

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mayor Beaven Asks Moral Support of His Action as Police Commissioner.

The City Legal Advisers Give an Opinion Adverse to the Sorby Claim.

Mayor Beaven announced at the city council meeting on Monday that he had suspended Constable Cantrell from the police force. The reason given by His Worship for his action was that there were circumstances in the constable's past career that made it desirable he should not remain on the police force.

In moving that the suspension be sustained and made absolute, Ald. Macmillan said it was to the discredit of the Chief of Police that the appointment had ever been made. It might be true that the matter which led to the suspension had been forgotten by the Chief at the time of the appointment, but if he took so little interest in the welfare of the force, someone with a better memory should be placed there. He did not reflect on the commissioners as they were not in a position to know what had been the applicant's previous history.

Ald. Williams, while seconding the motion, did not want to be understood as agreeing with Ald. Macmillan's remarks. The appointment was in the hands of commissioners and it was their duty to find out all about the applicants. He, however, did not want to cast reflections on anyone.

Ald. Hembrey could not see what object there was in bringing the matter up at all. The council had nothing to do with the appointment. It was a matter for the commissioners.

Mr. Maxon replied that it was true that the commissioners had the appointment of policemen, but as he had differed with his brother commissioner in the course to be pursued in the case, he had made this report so as to get the council's moral support.

Ald. Hembrey would have nothing to do with the resolution and would not vote for it. They might just as well have had a request from the other commissioner asking them to support him. "The matter is practically settled already," said the Mayor. I have not asked for anything, but only reported my action.

Ald. Glover was altogether in the dark as to what the offence was that led to the constable's suspension. If it was something done before he had joined the police and he had repented, it was not right to hound the man and refuse him a chance to rise. The good book taught repentance, and as he believed in giving a man a chance when he was doing right, he would not vote for the resolution.

Ald. Cameron knew the circumstances and was in favor of giving the Mayor the moral support of the council.

The resolution was carried. A claim sent in by Schultz & Murphy for \$1,000 damages on behalf of Mrs. Margaret Holmes, for injuries received by reason of a defective sidewalk on Fernwood road, was referred to the legal advisers of the council.

Mr. Crow Baker on behalf of the telephone company wrote that no instruction has been given by the council of the time when they wanted the telephones dispensed with at last council meeting removed. The company had a rule that all rentals were payable in advance monthly and in equity the city should give a month's notice. The council should remember, too, that the 25 per cent. reduction given on telephones was because of the number the city had hired hitherto and a revision of the rates might be necessary.

Ald. Williams remarked that as the council appeared determined to do away with the nine telephones, the company should as a matter of business politeness be given the month's notice as indicated in Mr. Baker's letter.

On motion of Ald. Marchant it was decided to inform Mr. Baker that the telephones be removed by March 31.

A. J. Dallain, secretary of the Agricultural Association, wrote on behalf of the association asking that \$1,000 be granted them for their fall exhibition, and a guarantee of \$1,000 further in case the exhibition was not a financial success. This was laid on the table pending the consideration of the estimates.

The Council were asked to assist the movement which had been taken up by the Canadian branch of the Naval League, to aid in the defence of the Empire. The letter of H. Wickham, honorary secretary of the League at Toronto, succinctly set out the idea proposed as follows: The branch of the Naval League proposes to agitate in favor of the establishment at the chief colonial ports of training ships in which Canadian seamen may be enrolled and drilled, and ultimately qualified to form either members of the local defence or the Royal Navy Reserve. We think the establishment of such ships is needed for the reasons expressed in the address. Of course the details of a scheme will have to be prepared and I am now engaged in working upon them. In the meantime I shall be glad to learn whether your corporation will co-operate with our branch of the league when the time comes, in pressing the matter upon the attention of the Dominion government.

Ald. Williams considered the matter to be a highly important one, the chief naval station of the Pacific coast being at Esquimalt. He would move that the city clerk reply that the council would give the scheme all the support they could.

Ald. Macmillan would not vote for that resolution; he did not anticipate that Canada was going to be made the subject of a murderous assault by any people, and intimated that it only meant government pap and soft berths for someone.

The council did not agree with Ald. Macmillan, however, as the motion was carried. Ald. Macmillan and Cameron alone voting against it.

Messrs. Smith and Pemberton, trustees of the DeCosmos estate, asked that the streets of the estate be exempt from taxation as the public were virtually allowed to use them as highways. The council decided to reply that no exemption could be made while the streets were private property.

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SEAL SKIN CATCHES. Captain Victor Jacobsen, of the sealing schooner *Minnie* was a passenger from the West Coast on the steamer *Maude* last evening, having returned home owing to the illness of one of his Indian hunters. His schooner, the *Minnie*, is this year, so far as is known, the line of the sealing fleet. She has 123 skins 19 having been obtained before another schooner started. Capt. Jacobsen says the weather has been very fine, but he found seals to be very scarce. He hunted as far south as the Columbia river and during his cruise spoke the following vessels: On the 15th inst. the *Oscar* and *Hattie* with 44 skins; *Penelope*, with 70; *Kate*, with 28; and *Beatrice*, with 18; and on the 18th inst., the *Sapphire*, with 9; *Venture*, with 17; and *Victoria*, with 45. Captain Jacobsen had learned of no accidents among the fleet although he had heard indirectly from nearly all the fleet. Among the passengers accompanying him to Victoria on the *Maude* were Capt. Hackett, Rev. Father Van Nevel, Rev. Father Van Goethem, P. F. G. Chas. Spring, Geo. Logan, Capt. Ferry, and Mr. and Mrs. Russel. The last mentioned is going East on a visit. The *Maude's* trip was successful.

THE CITY.

St. Patrick's Day was observed by a High Mass at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral. Rev. Father Larterne was the celebrant, and Rev. Father Althoff preached.

Three weeks ago a young man named Sam Kelly, with a companion, set out in a small sloop down the straits to fish for halibut. He expected to return in five days, but nothing has since been heard of the sloop or its occupants.

There has been a great deal of stormy weather since the sloop left, and fears are entertained that some mishap has befallen the vessel. Inquiries are being made along the coast for the missing vessel. Kelly was the eldest son of S. Kelly, and was sent recently a member of the Fifth Regiment band.

In the County court yesterday, the case of Peter Oakes v. Michael Hare, was tried. The plaintiff brought suit to recover on a mortgage amounting to \$410, and interest, for which he had held as security 42 shares of the steamer *Mary Hare*, which was burned last month near Sidner. The defendant did not dispute the debt, but pointed out that the sum was due, not on St. Patrick's Day, but on the Twelfth of July. This being established, the plaintiff was non-suited. Mr. B. Elliott appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Thornton Fell for defendant.

THE Divisional court (Davie, C.J., and Drake J.) on Monday heard the appeal of the defendants in *John v. Fisherman's Cannery Co.*, from that part of the order of Judge Bole, sitting as a local judge of the Supreme court, which directed the defendants to furnish the plaintiff particulars of the time, place and circumstances of the representations and conduct of the plaintiff relied on by the defendants in their defence as constituting an estoppel against his making claim for the benefits of the bonds in question as claimed by the defendants were not the true boundaries thereof for the purposes of the action, which is for trespass. The court delivered a written judgment, dismissing the appeal with costs to the plaintiff in any event. Mr. Gordon Hunter for the appeal; Mr. Robert Cassidy for the plaintiff, contra.

WEAK AND EXHAUSTED FROM THE RESULTS OF NEURALGIA AND NERVOUS HEADACHE. Five Years of Almost Constant Agony Endured by the Sufferer—A Strong Letter From Her Husband Testifying to Her Cure.

"Neuralgia," says an eminent writer on medical matters, "is the cry of the nerves for better blood." This undoubtedly expresses the whole truth, and the first duty of those who are in any degree afflicted with this exceedingly painful and maddening disease is to create pure and healthy blood, and thus drive the disease from the system. The following strong letter from Mr. T. W. Johnson, Hemford, N. S., will show how this can be done.

"My only interest in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the gratitude I owe for the cure of my wife, and my desire that others may obtain similar relief. My wife has been a sufferer for many years, and has been under different treatments without permanent results until 1893, when she was induced to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. At that time she had been suffering from a neuralgia and nervous headache in their worst form for over five years, the trouble gradually growing worse each year. She had a dreadful pain in the head most of the time, and her eyes were so sore that she could scarcely see or read. Her nights were almost sleepless, and the trouble spread from her head to her body, and she suffered from an intense pain in her back. The trouble was wearing her out, and she became weak and exhausted that she could scarcely stand upon her feet. Sometimes she obtained temporary relief from the different treatments tried, but afterwards the trouble seemed to be more severe than before. I had read a great deal concerning Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and at last determined to give them a trial. She found relief before the first box was entirely used, and after using about a half dozen boxes she was well and strong as ever she had been in her life. I believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she would not be comforting my life now. It is almost two years since she discontinued using the pills, and in that time she has been free from the disease and in the enjoyment of good health, so that it is reasonable to say that the cure is permanent. I know that many of our neighbors who have seen what Pink Pills have done for my wife, have used them with equally beneficial results. In conclusion let me urge the thousands who may read this to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and I can heartily recommend them and feel that I am only doing my duty to the afflicted by doing so."

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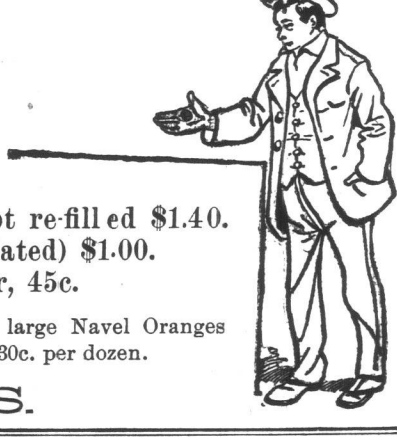
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WONDERFUL TARGET PRACTICE. At the recent firing practice of H. M. S. Royal Arthur at Comox, a wonderful score was made with a six-inch quick firing gun by first class petty officer Rowd. A canvas target about twelve feet square, with a bulls-eye three feet in diameter was fixed on the shore and buoys were placed to mark the range which was some 1,600 yards. A time limit of two minutes was allowed, the object being to see how many shots could be effectively fired at the target within that time, the ship moving at the rate of twelve knots an hour. Rowd is captain of the six-inch quick firing gun on the forecastle starboard bow, and in the two minutes allowed he fired 13 shots, 11 of them striking the target fairly and a fourteenth shot being in the gun before time was called. The gun squad assisting him made splendid work for as each shot weighs 100 pounds, meant the raising of 1,400 pounds and firing 13 shots in the short time of two minutes. When it is remembered that eleven of these shots were effective, the skill of Rowd and his squad can be appreciated. It is understood that this beats not only the Royal Navy record but the world's record with a six inch gun. The skillful marksman and his squad receive a substantial prize in money from the admiralty for the achievement. The gun itself is a fine one, for Petty Officer Roberts, who has since gone to England and been raised to a warrant officer, made a record with it last year. Roberts, with a three minutes allowance, fired eighteen shots and made fourteen hits. Petty Officer Rowd and his squad had their photographs taken on Saturday for the Army and Navy Review.

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BIRTH. Monow—In this city, on the 12th March, the wife of Lee Monow, of a son. MARRIED. MURRAY-KNOW—On the 18th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, 180 Douglas Street, by the Rev. S. Cleaver, Lucie, youngest daughter of Mr. Jas. Know, of this city, to Harry Willford, youngest son of the late W. Murray, of Cornwall, Eng.

DIED. ROB—At Takuh Harbor, on the 16th February, Samuel S. Robb, of this city, formerly of Montreal, P.Q. MOORE—At San Francisco, on February 12th, Robert Moore, a former resident of Victoria, aged 60 years. MOORE—At San Francisco, on March 8th, Fanny K. relict of Robert Moore, and second daughter of the late John F. Bidwell, of Victoria, aged 62 years.

SUPT. HUSS

Provincial Detested—The In Coast Smug

Requirements of New Lock-up Improvement

Superintendent made a very interesting organization and provincial police force, charge by the act of report, dealing with October, 1895, has to the legislature. come no inconsiderable of seventy regular specials from time under the super Husey and the M. Langley. Mr however, that a large enrolled as constable act as government accorders, gaolers or greater portion of the ed in other than not to the growth of the of Cariboo and Kootenay constables for the therefore asks \$42,000 next fiscal year for the appropriation of \$37,000 tendent says:

SECRET There should be a department at headquarter thoroughly experienced the investigation of cases, the present such officers connect and I am compelled gular police for work cases, they are not over efforts to suffer such in this province as expense, and it is best results should order to accomplish the advice in the appointment of this service.

PROTECTION FOR Frequent appeals by settlers and others of the Island and Mail system of police property being more or less deriding whiskey peddlers who constantly interfere travel in sloops and boats. Many of these from the American side and all sorts of devices they sell to whites and the coast, returning to Alaska with goods stolen from unprotected Alaskan citizens. This sort of traffic is the logging camps and lages visited by these leave a trail of drunken wherever they go, followed by the most faman life.

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Numerous complaints to be by ministers, others, concerning the intoxicating liquor which Indians throughout the statements are undoubt may say at once that I did succeed in obtaining intoxicating liquor that pay for. Notwithstanding the penalties for infract act in liquor are ve although the act is riged by the authorities in cities, it is safe to say towns there are always some who will take the liquor to the interior. The said of other parts of and in many places liquor is not easily obtained. Indians manufacture an in treaty used by them, wrious effects than as liquor obtained by purch The police use every this traffic, or at least to boards, but they realize impossible to do so, in number of convictions tained. I am pleased to port that in all other regions are peaceable and that breaches of the amongst them are of rs. They are self-supporting.

OBSERVATION In the detailed reports districts the Superintendent: Albani—Constables and James Seeley were patrol duty on the west coast of the island. They have with a sloop for this purpose means of transport has no factory and the service is as desired.

Kootenay Reclamation French, special constable per month. The appoint officer does not take effect 1896. Mr. French has to prevent Indian disputes amongst them have hitherto been expense in order to amongst the Indians with vicinity of the above work. Nanaimo City—William constable and jailer; sr. month; Mr. Stewart is