

# Thrilling Experience

## Passengers of Duke of Fife Tell of That Vessel's Return to Port.

### After Twice Attempting Voyage to Japan Was Compelled to Put About.

One of the most exciting voyages in the annals of shipping in the Pacific north-west was told here by passengers of the steamer Duke of Fife, which as told in yesterday's paper, put back from sea in distress. Nothing but the meagre news of the vessel's arrival could be told in yesterday's Times, however, owing to all hands connected with the ship refusing to discuss the steamer's misfortune. The passengers referred to were the American vice-consul at Tokio and his sister, who, on arriving here, bought tickets for the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, and continued their voyage to the Orient last night. They said yesterday that they were for days in constant dread of sinking into the ocean's depths. The steamer was out several days from Victoria when it was discovered she had to return to port. She had experienced terrible weather and, according to the passengers' story, was leaking badly. After putting about the steamer ran back 125 miles. Fine weather was then encountered and the vessel, ceasing to labor, was only taking in water at the rate of an inch an hour. This was not considered dangerous, as the vessel's own pumps could keep the hold pretty well free. Consequently it was thought the steamer could again attempt the voyage, and heading for Japan she proceeded a distance of 200 miles, when the elements threatened her destruction. The seas surged over her and it was thought that momentarily their end would come. Things looked very serious. The seams of the big ship were letting in more and more water, and the floor, which, as alleged, was used to choke them up, refused to keep its place, and in paste form was oozing out around the ship. Then it was that the passengers and crew insisted on returning to port. In compliance with their wishes the ship was again headed for Victoria, and arrived here, as heretofore stated, yesterday morning.

The captain of the Duke of Fife was seen by a Times reporter regarding the trip soon after his arrival, but refused to make any statement. Officers of the steamer were also approached to-day and asked regarding their experiences, but, like the captain, appeared very reticent. Their version of the story cannot, therefore, be given.

The ship meanwhile has been docked at the outer wharf, where she has commenced to discharge her immense cargo of flour and other merchandise.

She is said to have had between six and seven feet of water in her hold on arrival, but this report could not be verified. As soon as she finishes discharging, she will, it is understood, go in dry dock.

### SUDDEN REVIVAL.

Supposed Expiring Person Displays Remarkable Recuperative Powers—Runner From 'Way Back.

Constable Abbot, of the local police force, is endeavoring to solve quite an interesting enigma. He would like to know what there is in the every day appearance of a member of the force on duty to restore an alleged expiring individual to perfect health and lively spirits.

Yesterday a rather excited personage rushed to the Dallas hotel and telephoned the police station the startling intelligence that a man was dying on Dallas road. Constable Abbot immediately hastened to the scene, his exertions being given a substantial impetus by the heartrending fear that ere he arrived on the scene the unfortunate in the middle of the road would become inanimate clay.

Yesterday was like to-day, somewhat warm for this time of the year, and the guardian of the peace felt the unmistakable symptoms of excessive heat. Little did he care, and his zeal was rewarded when he reached Dallas road by the spectacle of a man lying prostrate farther along. As he neared the scene, however, the figure manifested some decided evidences of existence, and by the time the officer was within halting distance it had regained its feet and started on a run, which has probably by this time smashed all the records from one hundred yards up to one hundred miles.

As Constable Abbot pungently pointed out, that man was a sprinter, and his every action showed training. Pursuit was consequently useless, and when last seen the fleeing individual was making in the direction of New York. Whether he has arrived there by this now is merely a matter for speculation, but his speed yesterday led the constable to believe that the little distance between the two cities would be negotiated by the unknown in short order.

### FROM A HOSPITAL.

Trooper Fraser's Letter—Strathcona Likely to Be Sent Home Again.

Mrs. Fraser, of Esquimalt road, has received another letter from her son's Troopers H. and W. Fraser with Strathcona's Horse, in which reference is made to the affair detailed at length in Corp. St. George's special correspondence to the Times published yesterday, in which four British Columbia men gave up their lives as a result of Boer treachery. The letter from W. Fraser is as follows:

Lydenburg, Sept. 18.—I have not been able to write for some weeks. We are on the march from daylight till dark, and we have no tents, so we can't see in the evenings, as the candles won't keep alight, but we are having a halt now, so I have time. Last week on the Orange river we marched out of camp about 9 a. m. and went about four miles, when a shell fell right in the centre of us, but did no harm. We had no shelter, we had to go for-

ward, the shells coming all the time. We got behind a little hill and had to stop those all-dashed-dashed-dashed-dashed there all day. They shelled us all the time. A Tommy said it was as hot a shell fire as he had seen during the war. We retired when it got dark by twos and threes. There were only two men hurt that day.

We went on outpost that night. There was no shooting till it got daylight, then some men were sent up to relieve the picket. They went the wrong way, two were shot. One of them had seven bullets in him.

I have dated this from Lydenburg. We are ten miles from there on a hill they call the Devil's Mask. There are 100 of the Strathcona's here. The rest are at Spytroff, about six miles further.

I hope by the time you get this we shall be on our way home. I tell you it's a funny feeling to be under shell fire. I feel like a boy going to school to get a licking. I would sooner be under rifle fire than shell any day. You see a puff of smoke about five miles off, wait for a moment, then you hear a hissing in the air, and every shell seemed to be coming straight for one, although it goes about fifty feet over head. Everyone ducks, and all of a sudden the shell bursts. A Pom-Pom is worse, you hear a Pom-Pom about 25 times and then the bullets are bursting beside you. You can't see the gun; they get it into some hollow out of sight.

Writing from Estcourt hospital on September 27th, H. Fraser says he had just been talking to Major Lowry, who had wired to Col. Steel to know if he should go up and join him. He replied in the negative, saying it was no use going up, as the regiment was going home next month. At the hospital they are having a lively time with cricket matches, theatricals, etc. All had gone from the hospital for a picnic who could only myself, a Tommy, Dr. Rolston, and a sister left. Anyone who has sick friends will be easy on their behalf. They are to be sent to Capetown at once.

Major Williams notified the council that as the by-law was now under consideration it would be necessary shortly to close up the old road adjoining the same and carry out its agreement in regard to opening up the new thoroughfare. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

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The committee of the Home for Aged and Infirm recommended that J. B. Prier be admitted into that institution. Carried.

The special committee appointed to ascertain what steps best to be taken to establish a mint in Victoria reported as follows:

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And whereas it has been officially announced that permission has been granted the Dominion government to establish in Canada a branch of the royal mint;

And whereas the city of Victoria, the capital of the province of British Columbia, is much closer proximity to the source of supply of gold from the mines of this province and of the Yukon than the city of Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion, and enjoys the further advantage of being protected by Her Majesty's navy and military forces;

And whereas the combined mineral output of the Yukon and this province is much greater than that of the other provinces of the Dominion of Canada combined;

And whereas to secure to the Dominion of Canada the benefit, commercially and otherwise, of the trade with the Yukon Territory and of the immense output of gold from the Yukon and the province of British Columbia, it is submitted that it is essential that effect be promptly given to the permission for the establishment of such mint;

Therefore be it resolved, that the corporation of the city of Victoria respectfully urges the Dominion government to take active measures to establish the proposed branch of the royal mint at an early date, such mint to be established in the city of Victoria;

Be it further resolved, that if the Dominion government cannot accede to the prayer of this resolution this corporation would humbly suggest and strongly urge that a branch of the mint for which permission has been obtained, and proposed to be established by the Dominion, be established in the province of British Columbia, such branch to be established in the city of Victoria;

Lastly, be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P. C., K. C., M. P., Premier of the Dominion of Canada; and to the Honourable W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance; to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia, and to the Honourable James Dumas, M. P., Premier of this province, requesting them to take this matter into their serious consideration; and also that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable the Secretary from the province of British

# Discussed The By-Law

## City Council Further Consider the Measure and Make Some Amendments.

### Board's Proposed Action Relative to Working For Establishing of Mint Here.

Routine occupied the attention of the city council only a short time last night, but by the time the meeting adjourned after considering the railroad by-law it was almost 11 o'clock. City Clerk Dowler was absent from his usual post of duty for the first time for many months, and his chief assistant, Ernest Bradley, occupied his place.

A letter was read from the post office department at Ottawa in reference to establishing a post office in the northern part of the city, stating that the matter was now receiving consideration.

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Columbia, to the representatives of the city of Victoria in the Dominion House of Commons and in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, requesting them to use their best endeavors to attain the above object.

Ald. Williams thought that an important omission had been made in the report in not drawing attention to the government buildings here situated and available for the purpose.

Ald. Cameron, as one of the committee, approved of the suggestion.

Ald. Brydon was of opinion that such a clause would be better left out. The government ought to put up a new building for the purpose. The report was received and adopted.

The park committee reported that they had arranged for the trimming of the broom on Fernwood road and recommended that the five year contract for cutting of the hay on Beacon Hill park, which has previously been referred to, be let to Robert Mason, who offered to cut and haul it to any part of the city for \$6 per ton, and to remove the stone from the park; also that the sum of \$350 be expended on the park roads, which, it was explained, were now in very bad repair. The first clause was adopted, but the latter two were referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The finance committee reported accounts to the amount of \$4,700. A supplementary report showing a number of refunds to property holders on Yates and Broad streets, amounting to \$492.58, was also submitted, both passing.

The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with the mayor in the chair, for the consideration of the by-law. Clauses 16 and 17 had been laid over for a number of suggestions to be offered by Mr. Bodwell, who was present.

In connection with the one, he asked that the following be included: "All those pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the city of Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, and more particularly known as lots 586, 587, 588, 594, 596, 597, 598, and the west half of lot 589, according to the official map or plan of the said city of Victoria, filed in the land registry office at Victoria."

This was carried, together with the other clause in which the stipulation was inserted that the railway company provide suitable gates at the crossings on Douglas and Gore streets for the protection of life.

Ald. Williams wanted to have the provision apply to all crossings in the city, but to this Mr. Bodwell took exception. He considered, at any rate, that there was an act covering the matter.

Ald. Williams moved that clause 18 providing for the speed of the railway be limited to four instead of six miles inside the city, but this suggestion was voted down.

Then arose the question of the terminal facilities mentioned in Mr. Wilson's letter. Mr. Bodwell was not opposed to the market hall being made a union depot in so far as its capacity went, but would not agree to further concessions in this respect, as such would possibly lead to interference or interruptions.

After some discussion it was decided to leave the clause over for the next meeting, which is to be held this evening.

Ald. Williams wanted to have something in the by-law which would protect the city in the matter of the market hall. He wanted to prevent the company from re-letting or abandoning the building during its lease of 25 years. Mr. Bodwell, however, met this provision.

Ald. Yates said that too much publicity could not be given the fact that C. P. R. cars were only allowed as far as Shaw-nigan. He understood that four could be purchased for a dollar less in Dun-cans than in Victoria. He wanted to have provision made that all things being equal the company should purchase its supplies and build its ferry in this city.

Mr. Bodwell, however, pointed out that tenders were to be invited for the ferry. While a number of the aldermen thought the merchants had the matter of supplies pretty much in their own hands.

Mayor Hayward sought to include an extra clause providing that no Chinese be employed in the works or operations of the railway, but this, with other clauses, was left over for discussion at to-night's meeting.

Mr. Bodwell said, regarding the Chinese, that the act of the legislature passed at the last meeting fully covered the matter, but the mayor was of opinion that if the matter was in the contract it would be in the hands of the council if the Dominion government should at any time disallow the measure.

Mr. Bodwell, however, could not see why his company should be bound down to more rigid restrictions than any other company.

The committee then rose, reported progress and the council adjourned.

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