acclimatized may be acquired by the latter to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

The election of officers next engaged the attention of those present. A number of ballots the old board was re-elected. There was an interesting competition for the secretaryship. L. W. Paisley, who has held the position for the past three years, being opposed by A. Wynanco. Mr. Paisley was selected, securing a good majority. A. C. Wells and A. Urethalar were chosen president and vice-president respectively.

E. F. CLARKE, M. P., DIED AT TORONTO

Passed Away of Heart Failure, Which Followed a Recent Attack of Pneumonia.

Toronto, March 3.—E. F. Clarke, M. P. for Centre Toronto, died at his residence here at 6.30 this evening. He came home from Ottawa two weeks ago suffering from congestion of the lungs, which developed into pneumonia. He had a relapse, but this week was speedily growing stronger and his entire recovery was expected in a short time. At 6.30 this evening unfavorable symptoms appeared