

sophine Salmon and Mrs. Steer, being declared entitled to \$100 each. After the adjournment the directors met and elected officers as follows: President, J. M. Reid; vice-president, G. A. Carleton; solicitor, C. D. Mason; surveyor, John Teague.

CHILLIWACK'S NEEDS.

Mr. A. S. Vedder, M.P.P., Meets His Constituents.

At the forthcoming session of the provincial legislature, Mr. A. S. Vedder, who was last year elected to represent Chilliwack riding, upon the lamented death of Mr. E. Kitchen, will be introduced and will take his seat. He will not occupy that corner seat from which the late member made his telling speeches, for the old order has changed and even place to the new and the "attraction" for tourists to the home of the legislators instead of the little red building.

In preparation for the session, Mr. Vedder, accompanied by Messrs. Thorpe, Foster and C. P. Sward, M.P.P.s, has been holding a series of meetings to consult his constituents with regard to the requirements of the riding and the stand which they might wish him to take on such questions as might be expected to come before the legislature.

Speaking at the court house, Chilliwack, a few days ago, Mr. Vedder dealt chiefly with the question of the valley of the upper portion of the valley. He thought that the municipality could justly look for provincial assistance in this work. While mining meant the ultimate exhaustion of the mineral resources and so far the impoverishment of the province, agriculture meant a constant addition to the resources of the province. The taxing of mining properties would be a much more sensible mode of raising revenue than the continuance of the mortgage tax, which bore heavily upon the already burdened farmer. Government assistance to the main trunk road should also be given. With regard to the construction of a railway from the coast through Chilliwack to the Boundary Creek country and the Columbia river, Mr. Vedder thought that such settlements as Chilliwack had much stronger claims on the assistance of the province than the opening of routes to the Yukon country, where the greater part of the benefits would accrue to the Dominion and not to the provincial treasury. If the companies at present in the field would not build the railway with the assistance promised, he would support any satisfactory scheme for getting a railway built as a provincial enterprise.

Mr. Forster was strongly in favor of the construction of the line through the coast to the Columbia river, to be a commercial success, but was in favor of any attempt to obtain it by any addition to the present inducements offered to the companies now in the field.

To obtain all the benefits that such a line would confer it must be kept as a competing line, and the only way in which this could be done was to keep it in the hands of the government. By the system of financial assistance to companies we were simply giving them a margin on which to float bonds enough to build the line of money the companies' own shareholders to furnish, say, the capital required, so far from their looking to the proceeds of the bonds to provide the promoters with a very handsome dividend also. In addition to the waste of money the program would be the natural tendency of such a system would be to corrupt a legislature, a member might think that seeing the country would be mulcted in any case, he would be doing no harm if he threw influence in favor of one company rather than another, through personal reference. The continuance of the mortgage tax in its present form was certainly an injustice, and Mr. Vedder, right count on the assistance of all the recent opposition in his endeavors to have this injustice remedied.

Mr. Sward thought that without minimizing the need of the improvements required, Mr. Turner might plead that he had already run the province into debt to the extent of \$5,000,000, and that new parliament buildings would cost at least \$1,000,000, and that revenue was so far short of expenditure that the charges on the public debt interest and sinking fund had to be provided for out of the revenue. Mr. Vedder thought the result was one that condemned the government. With regard to the dying at the upper end of the settlement, it would have his cordial approval, at the same time it might be as well to see how far the Dominion government was prepared to assist, so far as the damming of Hope and Campbells, which would naturally result in an increased scour in the main channels were concerned. While not quite sanguine as Mr. Forster was as to the immediate commercial success of the line of the line from the coast to Kootenay, he quite agreed with his remarks as to the advantages of government ownership of the line. It was to be kept as a competing line, and so far as the diversion from Penitence to Boundary was concerned, he fully endorsed the suggestion of the opposition last session at this should be at once undertaken as a government work. Mr. Sward replied briefly to the unfortunate experience of the province in the past in regard to public assistance to railways, using some figures as to the annual charge which these make on our revenue. He then pointed out the ineffectualness of taxing what in mining, moved lands at a higher rate than lands cultivated, and yet exempting mining from all taxation until there was a production of ore on which a royalty could be levied.

Mr. Forster thought Mr. Sward had perhaps understood that in these feelings no party questions were to be raised, though he himself had no fault find with his strictures on the present administration. It was only justice to Mr. Turner to say that he was anxious that no subsidy should be given to the enticement and Boundary Creek portion at did not carry with it the necessity of giving security for the completion of the line to the coast.

The meeting closed by singing "God Save the Queen."

GLADSTONE FAST FAILING.

James, Jan. 22.—Alarming rumors concerning Gladstone's health were further confirmed today. It was reported that he had been confined to his bed for several days and that he was unable to get up.

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Jan. 21.—Lieut. Col. Domville, M.P., accompanied by his wife, left for the East by yesterday's express. Mr. Harry Domville and Mr. A. McLean, the manager of Col. Domville's company, are guests at the Commercial hotel. They will stay in the city till the first expedition goes to the Yukon country. Col. Domville hopes to return in time to accompany the second expedition into the Yukon country.

Another large sale of city real estate was made yesterday, when the British Columbia Gold Trust, Limited, through the C. Agency, Limited, purchased the four lots at the south-east corner of Pender and Granville streets from the Vetham estate for the sum of \$25,000. The same company recently purchased the four lots on the northeast corner, in which they intend to erect a handsome block, and it is thought that another block will be erected on the new property purchased.

An interesting case regarding the varieties of trout in this province, was ventilated in yesterday's police court, when a local fish-dealer was prosecuted by the Dominion fisheries guardians for exposing speckled trout for sale. The defence was that the fish in question were not speckled trout. After hearing considerable evidence, the case was adjourned till Monday, the magistrate remarking that the manner in which the crown had presented its case was open to grave objection, as the fish were not produced.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The demand for farming land in this district is steadily improving, and two sales of land in the Delta have just been made. Mr. J. McKee has sold a tract to a Mr. Jones at \$85 per acre, while Mr. J. Matthews has sold several acres to Mr. W. Smellie at an equally satisfactory figure.

The Colonial cannery near Stevenson is advertised for sale by tender to the Police Magistrate Corbould, sitting in the Vice-Admiralty court yesterday, heard a suit in which J. Anderson, late master of the steamer J. L. Oard, sued the owners for wages. The defendants filed a counter claim for culpable negligence, and, after hearing the evidence the magistrate reserved his decision.

Offices McKinnon arrived yesterday from Nelson with Edward Evans and Geo. H. Dumais, each of whom has been sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary.

The customs returns for this port for the year ending December, 1897, show a large increase in the trade of this city. The total amount of imports for 1897 amounted to \$742,457, an increase of \$230,590 over the preceding year. The dutiable goods imported were valued at \$501,623, which is an increase over the previous year of about 40 per cent. The duty collected amounts to \$149,612, as against \$92,311 for 1896, which shows a proportionate increase. The goods imported on the free list were valued at \$240,834 as against \$211,686 for 1896. A large increase also occurs in the exports, which have increased from \$2,964,400 in 1896 to \$3,396,587 in 1897, an increase of about \$430,000, which is chiefly due to the large exports of Fraser river salmon. These figures are very gratifying to all interested in the trade of this city, and clearly prove that the trade of the city and district is steadily growing.

Burns' natal day will be celebrated in this city by a grand concert in St. Leonard's Hall. The programme will be unique for this city, and some of the special features will be four Highland dances, in national costume, accompanied by the bagpipes. There will also be given a Gaelic song, with chorus.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to enquire into the affairs of the provincial jail at this city. His Honor Judge Harrison, of Nanaimo, has been appointed commissioner, and the opening session will be held today.

Mr. Allan Cunningham, master of Mrs. R. F. Drummond, passed away yesterday. Deceased was an old timer in this city.

The funeral of the late Mr. Frank Lorr, of Ladner, was held on Friday at the residence of the deceased, at Ladner. Rev. J. H. Davis conducted the services and the pallbearers were: Dr. Bell-Irving, Messrs. N. H. Bain, J. Watson, M. Dougal, H. J. Hutchinson, W. A. Munro, P. Birrell and J. Armstrong.

It is announced that the wholesale firm of Messrs. Baker Bros. & Co., of Liverpool and Vancouver, will open a branch here, with Mr. Alex. Bell as manager.

The Caledonian Society has decided to rent the T.M.C.A. hall as a permanent meeting place.

Messrs. L. A. and T. J. Lewis have received word of the death of their sister, Mrs. Carscallen, of Wallaceburg, Ont.

KAMLOOPS.

Figures are always interesting to those who desire to find out how a city progresses. If the finances are good then there is hope for the town. Kamloops came out well, "figuratively" speaking. Last year the receipts in the fire department were \$926.28, the expenses were only \$965.20, so the balance is \$260.00. The water works receipts were \$5,264.70 and the expenditures \$3,881.59, so the surplus is \$1,383.11. The receipts on interest on debentures took away \$2,150, leaving a balance of \$1,053.93. There was placed to the sinking fund the sum of \$2,227.63, but out of this \$1,200 was loaned on mortgage, leaving a balance of \$1,027.63.

Mr. Roy, who was in Kamloops on Tuesday in order to inquire into the navigability of the North river, finds himself unable to do anything at present. He is, however, satisfied from inquiries made that the idea is practical and intends coming back to Kamloops when the river is open, ascending the river and coming down in a boat, making a careful examination of the descent.—Kamloops Standard.

SLOCAN CITY.

There was quite a storm in the tea-kettle when the civic commission met a few days ago. There was a hot dispute on the question whether or not a toll road would be built up Springford, and it was ultimately decided in the negative. A petition was presented asking the government to build the road. But the civic commission men know that a petition counts for little with the men now in power at James Bay and as their

member has "gone over to the enemy" they felt obliged to appoint Mr. D. Mowat "a delegate to the provincial parliament to look after the interests of the lower lake section."

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, Jan. 22.—The shipments for the week were: Le Roi mine, 1,173 tons; War Eagle mine, 60 tons; Centre Star mine, 30 tons; Poorman mine, 115 tons. Total, 1,278 tons. The shipments for the same period last year were 21 tons; the shipments since January 1st, 1897, being 77,138 tons.

It is said that the British America Corporation has paid out \$300,000 in cash for properties in this camp during the past week. A careful review of the stock market by the Rossland Miner shows that more than one million shares of mining stock have changed hands in the same space of time.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh has re-opened negotiations for the purchase of the Le Roi mine.

During the week important strikes have been made in the Abe Lincoln, Sunset No. 2 and Jumbo.

Work is to be started in a few days on the Victory-Triumph and the Ruth-Ether mines.

There are no fresh developments in the operations of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as regards the Rossland extension of that company's line.

PORT STEELE.

The time may not be distant when a business man in Vancouver may talk to his agent in Port Steele over the telephone. Meanwhile the people here are noting with interest that the local service is being arranged as fast as possible. Twelve miles of wire for the city telephone service have reached Port Steele, together with a number of transmitters for the line between Port Steele and Swansen. The poles for local use are in readiness and the work of getting them into position will be begun at once. A Goat River Landing, 25 miles of heavy wire has been received and is now being forwarded.

NELSON.

Nelson, Jan. 22.—The Fern Gold Mining & Milling Co., whose mine is situated about 2 1/2 miles from Hall's Sliding, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, in the Nelson district, has declared a dividend of \$10,000, payable next Tuesday, January 25th. This is considered in mining circles to be a phenomenal showing, considering the fact that the company is incorporated for only \$200,000 and has had its stamp mill in operation only about three months.

The Ruth mine, near Sandon, is expected to pay a \$75,000 dividend some time during the present month.

The Whitewater mine, in the Slokan district, has declared a \$30,000 dividend, bringing the total to date to \$154,000.

A shipment of ore made last week from the Republic mine, near Slokan City, to the Nelson smelter, went 205 ounces in silver and \$18 in gold to the ton.

The shipments from the smelters last week were: Nelson (Hall Mines, matte, 40 tons; Trail smelter, matte, 24 tons; total value, \$205,140. The total value of the ore and matte exported was \$518,635.

"Form, rifleman, form." A meeting has been held to consider the question of organizing a militia regiment to assist in the inland defence of the province, in the first place, and incidentally to strengthen the general defences of the Empire. There were about 15 gentlemen present. Dr. Quilley was voted to the chair and Mr. Frank Smith was appointed secretary. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the Mayors of Rossland, Kaslo, Sandon and with representative men in Revelstoke, Donald and Kamloops with the object of forming companies in those towns. A resolution was adopted to obtain permission to form a mountain battery.

NEW DENVER.

Jacks never beaten. The "Lodge" says: "Sunday last was a busy day for the marriage of handsome Jack Suter, first mate of the steamer Slokan, and Miss Alice Finnie, the belle of Rosebery. But the ceremony was delayed for some hours on account of the clergyman from Nakus not putting in his appearance on the 3:30 train as arranged for. There were no other officials in town than a J. P. and a telegraph operator, whose combined efforts, even with the postmaster as witnesses, were not considered strong enough to draw the matter tight enough. On serious consideration as to the urgency of the occasion, the gallant tar, nothing daunted, secured a rowboat and tenderly placing his intended in the stern of the skiff in charge of the tiller with her sister as doffer his wedding coat and pointed the white hull toward New Denver—and it is said that the trip of the Slokan wasn't in it. On arriving at New Denver a minister was soon found and the happy pair were the recipients of many congratulations.

The returns from the 205 tons of Republic ore shipped to Nelson ten days ago went \$18 in gold to the ton.

The returns from a trial shipment of five tons of ore from the Silver Nugget have been received. The average per ton was 383 ounces silver. This property has been stocked by the Slokan City Mining Co., and High Sutherland, who is now in the old country attempting to raise money to push development work in the spring.—The Ledger.

BURGEOYNE BAY.

The annual entertainment given in connection with the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Burgoyne Bay school district was held on Friday evening, the new school room being filled to overflowing. The room was gaily decorated, and presented an attractive appearance. The trustees of the Methodist church kindly lent their new organ for the occasion. The Rev. E. F. Wilson, incumbent of Salt Spring, occupied the chair. The table laid for the district people by the ladies of the district smacked much of Christmas cheer, and the youngsters certainly did justice to the good things provided. The following programme, which was divided into two parts, was gone through:—Oran selection, "March of Freedom," "Time of Storm," children; recitation, "Menagerie," Howard; Horel; song, "Won't You Buy My Pretty Flowers," Arthur; Horel; song, "The Banks and Brains," Mrs. E. Lee; recitation, "Little

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Jim, Maggie Rogers; duet, "Home." Bertha Lee and A. W. Cooke; recitation, "Virginia," Ruby Rogers; song, "Hearts and Homes," Polly Patterson; recitation, "The Dead Doll," Florence Baines; melody song, "Dolly Wally Dolly," A. W. Cooke; organ selection, "Madame Angot," Bertha Lee; organ selection, "Polka," Miss Annie Furness; song, "Gypsy Chorus," girl; recitation, "Bernardo," Miss Rogers; song, "Going Down to Dixie," Miss Mallet; recitations, "Two Versions of Excelsior," S. Horel, A. W. Cooke; song, "The Club," F. Rames; recitation, "Somebody's Darling," Desie Rogers; song, Mr. J. Harrison; recitation, "Mary Queen of Scots," Mrs. Horel; song, "Bonnie Charlie," Mrs. E. Lee; recitation, "Fife-man's Wedding," Maude Lee; song, "Star of the Sea," Maude Lee. The programme was excellently rendered. The children's singing and elocution showed careful training. Before the distribution of prizes Mr. Cooke gave a short address. He had great faith in the power of kindness generally, but particularly in the school room. Its effect was lasting, while the effect of harshness in any shape was only transient. He spoke after a fashion, as if he were with young people. He was glad, recently to see, that in Victoria, the cane was banished from the schoolroom during school hours. That was the beginning of the end. A step in the right direction, to be followed, he hoped, by entire banishment except in extreme cases, or where its use could be justified. In the name of the pupils he thanked those who had contributed towards their enjoyment. The chairman then distributed the prizes. These were numerous and valuable and were appreciated by the pupils, judging from their happy faces. After the chairman's remarks, "God Save the Queen" and "And Land Syd" were lustily sung. Cheers for the teacher and the ladies who looked after the inner-man were most enthusiastic. The young people then dispersed to dream of Fairyland. The concert room was quickly transformed into a dancing hall, and the merry tripping commenced. Supper was served at 1 a.m. The dancing continued until the clouds in the east were tinged with a golden hue. All dispersed pleased and happy.

On Monday morning the settlement was visited by Mr. T. P. Patterson, accompanied by the deputy minister of agriculture to establish a Farmers' Institute in the old islands district. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, Mr. Cooke occupying the chair. Addresses were given by both gentlemen. Mr. Patterson, turning himself to the working of the scheme in Ontario.

The farmers present seemed greatly interested in the matter, several questions being asked and fully answered. The weather is exceptionally mild, no snow, no frost; while crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils are peeping above the ground in the gardens of many of the settlers.

KALAMA.

New towns continue to rise all over British Columbia. Tracy was the last noted, now it is Kalama. This new town is at Goat River Landing, some times called Armstrong's Landing, at the mouth and of Kootenay lake. It is a lively camp. Kalama is the most westerly base of supplies of the new Crow's Nest railway. Although not over three weeks old, it numbers about 400 population. It is about six hours run from Kaslo by steamer. It is likely to be the western terminal of the Crow's Nest road for a year or two to come. Besides the warehouses and boarding houses of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, there are already a hotel, two general merchandise stores and the usual number of smaller businesses. The land on which the town stands is owned by the Kaslo & Slokan Railway Company, and the residents so assist in the inland defence of the province are squatters. Porter Brothers, who have the contract for the transportation eastward of the supplies, keep 38 four-horse teams on the road all the time.

SALT SPRING ISLAND.

A meeting of the farmers of the Central settlement was held in the Vesuvius Bay school house on January 18th to hear Mr. Patterson, B.S.A., of the Ontario Agricultural College, who was to lecture on the subject of Farmers' Institutes and their benefits to farmers.

Mr. Patterson fully explained the working of the institutes, showing clearly the benefits which had been derived from them in Ontario, and emphasizing the great necessity there was for co-operation amongst farmers. The subject of a farmers' institute in the district was then taken up, and it was resolved unanimously to endeavor to form one. On motion, the proposal of the Burgoyne Bay meeting to appoint P. Purvis as secretary pro tem, was adopted. After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Patterson for his interesting lecture, and to Mr. Booth, who acted as chairman, the meeting adjourned.

THE WILD ATLANTIC.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 20.—All the incoming vessels report severe weather in the North Atlantic. The British brig, Captain Brien, from Trepan for St. John's, had her deck demolished. The mail steamer, Virginia, from Boston, was in the four days in Green Bay. Immense bodies of ice are visible along the northern coast.

IN MEMORIAM.

A Cariboo Miner's Lament for a Partner Who Crossed the Great Divide.

The late John Shaw, Canadian Creek, Cariboo, British Columbia, was one of the very early pioneers of the country. He mined on the Fraser river in early times and was through the Peace river country; finally (off and on) he stayed on Canadian Creek. He died last September, while working at the Forks of Quesselle, and was there buried. His age was near 68 years. John Shaw was a native of the Island of Arran, Scotland, but went when a small boy to New Brunswick, Canada, where his parents emigrated. His brothers are living there on their homesteads in comfortable circumstances; they have lost a loving brother and his partner mourns a pleasant companion and a true and faithful friend.

He had many peculiar traits of character wholly his own; the brightest gem of all was his unvarying truthfulness; having quite an aptitude for languages, he had a little knowledge in several; he could read and converse in French, knew Spanish, and could recite several Latin classics, for he had quite a little learning in that language for a common miner.

Does any man mentally acquire vanish like a summer cloud, or will the attributes of life cling to the spirit in the hereafter? Rest, dear friend, in peace, the consciousness of honest endeavor may have its reward even in the grave.

His old partner occasionally comes to town, sad and lonely; but there are many friends in Barkerville that may sympathize with him in his trial of sorrow. At his entrance into the town he will see our genial and obliging P.M., Mr. Stone, and be welcomed at the office of our stately G.C., Mr. Bowron, who has as kind a word for the poor as for the rich; and many more, as he wanders up our little street, until he reaches his destination, "the store," where dwells our senior member, Mr. S. A. Rogers, who, under the brusqueness of an outward guise, has a heart that feels nothing but kindness.

The years roll on o'er every land, mingling their days like the smoothened sands, Dense and dark in their pristine gloom— On the glide to the realm of doom, When dear ones fall, when loved ones die: While friends of foes in every clime, Are overwhelmed by the hand of time, For life is but a fettered slave, Chained to the portals of the grave.

He—Do you think you could live on \$20 a week? She—Well, I might try. He—Hurry, then. Happiness is in store for us, I heard your father say to-day he'd be mind to give that much if some plan could be hit upon to keep me from coming around here any more.—Chicago News.

ANOTHER DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Loughboroughinlet Again the Scene of the Sad Accident.

Yesterday evening there arrived on the steamer, Rainbow, the sorrowing relatives and the remains of the late Robert Gray, son of Mr. D. Gray, the well-known logger of Loughborough inlet, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. It appears that young Gray, who was sharpening drills in the blacksmith shop of the Heyden Hay Mineral Company, on Thursday morning, was looking after some giant powder, which was being thawed out on the same fire for his partners to use in the claim in which young Gray held a quarter interest. What was the result of the explosion will never be known, as Mr. Gray never spoke during the two hours that he lingered before breathing his last. Mr. J. King and another set out in a small boat for Shoal Bay, the residence of the nearest doctor, immediately after the accident, only to be followed by others with the news that it was too late. On the Rainbow's arrival at Shoal Bay on Friday, they returned to the home of deceased, where the remains, accompanied by his mother and sisters, were received on board for the funeral. A coroner's inquest will have to be held. Most unfortunately the deceased's father went north to Jervis inlet on the same steamer, timber cruiser. Word, however, was left at Pender Harbor on the down trip of the Rainbow and it is hoped he may be communicated with in time to catch the Comox on her way down this morning. This accident occurring so soon after that which befell Mr. Horton only a week ago, has thrown a gloom over the whole community.

A MINER KILLED.

Jules Gagnier Struck by a Falling Head-Light on the City of Seattle.

While the steamer City of Seattle was crossing Queen Charlotte Sound on her way to Skagway, Dyea and Juneau, on January 14th, one of her passengers, Jules Gagnier, a French Canadian, who left Montreal some time ago in company with several other Montreals en route to the Klondike gold fields, was killed. He was standing on the fore deck and during the storm which was then raging the head-light was in some unaccountable way detached and in falling it struck him on the head. His skull was fractured and death was almost instantaneous. He was buried at Juneau. The deceased was a middle-aged man and as he was very reticent, little was known concerning him.

OLDEST CITY IN THE WORLD.

Though Rome is called the "eternal city," the name by right belongs to Damascus, in Syria, which is the oldest city in the world. As long as man has written records the city of Damascus has been known.

"Why did you ever come to this frozen country?" asked one shivering traveler of another in the Chilkoot Pass. "My creditors made it too hot for me in New York," said the other through his chattering teeth.—Brooklyn Life.