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CITY AND TRAMWAY

Reference was made on Sunday to the delay on the part of the City Council in pronouncing upon the proposals of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. We do not like to think this delay due to any hostility towards the company, but it is a company, although an unreasoning opposition to anything in the nature of a private corporation has before now influenced the action of municipal bodies. We must assume until the contrary is shown that the Mayor and Aldermen have around their time so fully taken up with other matters that they have not been able to give this very important question the consideration which it deserves. It is true that the members of the Board of Trade found no difficulty in entering its intricacies; it is true that every private citizen who has thought about it sees no objection to it, but the municipal mind moves in its own mysterious ways its wonders to perform, and apparently we must wait the evolution of its processes before we can hope as a city to realize the obvious benefits of a plain and simple business proposition which has been placed before us. The real point to be considered, and the only one which matters, is this. How long will the agreement between the city and the B. C. Electric Railway worked out in practice?

To answer this question, the following particulars of the works and extensions by the B. C. Electric Railway Co. since the execution of the agreement between the city and the company in 1900, have been compiled and are given here for the information of the public.

The Lake Bunten waterpower development, necessary for the securing of additional power to handle the increased area of operation. This work cost \$200,000.

The North Vancouver service, amounting to five miles in the flourishing young city opposite Vancouver on the north side of Burrard Inlet. This cost \$250,000.

The Lulu Island Railway and the Ebner and Westminster connection, opening up a fine agricultural section. The total cost of these two was \$300,000.

Installation of light and power system at Ladner. Cost, \$50,000.

Double-tracking and re-locating on the West Westminster line some twelve miles in all. Cost, \$100,000.

The Chilliwack line, 63 miles in length and traversing a magnificent agricultural country. This line, which is still under construction, has now almost reached Cloverdale, and will be at Abbotsford before the end of the year. Cost, \$2,000,000.

South Vancouver tramway extension, from 5 to 6 miles. Cost, \$100,000.

Putnam tramway extension, about five miles. Cost, \$100,000.

Hastings tramway extension, about five miles. Cost, \$150,000.

In addition to this, there is the item of new trackage only, within the city limits of Vancouver itself, and which amounts to \$500,000.

Here, then, we have the enormous total of \$5,500,000 expended in operation and providing with adequate transportation facilities the city of Vancouver and its suburbs.

Think of what the expenditure of each sum in so short a period of time. Think of the demand for labor, the big pay rolls, the steady employment, the increased population, the resulting demand for merchandise and supplies of every kind, for houses, for luxuries, for all that goes to make up a prosperous and growing community. Is it any wonder that Vancouver has gone ahead, that it is now a city of 50,000 people, that it has doubled itself in six years?

And what has happened in Vancouver can also happen in Victoria. This island is capable of supporting a population of several millions in comfort. The city of Victoria has increased greatly in size during the past three years, but that increase is a bagatelle to what would take place were the outlying districts provided with adequate transportation facilities for keeping in touch with the city proper.

We suggest to Mayor Hall that he has an excellent opportunity ready to his hand to confer a great benefit upon the city, with whose welfare and prosperity he is so largely interested. All that is necessary is for some one at the council board to take up the proposal of the company and press its adoption. If the mayor will take this course, he will find no difficulty. At least we are satisfied he will find none. What the city is asked to surrender is a right which in all human probability it will never want to exercise during the lifetime of the company's franchise. If Victoria had not its hands full of other matters and was in a position to go into the business of supplying light and power commercially, it would not think of doing so without attempting to buy out the company's plant; but the city is in no such position. Our water problems, our street problems, our sewerage problems will keep us busy for years to come. We may by and by take up the question of municipal ownership of light, power and street car service, and we who the Colonist will be found on the side of progressive political economy; but that is necessarily somewhere in the future. The mayor and aldermen are dealing with things as they are, and they have a splendid opportunity to do a great thing in Victoria. Will they allow it to pass by unimproved?

MARATHONS AND RECORDS

Dr. James Thirld, of Queen's Medical College, recently addressed a meeting in Hamilton, in the course of which he deprecated the effort constantly being made by athletes to "beat the record."

He says that young men who do so are "turning the first sods of an early grave." Against athletics in reason he has nothing to say, but on the contrary speaks only favorably of them, but against the high tension work, that puts a strain on every nerve and muscle almost to the breaking point, he very properly protests. Especially does he condemn Marathon races, where the effort is made to lower the record made by some one else. It

is no doubt true, as has been often alleged, that it is the fondness of British people for athletic sports that has developed the race and made it strong; but we must not lose sight of the fact that this development took place at a time when there were no records to break. The timing of races is a matter of comparatively recent introduction. When the British nation was being developed by athletic sport, it was sport for sport's sake, and not for fame that spurred contestants on. Doubtless it is a great source of pride to some young fellow to lower the school record, or the track record or some other record; but it is not worth sacrificing physical and mental strength for. To sprint a hundred yards in something better than ten seconds is doubtless a fine achievement, but we take leave to doubt if any one was ever the better for having done so. Our advice to young athletes is to compete against each other, not against the records of other people. The circumstances under which a "record" is made are very likely to be exceptional, and the athlete who is hardly worth striving for, unless one intends to make a business out of it, and then the risk of resulting from exceptional exertion is taken just as risks are taken in other lines of business.

Dr. Thirld said that one person in every three hundred of the population of Canada is in a lunatic asylum, and there are thousands more "trotting in the gate." He attributes this to the tremendous strain under which most people live, and hence he protests against putting this strain upon young fellows whose bodies are not fully developed, whose nerves have not yet become firm and whose minds are in a state of growth. The intensity of the strain necessary to the accomplishment of some exceptional athletic feat is likely to be very great. We are all of us possessed of far greater physical powers than we ordinarily employ. The familiar example of the strength which comes with deputation demonstrates this. It is not a question of size or muscle, but of what may for want of a better term be called "nerve." There is undoubtedly great danger in frequently putting forth all of our physical powers at least before we are fully grown-up. Even after a man has reached his full development it is not wise to attempt to keep in the pink of condition always. Duncan B. Harrison was trainer of John L. Sullivan. One day he was speaking to a newspaper man about a prize fight in which Charlie Mitchell was to have taken part, but which never came off, because Mitchell would not consent to a week's postponement. The newspaper man spoke slightly of Mitchell's action, but Harrison said he was right to refuse, and he went on to tell of the efforts of a trainer to get his man into perfect form at the time he entered the ring. "He can't stay in that form," said the trainer. "He'll be in to get stale that night if he does not fight, and of course, if he fights he gets out of condition immediately after." The human body cannot be kept, said he, for any length of time at its very best. If a man will not relax, his body will do so in spite of him. The constant effort to keep the athlete at too high a tension. And so we say to young fellows, the parents and the trainers, encourage them to play by all means, but forget that there are such things as records to beat. Do not strive constantly to break them. If you do, you may end by breaking something else.

The Minister of Public Works discovered a fire in his department at Ottawa. A good many valuable papers were burned before it was extinguished. Some years ago a great number of such papers were burned in one of the departmental buildings.

Mr. G. H. Barnard, M.P., is home again from the parliamentary session. He is under the impression that this is the right side of the Continent to live on. He will have a very heavy welcome from his political opponents as well as from his friends. Of enemies he has none.

We all knew that Mr. Fielding, Mr. Templeman and Mr. Oliver were newspaper men; but not many of us were aware that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Brodeur, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Graham have worked actively in newspaper life. With seven members of the profession in one ministry, the wonder is that the millenium hesitates about arriving.

The members of the Quebec legislature have reached the conclusion that their services are worth \$1,500 a session, and have increased their indemnity to that amount. Assuming that the house is in session three months, the "indemnity" is at the rate of \$5,000 a year, which we venture to think is three times as much as the average legislator earns in his business. Instead of calling it an "indemnity," the pay of a member ought to be called a premium in very many cases.

An interesting question has been decided by the Supreme Court of Canada. In Montreal there is a by-law requiring merchants to close their places of business at certain hours. On the ground that the statute authorizing the by-law was an interference with trade and commerce, beyond the jurisdiction of the local legislature; but the Supreme Court has held that the closing of stores is a matter of local or private nature, and hence is not ultra vires of the province. It is said that the question will be taken to the Privy Council.

Great Northern's Purchase

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Prairie Crops

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Don't Torture Your Feet

There is no need to tolerate corns, they are unnecessary things to have. Wise people remove them. It only takes a few days with

BOWES' CORN CURE

This matchless liquid is easily applied with a camel-hair brush. The whole outfit costs only 25c at this store. Mailed to any address on receipt of price.

CYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST

Chemist 1228 Government St.

Charles Morrison died in London last week unmarried and leaving a fortune estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000. Under the new succession duties his estate will contribute from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 to the revenue. The deceased will not miss it, no matter where he has gone. On general principles a man who leaves \$75,000,000 to his heirs, even if he is married, might very well contribute a good slice of it to the state. Succession duties are in point of fact the least onerous of all taxes, provided they are so graded as not to absorb too large a proportion of small estates.

Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, did a little plain talking in the legislature just before it adjourned last week. It appears that provision has been made by the province for two additional judges in Montreal, but the Dominion government refuses to make the appointments on the ground that the courts in Quebec cost too much. This has made Sir Lomer very indignant. He is very much of a Liberal, but he is not disposed to let the Dominion government run his province. He told the house that if he had been a representative at Ottawa he would have found some way to secure justice. Sir Wilfrid will not relish this kind of talk. Of late years he has not been accustomed to his friends speak their minds in such an unequivocal fashion as Sir Lomer adopted.

ENCOURAGE EMPLOYEES TO JOIN THE MILITIA

Montreal, June 8.—The Montreal Star editorially says: "The action of the Ogilvie Milling Company in encouraging their employees to enlist in the militia by granting them an extra day of holidays and assuring them that their positions will be kept for them in case of absence on service, is commendable. It is to be earnestly hoped that other large employing companies will copy. To the Ogilvie company will remain the credit of having demonstrated that the patriotism of the act is something of which they themselves would be very sorry to have the merit." The Star institutions which deplore their success and prosperity upon the continued independence of Canada cannot afford to discourage their young men from enlisting by practically mulcting them of their holidays when they go into camp, and threatening them with loss of standing if they do not return.

It should be the universal rule, rather than the exception, that employees leave nothing at all, even by their readiness to volunteer for the protection of the nation."

Hamilton's Votes.

Hamilton, Ont., June 8.—The ratepayers voted yesterday in favor of a civic contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission, and for a board of control. The hospital bylaw to borrow \$300,000 was rejected.

Reporter Suicides.

Quebec, June 8.—The man who jumped into the river at Levis and drowned himself has been identified as Charles Leconte, a reporter on Le Canada of Montreal. His wife is an actress and is playing in a company here.

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No Matter What Your Needs In Summer Furnishings—Come Here

WE ARE VICTORIA HEADQUARTERS FOR EVERY SUMMER FURNITURE NEED



MATTERS not what your requirements may be in Summer furniture or furnishings, you'll find the satisfying an easy matter if you come here. This establishment is easily first in its offerings of such lines—first in variety and choice and first in quality and values.

Many new arrivals in reed and rush chairs suitable for Summer service have lately been added to the stock. In "Old Hickory," that popular Summer furniture, we show a wonderful variety. Gold Medal camp furniture is the very finest in camp furniture and this store is headquarters for it.

In blankets and bedding suitable for camp and Summer cottage needs we can please with our splendid offerings. Cheap, serviceable mattresses are also shown.

In ice cream freezers we offer the "Lightning," and there isn't a better freezer made anywhere. Water filters are shown in the china store and a host of camp crockery is also offered here. When you start to plan "camp," plan to come here for your needs.

New Cake Stands in Reed at \$2.50

We have some attractive new arrivals in Reed Cake Stands. These have just been priced—and fairly too, we believe.

They are made of reed and we have them in natural, green and brown, every one pleasing.

A popular article at a popular price—

\$2.50

Meat Safes \$3.75 IDEAL FOR THE CAMP

Here's an item you'll need for the summer camp or cottage—a meat safe. These are almost indispensable if you would keep the spoils safe from insects and animals.

These safes are made of perforated zinc in a strong wood frame. Each one has a shelf and is supplied with hooks. Door has substantial lock and key. The whole thing compares for ease in transportation. Several sizes, priced from—

\$3.75

LET US PUT ONE OF THESE TABLES IN YOUR DININGROOM

Extension Tables from \$7.50

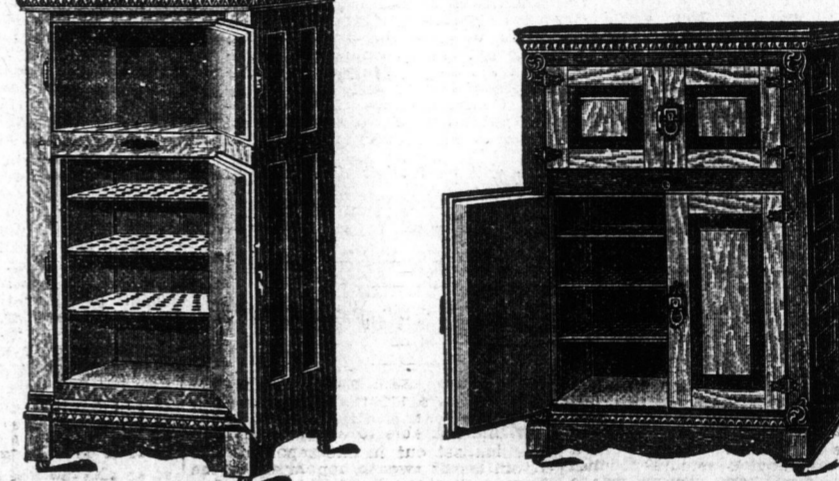
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Buy That Refrigerator Today! WE HAVE THEM FROM \$12



THESE warm days should forcibly bring to your mind the necessity for prompt action in the purchasing of a refrigerator. Why not get it today and start saving the spoils right away?

A GOOD refrigerator insures you a meal in hot summer time when you might otherwise have to go hungry for some "dainties" or even substantial. But be sure and get a GOOD one—one that will not be a big bill of expense through its ice consuming qualities.

Our refrigerator offerings include such renowned makes as the McCray—refrigerators that do not "eat" ice, but that pay for themselves in this saving of ice. Come in and let us explain and show you these refrigerators.

We have such a wide range of prices and such a variety of sizes that there is one to fit every Victoria home. See the offerings from, each—

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SPECIAL CHINA SHOW IN THE NEW CHINA SHOP

Extension Tables from \$7.50

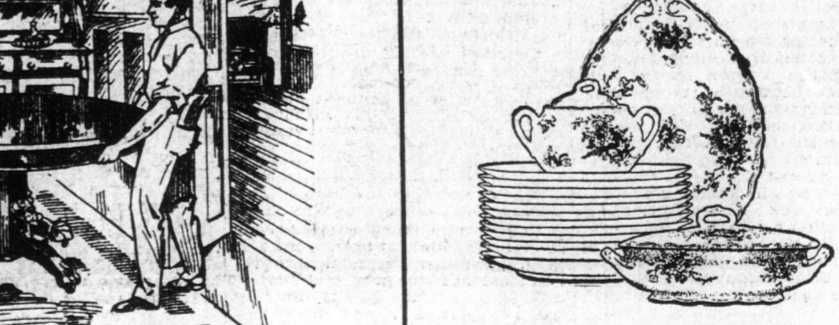
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USE THE REST ROOM

The Ladies' Rest Room was built especially for you, so we want you to use it. Meet your friends here—read, write or rest here.

FAVOR UNION CHURCHES ASSEMBLY

Conference or Presby-
tarian Principle of
gamation—Vote Was
whelming

Hamilton, June 9.—The Pres-
byterian General Assembly concluded
its session on church union,
and adopted Principal Patrick
McKay's vote as the basis of a
preponderant opinion in the
principle of union in the
clergy and elders in the church.
The afternoon was devoted to the
ation of the augmentation of
life and services of the
the evening to the report of the
day school and French evening
committees.

Debate on Union

Yesterday the assembly
got down to a continuance of
bate on church union.
Rev. Dr. Taylor, New West-
minster, said they were not the
unity they were supposed to be.
He challenged the extraordinary
basis placed before him by the
porters of union, and he styled
port of the joint committee a
shards and patches.

Rev. Dr. Pringle, Sydney, as
a start, he was out and
unionist. Those supporting
not going to be acted by a
tattle from the street or the
car. He would not be ashamed
long to an united church with
its roots in Knox, Hampden,
and John Wesley.

J. Lawson, of Charlottetown,
the Methodists want to union
join a church equal to them.
Edward Brown, Portage la
Proue, thought if union was
people it would be a matter of
overwhelming majority, as the
not ripe for it. At the same
could conscientiously vote in
Principal Patrick's motion, and
serve his right to vote again
or for it as he deemed fit,
want to the people.

Rev. D. N. Morden, of St.
John's, said it was no disparage-
ment of the vision of the
the joint committee to say the
number of people were in a
where they could vote for it
said if they voted it down
be a generation before it
brought up again.

Rev. J. A. Walker, Maine,
said Principal McKay's motion
was a red herring drawn across
the path.

Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, Tatamagouche,
said Principal McKay's motion
must have commended itself
right thinking men. He
Principal Patrick's ability to
and decorate would have equal
to become a window dresser
store, and he would like to
the joint committee's report
hopeless muddle, and reminded
Alice in Wonderland.

Best For Christianity

Principal Patrick said he
gave an honest and credit
solute honesty of purpose of
abandoned now the belief
had established only the Pre-
sbyterian, though they have
normal. They were con-
science to unite with the
believed the same as they
seemed short in the matter
after the committee had re-
with the Methodists and
Cion for the organic union
rest of the assembly to tu-
and ask them for federation
thing they knew. The Meth-
Congregationalists did not
was a loyal Presbyterian, but
desirous of doing what was
the interests of Christianity
ada.

The vote was then taken
amendment of Principal Patrick's
defeated 154 voting against
for it. The original motion
put and carried, only those
spoken against it during the
voting against it.

At the afternoon session
Mitchell, Hamilton, presented
port of the committee on c
and work. The report with
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was adopted.

The moderator, Rev. Dr.
sent the report before the as-
sembly. The report of the
receipts were \$38,630.81 and
tural \$48,362.81. During the
the announcement came as
Rev. Dr. Smith presented
of the eastern session. The
than a month ago. The ex-
the expenditures \$10,000.
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Rev. Dr. McVicar, at the ev-
sion presented the report of
on French evangelization,
A. C. McGillivray of Toron-
the Sunday school commit-
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RESTORES WAGE

Pennsylvania Concern Which
Wages 10 Per Cent On
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Harrisburg, Pa., June 9.—
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of the Pennsylvania Steel
at Steelton, which was c-
cent on April 1, will be rest-
departments of the plant of
The order will affect nearly
The announcement came as
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