THE AMENDMENTS BEFORE COUNCIL

TWO ALDERMEN ENGAGE IN A VERBAL DUEL

Ald. Hanna Indignant at What He Considered Ald. Fell's Lack of Courtesy.

The city council Monday declined to permit the proposed amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act to be presented to the municipal committee of the legislature until they had considered them. As a result several clauses were struck out and some amended. It was during the debate on Ald. Stewart's motion to reconsider, or, to properly put it, to consider the amendments, that one of those exchanges occurred which had the ring of the old time verbal tourneys in the council chamber about it. Ald. Goodacre acted as chairman in the absence of the Mayor.

Ald. Stewart, in moving the resolution, explained that his reason for the course was that there was more in the report than he had any idea of. He thought there were only two matters—one about the wash houses and the other about municipal telephone systems. He was greatly surprised, therefore, to learn last Wednesday evening that a lot of other amendments had been included. It had been the custom in the past for the council to consider the amendments before they were submitted to the legislature. There were some clauses in the list he endorsed; others he objected to, while others still he wanted to investigate. Every member of the council should have had an opportunity to carefully consider each clause of that report.

Ald. Fullerton seconded Ald. Stewart's motion. He said that he had attended a meeting of the committee called by Ald. Fell, the chairman, a week ago Saturday. Ald. Stewart was not present. He saw the list, and some he favored and others he didn't. He recommended that a copy of the amendments be struck off for each of the aldermen, and Ald. Fell said this would be done. On Monday night, when he only heard two matters read in the outline report presented to the council, he concluded that the rest of the report would follow in instalments, and was surprised when he heard that Ald. Fell considered that in adopting the two recommendations read the council had adopted the whole report.

Ald. Fell then made his explanation. He prefaced his remarks by an "opinion" that this was another attempt of the papers to get a slap at him. Well, the advertising didn't hurt him, and the papers were welcome to it. He reminded Ald. Stewart and Fullerton that they had attended a meeting about a month ago and considered all the amendments submitted by the solicitor at that time.

Ald. Fullerton and Stewart (in unison): "That's news to me."

Continuing, Ald. Fell stated that they did attend the meeting and referred them to the solicitor, who made notes of all that took place. On Saturday week he called a meeting, instructing the city clerk to notify Ald. Fullerton and Stewart. The former attended, but the latter could not be communicated with. Ald. Fullerton only made on objection when the amendments were considered by him, and that was with regard to hotel licenses. The speaker explained that the figures did not necessarily mean anything as long as the principle embodied in the clause was endorsed. He was surprised at all this rot about Star Chamber sessions. The report on Monday night stated that a copy of each bill was attached thereto. If any alderman wanted he could have had them read, but the whole thing was done according to parliamentary practice. He supposed it was a question of allowing the legal men on the council to attend to the legal business. He considered he had done good work. There were only about three amendments that had not been passed by the council a year ago.

Ald. Stewart replied that when he saw the report the amendments were not attached to it. All he saw were the two matters that came before the council. The outline that is usually submitted to the council should touch upon each amendment it was proposed to ask for. The council should have the opportunity to investigate every clause. That hotel question was objected to by him a year ago, and he still objected to it.

Ald. Fullerton denied Ald. Fell's statement that he had only objected to one clause at the committee meeting. There was another matter regarding retail licenses that he did not agree to.

Ald. Hanna was indignant that an attempt should be made to get these amendments to the legislature without the council being allowed to pass upon them. The list didn't accompany the outline report that was read to the council.

Ald. Fell: "I object, Mr. Chairman. When a councillor gets up and says the amendments accompanied the report his word should be accepted."

The city solicitor intervened at this juncture. He explained that he took away the list of amendments after the council meeting to request the municipal committee of the legislature to have them printed.

Ald. Hanna continued with much warmth. How could the amendments be reconsidered by the council when they had not even been considered? Was it right to present them to the legislature and say they were the voice of the council, when the council hadn't even seen them? He wanted some light on that matter. Here was a report of two pages, and now it was discovered that twenty-seven pages were hitched on to them. "Dare any man say that they are the voice of the council, when we didn't see them?" exclaimed Ald. Hanna, heatedly. "Dare any man say that and tell the truth?"

Ald. Fell: "Certainly."

Ald. Hanna: "Then I know nothing about council work."

Ald. Fell: "You've got lots to learn."

Ald. Hanna: "It was a matter of decent common courtesy between man and man that the council should have been allowed to see these amendments." Continuing, the irate North Ward city father said that he would not remain a member of the board and allow such transactions to take place. He would resign first. What he wanted to know was did Ald. Fell coerce the city solicitor? Was the council competent to try this case? Was it not a matter for the police court?

Ald. Fell: "Why don't you charge me with murder?"

Ald. Hanna closed by expressing his intention of voting for the motion.

Ald. Fell, in reply, said that Ald. Hanna's remarks only served to show his ignorance of the matter. The practice adopted by him was the parliamentary way of dealing with the amendment. Ultimately it was unanimously decided to reconsider the amendments, which were read and explained by the city solicitor.

The deputy provincial secretary requested the council to furnish the commercial department of the board of trade (Imperial) information respecting license regulations governing British Columbia commercial travellers visiting the province. Referred to the city solicitor and treasurer, with instructions to furnish the desired information.

Hon. Archer Martin protested against the proposed changing of the name of St. Charles street to that of Stadacona avenue. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee. Several other similar communications took the same course. This question will not be dealt with inside of two weeks, so that those who have any complaints or protests to make are requested to communicate them as soon as possible.

A. J. Garesche complained of the carelessness of the telephone and street railway companies in allowing pieces of cable and wire to lie upon the streets, involving considerable danger to cyclists and motor drivers. He urged that the streets by-laws be enforced.

On motion of Ald. Oddy, the matter was referred to the police, with instructions to enforce the by-law.

The acting city clerk of Vancouver enclosed a resolution passed by the Terminal City council regarding the financial relations of that body and the school board. This resolution has already appeared in the Times. Received and filed. The same course was followed with regard to a similar communication from Vernon.

The city superintendent of schools, F. H. Eaton, communicated the following regarding salaries of the teaching staff:

That the salaries of all teachers on the staff together with the proposed disposition of the contingent $2,000 are: High school, principal, $1,560 per annum; three teachers at $1,300; one at $1,260; one at $1,000; one at $1,000; one at $960; and one at $900—$9,340. Boys' school, principal, $1,260; one at $960; one at $900; one at $780; two at $720; one at $650; one at $630; three at $600; and one at $540—$8,960. Girls' school, principal, $1,200; one at $850; two at $830; two at $650; one at $630; and three at $600—$7,440. North Ward, principal, $1,200; one at $830; one at $750; one at $730; one at $720; three at $600; one at $570; and one at $450—$7,050. South Park, principal, $1,200; one at $900; one at $830; one at $700; one at $600; two at $570; and one at $540—$5,910. Victoria West, principal, $1,200; one at $830; one at $630; two at $600; and one at $570—$4,430. Hillside, principal, $700; one at $630; and one at $600—$1,930. Spring Ridge, principal, $800; one at $650; and two at $600—$2,650. Kingston street, principal, $830; and two at $630—$2,090. Rock Bay, principal, $600; and one at $570—$1,170. Manual Training, one instructor, $1,200; one at $1,080; and one at $900—$3,180. Domestic Science, one instructor, $700. Physical instructors, one at $720, and one at $240—$960. City superintendent, $1,890. For substitutes, $1,000. Increased salaries, $330; additional teachers, $1,000. Total, $60,000. For janitors, the amount required is $4,400; for repairs, $4,500; for fuel, $2,000; for furniture, $750; for insurance, $400; for supplies, $2,100; for board expenses, $1,450; and for miscellaneous, $1,400—or a grand total for all board requirements for the year of $77,000.

Laid on table pending the consideration of the estimates.

Messrs. Cassidy, Dumbleton & Solomon wrote regarding foreshore rights. The letter stated that the Taylor Mill Company have already, by reason of the fact that their line of bulkhead faces west as well as north, a longer and more accessible waterfront than their clients, whereas the only waterfrontage their clients have is at Kelly's wharf; therefore, if they have suggestions to make by way of varying proposals, they shall be pleased to give them fullest consideration.

This was referred to the streets committee.

The secretary of the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters communicated a resolution passed by that body favoring the adoption of a full paid fire department system in the city. Tabled until the estimates are considered.

Secretary Swinerton, of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, informed the council of certain damages at the exhibition grounds discovered during a recent visit there. Referred to the caretaker for report.

S. A. G. Finch, proprietor of The Week, asked for information as to the council's intentions regarding his application for a share of the city's advertising. Received and filed.

Luke O'Rourke made charges of discrimination against the street inspector, in connection with his employment on the James Bay causeway. Referred to the engineer on the casting vote of the chairman.

Herbert Cuthbert expressed his appreciation of the excellent treatment received by his child while at the Isolation hospital, and paid a high tribute to the efficiency of the nurse in charge. Received and filed.

Leopold Datner advocated the replacing of shacks bordering on James Bay by lawns and promenades. Received and filed.

Ed Bragg and other representatives of the Fernwood Municipal Association communicated the resolutions regarding improvements required in that section of the city, as already published in the Times. Referred to the streets committee.

Chas. W. Hills and others applied for two lights on Haywood avenue. Referred to the electric light committee.

The city clerk reported a number of communications that had been referred to the city engineer since the last meeting of the council. Received and filed.

The water commissioner recommended that the matter of a water service on Ontario street be deferred for the present. Referred to the streets committee.

A number of offers of sites for the new Old Men's Home went to the home committee for report.

The fire wardens reported in favor of a full paid fire department.

This report was signed by Ald. Oddy and Stewart, Ald. Fullerton dissenting. It was laid on the table until the estimates are taken up.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of $10,380.70. Adopted.

Ald. Hanna moved, seconded by Ald. H. Elford, that the city assessor be instructed to divide the city into three wards on an equitable basis of assessment, population and area. Further consideration of this was deferred.

The question of the amendments then came up as described in the forepart of this report, and after they had been reconsidered the council adjourned.

BURGLAR TRIED TO BURN HOUSE

HE ROBBED PREMISES OF REV. MR. ADAMS

He Ransacked Place and Then Started Three Fires—Young Man is in Custody.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A burglar entered the residence of Rev. G. K. B. Adams, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, on the corner of Blanchard and Farquhar streets, last night while the occupants were absent, and after thoroughly ransacking the place attempted to destroy all traces of his visit by setting fire to the house. Fortunately the flames were seen by L. J. Quagliotti, who lives across the street, and he at once telephoned an alarm to the fire department. The latter quickly responded and the blaze was extinguished before any great damage was done.

Rev. Mr. Adams and family were attending a gathering of the Epworth League at the church at the time. The burglar entered through the bathroom door at the rear of the house. He broke a pane of glass and reaching inside turned the key, thus opening the door. Once inside he operated with the greatest energy, investigating the contents of every room in his search for valuables. Drawers were pulled open, desks searched, pillows and bedclothes scattered about, in fact nothing escaped his attention.

Having completed his search the burglar decided to finish the work by firing the place. This outrageous action was peculiarly deliberate, and it is strange indeed that it was not attended with the success that the incendiary hoped for. He made three fires, one in the bay window of the dining room which looks out on Blanchard street, another in the library in the rear portion of the house, while a third blaze was started in the drawing room. Then the burglar decamped.

Immediately Mr. Quagliotti saw the fire in the front room he forced open the door and used Rev. Mr. Adams's telephone. The clergyman was also notified and quickly arrived on the scene, where after the fire had been extinguished he and the police made a minute examination of the premises. It was found that nothing was stolen. A bond for one thousand dollars which Rev. Mr. Adams held in trust for a lady in Toronto was missing, but happily it is non-negotiable and consequently will be of no use to the burglar. Five shares in the B. C. Permanent Loan Association and a couple of due books were also appropriated. The dining table, linoleum, carpet, furniture, blinds, etc., in the dining room were destroyed by the fire, while the fires in the other parts of the house burned a sewing machine, silk and lace curtains, drapes, garments, and other articles, including a number of books. The total loss by fire will amount to a couple of hundred dollars. The burglar did not notice a gold watch belonging to Miss Adams in a drawer in one of the bedrooms.

The work was plainly not that of an experienced burglar, in fact it more closely resembled the operations of one whose mental apparatus is somewhat out of gear. He evidently thought that when he found the bond and Permanent Loan shares he had secured something that would net him a tidy little sum, and then to hide forever all traces of his work he decided to burn down the house.

This morning a young man named Thomas Young was taken into custody on suspicion of being connected with the crime. It appears that some young man inquired the location of the parsonage last night not long before the fire, and the detectives are at work following up the various clues in their possession. For instance, on the floor in some of the rooms of the parsonage were found a number of cigarette papers of the same kind that Young is in the habit of using. Similar papers were found in the house of Mr. Martindale, which was robbed on Sunday night. A Woodman due book which was stolen from the parsonage last night was found near Beacon Hill this morning. The young fellow stoutly maintains his innocence.

WILL REVISE LAWS.

Russian Measures for Dealing With Jews and Agitators Are Not Satisfactory.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Count Alexis Ignateff, a member of the council of the Empire, has been appointed president of the special conference for the revision of the exceptional laws designed for safeguarding public order. The committee of ministers has come to the conclusion that the Jewish restrictive laws, the method of dealing with political agitators and similar special measures do not effect the desired results, therefore, with the approval of the Emperor, a revision has been decided upon.

VICTORIA Y. M. C. A. IS PROSPERING

THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY

Favorable Reports Submitted by Secretary and Treasurer—Directors Elected for Year.

An encouraging optimistic feeling marked the proceedings of the second annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association held on Tuesday at the rooms, Broad street. There was a good attendance, about fifty active members being present. Reports submitted by the secretary and treasurer showed that exceptional progress has been made during the past few months, and that several hundred dollars of the association's debt had been wiped out during that period. When this announcement was made one of the members suggested that a voluntary assessment in addition to the regular fees be fixed, and members invited to contribute so that the rest of the indebtedness, about $500, may be met as soon as possible. The proposal was referred to the finance committee. The chair was occupied by the president, Dr. Bolton, and W. Staneland performed the duties of secretary.

The annual report of Secretary Northcott was first read. He stated that the society was prospering, and continued to deal with the increase in the number of members, the work being accomplished, the number of committees at work, cost of maintenance and the management of finances. There was a total membership of about 215. Of these 150 were ordinary, 55 sustaining and 10 boys—admitted to membership upon a special arrangement. Since October 1st over one hundred new members had been received into the association. When here Mr. Budge, secretary of the Montreal association, had said that the best advertisement was a satisfied member, and Mr. Northcott added: "I think the best evidence we have that our members are satisfied is that they are bringing their friends into membership."

Educational classes were doing well there being about twenty men enrolled. Arithmetic, bookkeeping and penmanship were some of the subjects taken up. An effort had been made to arrange a class in mechanical drawing, but a sufficient number of students did not offer. In the physical department there were marked evidences of progress. Referring to this feature the report read as follows: "In our businessmen's class we have between twenty and twenty-five men enrolled. Last year I believe there were less than a dozen. Our evening class for young men, however, has not been as well attended as desirable. There are generally seven or eight men on the floor on class nights. Tumbling and basketball also has received the attention of a number of members. We have had two basketball teams in the field and, although neither won the championship, they made a first-class showing. During the winter a handball court has been installed, and has proved a great attraction. The boys' department is now in charge of O. E. Finch, who conducts a class in the gymnasium every Saturday morning."

Special attention is given to the work of committees. Mr. Northcott said: "One of the chief things to accomplish in an association is to have committees at work and to keep them working. We are making some progress in this direction. We have social, physical, religious work and boys' committees working."

Monthly cost of maintenence was next dealt with. The different expenditures were enumerated and shown to total about $214. During the past six months the board of directors had canvassed for donations in aid of the association with the intention of raising $1,000 in that way. Up to the present $500 had been promised.

Continuing, the report referred to the renovation and equipment of the rooms, the New Year's reception, the members' social, the chess club, the taking of flashlight photographs of different classes and the intention to establish a summer camp this year.

Concluding, the report said in part: "In our work here we have a lot to be thankful for. Our members have faith in the association, and among them the best of feeling prevails. Everyone seems willing to do what he can to make our association prosper. And it will continue to prosper just as long as we are all willing to sacrifice a little for its advancement. The present membership contest has shown what can be accomplished when the members get to work."

Some discussion followed a number of excellent addresses being delivered, in each of which complimentary reference was made to the energy, enterprise and ability of the secretary. The report was adopted.

The treasurer's statement then was submitted. As already mentioned, it showed the association to be in debt to the extent of $500. Several suggestions were offered as to the best means of clearing this off, all of which were referred to the finance committee.

The election of directors in the place of the five retiring officers resulted as follows: E. W. Whittington, A. M. Bannerman and E. E. Wotton (re-elected), and Russell Wescott and W. Major.

After hearty votes of thanks had been tendered the ladies' auxiliary, H. Piper, chess instructor; O. E. Finch, physical instructor of the boys' class and others, the meeting adjourned.

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WILL NEGOTIATE ANOTHER JAP LOAN

DISTINGUISHED BANKER EN ROUTE TO LONDON

Says the Fighting in Manchuria Will Not Extend as Far as Harbin.

Vice-Governor Takahashi, of the Bank of Japan, accompanied by three subordinates, arrived here on the R. M. S. Empress of India on Tuesday en route to New York and England, to place Japanese securities on the money market in London. Mr. Takahashi was in England but a short time ago, and it is understood completed all arrangements for the floating of another Japanese loan. This done, he returned to Japan and submitted his proposition for the consideration of the Diet.

Seen aboard the big white liner at the outer wharf this morning, he was more willing to learn the events which have taken place in connection with the war in Manchuria since he left Japan than he was prepared to discuss finances. In fact he declined to have anything to say on this subject, stating that it was not convenient for him to do so at present. The amount of the loan has not been mentioned. It is known, however, that it is intended for domestic purposes, it being the fourth which the Japanese have borrowed since the beginning of the war.

Mr. Takahashi manifested a keen interest in the internal affairs of Russia. He had not heard up to the time of his conversation with the newspapermen this morning that Sergius had been killed. He feels confident that the fighting on the Shakhe river will terminate the war. In any event, he said, the Japanese will not carry the campaign much farther inland. It has been generally stated, he said, that the Japanese forces would continue fighting until they reached Harbin, but this will not be the case. Japan has no such intention, for the reason, he explained, that it would be too expensive.

Mr. Takahashi disclaimed any knowledge of the movements of the Japanese navy, although fellow passengers had learned that a strong fleet was believed to be lying in wait for the Russians off the Island of Sumatra. Of late a large number of foreign merchantmen have been loading coal in Japan, ostensibly for different parts of the world, and the suspicion has reached the Japanese authorities that possibly some of these ships would attempt to meet the Baltic squadron. The Japanese vessels which have reached the Indian ocean for the purpose of intercepting the Russians are very fast cruisers.

When Mr. Takahashi reached Japan from England he was nominated by the Emperor a member of the House of Peers in recognition of his financial abilities. He is a man of striking personal appearance. Only on close scrutiny is the Japanese cast of countenance recognized, his face being heavily bearded He is a man of probably 40 years of age and of the characteristic Japanese physique.

Lieut. Kouratchkin and a number of sailors from the Russian warships at Port Arthur, and Mr. de Previgunad, a correspondent of a paper published in Paris, were among the other arrivals on the Empress of India. The latter hardly speaks a word of English, and the former knows nothing whatever about the language.

YOUNG IS CHARGED.

Is Accused of Robbery and Firing House of Rev. Mr. Adams.

Thomas Young, the young man who was taken into custody Tuesday morning on suspicion of being connected with the robbing and firing of Rev. Mr. Adams's house, as stated in the Times, will come up before Magistrate Hall in the police court Thursday. Since the young man's arrest the detectives have been diligently at work on the case, and have learned sufficient to justify proceeding against the prisoner. Not only will he have to explain a number of suspicious circumstances in relation to the outrageous crime at the clergyman's residence, but he will likely have to face the charge of stealing a ring and brooch from the home of Mr. Martindale, on Kane street, on Sunday night.

The brooch has been recovered from a young lady, who said she received it from Young, while a due book of the Woodmen of the World, which was taken from Rev. Mr. Adams's residence on Monday night, was found not far from the young man's house Tuesday. The bond for a thousand dollars, which had been kept by Rev. Mr. Adams for an elderly lady in Toronto, has also been found near the Metropolitan Methodist church. Of course all the evidence thus far is circumstantial, and the prisoner, it is believed, will attempt to prove an alibi.

The young man's previous history will not work to his advantage, although it is hardly fair to circulate that broadcast at this stage as an evidence against him. He is about 19 years of age, has a good appearance and maintains an attitude of complete innocence. He was taken in charge by the chief yesterday morning upon the receipt of a telephone message stating that he was at Rev. Mr. Adams's house. His father, Wm. Young, is a tobacconist in Nanaimo.

Another Robbery.

There seems to have been quite a series of robberies in the city lately, and the detectives have been kept pretty well on the move. Tuesday afternoon some person entered the residence of J. C. Stevens on Alfred street and stole $60 from a drawer in one of the bedrooms. The money was in a purse. Strangely enough there was a considerable amount of jewellery in the same drawer, but none of it was taken. The robber had no difficulty in entering the house, according to accounts, finding the back door conveniently unlocked. A few days ago another house was entered, but nothing was taken, although there were $65 secreted in the place.

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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Italian Shot During Quarrel Over a Game of Cards.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—As the result of a shooting affray over a game of cards on Saturday night, Lugi Raimondi is in the hospital, probably fatally injured, and Leonard Montecarlo, who did the shooting, is under arrest. Both men are Italians.

Petition.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—At the close of the services at the Church of Christ, Cecil street, last night, a large number of those present signed a petition to parliament against the establishment of separate schools in the Northwest provinces.

Strathcona's Gift.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—Lord Strathcona has given $1,000 to the Royal Jubilee hospital, Rat Portage.

Used Telephone.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—At the Methodist church, Calgary, last evening Rev. Mr. Kirby inaugurated his telephone system by which members unable to attend could listen to his sermons by means of a large receiver placed in front of the pulpit and connected with the central office, which proved a great success, and a number of citizens took advantage of it.

TO FIX BLAME.

Officials Are Investigating the Cause of Accident in a Brooklyn Church.

New York, Feb. 8.—A searching investigation was begun to-day by the county and borough authorities and the police of Brooklyn to ascertain the cause of the collapse of the floor of the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal church of Zion last night, when ten persons were killed and upwards of fifty injured.

Coroner Flaherty, of Brooklyn, to-day began his investigation to find out the cause of the disaster, and soon afterwards declared that it was due to gross negligence on the part of some one, and asserted that it is his intention to fix the blame upon those guilty.

It was ascertained to-day that the collapse was the breaking of a heavy beam supporting the floor and running lengthwise near the south wall. Under the weight of the great number of people gathered above it snapped squarely in two, midway between the front and rear of the church. With scant warning, affording no opportunity to escape, the people were dumped into the chasm in the floor amid a mass of broken pews and splintered timbers.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

Will Meet To-Morrow to Select Archbishop for Rupert's Land.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—The House of Bishops of the province of Rupert's Land is called to meet to-morrow afternoon, March 1st, to select one of the two nominated by the synod of the diocese of Rupert's Land, Bishop Matheson and Archdeacon Pentreath, to be bishop of this diocese and Metropolitan of the province, with the title of Archbishop.

It is expected that Bishop Pinkham, of Calgary, who, as senior bishop present, will preside, Bishop Lofthouse, of Keewatin, Bishop Newham, of Saskatchewan, probably Bishop Grisdale, of Qu'Appelle, and Bishop Matheson, will be in attendance. Bishop Bompas, the senior bishop, will not be present, and Bishop Holmes has gone to England.

Some doubt appears to exist among the clergy and laity as to whether the important business will be proceeded with or postponed waiting larger representation, but this must be largely speculation, as only the bishops themselves can decide when they meet whether the circumstances justify the proceeding with business or not.

FIGURES INCORRECT.

The next session of the school board promises to be liveller than usual, and if there is a debate of any warmth it will arise out of the presentation to the council of a list of the teachers' salaries for the year from the school board. It will be recalled that the council requested that this be done, and last night the list was read.

This morning Trustee Jay, chairman of the finance committee of the school board, expressed his surprise that this list should be presented, and said it was done by the chairman without the authority of the board. Furthermore, Trustee Jay said the figures were incorrect. He has asked Chairman Boggs to call a meeting of the board, and to request the return of the list for the necessary correction.

News has been received regarding the Hudson's Bay Company's steamship Stork, which sailed from Hudson's Bay for London in the latter part of September. It is reported that the ship had encountered heavy ice in Hudson's Straits, and the captain, finding winter setting in, decided to return. The ship is now in winter quarters in the south end of the bay, and the crew are all in good health, and are well cared for. The voyage will be resumed next summer, and the cargo of furs carried to London as usual.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of JANE SOPHIA BALES, Late of Victoria, British Columbia, Deceased.

Take notice that probate of the last will of the said Jane Sophia Bales, dated 6th September, 1895, was, on February 8th, 1905, issued out of this Court to Arthur John Weaver Bridgman and William Frederick Adams, of Victoria, B. C., the executors therein named.

All persons having claims against the said deceased are notified to send full itemized particulars thereof, verified by statutory declaration, on or before the first day of April, 1905, to the undersigned for the executors, who will after that date proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard only to such claims of which they shall have then received notice.

All persons indebted to the deceased are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the said executors.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 10th February, 1905.

CREASE & CREASE,
17 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitors for the Executors.

The Dairymen's and Live Stock Association of British Columbia

The annual meeting of the Dairymen's and Live Stock Association of British Columbia will be held in the Agricultural Department of the Parliament Buildings, at Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, March 2nd, at 10 a. m., for general business and election of officers for the present year.

It is expected that Professor Ruddick, Chief Commissioner, Ottawa, and T. A. F. Wiancko, a graduate of Ontario Agricultural College, and Chief Inspector of Dairying, Guelph, will give papers on different subjects.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for special licenses to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Frederick Arm: No. 1. Commencing at a post near the shore, on the east bank, about 60 chains south of entrance to Estero Basin, thence east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, thence following shore to point of commencement. No. 2. Commencing on the strike of the eastern boundary of number one claim, about midway, thence east 80 chains, north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains. No. 3. Commencing at the S. W. corner of the No. 2 claim, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains.

Victoria, 21st February, 1905.

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