# EXERCISES HELD IN CITY SCHOOLS

## IN CONNECTION WITH CLOSING YESTERDAY

Presentation to Principal of North Ward School One of the Interesting Features.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Owing to the hour at which a number of the programmes were received it was impossible to mention more than a limited number of those given in connection with the closing of the city schools for the Christmas holidays yesterday. In North Ward school, after the exercises arranged for the day were concluded, an interesting gathering too place in the teacher's lunch room. The walls, prettily decorated by childish hands, were redolent of the Yuletide season. Many friends of the school attended the ceremony, and an interesting presentation was made to Principal Tait by the manual instructor. This took the form of a set of Macaulay's History of England, accompanied by the following address:

Leonard Tait, Esq., Principal of North Ward School:

We, the assistant teachers of North Ward public school, desire to take advantage of the present occasion to express to you our deep appreciation of your executive ability as principal.

We would especially beg to present to you our sincere thanks for the very kind consideration always shown us in our work as well as for the assistance so freely rendered us.

We would most respectfully ask you to accept this gift as a very slight token of our sincere regard and grateful appreciation of your many kindnesses to us.

Allow us to wish you, Mrs. Tait and family, a very Merry Christmas.

(Sgd.) F. Waddington (manual instructor), C. A. Dowler, J. W. H. King, S. J. Murton, M. A., Bernice Pope, A. Laura Tingley, Phoebe E. Spragge, Catherine Chapman, E. Nina Walls.

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Victoria West.

At the Victoria West school a lengthy programme was capably rendered by the youngsters. Encouraging and seasonable speeches were delivered by Trustee Riddell, Rev. E. C. Cooper, Rev. A. E. Roberts and Rev. D. MacRae. The programme follows:

Carol—Ring Ye Happy Xmas Bells .. ..... School
Song—The Sandman. Miss Saunders' Class
Recitation—A Mortifying Mistake .... ..... Miss Monteith's Class
Dialogue—Santa's Honeymoon ..... ..... Miss Simpson's Class
Duet—Noel .... Girls of Divs. I. and II.
Recitation—Where Are You Going, My Pretty Maid ..... .....
Song—Wash Day ... Miss Saunders' Class
Dialogue—Mr. St. Nicholas ..... ..... Miss Holmes' Class
Song—The First Xmas ..... Miss Saunders' and Miss Monteith's Classes.
Recitation—Limitations of Youth .... ..... Ray Wachter
Song—Santa Claus Is Coming ..... ..... Miss Monteith's Class
Recitation—Betsy Jane ..... ..... Girl from Miss Saunders' Class
Dialogue—Snow Fairies ..... Miss Simpson's Class
Song—Kenu Kuno. Boys of Divs. I. and II.
Song—My Heart Is Sair for Somebody —..... ..... Lilias McKenzie
Dialogue—Pumpkin Pie ..... ..Four Girls from Miss Holmes' Class
Song—Doll Song ..... ..... Girls from Miss Saunders' Class
Hunting Song—John Peel ..... School
Dialogue—Hippety Hop ..... ..... Miss Monteith's Class
Song—Lullaby ..... .... Greta Brown and Bessie Fawcett
Dialogue—Minuet ..... .....Six Girls from Miss Holmes' Class
Chorus—The Norseman ..... School
God Save the King.

Hillside.

The Hillside avenue school closing exercises proved a very interesting ceremony, and was enjoyed by a large number of parents. A feature of the entertainment was a dialogue entitled "Santa Claus Visit to the Mother Goose People." In this, costumed characters performed very creditably, and the dialogue was productive of much amusement among the little ones. John Cross impersonated Santa Claus, while Miss Gladys Johns acted the part of Old Mother Hubbard. The full programme was as follows:

Chorus—When Granny's Ship Comes .. ..... School
Recitation—What I Should Like ..... ..... Herbert Davey
Recitation—What Is Ice ..... May Grice
Recitation—Christmas Morning ..... ..... Cecil Holmes
Chorus—Autumn ..... School
Recitation—Why ..... .... Donald Ferguson, Peter McDonald
Concert Recitation—In Bethlehem ....
Chorus—Kris Kringle ..... School
Recitation—Spelling Kitten ..... ..... Phyllis Carter
Dialogue—Christmas Gifts ..... Kitty Hughes, Vera Steele, Lilian Smethurst.
Chorus—Don't You Remember .... School
Recitation—What Pussy Said ..... ..... Phyllis Gibson
Dialogue—The Busy Bee and the Idle Butterfly ..... ..... Ralph Dinsley, Archie McEachern, Warren Martin, Fred. Gibson.
Recitation—The New Slate ..... ..... Gertrude Bisseadon
Recitation—Who's Afraid in the Dark ..... ..... Claude Wilson
Chorus—Christmas Snowflakes .... School
Recitation—No. 4 ..... Phyllis Carter
Recitation—A Christmas Wish ..... ..... Wilfred Fawcett
Chorus—Christmas Bells ..... School
Dialogue—Santa Claus' Visit to the Mother Goose People .....

Santa Claus, John Cross; recitation by George Wilson. Old Mother Hubbard, Gladys Johns; recitation by Leslie Carter, recitation by Earl Irvine and Ernest Davey, recitation by Frank Garland. Little Boy Blue, Jack Fulton; recitation by Willie Barker. Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, Ruth McDonald; her four little maids, Andrea Nelsen, Eileen Johns, Vernice Kiel, Florence Cole; recitation by Harry Wuimer. Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son, Falconer Campbell; recitation by Geo. Malcolm. Little Jack Horner, Bertie Grice; recitation by Graham Hughes. Sleepy Head, Jessie Clayton; Sleepy Head's Mother, Christina White; recitation by Tupper Smith. Old King Cole, Fred. Simpson; recitation by Claude Daly. Bo-Peep, Rita Burns; recitation by Mabel Ralph. Lucy Locket, Jessie Ferguson; recitation by Addie Bond, recitation by Thomas Smith. The Jolly Miller of the Dee, George Gibson; recitation by Claude Daly. Jack and Jill, Colin Campbell and Roberta Johns; recitation by James Post.

Chorus—Christmas, Merry Christmas. ..... ..... ..... School

Girls' Central.

Amongst those present at the closing exercises in connection with the Girls' Central school were the Bishop of Columbia, Rev. J. Stanley Ard, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Baugh Allen, Rev. H. Carson and Trustee Riddell. An enjoyable programme was rendered, in which Miss Charlotte Spencer assisted by singing "The First Christmas Morn." Mr. Wollaston was also present and gave the selection, "Nazareth," in good voice.

Spring Ridge.

Miss Hart, the principal of the Spring Ridge school, was the recipient of a set of salt cellars and spoons presented by the pupils. A lengthy programme was got through, in which many choruses were rendered by the entire school. Canon Beanlands was in the chair and Rev. E. G. Miller delivered an encouraging address.

Lampson Street.

A large number of friends and parents of the children attended the closing exercises at Lampson street school. Rev. W. Hicks was responsible for an invigorating speech, while a lengthy programme was admirably got through. Miss Hardie, who tendered her resignation as she will be soon married, was the recipient of a cut glass vase.

## SUB-DIVISION PLANS.

City Council Held a Short Meeting Yesterday Afternoon to Discuss Matter.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

After discussing for the third time the question of accepting or rejecting certain sub-division plans submitted to it the city council yesterday afternoon came to a decision. Of the six plans submitted for the division of the Fairfield farm estate four were accepted and the other two will be returned to the surveyors with recomendations for redrafting. The plans accepted were those for the division of lots 5, 6 and 21 of the Fairfield farm estate, and sections 1 and 1A, Victoria district. The two rejected plans were deemed unsuitable on account of the interference they would cause, if carried out, with the course of George and Amphion streets. When the plans are amended to continue the portions of these streets now existing they will be accepted by the council.

In regard to Linden avenue, the plans for which at first did not suit the aldermen, the council's wishes have been respected and plans were accepted at yesterday's meeting, which provide for a continuation of the thoroughfare to the waterfront. From its present ending to Richardson street it will be 60 feet in width and from that point on, 66 feet.

W. E. Oliver of the law firm of Oliver & Johnstone, James Anderson and C. Moresby, of Moresby & O'Reilley, were present at the meeting, representing the investors.

Besides the Mayor there were present Ald. Vincent, Davey, Fullerton, Yates, Fell, Stewart and Goodacre and City Engineer Topp.

## JAP WHALING COMPANIES.

Twelve Recently Formed to Operate in Japanese and Korean Waters.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

According to advices received by the steamer Tremont there has recently been a great increase in the numbr of whaling companies operating in Japanese and Korean waters. This winter twelve additional companies have been formed, with a total capitalzation of 43½ million dollars in gold. The Japanese government gives a subsidy of $7.50 for each whale captured, while in Canada a license of $1,200 is required for each whaling station established.

The Hochi of Tokio has the following to say on the matter: "Many of these companies have not yet commenced operations, nevertheless the number of whales captured since the year before last has totalled from 180 to 190, and one company of Kishu took more than a hundred at one time off Kinkwazan. It is therefore apprehended that when all the above companies get to work the whales will soon be totally killed off, and the Japanese authorities are debating the expediency of enacting some conservation rules. Unfortunately the breeding season of whales in these waters is not known, and the difficulty of effectually protecting them is consequently enhanced."

## BACK FROM PENTICTON.

President of the British Columbia Methodist Conference Has Returned Home.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Rev. S. J. Thompson, B. D., president of the British Columbia conference of the Methodist church, returned to the city last evening from Penticton, where he took an important part in the dedication of the new Methodist church there.

Rev. Mr. Thompson says a very fine building has been erected, and the financial conditions in connection with the new church are of the most gratifying character. Four-fifths of the entire cost is already in hand, and the prospects are that within six months' time the church will be free of debt.

The town is making very rapid growth, Rev. Mr. Thompsan says, and is a delightful place in which to reside. Rev. B. H. Balderson, formerly of Victoria, is the pastor of the church there, and the success attending the building of the new edifice reflects credit upon his conduct of the church's affairs.

## RELIEF IN SIGHT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—A letter to the President dated Minneapolis, December 19th, from Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, says that the railroad officials in the Northwest have promised to carry coal to all distressed persons.

Mr. Lane concludes: "As there are plenty of ore cars now available for handling coal, I think the danger of distress from lack of fuel may be said to have passed. It takes grain cars on the average ten days to cover 250 miles on the Great Northern railway."

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A bulletin issued by the United States Agricultural Department Thursday shows the total production in bushels in 1906 of corn to be 2,979,416,091; winter wheat, 492,-[illegible] bus; spring wheat, 242,272,000

# RAILWAY PLANNED FOR THE NORTH

## TO TAP THE ALSEK MINING TERRITORY

Long List of Public Notices in This Week's Issue of Provincial Gazette.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Provision is to be made for the providing of railway communication with the mining districts of the Yukon between Chilkat and the Alsek. Application will be made at the next sitting of the legislature for the incorporation of a company to build this line. It is probable also that the company has in view the construction of a line through Alaska territory from Skagway to Chilcat valley to connect with this Canadian line.

Notice is given that at the next session of the legislature Bodwell & Lawson, as solicitors for the applicants, will apply for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway commencing at the valley of the Chilcat river at the international boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia; thence continuing up the valley of the said river and through the pass at the divide between the headwaters of the Chilkat and Tatshenshini rivers; thence down the valley of the Tatshenshini river to the boundary line between British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

The Patrick Lumber Company will also seek powers to place, construct and maintain a dam or dams, booms, piers, slides and other works in and across the Kootenay river at or near Thrums station (about opposite sub-lot IV. of lot 4,598, group 1, Kootenay district); and in and across the Little Slocan river; and in and across the Slocan river at a point or points below the mouth of the Little Slocan river; for the purpose of driving, rafting, sorting, holding and manufacturing sawlogs and timber; to occupy the surface of the said rivers where necessary for the purposes aforesaid; to clear, improve and remove obstructions from the said rivers for log-driving, rafting and booming purposes; to levy and collect tolls and dues on logs, timber and lumber of persons using or profiting by such works, clearing or improvements.

The Gazette contains notice of the following appointments:

William Henry Vickers, of Discovery, Atlin district, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

William John Kerr, of the city of New Westminster, and Christopher Thomas Bailey, of the city of Victoria, to be notaries public in and for the province of British Columbia.

Robert McIntosh, of Grand Forks, to be a member of the board of license commissioners for the Grand Forks license district, in the place of Michael R. Feeney, resigned.

The following have been appointed the board of examiners for the various collieries: during the year 1907:

Cumberland colliery—Appointed by the owners, Charles Matthews; alternates, David Walker and David Nellist; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, John Kesley; elected by the miners, Thomas Ripley; alternates, John Horbury and Daniel Stewart. All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, John Kesley, of Cumberland, B. C.

Extension colliery—Appointed by the owners, James Sharp; alternates, Alex. Bryden and Alex. Shaw; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, W. G. Simpson; elected by the miners, Thomas Doherty; alternates, William Anderson and Benjamin Berto. All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, W. G. Simpson, of Ladysmith, B. C.

Nanaimo colliery—Appointed by the owners, Thomas Mills; alternates, George Wilkinson and Charles Graham; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, Thomas Budge; elected by the miners, John Carr; alternates, Thomas P. Ploer and George Moore. All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, Thomas Budge, of Nanaimo, B. C.

Michel colliery—Appointed by the owners, Robert Strachan; alternates, John John and James Derbyshire; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, Evan Evans; elected by the miners, Sidney Birt; alternates, Joseph Thomas and John Laurenson. All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, Evan Evans, of Michel, B.C.

Coal Creek colliery—Appointed by the owners, David Martin; alternates, John Hunt and Henry Miard; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, John McCliment; elected by the miners, W. H. Moore; alternates, Charles Webber and Abraham Brown. All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the secretary of the board, John McClement, of Fernie, B. C.

Note.—Alternates act as members of the board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

Copies of the letters patent, under which the municipalities of Summerland and of Goldstream become incorporated are published. For Summerland the nomination for the first council will be held on January 14th, with J. M. Sutherland, of Kelowna, as returning officer. For the Goldstream municipality the nominations shall be held on January 8th, with Frederic Billings, of Vernon, as returning officer.

Assessors are notified that the time for completing the assessment rolls for 1907 for the districts of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Fort Steele have been extended from December 15th to December 31st, and the time for completing the duties of courts of revision and appeal are extended to January 21st.

The following companies have been incorporated: Bay Gold Mining Company, with a capitalization of $200,000; Dominion Wood Pipe Company, with a capital of $100,000; Gilley Bros., of New Westminster, with a capital stock of $50,000; McLaughlin Lumber Company, capitalized at $200,000; Muirhead & Mann Lumber Company, with a capital stock of $60,000; Phoenix Steam Laundry Company, with a capitalization of $10,000.

The following companies have been granted licenses as extra provincial companies:

B. C. Timbers, Ltd., of Montreal, with W. L. Briggs, of Revelstoke, as attorney for the company in this province.

Equity Fire Insurance Company, of Toronto, with W. S. Holland, of Vancouver, as attorney for the company in British Columbia.

Mason & Risch Piano Company, of Toronto, with Thos. Morley, of Nelson, as attorney for the company in this province.

Winnipeg Fire Assurance Company, of Winnipeg, with W. S. Holland, of Vancouver, as attorney for the province.

Alfred Markham, who is at the head of the Oyster Company planning fishing at Esquimalt harbor, gives notice that he will apply for a lease of the water and submerged land lying south of Parsons bridge in Esquimalt harbor, containing 45 acres.

## ISADORE FELS INTERVIEWED.

Great Vineyard Proprietor Praises Victoria Enterprise.

Before leaving Victoria a Times reporter secured a few minutes' chat with Isadore Fels, the celebrated vineyard proprietor and dried fruit and wine merchant, who is now returning to his home in the Mediterranean after a round the world trip. His response to the query, "How do you like Victoria?" was terse and to the point.

"My time is limited to a few hours' stay, and those few hours I have spent entirely in an external examination of your stores. Show me the stores of the city and I'll tell you the state of business and public enterprise; store fronts are barometers telling the rise and fall of prosperity in any city."

"Well, what about Victoria, then, Mr. Fels?"

"Splendid," exclaimed the fruit expert. "In almost every window I see the indications of progress combined with sound business policy; it is what you call up-to-date. Naturally the grocery stores have interested me most, and particularly the windows of your independent grocers, Dixi H. Ross & Co. I shall remember the name, as I have got it down in my pocket-book. I have just passed through the great American cities of the Pacific coast, and I was rather astonished to find in Victoria the largest and finest selection of dried fruits that I have seen for many months; by this I mean that in addition to what may be termed the local products of this coast grown chiefly in California, Messrs. Ross have imported some of the choicest fruits of Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey. They seem to have left nothing undone, as one of their windows is most beautifully decorated with wines, spirits and beers from every country producing those liquid accesories to the table. You may rest assured I shall speak well of your city when I return to Europe; my only regret is that I have not had an opportunity of making the acquaintance of Messrs. Ross' assistant, who carried out the beautiful scheme of window decorations which forms such an excellent advertisement of my country's native products."

## COURT OF REVISION.

Women Are Entitled to Vote, According to the Opinion of City Barrister.

The city court of revision sat this morning. It was composed of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Yates and Ald. Fullerton. Quite a number of exceptions were taken to names on the list, and some were reserved to be looked into.

Interest attached to the fact that a number of women whose husbands were also on the list had been put on the roll. It was held by the court on the advice of the city barrister that these women were, according to the law, entitled to have their names on.

A little tilt occurred between George Morphy, who was present representing some of the applicants, and His Worship. The latter referred to what he thought looked like an irregularity, where a declaration had been made by a man that he had paid the road tax, and who afterwards found he was exempt.

Mr. Morphy said he would hurl the insinuation that there was something crooked back in the face of the Mayor.

His Worship explained that he did not intend to insinuate that Mr. Morphy had been crooked, and the matter dropped.

## LUNATIC AT LARGE.

Chief of Police Langley To-Day Arrested an Insane Man Who Wanted to Buy a Revolver.

From the records of the city police it appears that the department has had to deal with an unusually large number of lunatics during the past few weeks. Several have recently been sent away to New Westminster, and three are at present confined in the city police station.

This morning Chief of Police Langley noticed a man on Government street who was acting in a somewhat strange manner. The chief watched him for a short time, and finally saw him go into a gunsmith's shop. He came out again in a few minutes, evidently dissatisfied, and set off dowp the street. The chief found that he was endeavoring to purchase a cheap revolver, and had been refused in the first shop on account of his strange actions. He followed the lunatic, for such he proved to be, to another store, and found him negotiating for the purchase of a weapon and ammunition. The man is at present hopelessly insane, and seems to have a mania to kill. With him and two other lunatics the police at the station have their hands full.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Attorney-General Mayer in the name of the people of the state of New York on Thursday began an action against the American Ice Company in the Supreme court of New York county at Albany for the dissolution of the so-called ice trust.

Savings banks were suggested by Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe," in 1704.

A limpet clings to a rock with a force equal to 2,500 times its own weight.

# NEW RESIDENTIAL SECTION ON MARKET

## SHOTBOLT'S HILL IS ATTRACTING BUYERS.

Some Important Purchases Reported in That Vicinity—Regilius Holdings Have Been Sold.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Among the latest sections of the city to be opened up for residential purposes is that adjacent to Shotbolt's hill and overlooking Foul Bay. A number of blocks in this section have been purchased by outside parties, and in several instances will, it is understood, be subdivided and placed on the market.

Among the purchases recently made is that of 30 acres of the Pemberton estate east of Mr. Shotbolt's and commanding a splendid prospect of the waters of the Straits and a better view of the city than is obtained from the high lands of Oakland avenue. The purchase has been made by Edmonton people, who intend to open it up by means of a road, which will enter the property east of the residence of Mr. Shotbolt. When this work is carried out a magnificent view will be afforded and it is expected to become one of the favorite spots for tally-ho parties and other pleasure seekers.

It is possible that other holders of property in the district will co-operate and permit of the road being continued on to Foul Bay or by some other route to meet existing roads.

As an evidence of the activity in that direction 13 acres which have been already subdivided were sold by Miss Williams to a Vancouver syndicate.

Another sale rumored to have been made there is 40 acres by A. R. Johnson, of Nanaimo, to San Francisco people.

The opportunities for picturesque building sites at this point are excellent. The land is beautifully wooded so that the sylvan beauties may be retained by residents adding to the effect.

The Vegilius estate in this city has recently been purchased by local people. This property consists of lots on Broad street and houses on Yates, Pandora, Cook and St. Louis streets, making up a valuable amount of property. The passing of this estate into other hands concludes an interesting dispute which has been before the courts for many years. The dispute arose in connection with a contract alleged to have been made by the widow of Louis Vegilius when she married Mr. Raser. This contract was to the effect that the estate of Mrs. Raser should go to her husband on her death. After Mrs. Raser's death action was commenced to recover under this alleged agreement and for many years the matter was before the local courts.

The B. C. Land & Investment Agency report a large deal yesterday. This was the Grimm lot in Johnson street, which was purchased by an outsider for $14,000. Several smaller deals have also been negotiated by this agency, who during the past few days have transacted business to the tune of $60,000.

The Dominion Real Estate Exchange is responsible for the sale of two lots on Oak Bay avenue. They were purchased by local investors. Silas Bowes has purchased a house at the corner of Cook and Mears streets.

## TIMBER REGULATIONS.

Mill Men Submit Views to Members of Provincial Government.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Fifty mill men met members of the provincial government here this morning with reference to timber regulations. The chief point discussed was the cancellation of pulp leases on which no work had yet been done. They asked that the government act immediately in the matter of placing the limits on the market at public auction. Hon. R. F. Green promised to consider the arguments, and said the views of the meeting would be presented to the cabinet and early action taken.

The whole ground of the government's action regarding timber regulations was thoroughly threshed out, but nothing was said about proposed legislation demanding a specified amount of cutting to make licenses hold.

## NEW MILLS PLANNED.

Activity in Connection With Coast Timber Resources.

Among those who are taking an interest in British Columbia timber resources none are more active than business men of the United States. The formation of a company composed of investors in San Francisco, Los Angeles and as far south as Mexico will have a marked effect, it is belived, in connection with the lumber trade on this coast. This company, known as the Graham Company, is said to be backed up by millions of dollars, and is in a position to command a good standing for its product in California and Mexico.

The intention of the company is said to be that of putting up several mills on the coast, including one at Esquimalt and another on Queen Charlotte Islands. In addition to the Mexican, United States and Canadian trade, the intention is to cater to the rapidly increasing demands of South America and Australia and New Zealand.

The northern mills will make a specialty of spruce and cedar, of which there is an abundance in northern British Columbia.

The Esquimalt mill on the other hand will devote attention to the fir lumber trade. If the plans of the company succeed it is promised that these two mills will not limit the scope of their operations, but they may open others on this coast.

"We had a sensational case of kidnapping in our house lately."

"You don't tell me! How did it happen?"

"The baby slept the whole night!"—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

## JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

Many Important Matters Dealt With by Directors at Last Evening's Regular Meeting.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital held its regular monthly meeting last evening in the chambers of the Board of Trade. The president, James Forman, occupied the chair, and among the others present were: F. B. Pemberton, H. D. Helmcken, Alexander Wilson, C. A. Holland, J. W. Bolden, R. S. Day, E. A. Lewis, R. Brett, Christopher Spencer, Dr. E. Hasel, F. Elworthy (secretary).

The first matter dealt with in the course of the regular business was an application from Dr. Hasel, resident medical officer, for the appointment of an assistant house surgeon. The doctor is required by the constitution to personally attend all operations in the hospital when anaesthetics are administered, and so numerous have operations become of late that, the doctor stated, he had been unable to leave the operating room for any length of time, being forced in consequence to forego his usual duties in the hospital. It was decided to appoint a committee to make a careful investigation, so as to find the best way of dealing with the existing condition of affairs.

Dr. Hasel reported that during the past month 158 patients had been treated and 84 admitted. Altogether the patients had aggregated a stay of 2,316 days at an average cost of $1.50 per day for each patient. The average daily attendance at the institution was slightly over seventy-seven.

During the month donations were received from the following: Mrs. L. Goodacre, plants; Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken, J. H. Fletcher, E. J. Talbot, G. Sneldon Williams, George Meldrum, magazines; the Daughters of Pity, cakes, fruit, etc.; A. Caton (Vancouver), four boxes of fruit.

In the course of a discussion on the subject of improving the hospital the question of adding accommodation for the nurses came up. It was proposed to establish quarters in the basement of the present building, and a suggestion was also made to add another story for this purpose. Both plans were rejected, however, as arbitrary, after a short discussion, and the board decided that the only way to solve the problem was to build a new addition. The matter was left in the hands of the committee.

A report from R. S. Day, for the building committee, made several recommendations, one of which was to the effect that the roof of the main building be made fire-proof.

During the progress of the meeting it was proposed that the ladies of the Auxiliary devote the money they had set apart for a sun room in the hospital for a new heating apparatus.

Mr. Helmcken reported on several legal matters concerning the board, one being the claim of the latter against the Tyee Smelting Company for the recovery of fees for treatment given to two men employed by the company. The men refused to pay because they claimed that the company was insured against accident or sickness among its employees, and because they had paid each month a certain amount out of their wages toward a sick fund. The company refuses to pay because the doctor who ordered the men to the hospital was not one of its employees.

Miss Lawley was appointed matron in place of the late matron, who resigned.

## THE STEALING CASE.

No Appeal Was Allowed to the Supreme Court.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

This morning in the County court before Judge Lampman an application was made by Frank Higgins, representing the prisoner W. J. Woods, who was convicted of stealing $260 from A. Menagh at Sidney. Mr. Higgins asked that a reserved case be allowed to be taken to the Court of Appeal. He argued that there was no direct evidence that Mr. Menagh had the money on him when he went to the hotel, that there was nothing to show that Jones took it from him, and that in any event the evidence was not sufficient to show that it was stolen from the person of Menagh.

The crown was represented by Deputy Attorney-General McLean, K. C., and Geo. Morphy. Mr. McLean argued that there could be no doubt as to the fact that Woods had taken the money. Even if it were established that the money was not taken from the person, the sentence was within the mark for stealing.

His Honor intimated that he had no doubt in the matter. He felt that there could be no question of Woods' guilt, and under these circumstances he could not allow a reserved case to go before the Court of Appeal.

As this disposes of the case, Mr. Morphy made application for an order to have the money now in court, which was recovered when Woods was arrested, paid over to Mr. Menagh.

This was done, and about $160 will thus be recovered by Mr. Menagh.

## SIKH IS SENTENCED.

Must Pay $50 or Serve One Month For Using Grossly Insulting Language.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Yesterday Constable O'Leary arrested a Sikh named Mintermazee, who was charged in the police court this morning with using grossly insulting language to a woman residing on Cormorant street. It appears that the Sikh called at the back door of the house and asked for some milk. This was given him by the generous woman of the house, and he then asked that he might be allowed to warm it in the kitchen stove. He was permitted to factrem and used the language com- to sweeten it. While he was in the kitchen he suddenly turned to his benefactoress and used the language complained of. A telephone message was immediately sent to the police and Mintermazee was taken into custody.

The case against him was heard behind closed doors in the police court to-day, the prisoner pleading not guilty. His Honor imposed a fine of $50, and, in default, the prisoner must go to prison for one month.

Two other cases were on the docket, one drunk being assessed $6. Stella Barrett, charged with vagrancy, did not appear and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

## DIED FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

New York, Dec. 21.—Frank Butkanal, 25 years old, of Pleasantville, died at a hospital here yesterday of hydrophobia caused by a pet dog nosing his hands. Butkanal was employed by Dr. S. H. Jones as a handy man. Among the physician's pets was a Newfoundland dog to which the young man was much attached. Last October the dog was attacked by a terrier which probably had rabies and was terribly bitten. Butkanal nursed his pet with the utmost care and tenderness, and the animal, to show its gratitude, frequently nosed his hands. The dog's wounds healed, but early in November it began to sicken, losing the use of its hind legs.

Descendants of domestic dogs run wild lose their power of barking entirely.

# FARMER GORED TO DEATH BY BULL

## TERRIBLE FATE OF A COWICHAN RANCHER

Jolen McPherson Was Attacked Yesterday By Animal and Sustained Fatal Injuries.

Death under very sad circumstances came to John McPherson, a well known and highly respected resident of Cowichan yesterday morning. Mr. McPherson, after leading a bull from the stable to a place which he had set apart for it in the open, was in the act of making it fast to a stump when the animal turned on him and gored him so terribly that he died within a few hours. No one saw the incident, consequently just how it occurred cannot be stated. It would seem that the animal only made one charge, sending its horn through the groin of the unfortunate man. He struggled away from the maddened beast, making his way some few hundred yards towards his house when his cries for help brought his wife to his rescue. The latter assisted him to the house, but loss of blood from the terrible wound was rapidly telling on the unfortunate victim, and he could do little more than relate what had happened. About 3 o'clock, two hours after the accident, he passed away.

The bull, which he was handling, is a large Holstein three years old, which has heretofore shown signs of a treacherous temper, and Mr. McPherson has been heard to say that he intended sending for Dr. Hamilton, of this city, to dehorn the brute.

The bull it appears had a ring in its nose to which was attached a stick for leading purposes, and it is thought Mr. McPrehson was detaching this when the bull made the attack.

The late Mr. McPherson was 51 years of age, and leaves a widow and three children, the eldest a girl of seventeen years of age, also three brothers and a sister. He was a native of Aberlourn, Scotland.

The funeral has been announced to take place from the residence at Cowichan on Monday at noon.

Mrs. McPherson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart, residents of upper Johnson street, who upon receiving the sad intelligence of the accident immediately left for Cowichan.

## INCINERATOR PLANT.

Question of Installing One Will Probably Receive Early Consideration Of Incoming Board.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

One of the first matters that will probably come before the city council next year will be the installation of an incinerator plant in connection with the city electric lighting station. Plans and specifications for an incinerator have been drawn up and are now in possession of the city engineer, and the new board of aldermen will most likely give the matter early consideration.

The proposal is to build the incinerator in connection with the electric light station so that the city's garbage can be burnt to advantage, taking the place of fuel, as is the custom in many of the larger cities of England. The sanitary reform that would be effected by the establishment of this plant is thought by the Mayor and others to be one of moment, and His Worship stated this morning, in conversation with a reporter, that people living within a short distance of the present "dump" at James Bay would appreciate the change.

In connection with the proposed incinerator, Mayor Morley said that a place will be found near it, if it is erected, for the installation of the lethal chamber. This chamber has not yet been used in consequence of the city being unable to obtain a suitable site for it. The dog pound is so far away from the nearest gas main as to render it impracticable as a site, and, at present, no other location can be picked. At present dogs are being dispatched by the simple method of injections by a hypodermic syringe.

## REVENUE WILL INCREASE.

Mayor Thinks Flourishing Realty Market Will Swell Next Year's Assessments.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

In the opinion of Mayor Morley the city's exchequer will next year benefit to no small extent as an outcome of the present activity in the market of realty.

This morning he informed a Times reporter that, should the present flourishing condition of the market continue, the comming summer would see the assessments on a good deal of real property raised. This would mean an increase in the revenue. He further gave it as his opinion that the subdivision of estates heretofore held as acreage property would also tend to swell the accounts of the municipality. This increase in taxes would be probably spent in the water, light and sewerage systems connected with recently opened areas.

In conclusion, although he anticipated an increased revenue, he thought that the city expenditure would even be greater, proportionately speaking.

—A dispatch from Vancouver says: "The steamer Wellington has gone north with 2,000 tons of coal for Treadwell to relieve the fuel famine there." Manager Kinzie, of the Treadwell mines, who has been south endeavoring to secure coal, has apparently made satisfactory arrangements, as he telegraphed instructions to commence operations again at the reduction works.

A judgment creditor at the Southwark County court described the debtor as "an undersized man, but full of wickedness."

The sovereigns in use outnumber the half sovereigns four and a half times.

CHAPTER VIII.

"I wish I was goin picnic party. Roth Clintonc, the night ture of the patrol. grown so fearfully rather sleep for a the palm trees by th sands of the desert infested fort. My leg stand it just yet, an couldn't possibly be a Although I anticipate ble for you than on p you will, of course, tary precaution both march and whenever night. Follow the N way up, through Abr go right on to Absar Sehiks of each village and try and get the t if possible, jotting do book anything you c portance. After yo Absarat, return by th Amara. I shall ride on the seventh morni there, under the date blvouacked for severa battle of Ginness. If y early next morning, I and I think go back ternoon. Perhaps I w the battalion out ther couple of days, and p in out-post duties am will be a change for useful one. Although camel a good deal, you both your horses with sional change to the s acceptable, as you k easily take your gun along to a camel; you some sand grouse or your halts, and you'll of bully-beef, I fancy. probably yield you litt I have not noticed that ly relish that succule means of substance."

"You are awfully k fellow," replied the Vi "Coonell' had been when on duty. "You thing for a fellow, whi stantly so hard yourse my guns, as you say; th no room, and perhaps to bring you back so cacles have been pret lately, since the gazell the geese migrated els hot weather. I don't bla when even the cocks Tapp left behind are stroke; several more de yesterday, owing to th Mahomed Omar, who bl in the sun during the day. I shall not, howe time shooting, of cours duty first."

"I know you will, R you have developed in dier, and it is a thous your father never allow ter the army. You are now you were when L troduced you to me."

"And told me to tro show my paces. No, I f I couldn't trot, and I What a splendid woma though she does insist u father Avocky, when nounce Avoche perfect likes. But it serves the fectly right; he is 'a h Mrs. Domboy D. would cratic terror. Evelyn wr he has written her a pe letter about my having without his permission. says, that he will make my brother Hugh, and c a shilling. Hugh is every now, and it appears th only given my reverend leave to marry that Cu but actually urged him the wedding at once, in in order, so Evelyn writ may be an heir, and thin of Avochie as soon as po the present heir should his iniquities in the sand dan. Hugh sent me a li got it this morning, and eighteen days to come fr was in such an awful hu possession of his precious said he hoped I wouldn' got married without wait return. He expected to heart's desire this very w only waiting for her to get would call a trousseau, from the French dressma andria."

"Well, I don't blame Rothiemay, for she's a de if she is a little bit under old timber merchant has n a fine settlement on Hugh would see to that. But pretty eyes, fine teeth, a good figure, although not wonder you did not take her yourself, when you ha you would really make married man, if you only

"To which, my dear D have the honor to reply, fine eyes and good figure would not marry her, no much old timber toes pa Hugh is welcome to her. marrying to do—which th fend!—it is not one of thos whom I would select, but ible woman of the type Evelyn, if there is such a world."

"And there I am with y don't believe there is an has her anywhere; but M rare good fellow, and des wife, if anyone does."

"Ay! that does he—well me, and she is a handsome although she doesn't dress