Reporters Excluded

City Council Discuss an Important Offer Behind Closed Doors.

Revenue By-Law Adopted--Ald. Hayward Stoutly Opposes Increased Taxation.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening in the committee room at the City Hall for the purpose of considering three by-laws introduced and read a first time at the usual meeting on Monday night.

There were several features of last evening's proceedings worthy of especial mention. First there was the unusual, almost unprecedented, request that reporters of the daily press should retire from the room while the aldermen discussed a question having reference to the possible disposal of some of the assets of the city. An offer was received from the Albion Iron Works for a quantity of 24-inch water pipe, stored on their premises for the last nine years, and which has deteriorated by exposure to the weather and other causes. The pipe is in need of rescaling and dipping in tar for its preservation; indeed Mr. Seabrook hinted that if used in its present condition it would be unsuitable for the purpose for which it is intended. The mayor said that if the offer made by Mr. Seabrook were accepted it would mean a net loss to the city of $2,100 on the original cost, but he would not state what percentage that amount was of the sum paid by the city for the pipe, until the reporters withdrew.

The reporters withdrew while the matter was decided and on their return were informed by the mayor that the council had concluded not to sell the pipe.

Another feature of the meeting was the strong opposition, led by Ald. Hayward, to the proposed increase of the rate of taxation from 18 to 19 mills on the dollar. Ald. Hayward expressed the opinion that it would be a breach of faith with the electorate to increase the taxation, especially when there was no specific purpose suggested to which the additional amount to be raised should be applied. But the by-law passed as introduced.

Then there was quite a lively discussion upon the proposed by-law ratifying the Croft scheme for the reclamation of James Bay flats, Ald. Brydon being evidently very much opposed to it, principally on the ground that it would interfere with the Sorby harbor improvement plan. The by-law reached the committee stage and will be dealt with further at a subsequent meeting.

The Fire Prevention Amendment by-law was also got into committee, but not completed, some amendments proposed by Ald. Stewart not being drafted.

Ald. Beckwith was absent and Ald. Williams did not put in an apearance until 9 o'clock. City Clerk Dowler, City Solicitor Bradburn and Auditor J. L. Raymur were in attendance and the mayor presided.

His worship opened the proceedings by stating that a matter had come up since Monday evening, which it would be well to deal with. The subject was brought up by a letter from Mr. B. R. Seabrook, of the Albion Iron Works, who drew the attention of the council to the fact that 1225 feet of 24-inch water main has been stored at the works for nine years and has been partially exposed to the weather which has not tended to its improvement. Some of it is pitted with rust and all of it requires re-scalding and dipping in tar. Mr. Seabrook said it would not be to the interest of the city to keep this pipe for a few more years and then use it. If the city would sell it the Iron Works Company would take it off their hands.

The mayor said that to accept the price suggested by Mr. Seabrook the city would be losing $2,100 on the original cost. On the other hand, it would mean an expenditure of $650 if the city were to take the pipe from its present storage place, scale it, dip it, build a shed at the corporation works and haul the pipe there for storage. His worship was hopeful that the council would not sell the pipe at the loss mentioned.

Then came the question how much the Albion Iron Works offered, or how much the pipe originally cost, the aldermen being desirous of learning what per centage the loss of $2,100 would be on the city's first expenditure.

His worship could not see that it would be advisable to make that public. It would not be in the interest either of the city or the Iron Works Co.

Ald. Brydon thought the mayor was keeping the aldermen in the dark unnecessarily. They represented the people and should have all the information necessary to enable them to arrive at a proper decision.

His worship reminded the board that a week or two ago when he had asked the newspaper reporters not to publish a certain item he had met with the answer that reporters were there to make a note of good items. His worship would not now take a chance on this point, but if the aldermen would retire into his office he could inform them privately.

The aldermen did not accept the invitation and as nothing could be done without the information sought, his worship decided the matter should be left over until the other business was disposed of.

Taxation By-Law.

The by-law fixing the rate to be levied in taxation upon real estate and improvements was given its second reading and the council then went into committee of the whole with the mayor in the chair.

Ald. Hayward gave warning of coming trouble by the precautionary query whether the passing of the second reading committed the council to adopting the rate provided in the by-law. He was assured that the alteration if any were required, could be made in committee.

The mayor commenced the discussion by explaining the legislation of last session had made a change necessary in the preparation of the by-law. The council can now levy the rate necessary for general purposes and in addition, the amount required for the public debt. The by-law as prepared, would levy 10 mills for the debt, 6 mills for general purposes, 1 mill for hospitals and 2 mills for schools. This is an increase of one mill for school purposes, rendered necessary by the increased demands of the School Trustees, said his worship.

He suggested that the first three clauses be taken up at once, but Ald. Hayward asked his worship whether the increase of the rate of taxation for debt and general purposes to 16 mills would not be a breach of faith with the ratepayers.

The mayor could not see it in that light, but Ald. Hayward was very persistent on the point, maintaining that the special loan by-laws submitted to and ratified by the people, expressly stipulated that the expenditure would not increase the general taxation. "Money was squandered," said Ald. Hayward, "earlier in the year and now we haven't got the necessary to do the work contemplated."

The mayor said that unless the rate was increased he feared the permanent sidewalk contemplated could not be completed. It would require a little more than 10 mills for the public debt, but 11 mills would be a little more than necessary. The amount which would be thus short could be taken from the general purposes levy of 6 mills.

Ald. Hayward wanted the two items, debt and general purposes, together and keep to the 15 mills. He would not object so much to increased taxation if there were any specific purposes for it, but he could see none.

Ald. Stewart thought Victoria had been too "cheeseparing" in the past and if the city was to maintain its position it would be necessary to increase the revenue.

Ald. Cameron strongly urged the necessity of permanent work being done. Sidewalks are deteriorating more than one mill per annum and people say the sidewalks are the worst feature in the city.

Ald. Hayward pointed out that last year the revenue was much greater than estimated. If, as the mayor said, there is now an estimated deficit of $13,756, there is no guarantee that history may not repeat itself this year.

The mayor explained that the increase in revenue over the estimate last year was due to the large amount of arrears paid up as a result of the money which came to the city from the sealing industry.

Ald. MacGregor asked how much difference would be made if the improvements were taxed one-third instead of one-half of their assessed value. A calculation was made, which resulted in the discovery that such a change would mean a reduction of something over $2,000.

Ald. Cameron wanted to see improvements relieved from taxation and the deficit made up on the land and a long wrangle ensued.

It was now 9:30, the council had been in session an hour and a half and absolutely nothing had been done. Ultimately a division was taken on section 1 and it carried on a vote of 5 to 3, Ald. Hayward, Kinsman and Humphrey voting in the negative.

During the discussion Ald. Hayward had said the ratepayers would strongly object to the extra mill, but his worship replied that two years ago an extra mill had been levied to build a house for the admiral and the ratepayers had not complained.

Section 2 came up and Ald. Humphrey moved that the rate be levied on improvements at 40 per cent. of their assessed value instead of 50 per cent. and Ald. Hayward and Kinsman voted with him.

The subsequent sections went through without any delay.

The by-law was reported complete without amendment and the report was adopted on a division of 5 to 3, Ald. Hayward, Humphrey and Kinsman constituting the minority. The third reading was also adopted in the same vote.

Fire Prevention Amendment By-Law.

Ald. Hayward moved the second reading of the by-law to amend the Fire Prevention By-law, which makes it an offence to have any pipe for carrying fire, smoke, or hot air, nearer than 12 inches to the face of any timber.

Ald. MacGregor objected to the words "hot air," pointing out that pipes for hot air systems of heating are always carried to the upper stories between the partitions. The words "hot air" were struck out.

Ald. Stewart wished another amendment making it unlawful for anyone to drive a vehicle over a fire hose. The present by-law stipulates that injury be done to make the driving over an offence. It was decided to leave the by-law over to have the amendment prepared, and the committee rose and reported progress.

Croft Scheme By-Law.

Ald. Hayward moved the second reading of the by-law ratifying the council's endorsation of the Croft scheme of reclaiming James Bay flats. The motion carried and the council again went into committee of the whole.

Ald. Williams was afraid the city might be running its head into another Deadman's Island trouble and said they should be assured that they had a title to the flats.

He was assured that by royal proclamation the city had the title and the city solicitor added that for the purpose of this by-law it is immaterial whether the city has this title or not as it is expressly stipulated that the city grant only such rights as they have.

Ald. Brydon had another objection. It seemed that the city could grant nothing without an act being put through the Legislature.

The solicitor explained that it was not intended to grant a lease, merely an agreement for a lease. He was not at all sure that it will be necessary to apply to the Legislature, although as a careful draughtsman of the by-law he had inserted that provision.

Ald. Brydon could not see any need to waste time in submitting a by-law if the Legislature had to be applied to, and his worship said the reason for submitting the by-law was to place the council in a stronger position when they approached the government.

Some of the aldermen were getting restless about this time, 10:30, and wanted to rise and report progress, but Ald. Hayward urged the advisability of doing a little more, and the mayor said "we might as well make a night of it now."

More discussion ensued, but before anything further was done a motion was put and carried to rise and report progress.

The Pipes Again.

"Now gentlemen," said his worship, "there is this other little matter to dispose of, but I cannot give the information you ask for regarding the price offered by Mr. Seabrook, unless the reporters retire."

The mayor informed the newspaper men that they might make use of his room, but they did not avail themselves of the opportunity to walk into his parlor.

Returning about a quarter of an hour later the reporters were informed that Mr. Seabrook's offer had been declined.

The council rose at 11 o'clock.

The Alpha In Port

Brings a Small Addition to the Pile of Yukon Dust.

A Phenomenal Quartz Boulder--Would-Be Suicide Makes Much Trouble.

The golden stream from Klondike was augmented at an early hour this morning when the steamer Alpha, Captain Warren, reached port after a five day trip from Skagway. She had about sixty passengers, and Purser Gray had sacks of gold valued at $15,000 belonging principally to the Bennett Lake and Klondike Transportation Company. Several of the passengers, among whom were ten Dawson men, had good sacks of gold, but the amounts could not be ascertained.

Of the Dawson men, the best known to Victorians is J. McLeod of this city who was formerly in the employ of the E. & N. Company. He carries a suspicious looking satchel, but while disclaiming the possession of any dust admits that he will return to Dawson at an early date. Mr. McLeod gives a very reasonable explanation for the exodus to Cape Nome from Dawson, which was still in progress when he left. The reports of the finds there are generally discredited in Dawson, but Transportation is comparatively cheap down the river, and a great many who intended coming out anyway are going to St. Michaels, intending to remain there should the reports be authenticated, and to come out if they should prove false. Mr. McLeod left Dawson on the 30th of June and had a delightful trip up by the Canadian Development line and over the White Pass road from Bennet. The Rideout was billed to leave Dawson for St. Michaels on July 1st, and was advertising a $20 rate if a certain number of passengers was secured. The result was that double the number the boat could carry applied for transportation.

Mr. McLeod says the members of the Victoria colony are doing well and are in the best of health.

The Alpha had a freak on board in the person of a man named Hurnon, from Halifax, N. S., who exhausted every expedient to take his own life on the journey down. Hurnon came on board at Skagway with a companion, and although he acted somewhat strangely the ship's officers thought that he was suffering from the effects of a protracted drunk. During the night, while on the way to Dyea, he "got snaky" to use the steward's expression, and from his ravings the officers gathered that he was formerly a member of the Yukon force at Fort Selkirk and had been imprisoned for six months for stealing a keg of whiskey. G. S. Fife, an undergraduate medical student, prescribed for the man and was most assiduous in his attentions to him. It was found necessary, however, to handcuff him, but a few days ago, after liberal doses of morphine, he took a good sleep and when he awoke seemed to be rational enough. Nevertheless, the handcuffs were not removed. That evening the steward entered his cabin and asked him if he would have a plate of soup. Being answered in the affirmative the stewart left and was gone but for a moment securing the soup, but when he returned he found that the man had slashed his neck on the left side with a razor, and was busily engaged carving the right side. When the steward entered he swore and said he couldn't find the jugular. The steward closed with him and shouted for help, but Hurnan had been shouting all the way down, and no notice was taken of the officer's cries. For about ten minutes he fought for his life with the maniac, until help arrived and the would-be suicide dispossessed of his bloody weapon. He was taken in charge here by the provincial police.

G. S. Fife, the young medical gentleman referred to is a Toronto man, and has just returned from Atlin, where he has spent the last three months. He thinks that the claims are too small in that country, and instances that of French Joe, one of the best on the creek, which has only washed $3,000 as a result of over a year's work. He confirms the tidings published in the Times yesterday of the popularity of Judge Irving among the miners of the district, and of the general satisfaction with his rulings.

Mr. Fife has a piece of ore broken off a phenomenal boulder which "French Joe" Dufaulby, who is at present at Skagway, brought out from Dawson. The boulder is from Gold Hill and nuggets and free gold are plainly visible in the specimen which its owner is taking to the Paris exposition. He has been offered and refused $2,500 for it. The fragment in Mr. Fife's possession is a beautiful one, and as it is representative of the whole boulder his pride in it may be easily understood.

News is brought by the Alpha that the Yukon council have taken steps to deport the plethora of paupers and prostitutes who throng the Klondike capital.

Captain Bailey, of Seattle, has sold the steamer Bailey to the British American Company for $48,000. She went at once under the management of the Canadian Development Company and will remain on the Bennet-White Horse run.

Just before the Alpha sailed from Skagway on Saturday morning, a telegram was received from Bennett stating that Captain Irving's boat, the Gleaner, had just arrived from her first trip to White Horse, bringing with her over a ton of gold dust and a crowd of miners.

It is said that J. H. Brownlee, D.L.S., who is now in Atlin, will sever his connection with the government service, being dissatisfied with the appropriation for the work. He will remain in private practice in Atlin.

The Alpha met the Topeka, the Tees on the other side of Mary Island, and the Cutch coming out of Port Simpson bound up.

A bald headed eagle weighing 25 pounds was shot on the Skeena and will be stuffed as a ship's trophy.

The Alpha had the following passengers:

G. P. Hygard, H. Young, T. B. Evans, W. Kerr, J. Teek, M. J. Beaudett, J. R. Brennan, S. Haullar, F. Chaldecois, A. Bremming, W. A. Westlake, F. Fowler, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Fowler, H. R. Honeyman, E. W. Bickle, H. S. Kells, A. Boorman, F. Robson, M. Leighton, G. Wallace, Dr. G. G. Fife, J. Thibodeau, P. Collomb, R. W. Mayer, J. Roex, W. Gendron, M. Beloin, J. B. Collins, J. Quintal, W. Bourgett, A. Larrivi, J. Knight, P. W. Bates, F. B. Freeman, W. H. Bates, A. W. Burnett, W. R. King, W. L. Welman, E. J. Herion, R. S. Farqusha, J. B. Danson, H. Cox, J. Larorence, A. Williams, C. Staiger, J. McPhee, H. Jamieson, J. McDonald, J. McLeod, A. Belling.

Local News.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—Mary Rosman, wife of E. J. Rosman, of Salt Spring Island, passed away at the family residence on July 8th. She leaves a family of one son and three daughters.

—At St. Stephen's church, Saanich, on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Christmas performed the double wedding ceremony which united Mr. H. B. Chaffee and Mrs. A. E. Scott and Mr. Joseph Goldsmith and Miss Elizabeth Norton.

—Phil. R. Smith, District Chief Ranger of the A. O. F., returned to-day from Nanaimo, having gone thither on Saturday night on official business connected with the order. Last night he installed the officers of the two lodges in that place, after which a banquet was given, the proceedings at which were prolonged till late in the morning.

—The premises formerly occupied by the Dominion Savings Bank, over the recently vacated postoffice on Government street, are being fitted up, it is understood for the purposes of a stock exchange. It is rumored that Mr. N. P. Luxton, of Vancouver, lately connected with the weekly publication, Town Topics, will be interested in the new venture.

—The assistance of the police is being invoked by the proprietor of a suburban hostelry who is bemoaning the loss of his grandchild and the absence of his wife of a year. The missing helpmeet left Victoria in February, taking with her a grandchild of her husband's, presumably on a visit to Manitoba. Nothing has been heard of her by the husband since.

—The Salvation Army is making extensive preparation for the reception of a distinguished visitor, Colonel Jacobs, chief officer of their work in Canada, who will be here on the 21st inst., accompanied by Brig. Howell, of Spokane. The Colonel ranks second only to Miss Booth, who being unable to visit the coast, sends this officer as her representative to transact important business and review the work of the west.

—The statement that a body of a human being was floating in the Arm gave Police Sergeant Langley a trip for nothing yesterday. He made his way out to the place indicated, much rowing in a broiling hot sun being necessitated, and found on arrival that what had been mistaken for a body was nothing but a huge devil fish, the centre of which, protruding above the mud, presented the appearance of a human head.

—A sudden death occurred last evening in Beacon Hill park. Henry Thompson, a resident of Victoria for many years, expired from heart disease while he was engaged in cutting grass. When found he was resting on his side, with one hand on the blade of his scythe. Deceased was 71 years of age, a native of Simcoe, Ont. One daughter, Mrs. Holden, survives him. The remains were removed to Hanna's undertaking parlors, an inquest being deemed unnecessary by the coroner.

—The Presbyterian congregation of Berlin, Ont., have extended a call to Rev. A. B. Winchester, missionary to the Chinese here. Mr. Winchester some months ago, on account of ill health, tendered his resignation of his present charge. As he had been a successful missionary and one in whom much confidence was placed by the Chinese, the committee asked him to reconsider his resignation. He was pastor of the Berlin congregation before his appointment to Victoria, but whether or not he will accept the call is not yet known. The matter will be considered by the Presbytery of Victoria at a meeting to be held to-morrow.

—Chief of Police Sheppard indignantly denies the charge made by the Seattle police and published in the Sound papers, to the effect that the Victoria police have failed to render needful assistance in the elucidation of the Hagenbach mystery. No intimation has been given by the Seattle police that they would undertake extradition proceedings; if such be received Sarantis will be very soon in the hands of the officers here. The chief has interviewed Sarantis repeatedly and endeavored to learn from him some information likely to assist in unravelling the mystery, without sucess. No charge being laid against him the Victoria officers can do no more.

—The annual meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade to be held on Friday afternoon, will it is expected, afford almost as much excitement as a political contest. The nominations for president and vice-president, four and six respectively, are larger than for some years. President Kirk, will, it is understood, decline re-election, although nominated. Mr. W. A. Ward is a nominee and will undoubtedly make a good run. For vice-president Mr. A. G. McCandless or Mr. L. G. McQuade will probably be found in the lead. There are about seventy nominations for councilmen and arbitrators. For secretary, Mr. F. Elworthy is once again the only nominee and will be re-elected by acclamation. The annual report has been prepared and printed copies will be in the hands of the members this evening or to-morrow, so that the discussion upon it on Friday will not want in interest for lack of time to consider the matter contained in the presentment.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—D. M. Carley, popularly known in Victoria as "Dave," editor and proprietor of the Nelson Economist, was married at Kaslo last week, the bride being Miss Mary Hand, of Norwich, Ont.

—There is a rumor to the effect that smallpox is raging in San Francisco and the Dominion and civic health officers will exercise more than usual caution in examining vessels arriving here from the Golden Gate.

—The funeral of Henry Thompson, whose sudden death was announced yesterday, will take place from the residence of Mr. W. J. Holden, Beacon Hill, to-morrow afternoon at 2:30. A service will be conducted at the house and at the grave side by Rev. J. C. Speer.

—It is rumored that another band will shortly be started in Victoria. The band which rendered such efficient service at the United Methodist picnic will probably be the nucleus of the new addition to the musical organizations of the town. Further details will shortly be forthcoming.

—At a recent meeting of the executive of the Presbyterian foreign mission committee, Mr. J. R. Motion, assistant superintendent of the Regina Industrial School, was appointed general superintendent of the Home for Indian Boys at Alberni. He is expected to enter upon his duties by August 1.

—A dispatch says the Canadian share of the cost of the defences at Esquimalt has been increased to $109,000 annually. An arrangement has been reached by which the coast militia will be drilled in the forts at Victoria twelve days each year at the expense of Canada. This country will also pay half the cost of maintaining the Imperial garrison, and half the primary cost of barrack accommodation.

—The preliminary hearing of the Indians implicated in the assault upon Mrs. Isabel Frank and daughter on the Saanich road, added to which is that of highway robbery, was concluded yesterday afternoon, and the prisoners committed for trial. Superintendent Hussey and Sergeant Langley divided the work of prosecution and Mr. Moresby, of Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, defended the prisoners. The charge of seduction laid against James Armor will come up for hearing to-morrow afternoon.

—The recommendations of the sub-committee on the programme for the big society celebration on the 12th of August were adopted at a general committee meeting last evening. The Caledonia Society will be requested to arrange their anniversary celebration for the same date and the simultaneous celebrations will be held at the Caledonia Grounds. The sub-committees will meet every Tuesday evening now until the 12th in the Williams block to complete the details of the programme. Societies in other cities are being communicated with and already a large contingent is promised from Nanaimo.

—Lord Falconer and Baron de Forest are visitors in Victoria just now, having arrived here last evening via the C. P. R. Lord Falconer, as Baron Kintore, occupies a seat in the House of Lords, and possesses a distinguished lineage. He is the ninth earl, an old name, Lord Keith, dating back to 1677, in Scotland Lord Falconer stands high in educational, military and political fields, being LL. D., M. A. & F. R. S. E. Until lately he was governor of South Australia and captain of the Yeomen of the Guard. Prior to this he was hon. colonel of the Gordon Highlanders and lord-in-waiting to Her Majesty.

—The case of the provincial police against Brash, agent for Bissenger & Co., of San Francisco, for shipping deer skins from the province contrary to law came up for hearing to-day before Magistrate Hall, and still continues as the Times goes to press. The counsel for defence are E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., and F. B. Gregory, the prosecution being conducted by the Deputy Attorney-General and Mr. Geo. Jay. Evidence was given by Provincial Constable Murray as to seizure; Abraham E. Smith, American consul, as to entry in consular office of shipment to be made by defendant. Also as to the custom's tariff on hides. Pickled skins are entered free into United States the same as raw hides, 20 per cent. being imposed upon tanned skins. Capt. Wise testified as to delivery of 50 bags of pickled skins at the outer wharf for shipment to San Francisco on the Walla Walla by defendant. Wm. Allan, an employee of R. P. Rithet & Co., agents for the Pacific Coast SS. Co., corroborated this and the delivery by defendant of bill of lading to him. E. C. Johnson was another witness and John Fannin gave expert testimony as to tanning. M. Levillain, foreman of Brash's tannery, gave evidence as to the technical process through which the skins are put prior to being shipped.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—Hurmon, the Alpha passenger, who attempted to commit suicide on the trip down, was removed to the provincial jail this morning by Sergeant Langley.

—The officers of the Board of Trade Building Association as elected at the annual meeting held yesterday are Mr. T. B. Hall, president, for the eighth time; Mr. E. Crow Baker, vice-president, and Mr. F. Elworthy, secretary.

—The little sloop Xora with her crew of adventurers has cleared from Sooke harbor and is now believed to be making the best of her way south. Latest reports received from Captain McCord, in command, are to the effect that he and his crew are in the very best of health and spirits and looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the life on the ocean waves stretching away before them between Flattery and Cocos Island.

—Smallpox is said to be in Seattle. Two cases have been reported so far, although steps are being taken to keep the knowledge of the existence of the disease a profound secret. The local officials will exercise all needed caution to prevent the disease obtaining entry into Victoria.

—New Westminster is favored at present by the presence as a resident of Kang-Yu-Wei, the great Chinese liberator. It will be remembered that this gentleman was a prominent leader of Chinese political life when he was compelled to leave the country by reason of a change of government. He will reside in New Westminster, quietly awaiting the issue of affairs in China.

—In reply to an enquiry made of the Northern Pacific Railroad by N. Shakespeare, as to whether, in the event of steamship connection between Victoria and Port Angeles, a through transcontinental train would be connected with Port Angeles, an affirmative reply has been received. The matter will come up for consideration before the sub-committee on railroads of the Committee of Fifty this evening.

—Arthur Hawkins, a man of some 40 years of age, was taken to the lockup last night on the direction of Dr. Fraser, as being of unsound mind and requiring detention and treatment. During the night he was attended to, receiving medicine at regular intervals. About 2:30 a.m. the attendant found him crouched down in a corner of the cell, dead. An inquest will be held this afternoon in the city police court.

—The funeral services in connection with the interment of the late Henry Thompson, who died suddenly in Beacon Hill park on Monday evening, were conducted this afternoon at the residence of Mr. W. J. Holden, and at the graveside by Rev. J. C. Speer. The interment took place in Ross Bay cemetery, and Messrs. W. J. Bowden, Isaac Walsh, J. M. Barker and Charles Wright acted as pall bearers.

—Information is sought as to the whereabouts of George Donington, who left Port Dalhousie, Ont., for Toronto in 1898, and has since been missing. He is described as follows: Height, 5 feet 6 inches; build proportionate; brown hair, grey eyes, oval face, fresh complexion; age, 42 years; born at Colchester, England; scar on back of left hand; of industrious and studious habits. Information will be received by Mr. T. H. Scott, of Port Dalhousie, or Mr. J. R. Bedwell, Colchester, England.

—The boys of the Work Estate who have been doing so much damage to property in that part of the town are being found out and suitably dealt with. The number of boys who broke all the windows in Centennial Church have been brought to book privately and have paid for the destruction wrought on pain of being brought up in the police court in default of payment. An irate resident of the same vicinity whose cherry tree was stripped and seriously injured by three boys, followed up the culprits to their respective homes the same evening, and telling the parents of the matter brought upon them the rod, which, having been spared before, has spoiled them.

—Yesterday was Orange Day, and the members of the local lodges celebrated the occasion by journeying out to Sidney, where a delightful afternoon was spent in Bazan Park. The special train service provided by the Victoria & Sidney railway management was everything that could be desired, the street cars ran in connection with the train, and everyone seemed to have a good time. During the afternoon speeches, breathing patriotism, were delivered by Rev. J. C. Speer, Rev. W. H. Barraclough and others. Rev. Dr. Reid presided at the meeting which, although not the only attraction, was not the least enjoyable. The orangemen of Sidney joined in the celebration and in the evening the usual weekly concert and dance under the management of Mr. Rochon, the Rochon family supplying the music, wound up a very pleasant day.

FREEZING WEATHER IN JULY

Would cause great discomfort and loss, but fortunately it is seldom known. A vast amount of misery is caused at this season, however, by impoverished blood, poor appetite and general debility. These conditions may be remedied by enriching the blood and toning the stomach with Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine seems to put new life into the whole physical system, simply because of its wonderful power to purify, enrich and vitalize the blood, create an appetite and invigorate the digestive functions. We advise you to get a bottle and try it if you are not feeling just right. It will do you more good than six week's vacation. It is the best medicine money can buy.

Steamer Willapa, of the C.P.N. fleet, will run an excursion on the 4th inst. from Alberni to Ecool for the benefit of the Episcopal church at Alberni. The steamer was placed at the disposal of the Methodists last year and this summer the favor will be accorded the Episcopalians. The distance between the two places is about forty-miles.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache, and all the ills produced by disordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

Steamer Clayoquot has returned from Texada Island. It is reported that the new smelter will be in operation next week, and as there are already 2,000 tons of ore on the dump and an apparently inexhaustible supply easily available, it is likely the smelter will be run continuously henceforth. Passengers from the island were landed at Nanaimo. The Clayoquot returns to Texada to-night with a full complement of passengers.

Steamer Rosalie reached the outer wharf at noon to-day from the Sound and sails about 4 o'cloek this afternoon. She has about 65 tons of freight from this place, including a large shipment of mill work, 200 cases of coal oil and 30 tons of produce.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says Mr. W. B. Cooper of El Rio, Cal. "For small children we find it especially effective." For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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ceptance of his tender
tion of the Kamloops-
line. He has started
ting out the poles.
J. P. Shaw, the well
farmer, was in town
to a Sentinel represent
hopefully of success
forts to form a local st
the purpose of erecting
flour and grist mill.
A meeting of the I
Trade was held Friday
Redman reported on t
taken to secure a distric
for the Paris Expositi
was granted. Presiden
R. H. Bellamy, who
dredger on the North
in connection with the
placer property, wished
dorse his application
government for a contr
river channel north of
It was resolved that th
secretary form a com
further particulars fro
On motion the secretar
to write Mr. Shields in
the city's inability to b
project.

NELSON

A bottle containing a
which the following li
was picked up by a bo
wharf: "July 1, 1899, Ne
this bottle is discovered
in eternity. To you
ashes, but to me they a
I am a stranger hear (s
Rossland, B.C., and hav
relatives nor no religio
happy, wealthy man, b
you were, its what yo
have resolved to drow
along with my wretched
of this is not insanity,
girl whom I have love
resides in Rossland. I
her name. She is well
her. My dying request
mingle with evil associa
the sluggish pool of one
with good people which
glassy lake.

"GEORGE

A telegram was sent
ing if any person of the
G. Gordon was known
was as follows: "No m
known in Rossland."
G. C. Hodge, district
the telephone company,
Boundary country, whe
for a month or more.
going ahead steadily.
The most important
acted at Thursday's se
council was the adopti
Fletcher's suggestion t
taxation for general pu
mended by the finance c
be cut in two. The circu
council adopted the co
chairman of the public
is sufficient evidence t
committee jumped at it
fixing the rate. If as
says a rate of three mil
cient revenue for gener
can be no defence for
recommending a rate o
amendment altering the
while the council was in
whole.—Tribune.
While coasting on Lab
day evening Miss Hatch
cycle and received seriou
face and head.
Local real estate men
demand for houses for
rapidly the last day or
tate is also moving, and
put through on Friday, t
of the parties are temp
On Friday $230 wo
from Waneta was enter
house for exportation
States mint at Helena.
Montreal also exported
to the same destinatio
This brick probably rep
clean-up at the Athaba
Word has been recei
strong & Morrison, of V
effect that they could g
livery at Nelson by S
2,000 feet of steel pipe
delivery of the whole
by the city by October
gular weekly shipments
the requirements of the
Vancouver firm will
given the contract.
James Byron and Mrs
were brought before st
trate Crease on Friday
charge of having in thei
en goods, the property
Lizzie Waite. The ma
ed the two prisoners f
order to give the crow
to prepare its case.

ROSSLAN

Mr. Herbert Wiley an
coln Van Schaick we
Wednesday evening at
Mrs. W. H. Beardsley o
Both are well known
dents of this city.
It is announced that
ed building is to be ere
on lot 15, block 29, on
The intention is to ere
and a basement buildi
dimensions of 20x100
The building is to be of