From THE DAILY COLONIST, November 21.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Tenders for Printing and Electric Light Wire Contracts Opened and Dealt With.

James McPhadden Leaves the Old Men's Home of His Own Accord.

There was a meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon in the committee room, one of the principal reasons being to consider tenders for printing the voters' lists and for electric light supplies.

C. E. Redfern accepted the city's nomination as a director of the agricultural association. Communication received and filed.

James McPhadden wrote that owing to the ill-treatment of the caretaker of the Old Men's Home he had decided to leave the home for good. He asked for a donation.

Caretaker Sutherland wrote that McPhadden had against the rules left the home without permission. Received and filed, the caretaker to be instructed not to receive McPhadden back without orders from the council.

J. L. Raymur, water commissioner, wrote in regard to Anderson's farm at Elk lake, part of which was required for the proposed watershed improvement, that the owner proposed that the city take over the lease from the tenant (it had yet 7½ years to run) and at the end of that time buy the land. The tenant, Mr. Revans, asked $3,000 as compensation. Received and filed.

A County court summons was received in Raffuse v. the Corporation, plaintiff claiming $60 for being discharged from his position as lamp trimmer without proper notice. Referred to the City Barristers to defend.

ALD. BAKER, before the tenders for the electric mast arms were opened, handed in a plan which he considered superior to that on which tenders were called.

ALD LEDINGHAM, in regard to the plan on which the tenders were calculated, maintained that the arms made according to it would not be strong enough.

It was decided not to open the tenders till next Monday evening, so that Mr. Stickels might be present to give his opinion on the question.

The electric light committee reported that they had awarded contracts for wire to Nicholles & Renouf as follows: Eight thousand feet 5 16 galvanized iron arc wire at $32 20 per 1,000 lineal feet; 2,500 feet No. 6 rubber covered wire at $5 13 per 100 lineal feet; 300 pounds No. 6 telegraph wire at $6 per 100 pounds. Total amount, $411 85.

Tenders for the printing of the voters' lists were referred to the printing committee to award.

The water committee recommended that the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the work of clearing out and concreting the bottom of the filter beds at Beaver lake.

The same committee in their report stated that several weeks ago the engineer of the V. & S. Railway wrote the council regarding the plan filed by the corporation in the Land Registry office showing the land appropriated by the corporation for waterworks purposes on the west shore of Elk and Beaver lakes. This plan after being compared with the survey made by the railway company shows that no doubt the traverse of the shore line of the map filed had been run from the north and south end of the above lakes and did not meet, hence on application of the railway company to register conveyances of lands required for their purposes registration is refused, and your committee are of opinion the matter should be referred to the City Barristers with power to get the necessary order of court to rectify the error in question.

Some discussion followed, and finally both reports were laid over.

The voters' list by-law was put through the committee stage.

ALD. LEDINGHAM thought that some amicable understanding might be made with Mr. Peddle, who had fenced his lot, closing up part of the old Esquimalt road, so that the fence should be taken down till next spring, when the city might be able to spend money to grade another road to accommodate traffic.

The matter was dropped without any action being taken and the council adjourned.

The printing committee awarded the printing of the voters' lists to Thomas Roarke at $1.10 per page.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The twenty-first annual report upon the subject of the births, deaths and marriages in the province of British Columbia, made by S. Y. Wootton, deputy registrar general, presents in tabular form, taking up eight well filled pages, a mass of information highly interesting to those whose curiosity tends in that direction, respecting the following totals:

	1893.	1892.
Births	1241	1165
Marriages	640	655
Deaths	827	757

For registration purposes the province is divided into thirteen districts, whose contributions to the above totals have been as follows:

	1893.			1892.		
	B.	D.	M.	B.	D	M
Victoria	289	283	230	350	289	185
Nanaimo	242	121	83	271	113	101
New Westminster	198	184	106	165	116	131
Yale	7	3	6	9	4	3
Clinton	5	...	1	19	5	3
Lillooet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cariboo	2	8	3	7	12	...
Omineca	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kootenay	52	24	7	36	14	17
Cassiar	...	1	...	...	1	...
Kamloops	50	32	46	32	33	51
Vancouver	250	151	148	251	147	161
Comox	46	20	10	25	23	3

In the matter of births the distribution according to sex was, males 677, females 564. It will be noticed that there were large increases in the numbers registered in Victoria, New Westminster, Kootenay, Kamloops and Comox.

Of the 640 marriages, which in the returns are grouped according to the religious denominations of the principals, in the case of 236 the bride and the groom were of different beliefs. Victoria maintained her reputation as the pleasure resort of the province, claiming as will be seen a total of these happy events almost equal to the totals of any other two cities combined, and showing a large increase for the year, whilst for the whole province the total is somewhat smaller than in 1892.

The death statistics show that the infant mortality—deaths of children under three years of age—accounted for 230 of the total of 827 deaths, of which 556 were of males and 271 of females. The abstract of causes shows that 136 deaths resulted from zymotic diseases; 83 from constitutional, 350 from local and 60 from developmental natural causes; 101 were from violence, and in 97 cases the cause was not specified.

THE CITY.

THE sitting of the Divisional court was yesterday postponed till December 7.

A COMPANY represented by Messrs. Davis, Marshall, McNeill and Abbott will at the present session of the legislature seek power to take water from Stave river for power purposes.

THE Westminster Masonic Temple Co. has been duly incorporated with a capital of $35,000. The trustees are Mr. J. S. Clute, sr., and Dr. W. E De Wolf Smith of the Royal City, and Mr. Thomas McNeely, of Ladner's.

A SPECIAL meeting of the stockholders of the Steveston Canning Co. is called for the 21st December, the business being in connection with the winding up of affairs, consequent upon the sale of the cannery to the Federation company of this city.

THE sewerage commission yesterday continued their investigation of the charges preferred by Inspector Bushby. The inspector was himself on the stand the greater part of the sitting, his evidence closing "the case for the plaintiff." This morning the testimony in defence will be heard.

VERY much enjoyed was the Thanksgiving dancing party given in Institute hall by the members of Seghers Council, Y.M.I. The decorations were very pretty, the floor all that could be desired, and the music—supplied by the Bantly family—very good indeed. About 100 couples attended.

A GOOD collection was taken up at the Thanksgiving services in the Reformed Episcopal church for the Maternity Home. The services were conducted by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, and were well attended. Next Tuesday evening a number of the ladies of the church will give a conversazione.

IN the city police court yesterday morning a white man named Hanson was convicted of the theft of a shawl and a blanket from a klootchman acquaintance. The articles in question, evidently heirlooms from their appearance, were not very valuable, but taking them got Hanson a month at hard labor.

THE Montreal and British Columbia Prospecting and Promoting Co. Ltd., has just been incorporated, its operations being chiefly in connection with the development of mines. The company is capitalized at $20,000, and Messrs. J. M. Browning, F. C. Innes and S. O. Richards are the first trustees. The head offices will be at Vancouver.

MRS. TYTLER, widow of Col. Tytler and famous all over the world as the only woman now living who was present at the siege of Delhi and a witness of all the stirring incidents of the Indian mutiny, is to deliver three lectures here early next month. Her subject will be "The Indian Mutiny"; the dates are December 3, 5 and 7; and the lectures will be given at the Cathedral schoolroom.

ON Thursday afternoon the remains of the infant child of Mr. Ridehalgh, which have been kept in the city morgue since Monday owing to Coroner Hasell's absence from the city, were interred in Ross Bay cemetery. Prior to the funeral an inquest into the cause of death was conducted and a verdict of "Death from pneumonia" was reached.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Baldwin Arden Wake took place yesterday from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Gervas Wake, to St. Paul's, Esquimalt, and thence to the Naval cemetery. The pall-bearers were Hon. C. E. Pooley, Mr. Lindley Crease, Mr. T. Sydney Dobbin, Mr. F. C. Davidge, Mr. W. FitzHerbert Bullen and Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie. The officiating clergyman was Rev. C. Ensor Sharp, rector, and the surpliced choir of St. Paul's sang the musical parts of the service.

MR. JAMES CONDRON, the popular "driver" of the E. & N., who has been in the company's employ ever since the road was built, celebrated his Thanksgiving season by taking to himself a wife. The marriage was celebrated at Nanaimo on Wednesday last, the bride, Miss Annie Elizabeth Nemer, being supported by Miss Maggie Jones, while Mr. M. Fitzpatrick attended the groom. The Reverend Father Sabre officiated, the wedding party being composed only of the most intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Condron will make their home here.

SPECIAL music was provided in the Metropolitan Methodist church at the morning service Thanksgiving day, and in the evening Rev. Mr. Cleaver presided at the annual concert of the Sunday school, of which Mr. E. A. Lewis is superintendent. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Parfitt, rendered a number of part songs and anthems very tastefully, while especially good solos were given by Miss Anderson, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. J. G. Brown. The latter gentleman was never heard to better advantage than on this occasion in his old favorite "The Diver," which was his first number on the programme, the second being "The Arab."

A MOST important notice of motion was posted by Ald. Harris yesterday. It is the initiative step towards getting some definite plan for the ultimate paving of the central business portion of the city. The motion reads as follows: "That the city engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications with a view of a permanent roadway and sidewalk for the undermentioned streets: 1. James Bay bridge along Government to Pandora; 2. Fort street from Government to Douglas; 3. Broad street from Fort to Pandora; 4. Johnson street from Store to Douglas; 5. Yate street from Government to Douglas; and report to this council; said report to give estimated cost per square yard superficial, in 1. Wood block; 2 Asphalt; 3. Concrete; and a further report on the experience of other cities as to the permanency or otherwise of the above materials.

WHEN the little frame house at 16 Gordon street was destroyed by fire on the 7th of last June there was a strong suspicion of incendiarism, though no definite information could be obtained at the time. Later the authorities of the fire department have secured scraps of evidence which pieced together make quite a strong circumstantial case. They had enough in hand to justify the taking of steps toward the punishment of the offender when—suddenly the bird had flown, leaving town without giving any notice of his plans by the San Francisco steamer. The suspicion fell upon a woman who had been living in the house for a few days prior to the 7th of June. She had misbehaved herself in some way and was ordered to leave. Her trunk was removed, and she started out with another woman to look for rooms, the house being left deserted. When the two reached Government street, the one remembered that she had left her wrap behind; she returned for it alone, and four or five minutes later rejoined her companion. Then the fire bells rang, but of course neither of the women paid any attention to them. Suspicion would not have fallen upon this woman perhaps but for the fact that the circumstances were repeated soon after in another house. She was ordered out; she went; and the house caught fire mysteriously about the same time.

THE Grand Lodge of British Columbia A.F. and A.M. was sitting Thursday and yesterday in Masonic hall, revising the constitution.

"ABERDEEN" day was the name given yesterday by the pupils of the public schools who did not forget that they owed their freedom "from scholastic trammels" to His Excellency the Governor-General.

ROBERT CASH and William Williams were yesterday sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary by Judge Hume of Seattle for highway robbery. Cash was up to a short time ago a resident of this city, and during his stay was constantly under the surveillance of the police, finally landing in the Topez avenue retreat, where he remained sixty days. He evidently jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.

THE chairman of the Old Folks' Home committee, speaking of the affairs of that institution yesterday, said there were things in the furnishing and internal economy of the Home which should be improved, but as the Provincial Home at Kamloops would soon be completed, an endeavor would be made to arrange with the government to take charge of the indigent poor of Victoria as well as those from other parts of the Province.

THE outcome of the assault upon Mr. M. H. Cowan and his brother, at the outer wharf a few nights ago, was seen in the city police court yesterday morning. Tommy Gannon, for the original assault, was fined $20 and $4 50 costs or two months' imprisonment at hard labor; Delgarno was fined $10 and $3 50 costs; and the information against Haney was withdrawn, he paying the costs. Gannon "skipped" to San Francisco on conviction, and before sentence was given; a warrant was yesterday issued for his arrest should he return to Victoria.

THE new and prettily designed Church of the Assumption on the west Saanich road near Hogan, was formally opened and received the blessing of the church on Thanksgiving day. It is a neat little building, very comfortably and conveniently arranged, and seating about 200 persons. For the present the new church will be in the charge of Rev. Father Vullinghs, who will also look after the spiritual wants of a congregation shortly to be established in South Saanich where the Indian residents have offered themselves to build a church. Thursday's solemn high mass was sung by Rev. Father Vullinghs, Rev. Father Van Nevel acting as deacon and Rev. Father Michaud, of Montreal, as sub deacon. The church was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Lemmens, who also preached the sermon. The new church reflects credit on its designer and builder, Mr. Lawless.

THE school room or old Baptist church on Fernwood road was utilized on Thursday afternoon and evening by the Ladies' Association of Emmanuel church for a bazaar and sale of work. From 1 p.m. till 10 o'clock its main entrance door was continually on the swing, for the bazaar was well attended and the business of the day fully up to expectations. Within the church were arranged several booths in which were presented the association's work for nearly a year past. Mrs. Haughton, assisted by Miss Jones and Miss Sherwood, presided over the toy and clothing stall, while Mrs. Wescot and Mrs. Edwards had charge of the candies and fruit. Managing the refreshment distribution were Mrs. Marchant, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Oates and Mrs. Bodley, assisted by Miss Shirk, Miss Fleming, Miss Scowcroft and Miss Marchant. Between 7:30 and 8:15 o'clock Mr. G. J. Burnette, organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, gave a recital which was greatly admired, it being the only music of the day. As a result of the bazaar the church's finances have been materially swelled.

THE merry minstrels had good houses at both matinee and evening performances Thursday, and deserved them, for the show was good. There were new jokes and plenty of them; the songs went well, and the dancing was thoroughly appreciated. As at the initial performance, everyone did his work well. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. J. M. Finn, who prepared the boys for their triumph, working night and day and showing himself a patient as well as a capable instructor. Mr. Frank Higgins as stage manager also played a most important part, though it could not command the applause of the appreciative house. The men of the R. M. A., who presented "Tommy Atkins," renewed their Wednesday night success on the following evening, the spirited song commanding more energetic cheering than ever. Messrs George E Powell, Fred. Richardson and Will. R. Higgins have proved themselves first grade minstrels—an unknown admirer paid a graceful compliment to the latter gentleman on Thursday, sending him a handsome and gaily decorated cake. The meaning is obvious, and those who saw the show will endorse the opinion—he took the cake. It is to be hoped, now that the minstrels have shown what they can do, that they will not retire into the obscurity of private life without giving at least another performance. Such a show as theirs will stand repeating.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

After renovations preparatory to their coming sealing cruise, the schooners E. B. Marvin and Sadie Turpel, the first vessels on the new Turpel marine railroad, were yesterday launched, the operation being performed quickly and smoothly. Several others of the sealing fleet will be treated similarly within the next few weeks. The Enterprise on Clark's old ways, and the Teresa on the Star ways are now receiving attention.

At 7:30 yesterday morning the Northern Pacific steamship Sikh got away on her voyage to Japan and China. She spent Thursday night in port loading cargo, and on leaving was filled to her capacity. She took away a good number of Chinese passengers from Victoria in addition to the 200 odd tons of flour, lumber, etc., comprising her cargo received here. Among these passengers were two insane Chinese—a man and a woman—who may well be spared here.

The British ship Senator, 1,695 tons, Capt. Smith, was towed into Royal Roads by the tug Wanderer, of Port Townsend, yesterday. She came here from Yokohama and will, it is understood, load lumber at some of the Mainland mills.

The salmon ship Senta, which loaded on the Fraser, was towed out to sea by the tug Mogul yesterday.

TUPPER ARRAIGNED.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Pall Mall Gazette severely arraigns Sir Charles Tupper in connection with the recent election in Forfarshire, Scotland The paper particularly blames him for his attacks on the board of agriculture on account of the government's restrictions upon Canadian cattle.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

The "Hornets" Defeated for the First Time in Two Seasons—Football To-Day.

Victoria's Riflemen Victorious at the Coal City—Other Thanksgiving Events.

The Rugby match between the Hornets of Nanaimo and the Victorias, played on the Caledonia park Thursday afternoon, was one of the keenest football struggles witnessed in this city, and although the local team won by three points to nil, and they are to be congratulated for their victory, the Hornets deserve great credit for the splendid and gentlemanly game put up by them. Three hundred enthusiastic spectators were on the ground, and had it been a fine day it is safe to predict that four times the number would have been present to witness the check to the unbroken record of the Hornets for the past two seasons.

The game was fast from beginning to end, and not till time was called was Victoria sure of victory, Nanaimo on several occasions being almost over the line. The teams were in position at about 3:10 p.m., and during the first half of the game Nanaimo was pressed hard. It was about the middle of this half that Victoria gained the only try, Langley, assisted by Smith and White, doing what was necessary. Petticrew failed to place the ball over the bar. Shortly after, Victoria again dribbled the leather over, and in the scramble between White, Tarrant and some others, it went over the dead line, and the chance to again score was lost. Nanaimo also forced Victoria to safety touch in this spell.

The second half opened with two splendid runs from Foulkes, one of which almost resulted in his scoring. Quine, Hilton and Tarrant also did some good running, and Haines and Miller shone in their tackling. Some grand rushes by Nanaimo took the ball to Victoria's 25 and it hovered often in that vicinity during the remainder of the game. Several times Nanaimo looked dangerous, but the Victoria forwards and halves relieved time and again by their splendid work in the scrum.

When "No side" was called by Referee Morton a terrific round of applause greeted Capt. Jones and his men on their well-merited victory.

Petticrew played well at back, but made the mistake of kicking at a rolling ball. Haines, Miller, Ward and Foulkes all put up a good game at three-quarters. Praise is due White and Smith for their splendid play at half. The former worked like a horse and the latter followed up splendidly, and was always on his man before he could get away. Of the forwards it is hard to say who played best, but Gibson, Fraser, Langley and Cease were the quickest on the ball. Jones, Sullivan, Gordon and Warden were also very useful at some stages of the game.

For Nanaimo, neither Riley nor Dixon could handle the greasy ball with safety, and in consequence they gave Victoria one or two openings to score. Webster and Quine were the most conspicuous of the three-quarters, although Tarrant showed good form at times. Hilton played a fine game at half, and on two occasions made good runs. Greens, the other half, held his position down in splendid style and passed the ovat beautifully. In the forward division, Duffy, Webster, Neens and Barker distinguished themselves and the others played hard for their side to win.

Y.M.C.A. V. FERNWOODS.

Though the weather was unfavorable for the match between the Y.M.C.A.'s and the Fernwoods at Beacon Hill Thursday morning, the event proved an auspicious initiation of the former's new suits of white bearing the red triangle. The playing was generally spirited throughout, and the evenness of strength of the teams is indicated by the score, two goals for each. This afternoon the Y.M.C.A. team meet the College boys on the latter's ground.

A WIN FOR WESTMINSTER.

The Westminster Wanderers beat Vancouver at Rugby football in the rain on Thursday. In the first half neither side scored. In the second half Words, assisted by Hodge, secured a try, which was not improved. Later, Jorard touched down, Lefroy kicking goal. Again, Allan got a try which was not improved, the score standing one goal and two tries to nil. The Wanderers are strong this season.

THE RIFLE.

VICTORIA WINS FROM NANAIMO.

The friendly match fired at Nanaimo on Thanksgiving day, between the Victoria and Nanaimo rifle associations, resulted in a victory for the former by the safe majority of 32 points. The visitors from this city found that their Nanaimo friends as usual had made the best possible arrangements for the event, and everything from the reception of the Victoria team at the train until they were escorted to the hotel after the match, went as happily as the rain which fell incessantly all afternoon would allow. The moisture interfered with the scoring of many of the contestants, but a few were manifestly waterproof, notably Mr. Langley, of Victoria, who led the field with the grand total of 96 points out of 105—the record for the Nanaimo range—and Mr. McGregor of Nanaimo, whose well compiled 89 was the highest for his team. These are the details:

VICTORIA RIFLE CLUB.

	200	500	600	Tl.
A. R. Langley	33	34	29	96
F. Mallandaine	31	31	23	85
J. D. Taylor	22	30	32	84
J. C. Newbury	25	28	26	79
R. J. Butler	25	23	20	68
C. W. Newbury	22	22	17	61
Total	158	168	147	473

NANAIMO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

W. McGregor	32	29	28	89
W. B. McInnes	27	24	28	79
W. J. Hygh	23	27	27	79
Geo. Hygh	22	26	26	74
Wm. Wall	25	8	27	60
Geo. Pittendrigh	20	27	13	60
Total	151	141	149	441

Honors are now even between the two associations, which have met four times in the two seasons, each having scored two wins—one at home and one on its opponent's range.

HERE AND THERE.

There were some high scores made at the Oak Bay traps Thursday by Minor, the Macinres and others, although the bad weather interfered considerably with the pleasure of the shoot.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 21.—The Novosti and the St. Petersburg Gazette say that if England will come to terms in the Egyptian and Eastern questions, a new triple alliance, consisting of England, Russia and France, would be perfectly practicable.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

First Session of the Seventh Parliament.

SEVENTH DAY.

FRIDAY, November 23, 1894.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m.

The Vancouver corporation petition for amendments to the charter, and that of the Methodist quarterly board of the same place, respecting a better enforcement of the Sabbath observance laws, were read and received.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

MR. PRENTICE moved for a return embracing "copies of any leases granted under the provisions of the Horsefly hydraulic mining company's act, or the Cariboo hydraulic mining company's act, 1894." He said it did not seem to be necessary to make any explanation, as he supposed there could be no objection to the motion.

HON. MR. DAVIE thought it would be well for the hon. member to give his reasons. He thought it timely to correct a misapprehension which seemed to prevail that it is a matter of course that any and every return asked for in the house shall be brought down. There are many instances in which to justify the production of a return some stronger reason than the gratification of mere curiosity should be stated. The documents now in question, for instance, can be seen on application by any member or other person interested, and he would like to know why they should be printed in the assional papers.

MR. PRENTICE said he had been asked by a constituent for the papers. He would, however, as suggested by the Premier, ask to see them himself, after which he would know whether to press or withdraw his motion.

HON. MR. DAVIE stated that if after the hon. member had seen the papers he still wished them brought down there would, he thought, be no objection to the motion.

NAKUSP AND SLOCAN BONDS.

MR. SWORD asked: "Were the bonds guaranteed for the Nakusp and Slocan railway in sterling money or in dollars, and what was the gross amount guaranteed?"

HON. MR TURNER—In sterling, to the amount of £131,400. There will probably be a small addition when the exact mileage of the road is known.

DEPARTMENTAL RETURNS.

HON. MR. DAVIE presented the twenty-first annual report of the registrar of births, marriages and deaths in the province for 1893.

HON. COL. BAKER presented the regulations adopted under the legislative electorates and elections act, 1894.

BILLS ADVANCED.

A bill (No. 5) intituled "An act to authorize the revision of the statutes," (Hon. Mr. Davie) was introduced and read a first time.

The committee report on the East riding of Lillooet election bill was adopted, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The license act repeal bill was considered in committee, Mr. Sword in the chair, and adopted.

The house again went into committee on the stipendiary and police magistrates bill, Mr. Smith in the chair. The bill was reported complete with several amendments.

MR. EBERTS presented a petition from the provisional directors of the Red Mountain railway company, asking for an extension of time.

The house adjourned at 4:58.

WATERWORKS LOAN.

The successful tenderer for the 4½ per cent. $150,000 waterworks loan debentures is the Imperial Trust Co., of Toronto, whose bid was $101 56 on the $100. The money was paid over to the city on Wednesday.

Here is a list of all the tenders opened November 1:

J. Chapman, Montreal	$150,000	at	$103.02
P. Brown, Toronto	"	at	102.11
A. Austin, Toronto	"	at	102.76
J. R. Hooper, Montreal	"	at	102.11
H. O'Hara & Co., Toronto	"	at	101.75
Imperial Trust Co., Toronto	"	at	101.56
Jarvis & Co., Toronto	"	at	101.11
W. Farrell, Vancouver	"	at	101.02
H. O'Hara & Co., Toronto	"	at	101.00
Bank of B. N. A., Victoria	"	at	100.37
W. Farrell, Vancouver	"	at	100.27
R. Wilson Smith, Montreal	"	at	100.05
G. A. Stimson, Toronto	"	at	99.87½
Dalby & Claxton (Yorkshire Guarantee Co.) Victoria	"	at	99.85
B. C. Corporation, Victoria	50,000	at	100.00
Lieutenant Moggridge, "Royal Arthur"	1,000	at	100.00

It will be seen that it was not the highest tenderer to whom the debentures were awarded.

Mayor Teague on being asked yesterday to explain why the loan was not awarded to Mr. Chapman, whose bid was $103.02 on the hundred dollars, explained that when the tenders were opened and Mr. Chapman was found to be the highest bidder, he wired to him at Montreal that the tender was accepted. No answer being received the banks and financial men in Montreal were communicated with, but still nobody seemed to know Mr. Chapman. In the meantime, on the day succeeding the opening of the tenders, no effort was made to conceal the names of the tenderers, and several people were allowed to have copies of the list, one being given to the telegraph office.

"In other loans I had kept the names secret," said the Mayor, "until the negotiations were completed, but it had been represented to me that financial men were anxious to know at the earliest opportunity whether their tenders were successful or not, so I concluded in this instance to make the list public as soon as possible."

The Mayor further explained that when Mr. Chapman could not be heard from he wired one after the other to the next three highest bidders, but could get no better satisfaction. Finally, as O'Hara & Co.'s tender for $101.75, the next on the list, was not in accordance with the requirements advertised by the city, the debentures were awarded to the Imperial Trust Co. at $101.56 on the $100.

"I don't know what to think of the failure of the highest tenderers to reply," said the Mayor, "but there seems to be something strange in the business."

By comparing the figures it will be seen that the offer under the name of Chapman is $2,190 higher than the sum the city has received from the Imperial Trust Co.

NORTH MORIEN, Cow Bay, C. B., Nov. 20.—A fire broke out here in a row of miners' houses to the south of the bridge. A fearful gale is blowing, which will cause the destruction of the whole row. There will be great suffering as the result of the fire, as the buildings are crowded with miners and their families.

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 D. E. Campbell.

THE FALL ASSIZES.

A Verdict of "Not Guilty" in the Celebrated "Trade Dollar" Case.

Smith and Hall Convicted of Passing a Confederate Bill Lightly Dealt With.

The Aheren trial was continued in the Assize court yesterday morning at half-past ten o'clock. There were only two witnesses left to examine, Edward Lines and the accused.

Edward Lines, about 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, was in the hallway of the Trade Dollar and saw Josie Edwards stowing away a roll of bills in her stocking. Hussey was at that time lying on the lounge in the wine room.

Joseph Aheren, the accused, was then sworn; he had left 127 Johnson street about 6 o'clock that morning, had met Hussey and the girl near the Trade Dollar, and at their request for a drink opened the saloon. Witness left about 7 o'clock, went back there about 3 o'clock in the afternoon; the girl and Hussey were there and were noisy, and witness feeling "leery" because his license had not yet been transferred to him told the bartender to order them out. Had given proper change for the bills paid him for drinks; his conversation with Josey when he spoke of her leaving town after the money was lost was for the purpose of finding out whether she knew anything about the money.

Mr. Belyea in his address to the jury held that there was no evidence to show that Aheren could be connected with taking the money at all.

Mr. Irving, for the Crown, in going over the evidence stated that it looked very strange that the bartender had not been brought as a witness for the defence. Then what possible motive could accused have had for trying to get Josey Edwards out of the country except to cover up tracks?

His Lordship in summing up said that this case represented one of the dark sides of Victoria life. Among the witnesses were a number of men who had stood around in a saloon and took drinks, perfectly careless as to whether the money paid over the bar was the price of a woman's infamy. What the jury had to find was whether the prisoner took money from Hussey and did not give back the proper change. By the code, stealing included a case where money having been paid over the accused declined or refused or neglected to hand back the proper change.

The jury after an hour's absence brought in a verdict of "not guilty," and Aheren was discharged from custody.

Smith and Hall, convicted of obtaining money under false pretences, were brought up for sentence.

His Lordship having asked the prisoners what they had to say before sentence was passed, Mr. S. Perry Mills, their counsel, asked the court to deal leniently with Smith on account of his youth and inexperience. He hoped also that in the case of Hall the court would take into consideration the time he had already been in prison since his arrest. He also reminded the court of the jury's strong recommendation to mercy.

His Lordship in delivering sentence said that he considered Smith mainly liable for the offence. He was the one who had the note and had induced Hall to pass it. It was hardly the reckless act of an imprudent youth, but a deliberate plan to pass the bill. The sentence of the court was three months' imprisonment in each case.

THE "COREAN" ARRIVES.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 23.—The overdue Allan line steamer Corean, from Liverpool for this port and Philadelphia, arrived yesterday morning after a sixteen-days' voyage in weather which Captain Main reports as being the worst ever experienced within his knowledge. Almost from the moment the Corean left Liverpool gales continued with terrific force, and for days the steamer made no headway. The immense seas broke over her, rendering it impossible for the officers of the steamer to manoeuvre her. Snow storms were frequent, and the ship was a mass of ice, looking as she entered the harbor like an enormous iceberg. Oil had to be used to break the force of the seas, otherwise the officers say the Corean would have foundered. In fact it appeared imminent several times that the steamer would go down. Sixty passengers on board the Corean declare that their experience was indescribable. They expected, they said, to go to the bottom every moment. No serious damage was sustained by the vessel.

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