

CONFERENCE ON OLD CEMETERY SENTIMENT AGAINST REMOVING BODIES

Old Residents Manifest Strong Feeling in Favor of Improving Burying Ground.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Old time Victorians, whose relations with the pioneers of the province, are buried in Quadra street cemetery, gave their unanimous verdict last night that the historical burial plot should remain as a cemetery, or whether the bodies interred therein should be removed to Ross Bay.

Recently Hon. R. G. Tatlow had written to Ald. Meston, the chairman of the committee of the city council, to the effect that the provincial government would hand over the Quadra street cemetery to the city council tentatively, and the legislation in general introduced into the House to ratify this transfer.

Many old time Victorians gathered at the city hall, almost all of whom had their dead in the Quadra street cemetery. Bishop Perrin was present as the representative of the naval and military men whose last resting place Quadra street was.

When Ald. Meston had explained the object of the meeting, stating that he considered its best plan would be to form a committee to meet and confer with the cemetery committee, and also pointing out that the city could not levy taxes to keep the Quadra street cemetery in repair, but that to a certain extent that duty must devolve on those who held plots there, the proceedings commenced. Ald. Meston was moved to the chair.

When Mr. Helmecken was the first to give vent to the opinion of the meeting, pointing out his rights to speak on the subject, he said that when he had the honor to be a member of the city of Victoria in the House he had always thought it a shame that the council had not looked after the cemetery. It was only justly that the city authorities should look after those who could not look after themselves.

Mr. Helmecken then read a letter which he had received from P. Carter-Cotton in 1889, when the latter was commissioner of lands and works in the province of Victoria, and the result of which was that the government built a new fence round the graveyard, trimmed up the trees and placed the grounds in a general state of good order, on the understanding that the corporation would thereafter take charge of and maintain the fence and grounds.

The property, for the above reason, as well as from the fact of its situation within the municipal limits and of the uses to which it was dedicated, very properly comes under municipal supervision and control.

The correspondence referred to can be seen at this office if you desire.

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The run proved a delightful one, and every one of the party was anxious to take it again. One of the party is even prepared to bet that the run can be made in 10 hours from here to Alberni. The Sooke hills was the only obstacle in the whole course. The 13 miles to Goldstream was quickly covered, and then the four miles of climbing commenced. It was accomplished, however, without mishap, and the remainder of the route was of the most enjoyable character.

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MONTH'S RECORD IN CUSTOMS RETURNS EXCEEDED THOSE OF THE PAST

Victoria's Trade Shows Marked Increase With the Motherland—The Figures For May.

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Yet another index of Victoria's growing prosperity is forthcoming. The custom receipts just to hand have eclipsed all previous records. During the month of May the receipts from duties amounted to \$10,747.11, the other revenue amounting to \$37.15. The latter figure is somewhat misleading, as during the past few days no fewer than twenty Chinese came into the country, each of them paying a head tax of \$600. There was not time to include this sum of \$10,000 in the books of the customs, and from other sources of no less than \$13,022.15. Only once before, during the time of the Klondike rush, were the figures anywhere near these, and that was during the month of March, 1898, when the duties reached \$110,222.68. This latter instance is, however, no fair criterion to judge by, inasmuch as a large amount of the money did not in any way indicate a prosperity in the city.

The most striking feature in the present returns is the manner in which trade with the Mother Country has been advancing. Each month it is growing in volume and the custom house officials regard this as the most healthy sign in the present increase in returns.

It has been ascertained that this rapid growth of trade with the Old Land is in large measure due to the fact that goods can now be brought to this port much more quickly than heretofore. The Blue Funnel line is placing, and to some extent has already placed, entirely new and up-to-date types of cargo carriers on the Liverpool-Victoria route. The time between the two ports has been reduced, and the advances which have been made since the time when all the goods of the Old Country had to be shipped in sailing vessels around the Horn are incalculable.

Another feature which has had a large influence in the increase of trade is that the Holt liners adhere to a regular schedule of time in sailing from their various ports. This is an item of great consideration with merchants and shippers, who will readily consign their goods in vessels which they know will be punctual, and vessels which are not at the mercy of wind and tide.

The increase in every commodity which comes here from the Old Country is marked. The Blue Funnel line steamships is increasing the speed and the cargo capacity of its vessels every year, and irrespective of Victoria's vast increase in her custom receipts, no healthier sign could be evidenced than the fact that this increase is in large measure due to the widening of the commercial bonds with the Motherland.

The following regimental orders for the Fifth Regiment have been issued by Col. Hall:

The following N. C. O.'s and men having been granted their discharge are struck off the strength of the regiment: No. 235, Gunr. L. M. Sweeney, May 20th, 1907; No. 115, Corp'l. W. E. Vaughn 20th; No. 116, Corp'l. W. E. Vaughan 20th; No. 135, Gunr. A. Toller, No. 315, Gunr. Fritz Homan, May 29th; No. 239, Gunr. E. C. Holland, No. 286, Gunr. G. A. Ablett, No. 296, Gunr. F. E. Lucas, May 28th; No. 173, Corp'l. W. A. Mulcahy, No. 190, Gunr. C. M. Salt, No. 220, Gunr. F. W. Francis, May 28th; No. 244, Gunr. T. Clegg, No. 297, Gunr. A. Clegg, May 28th.

The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the regiment and will assume the regimental numbers opposite their names: No. 18, S. Tpr. A. E. Evans, No. 281, S. Tpr. M. A. Kent, No. 76, Gnr. J. Wm. Petch, No. 276, Gnr. H. B. Evans, May 28th; No. 302, Gnr. Thos. S. Gardner, April 30th; No. 137, Gnr. Harry King, May 28th; No. 165, S. Tpr. Harry Brenon, No. 17, Gnr. Charles Parker, No. 260, Gnr. Arthur Berwick, No. 283, Gnr. Harry Griffiths, No. 310, Sidney Rogers, May 28th; also No. 263, Gunr. M. Phelps, May 1, 1906, omitted to be published in R. O. No. 19 (para. 1) of 1906.

Those men wishing enlistment as camp police or fatigue parties must parade at the drill hall on Wednesday evening next, June 5th, at 8:30 p. m. The regiment will parade at the drill hall on Sunday, June 9th, at 10 a. m., and will march to camp at Mocaue, Flatts.

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TEXADA STRIKE OVER

PROCEEDINGS DROPPED AND NEW SCALE OF WAGES HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

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Vancouver, June 1.—Magistrate Alexander, who went to Marble Bay, Texada Island, to hear the charges against miners under the Industrial Disputes Act, acted as arbitrator in the dispute. As a result the strike and proceedings are called off, no description against the strikers will be made by the company, and a new scale of wages was arranged, which satisfies every one.

RESUME WORK

Strike of Ten Thousand Iron Workers at San Francisco Has Been Amicably Settled.

San Francisco, May 31.—The first rift in the series of strikes and unsettled labor conditions which have overshadowed San Francisco for many weeks occurred to-day when the strike of ten thousand iron workers was amicably settled. The men went out several weeks ago. It is understood that they return to work on the old conditions.

BANK RECORD IS EXCELLENT

CLEARINGS FOR MAY SURPASS PAST YEARS

Advance in Business Approaches a Fifty Per Cent Increase Over Last Season.

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The banking returns as shown by the monthly clearings indicate a very prosperous condition in the city. The total clearings for the month of May were \$4,853,411, which is over \$1,500,000 more than for the same month last year. The increase is therefore approaching 50 per cent.

For the past four years there has been an increase shown in the clearing house returns for May from year to year. This increase up to last year was uniformly steady. The clearings for May of the present year shows a decided advance above 1906. In 1902 the record for May was \$2,725,430; in 1903, it was \$2,862,798; in 1904, \$2,424,677; in 1905, \$3,212,502; and in 1906, \$3,339,751. May 1907 shows a decided jump, the record being \$4,853,411.

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The day was observed as a general holiday in Seattle. For the ceremony thousands of visitors had come to the city, from all parts of the state. Hon. John Barrett, appointed by President Roosevelt as his personal representative for the occasion, was the principal speaker. Mr. Barrett, who is universally known as president of the International Bureau of American Republics, was in an especially representative position to speak for the entire continent, and his remarks were listened to by the vast crowd on the grounds and cheered to the echo.

Besides the formal exercises on the grounds there was a splendid parade in the morning through the main portion of the principal coast cities, and various other officials outside of Seattle were invited, and helped to make the day the success it was.

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MAY PAY TO CITY

PRINCE FUSHIMI LIKELY ENDEAVOR BEING MADE

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There is a likelihood that Prince Fushimi may pay a visit to Victoria, and be entertained in the city. The 20th of June is the birthday of the Emperor of Japan, and it is probable that the prince will be included in the program. His Imperial Highness Prince Fushimi will present arrangements very early on the morning of the 20th. He is to proceed to Seattle, but it is thought that he should pay the capital with that end in view, and that the visit to Victoria will be a very successful one.

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