SHORT LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—President Kay, of the Wellington Y. M. I., and bride, are in town on their wedding tour.

—A special meeting of the city council will be held during this week to consider the ownership of the Mohun plans.

—The contract for building the new hotel at Swan Lake was to-day awarded to Jean Giess by the architect, J. Gerhard Tiarks.

—There was a fire at the house of Mr. Laing on Avelon road, last night. Damage, $100. A child over-turned a coal oil lamp.

—Hon. J. W. Fairbanks delivered a lecture last evening in the Metropolitan Sunday school room on "Ben Hur," illustrated with 70 or more views.

—S. Tyler, of Los Angeles, will be judge of poultry at the coming exhibition. Lieut.-Governor Dewdney will open the exhibition on Wednesday, Feb.7.

—The annual meeting of the Young People's Association of the First Presbyterian church was held last night. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable time.

—The tramway company's new time table, which takes effect on Saturday morning next, will give the Douglas street and outer wharf line a ten minute service.

—The work of making the water works survey will be commenced Wednesday morning. Civil Engineer Ralph has been engaged to do the work, which will last three weeks.

—Agnes Gordon was found in the gutter on Yates street last night and taken to the police court. She was discharged in the police court this morning with the advice to forsake the path of evil.

—Rev. C. E. Sharpe will lecture under the auspices of the Canadian Church Union of Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday, Feb. 13th. The subject will be the "ornaments, rubric, vestments and colors."

—The tableaux at the James Bay hall will be on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 1 and not Saturday, Feb. 3, as announced by the Times last evening. The ladies are making active preparations for the affair, which gives every promise of being a great success.

—The Retail Merchants' Association met last evening and drew up a petition for signature by wholesale merchants regarding supplying consumers. It was also decided that the retail merchants should as far as possible confine their purchases to Victoria wholesalers and thus hold business and money in the city.

—Mrs. E. Roberts of Plumper's Pass, died at that place Sunday last, aged 54. Her body was brought down to-day on the Princess Louise to be interred at Ross Bay beside her husband. She was a native of Rutlandshire, England. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were sent out by the Imperial government to establish the naval hospital at Esquimalt in 1869.

—A social was held at the East Fernwood mission last evening. Those who contributed were: Piano solo, Miss Wey; violin solo, Miss Wickens; song, Miss Brown; recitation, Mr. Allen; song, Miss Stapleton; trio, violin and cello, Mr. Wickens and two of his pupils; song, Miss Jamieson; recitation, Rev. A. Chisholm; violin solo, Miss Brown. Miss Wey acted as accompanist.

—The C. P. R. operator at Jordan river reported this morning that on Sunday while at Lost river, he saw the body of a man in the surf. It was being tossed about in the breakers and it was too rough to go out and rescue it. Later when the wind went down and the sea became calm the operator searched the beach but was unable to find any trace of the body. He cannot tell who the man was. It is likely that it was some settler along the coast. Lost river is the end of the section of the Jordan river operator and, beyond that point, the wire is down.

—There were five stowaways on the steamer Mogul, which arrived in port yesterday. They are Japanese, and got on the steamer at Yokohama. Two of them hid away on the top of the boiler, and when the boiler got too hot they came down and were caught. The others secreted themselves among the baggage. In the provincial police court this afternoon they were charged with the offence. Mr. Walls defended them and Mr. Prior prosecuted on behalf of the steamship company. Quite a number of Japanese were in attendance. The case was continued until Thursday afternoon for the captain's evidence.

—The following programme of Scottish songs, recitations and readings was enjoyed by a large audience at Emmanuel Baptist church last evening:

Annie Laurie .....Choir
Song, Birthplace of Burns ....Mr. Watson
The Angle Tide.....Choir
Song, The Beauteous Rose..D. Christopher
Reading .....Rev. Mr. McEwen
Song, Bonnie Hills of Heather, Mr. Westcott
Selection on Harmonica.....
..Howard, McEwen, Jno. and L. McMillan
Song, The Piper of Dundee Mr. Christopher
Reading .....Miss McDearmid
Song, Jessie's Dream.....Mr Clyde
Bonnie Charlie.....Quartette and Choir
Coming Thro' the Rye.....Ladies of Choir
Land o' the Leal.....Mrs. McEwen
Scots Wha Hae.....Choir
Auld Lang Syne.....Choir

—John Wilson had on a good suit of clothes and a brand new hat and the police arrested him for that reason. Wilson is known to the police and they suspected he had stolen the clothes. Wilson came out of jail a few days ago and was known to have no money and his good clothing caused suspicion. When arrested Wilson told the police that a charitably disposed lady had given him the clothes. His story was learned to be correct. The charge of suspicion of theft was withdrawn and a charge of vagrancy registered against him. He was arraigned in the police court this morning, and the hearing was continued till Wednesday morning.

—In a vacant house on Michigan street, near Oswego street, was found a large quantity of provisions. Residents of the neighborhood have noticed for some time suspicious characters entering the yard of the vacant house. The other day one of the neighbors entered the house and found a miscellaneous assortment of groceries. The police were telephoned and have taken charge of the goods. It is supposed that this place was a storehouse for a gang of thieves who have been stealing about town. No merchant could swear to the goods, and it is not likely that anyone will be convicted of the theft. If the suspicious characters make their appearance round that neighborhood again they may be arrested and charged with having stolen goods in their possession.

—At the regular meeting of the Y. M. I., held last evening, the grand vice-president, Rev. Father Van Nevel, attended in his official capacity. Before addressing the large meeting the rev. gentleman was presented with an address of welcome and a present. Father Van Nevel expressed his thanks. He explained the aims and objects of the society; it was organized for social, moral and intellectual improvement. The speaker complimented the members throughout British Columbia for their zeal in the good work. He pointed out the fundamental principles of the order and asked the members to prove that the Y. M. I. was all that was claimed for it. The address was received with applause. President Kay, of Wellington Council, also delivered a short address.

—At the meeting of the Jubilee Hospital directors last night Mr. Davies was appointed to the visiting committee in place of F. B. Gregory, resigned. The King's Daughters wrote stating that they would furnish the room set apart for them by the board. The Hon. J. S. Helmcken kindly consented to deliver an address to the training school for nurses at the hospital on Saturday next at 3 p.m., and will also make a presentation of the medals awarded by the directors to the graduates who obtained over 85 per cent. at the recent examinations. Friends of the hospital are cordially invited to be present. The visiting committee recommended that the subject of incurable patients be brought to the attention of the municipal council; that the council be asked to put in hydrants and water pipes. The arrangements for hospital Sunday were left in the hands of the committee. A statement was presented showing the amount of indebtedness to the end of December to be $9595.86. Laid on the table. The board adjourned at 10.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—Classes in gymnastics are being formed in connection with the James Bay Athletic club to put the members in proper athletic condition for the summer sports.

—William H. Harriman, the New York banker, whose engagement to Miss Anna Gould was announced in the Times' dispatches last evening, is a nephew of Mrs. W. J. Williams of this city.

—The body of Albert Stroebel was buried in the yard of the provincial jail yesterday afternoon after the post mortem examination. The body was enclosed in a very plain wooden coffin and the officials of the jail were the only persons present. The few effects of Stroebel will be forwarded to his relatives.

—The Manson case, which lasted for three hours yesterday afternoon in the police court, was dismissed by Magistrate Macrae. Manson was arraigned on a charge of indirectly causing the death of his wife by neglecting and ill-treating her. The evidence given did not sustain the charge, though it proved that Manson was not the tenderest of husbands.

—The City Argus of San Francisco says: "Thomas J. Burnes, one of the leading hotel men of Victoria, B.C., and at present the genial host of the Burnes house of that city, is an old San Francisco fireman. In the early fifties he was a member of Knickerbocker, No. 5, and was one of the organizers of the San Francisco fire department and one time chief of it."

—Eureka Council, Royal Templars, installed officers last night: S. C., T. H. Matthew; V. C., K. Matthew; P. C., G. Sutherland; Chap., T. Haughton; Recording Secretary, J. W. Chapman; Financial Secretary, Miss P. Butt; Treasurer, Mrs. Haughton; Herald, W. Nicholson; G., Mrs. Matthew; Sentinel, A. McK. Swanson; Med. Referee, Dr. Lang. Bro. T. H. Matthew, representative to the grand council. Bros. Gleason and A. B. Fraser installed.

—There was quite a crowd assembled in the store formerly occupied by Strouss & Co., when at 11 o'clock this morning Joshua Davies, acting for Collector Milne opened the sale of the schooner Norway, wrecked two weeks ago at Otter Point. The report on her condition was then read and bidding began. She was finally sold to Captain McCoskrie for $210, which, with $42 for duty added, will bring the total to $252. Captain McCoskrie will leave for the wreck to-morrow on the steam schooner Mischief.

—The young people's association of Central church opened their new hall on Broad street last evening. The hall was taxed to its full capacity by a well-pleased audience. Those who took part in the programme were: Miss D. Robinson and Miss Lepage, piano duet; E. H. Russell, vocal solo; Miss Collins, recitation; Miss Macleod, song, with violin obligato; Misses Young and Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Lombard instrumental quartette; Miss Leech, piano solo; Mr. Gordon, song; Rev. P. McF. Macleod, recitation; Misses Spring, instrumental duet; Mr. Temple, song.

—The Presbytery of Victoria met last evening in the Presbyterian church at Wellington for the induction of the new pastor, Rev. T. H. Rogers. Rev. A. Young presided, put the usual questions and addressed the people. Rev. Dr. Campbell preached and addressed the minister. The church was filled to its utmost capacity by an intelligent and interested congregation. After the induction a very enjoyable social tea was given under the management of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. During the musical programme Mr. Sharp, to whom is due much of the success of the congregation, presided. Dr. Campbell, Mr. Young and Mr. Rogers gave short addresses. Mr. Young, who resigned his charge last fall, did excellent work in Wellington during the two years of his ministry. A beautiful church, almost clear of debt, a comfortable manse and a large, well organized congregation, testify more eloquently than words to his success and the efforts of a willing people during the past two years. Mr. Rogers enters on his work with bright prospects. The choir of the church, which is under an efficient leader, is well trained, and the rendering of some of the selections last evening reflected credit not only on the congregation, but on the people of Wellington.

—H. M. S. Satellite was commissioned at Chatham on Jan. 9th to relieve the Garnet on this station. The Garnet leaves for home on Saturday morning at daylight. The Satellite is a screw cruiser, third class, 1400 tons and 1400 horse power. Her officers are: Commander A. C. Allen, Lieut. H. Gerald, Lieut. A. Heyman, Lieut. Berkeley Holme-Summer, Navigating Lieut. Hugh F. W. Smith, Paymaster J. L. H. German, Surgeon Jerome Barry, M. D., Engineer Sidney G. Haddock, Gunner Henry Berry, Boatswain Edward Jackman, Boatswain William Booley. She has a complement of 166 officers and men all told. H. M. S. Melpomene reached England on the 21st instant.

—In the police court George J. Cook was charged with obtaining from B. Esnouf a bedstead and lamp under false pretenses. Cook went into Esnouf's store and ordered the bedstead and lamp from a young man, agreeing on the price as three dollars. After the purchase Cook said Mr. Esnouf had promised him credit. Mr. Esnouf denies this. The case was dismissed on the fine legal line that Cook had purchased the articles before he told the young man that Mr. Esnouf had promised him credit. K. Kumiya charged Y. Osawa with assault. Osawa had gently patted Kamiya on the face, thereby annoying him. Kamiya admitted this. Case dismissed as too trivial for consideration. Thomas Harman, charged with obstructing the footpath at Campbell's corner, was dismissed. He had been brought up on summons. The case has occupied the greater part of two days. Constable Smith ordered Harman to move on. Harman kept moving up and down the sidewalk. There were several witnesses on each side and their stories were contradictory. One witness swore Constable Smith's breath smelt badly of whiskey. Constable Smith, in the "box," swore he had not touched whiskey for six months.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The C. P. R. began running its local train into Seattle from Vancouver today.

—Vital statistics for January: Births, 30; marriages, 33; deaths, 18. The death rate is very low.

—The ladies of the First Presbyterian church gave a social yesterday at the home of Mrs. Gill.

—Monday night the Young Men's institute will give a social and dance. This dance will be the last before the Lenten season.

—A tag social will be held at Mrs. Dr. Ernest Hall's house, on Friday evening, Feb. 9th, for the benefit of the Metropolitan Methodist church.

—Chief Scales, of the Nanaimo fire department, arrived in the city at noon today. Chief Ackerman, of New Westminster, will be in town to-night.

—A cable from London announces the departure of a man from there to superintend the repairing of the steamer Miowera. The ship cleared from San Francisco for Victoria on Tuesday, and it is expected that she sailed yesterday.

—E. C. Howell, superintendent of construction of the new parliament buildings, has favorably reported to the chief commissioner of lands and works on the Haddington Island stone which is to be used in the new building.

—"Lessons from the Life of Canada's Merchant Prince—the late Senator Macdonald of Toronto," was the subject of an interesting lecture delivered last evening by the Rev. E. Robson.

—Richard Bray and Miss Mary Black were married on Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. P. McF. Macleod at the home of John Black, the bride's father, in Lake district. Mr. and Mrs. Bray will reside on Chatham street.

The inland revenue returns for January are as follows:

Spirits	$ 5,821 63
Malt	1,875 50
Tobacco	2,563 13
Cigars	895 95
Bonded W'h license	20 00
Inspection Petroleum	218 85
	$11,395 06

—At St. John's church, last evening, Rev. W. D. Barber delivered a lecture on "Village Life in England" to a large audience. Besides the lecture there was a short musical programme as follows: Piano solo, Mr. Bridgman; song, Miss Mercie Twiss; song, Ross Monro; song, Mr. Perfect; song, Mr. Porter.

—Two hundred couples were in attendance at the Knights of Pythias ball at Assembly hall last night. The hall was finely decorated. Music was furnished by the Brown-Richardson orchestra. The grand march took place at nine, the uniform rank leading. Refreshments were served at midnight, and the ball was brought to a close at 4 in the morning. A neat little sum will be realized, which will go to the poor.

—Temperance Hall was crowded last evening, the attraction being an entertainment in aid of St. Barnabas church. The programme was: Piano duet, the Misses Christie; recitation, Mr. Semple; song, Miss Christie; duet, the Messrs. Cave; violin solo, Prof. Wickens; song, Miss Heathfield; farce, "Paddle Your Own Canoe," Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society; song, Mr. Keith; song, Mrs. Janion; recitation, Messrs. Allen and Boyd; violin solo, Prof. Wickens; National Anthem.

—During January 98 offenders were dealt with by the city police, 72 being arrested and 26 summoned. The charges were: Drunk, 28; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 2; Indians in possession of intoxicants, 2; vagrancy, 3; assault, 5; aggravated assault, 1; cutting and wounding, 1; for safe keeping, 4; for lodgings, 7; of unsound mind, 1; using obscene language, 1; in possession of stolen property, 7; housebreaking, 2; larceny, 4; burglary, 2; malicious injury to property, 3; carrying a concealed weapon, 1; disturbing public worship, 1; manslaughter, 1; and violation of city by-laws, 22.

—The number of unemployed that have registered at the relief committee office in the market hall reached about 130 this morning. There is no longer any crowding, and it is expected that 150 will be the outside number that will apply for work. Thirty-seven men have been placed at work, Contractor Patterson, of the Victoria & Sidney railway, taking ten, and R. P. Rithet & Co. twenty. The remaining seven have been sent to the houses of private individuals. Thirty meal tickets have been distributed and forty loaves of bread and twelve orders for groceries have been given.

—The 6th annual general meeting of the Victoria Building Society was held yesterday afternoon, and was well attended by shareholders. The old board was re-elected with the exception of Joshua Holland, who declined office, and was succeeded by M. McGregor. The officers and directors are: W. D. McKillican, president; R. Erskine, vice-president; A. St. George Flint, secretary-treasurer; J. F. Fell, W. W. Northcott, C. Kent and M. McGregor, directors. The reports of the secretary-treasurer and the directors were read and the balance sheet of the former declared correct.

—Charles Bagshaw, a drunk, caused a little fun in the police court this morning. Magistrate Macrae had fined him $5, and when Bagshaw left the dock he laughed and said: "I'll take it." He was called back and the fine was made $10 or fourteen days. Again he left the dock to laugh and repeat over the same words, "I'll take it." Again he was called back, and the sentence was changed to $10 or one month in jail. "That's all right; I'll take it," said Bagshaw, as he again left the dock. Magistrate Macrae called him back again and told him he was a very impudent fellow and would get into trouble. "I'm in trouble already," was the quick rejoinder, and he disappeared in charge of a constable.

—Chief Deasy's report for January follows: Jan. 5—Still alarm, chimney fire. Jan. 6, a.m.—Telephone alarm, Swan Lake hotel destroyed; outside city limits. Jan. 12, 5 p.m.—Box 61; fire at B. C. Dye Works; cause, explosion of tank containing benzine; two employees severely burned; loss, $100. Jan. 14, 3:30 a.m.—Box 31; fire at two-story frame building, No. 7, Fort street; cause, supposed incendiary; loss, $175. Jan. 15, 8:25 p.m.—Box 5; fire at three story frame residence, Laurel Point; cause, unknown; loss estimated at $18,000. Jan. 17, 8 a.m.—Box 31; fire at one-story frame residence, Yates street; cause, defective chimney; loss, $10. Jan. 19, 5 p.m.—Box 25; chimney fire; Fisgard street. Fires and alarms, 7; estimated loss, $18,275.

Licenses Act.

Hon. Mr. Davie yesterday introduced in the legislature a bill to amend the licenses act. It provides that: "22a. No retail liquor license, whenever granted, shall be in any way transferable unless and until the written permission of the authority issuing the license shall have first been obtained for that purpose. "(1.) The authority shall not give the permission until satisfied, by such evidence as may be required that the proposed transferee is a fit and proper person to be the holder of the license. "(2.) The word 'authority' in this section means a licensing court, a stipendiary magistrate, or the superintendent of provincial police, as the case may be; and in the event of the 'authority' being a licensing court, and not in session at the time any transfer of license is desired, permission of such transfer may be given by the superintendent of provincial police, or by a stipendiary magistrate, if any there be residing and having jurisdiction in the district where the licensed premises are situate; and such permission so to be granted by the superintendent of police or stipendiary magistrate as aforesaid, shall be subject to be dealt with by the licensing court when it meets, in such manner as the court sees fit. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in districts where there is a resident stipendiary magistrate, who is also government agent for the district, no license for the sale of intoxicating liquors by retail shall be granted, except by the sanction of such stipendiary magistrate, and such magistrate shall have full power, for proper cause, to cancel any retail liquor license heretofore granted."

The Labor Bill Amendments.

Delegates representing the manufacturing interests of the mainland arrived over on last evening's steamer to interview the government respecting the labor bureau bill, which was introduced in the legislature by Hon. Col. Baker several days ago. A meeting of the delegates, including those from Victoria, was held this morning in the large parlors at the Driard Hotel. Robert Ward, Victoria, was elected chairman and G. R. Major of Vancouver secretary. Those present were: John Hendry, D. J. Munn, John Wilson and Alexander Ewen, New Westminster; E. E. Evans, J. D. Scott, G. R. Major, John Campion and Joseph Wintermute, Vancouver; H. Ramsdall, Moodyville; Jas. McIntosh, Kamloops; Jacob Sehl, R. P. Rithet, Robt. Ward, A. C. Flumerfelt, Mr. Pope, Jas. Muirhad, J. Mann, Mr. Taylor and a representative of the Sayward Mill Co., all of Victoria, and Mr. Morrison of the Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co.

The delegation after organizing waited on Hon. Col. Baker, to whom they were introduced by J. W. Horne, M. P. P., of Vancouver. It was arranged that a meeting should be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the Driard, when the premier and other members of the government will be present. The meeting will be private.

Aid to Exhibitions.

The Winnipeg exhibition board of directors has appointed a sub-committee to wait on the Manitoba government to secure, if possible, a grant of $5,000 for this year's exhibition, and another committee was appointed to memorialize the Dominion government in regard to securing a grant of $10,000 to give this year's fair the character of a Dominion exhibition. The directors are hopeful that both requests will be granted. The Victoria exhibition directors are also at the present time considering important financial questions in connection with next season's show and will hold a meeting this evening to discuss ways and means. Their requirements are much more modest than those of the Winnipeg association, and it is to be hoped that the directors will be successful, as the annual exhibition is a public educator, and, viewing it in a mercenary sense, a help to business of every kind.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Divisional Court, consisting of Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., McCreight and Drake, J. J., heard the appeal in Foot & Carter vs. Mason & Prior yesterday afternoon. This was an appeal from the ex parte order made by Mr. Justice Crease extending the time limited by an order of Mr. Justice Drake for the plaintiff to give security for the costs of the action, otherwise the action should be dismissed. Security was not given within the extended time.

W. J. Taylor, for the defendants contended that there is no jurisdiction to vary by an ex parte order the order made upon summons and that the order of Mr. Justice Crease made no provision for dismissing the action.

Mr. Walls for the plaintiffs submitted that the order appealed from was good. Even if it is held not good no question can now be raised as to giving a bond under that order as it is now appealed from. The plaintiffs are now prepared to give the security if the court extended the time. The court ordered that upon payment by the plaintiffs of the costs of this appeal and of the defendants' motion to review the ex parte order and upon giving the security under the first order within 48 hours, the plaintiffs be at liberty to proceed, otherwise the action shall be dismissed with costs.

The full court yesterday gave judgment in the action of Jackson vs. Jackson & Mylius. The subject of the appeal has already been given by the Times. Mr. Helmcken for the respondent contended that the denial of the partnership in the pleadings was not a good denial of the partnership as alleged in the statement of claim. Paragraph 2 of the statement of claim reads: "The defendants entered into partnership as watchmakers and jewellers on the 22nd day of April for a period of five years." Paragraph 1 of the statement of defense of the defendant, Celia Mylius, reads: "The defendant denies that on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1891, or at any other time since, she entered into partnership with the defendant Alexander James Jackson, as alleged in paragraph 2 of the statement of claim." The court held that the defendant by her pleading was precluded from denying partnership and reduced the amount of the present judgment from $12,043 to $5,270, no costs to either party, Mr. Justice McCreight dissenting, holding that the defence was good and holding that the judgment should be set aside.

Mr. Gregory for the appellant then intimated that he would like a written judgment, as the case would probably be taken to the supreme court of Canada.

Mr. Justice Drake is to-day holding county court. There are on the list seven defended cases, five adjourned summonses, four garnishee summonses, 31 judgment summonses and 18 adjourned judgment summonses.

The divisional court, consisting of Mr. Justice Crease and Mr. Justice McCreight, is hearing the argument to-day in Gabriel vs. Mesher. This is an appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Walkem made in chambers refusing the defendant's application to fix a day of trial. Th action was held in January, 1893, before Mr. Justice Crease and a common jury and verdict given for the plaintiff for $3,500. The defendant moved before the divisional court for a new trial, which was granted and the plaintiff ordered to pay the costs of the appeal as a condition precedent for the new trial. The costs of the appeal have not been paid, and it was on this ground that Mr. Justice Walkem refused to fix a day for a new trial. Hon. Theodore Davie, Q. C., for the plaintiff, contended that the order of the divisional court was admittedly erroneous—it was against the practice of the courts to impose costs on a successful plaintiff, and it had never been done, not even where a verdict had been obtained by trickery. He cited a case in which a verdict had been obtained by fraud, and the court had subsequently set it aside without the payment of costs. The courts will not perpetuate an erroneous order, and that is what the defendant is asking in this case. Mr. Helmcken, for the defendant, submitted that the order of the divisional court is binding, and as Mr. Justice Walkem's order is in accordance with it the court cannot interfere. The case is still going on.

AID FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Rock Breaking at a Dollar a Yard Suggested.

A special meeting of the city council was held this afternoon in the mayor's office at the city hall.

Mayor Teague read a communication from the secretary of the citizens' relief committee asking that the council take steps to give the unemployed work. Mayor Teague said there was $26,000 to spend on roads, streets and bridges this year, out of which about $4000 was already spent. The council had not much money and it would not go very far.

Ald. Baker asked that the estimates be read before action was taken.

Mr. Raymur, assistant city assessor, was called before the board for an explanation of the estimates. He said $5000 was already spent for streets, roads and bridges. That included the Burnside road bridge appropriation of last year.

Mayor Teague thought the unemployed could be given $1 a yard to do rock breaking. If any of them were too weak to break rock they might be given another job.

The subject was being discussed when the Times went to press.

Marine.

Not over five Victoria sealers will hunt on this side of the Pacific and the combined American and British fleets on this coast will hardly number a dozen. The sealers go out with the expectation that the regulations of the Paris arbitration will be put in force this year and such action would spoil their season in these waters. It is believed here that the regulations will be materially modified before both governments ratify them.

The Canadian-Australian line steamer Miowera is to be docked at Esquimalt for repairs. About $50,000 is to be spent on her. The Esquimalt dock has been ordered ready for Saturday. The Miowera left San Francisco to-day for Victoria.

Customs Inspector J. A. Plum last evening siezed a package containing nine five-tael cans of opium consigned to Lee Hop, in the Northern Pacific express office at the depot, says Tuesdays Post-Intelligencer. He noticed on boarding the Sehome at Port Townsend that the package, which was on board, looked suspicious, and his suspicions were confirmed on opening it at the depot, for he found that the stamps had been sweated.

THE MARKETS

A Short Summary Covering Articles Produced by the Farmer.

No changes in retail prices in Victoria markets are announced. Considerable interest centres in sugar just at present owing to the war of rates. Where the matter will end is very hard to say at present. Grocers are not buying heavily but only to meet daily wants owing to the fluctuations. Farm produce shows no change.

Retail prices for the week are given below:

Flour	
Salem	5 75
Ogilvie's (Hungarian)	6 00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6 00
Premier	6 00
Three Star	5 75
Victoria	5 75
Lion	5 75
Royal	5 50
Wheat, per ton	30 00@40 00
Oats, per ton	32 50@35 00
Barley, per ton	32 00@35 00
Middlings, per ton	30 00
Bran, per ton	27 00@30 00
Ground Feed, per ton	30 00@35 00
Corn, whole	45 00
" cracked	50 00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	40
Oatmeal, per 10 lb	50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
Potatoes, per bag	1 50
Honolulu sweet potatoes	5c per lb
Cabbage	3
Hay, baled, per ton	18 00@20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00
Onions, per lb	4
Eggs, Island, per doz	30
Imported eggs	25
Australian sugar, per pound	6 1-2
Butter, Island roll, (2 lbs)	60@75
New Zealand Creamery, per lb	35
" Creamery, per 3 lbs	1 00
Cheese, Canadian, per lb, retail	20
" American, per lb	18@20
Hams, American, per lb	20@22
" Canadian, per lb	17@22
Bacon, American, per lb	22
" Rolled, per lb	18
" Long clear, per lb	17
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard, per lb	18@20
Pig's feet, per doz	75
Tongues and Sounds, per kit	2 25
Meats—Beef, per lb	7@15
Sides, per lb	8@9
Mutton, per lb	10@15
Pork, fresh, per lb	12@15
Chickens, per pair	1 50@2 00
Turkeys, per lb	20@25
Geese, per lb	20@25
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	10@12
Salmon (Smoked), per lb	8@10
Halibut	10@12
Smoked halibut	12 1-2
Cod, per lb	8@10
" (Nfld), per lb	12 1-2
Small fish	5@8
Smelts, per lb	10@12
Sturgeon, per lb	12@18
Herring (Labrador), per doz	50
" (smoked) "	50
Eastern oysters, fresh, per quart	75
Fruits—Apples, per pound	5@8
Oranges	
" (Mexican)	30@35
" (Japanese), per box	75
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
" (Australian)	25@50
Pine apples, apiece	25@50
Cranberries, per quart	15@20

INTERIOR INTELLIGENCE.

(From the Nelson Miner.)

Mr. McDougall, of the Leland hotel, Nakusp, announces himself as a candidate for the legislative assembly, in opposition to the Davie government.

The local judiciary, within a hundred miles of a point midway between Nakusp and New Denver, seems to invite public attention, judging from the letters received on that subject. No imputation is made on the character or general intelligence of the parties, and it is not only judges of inferior courts who fall into error occasionally. We are informed that one of the justices is a clerk in a solicitor's office, which is not a very satisfactory arrangement, granting that solicitor and clerk are men of honor, as we believe they are. The Nakusp Ledge reports another case in which another justice, sitting singly, has sentenced a man to six months' imprisonment for stabbing. The justice of course had no jurisdiction to try such a case. Even two justices could only try it with the consent of the accused. The offender may have deserved even a greater punishment, but that is not the question.

The Nelson Hydraulic company this week let the contract for having their ground put in shape for working this coming spring. There were five tenders received, but that of E. A. Hodgins was the lowest, the figures being withheld. The specifications call for the construction of a dam 75 feet in length, 3,000 feet of flume 2 1-2 x 2 feet, with a grade of nine-tenths of a foot in a hundred feet; 1,000 feet of ditch; 500 feet of sluice boxes, 3 x 4, with a grade of nine inches in 12 feet. By the terms of the contract Hodgins will be required to complete the work inside of 42 days. The sale of stock in the Nelson Hydraulic company has been quite successful, and the sale will probably be discontinued in a few days. The trustees have opened up correspondence with four or five of the leading California hydraulic companies with a view to securing a first-class superintendent, irrespective of salary, as they realize that on him will largely depend the successful working of the company's property.

Thomas McGuigan has returned to the Slocan to complete the transfer of the American Boy to a company of eastern men who have bonded it for $15,000.

Col. I. N. Peyton received advices from the Le Roi mine recently, stating that the ledge now shows seven feet of clear ore and is steadily improving.

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