The Board of Aldermen.

The Sunday By-Law Killed at Last Night's Meeting.

Ald. Beckwith Repudiates the Paternity of the Ill-Advised Measure.

In view, no doubt, of the prospect of listening to the debate on the proposed Sunday by-law, there was quite a gathering of the people at the aldermanic board meeting last evening, but as the business was exceedingly voluminous and the members of the board were eloquent some gave up before the by-law was reached. Others during the monotony of the debates followed the example of the disciples and calmly slept. The result of the second round on the above by-law was its ignominious "knockout" at the hands of those who while quite willing and eager to grant the barbers' petition are averse to closing the town up on Sunday as tight as a drum head.

The first business of the evening was a letter from B. H. T. Drake, district registrar, enclosed by order of court the presentment of the recent grand jury. This went on file.

The deputy minister of public works, Ottawa, wrote in connection with the claims of the Sorby harbor scheme and promised due consideration to the matter on the part of the department.

The secretary of the Women's Council suggested certain particulars to be considered in the framing of the proposed curfew by-law. These were laid on the table.

H. Dallas Helmcken acknowledged receipt of a copy of the report of the committee in the matter of the old burying ground and commended the proposal to vest the title in the city council. Filed.

From F. Elworthy came a letter of thanks to the council for having appropriated $150 towards the publication of a pamphlet and stating that "the same would be laid before my committee."

The $1.00 sent in by Mr. Moody to build a mint will be returned to the sender with thanks.

Mr. Warren directed attention to a stream of water which runs from the property of Mr. B. W. Pearse and asked that the matter be attended to. The city engineer will report.

J. P. Burgess complained of an accumulation of water on Fourth street near Topaz avenue. A report from the city engineer will be asked.

Jas. Lee asked for a sidewalk on the east side of Mary street near the railway station, Victoria West. The engineer will report on this also.

Col. F. B. Gregory sent in a letter asking for the use of the Albion Cricket Club grounds at Beacon Hill park for the Battalion cricket team, provided the former club did not re-organize this season. Granted.

Jas. Maynard stated that the sewerage was still standing in his drain. Again referred to the city engineer.

J. H. Menzies acknowledged with thanks the endorsation of the council of a petition in connection with mail service to the adjacent islands.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The acting city engineer sent in the following:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit the following estimates for facing the slopes of the reservoir at Beaver lake with nine inches of concrete of the proportion of 5 to 1, with other work necessary to be done in connection with the slopes. Estimated cost, $8,900; estimate for laying flush out pipes, rock excavation, $476.50; connecting up the 12-inch main, $1,588.50; total, 2,065.

I would respectfully recommend that the concrete work be commenced as soon as possible before the very hot weather sets in. Respectfully submitted.

E. E. COUSINS,
Acting City Engineer.

It was included in the motion that the city engineer have full power to employ his own inspector for the works.

Ald. Hayward thought that as Mr. Haggarty had applied for the position he should be given the preference if the engineer thought he was competent. Mr. Haggarty had offered securities for doing the work at the Beaver Lake dam for many thousands of dollars less than the tender accepted and the council had ultimately landed themselves in a law suit as well. All the work in connection with tendering, etc., had cost Mr. Haggarty money and some consideration should be shown him.

Ald. Brydon thought it was best to postpone the appointment of the inspector until the new engineer arirved.

Ald. Stewart was opposed to putting off this matter any longer and the report was finally adopted with the proviso that the name of the proposed inspector be submitted to the council for approval.

It was moved that the council at its rising stand adjourned to 12 o'clock today (Tuesday) for the purpose of appointing the inspector.

The following report was then read:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Re Fort street grading from Douglas street east to Cook street, a distance of 2,800 feet: To enable this part of said street to be brought to the grade established under the by-law of 1894, it will necessitate a fill of two to three feet in places, and a cut below the present grade of one to two feet in other places. Estimated cost, $8,200. As the property on the north side between Quadra and Vancouver streets is already much below the level of the present street, it would hardly be advisable to raise the same an additional two to three feet, which would be necessary in order to bring street to grade. Should the car track be placed in the centre of Fort street, it would be necessary to grade the street to its full width to allow of sufficient room on either side of the track for vehicular traffic: also that all poles be placed back to curb line. Estimated cost, $4,000.

Re Mr. M. C. Reynard's request that a drain be laid to drain the two houses on Foul Bay road, at junction of Oak Bay avenue: I would respectfully recommend that a box drain be laid down Foul Bay road a distance of 200 feet, and that the ditch be deepened sufficiently to drain the property. Estimated cost, $38.

Re communication from F. B. Pemberton for a box drain to be laid to take the place of the present open ditch from Mr. Combe's house on Rockland avenue: As the ditch continually requires cleaning out, I would recommend the box drain being laid, which would do away with the nuisance caused by the open ditch. Estimated cost, $48.

Re Belmont avenue drain: As it is not the intention to lay the pipe, I would respectfully recommend that a box drain be laid in the present ditch and the ditch filled in, it being in a dangerous condition at present. Estimated cost, $50.

City Carpenter Scott reports the following sidewalks worn out and requiring renewing: Quadra street, east side, from Chatham to Green street, 250 feet of sidewalk, estimated cost of surface plank, $66; Quadra street, west side and south of Chatham street, 110 feet of 8-foot walk, estimated cost $31. Respectfully submitted.

E. E. COUSINS,
Acting City Engineer.

In connection with the lever of Fort street it was agreed that the street grade be not raised at present, but the street poles be moved back. The drain on Foul Bay avenue was ordered to be constructed as well as the one on Rockland avenue. The improved drain was ordered to be laid on Belmont avenue and the worn out sidewalks were ordered to be repaired as proposed with surfaced lumber.

Ald. MacGregor thought that a report should have been made with reference to the Cadboro Bay road near the Jubilee hospital, in answer to which the Mayor stated that more time to do so was required.

H. S. Fairall wrote compaining of the cows with bells which have caused him to arise from his bed at midnight in order to drive away the animals, it being impossible to sleep. The writer also advised the council to offer half the fines to anybody helping the pound keeper. The latter official also wrote advising that a pound be erected at Victoria West, as it is almost impossible to drive cattle all the way from that suburb to the present pound.

The Mayor quite agreed with the proposal of the pound keeper and thought that at the cost of $150 a second pound could be established and the present official could attend to both yards.

Ald. Beckwith stated that it had was too much territory for one man to superintend and moved that a temporary assistant be employed as the complaints from Victoria West were very numerous.

Ald. Humphrey seconded the motion, while Ald. Kinsman moved for a committee to look into the matter of building a second pound at Victoria West. This latter was carried.

Chas W. Jenkinson submitted a letter from B. W. Pearse in connection with Craigflower road as follows:

Fernwood, Victoria,
April 24, 1899.

C. W. Jenkinson, Esq.:

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated to-day, and in reply state that the Craigflower or Metchosin or Sooke road (for it was known officially by all these names) was laid out in 1852 or 1853, and was cut out and partly graded and bridged and made suitable for the traffic of that date. The road commenced at the end of the Johnson street bridge, and was continued as far as Craigflower during that winter. The road has always been a public road or highway, and until quite recently has been maintained as such. It is now, owing, I presume, to the dispute which has been going on for some years as to its being a highway, in a shameful state of disrepair. I believe it will be found from the records in the lands and works department that this road was reserved from the sale of section 31, Esquimalt district, and if so, the title to the road in dispute reverted to the crown, I believe, in 1859, when the transfer of the lease of the Island by the Hudson's Bay Company to the crown was effected. Hoping that this statement will tend to a settlement of this vexed question, I remain yours sincerely. B. W. PEARSE.

This was laid on the table, as was also a second signed by O. F. Newcombe and forty other residents of Victoria West who had not had a chance to sign the former one asking for Craigflower road to be put in proper condition and a sidewalk laid.

Jno. W. Coburn and forty-four others directing attention to sub-section 166 of section of the Muncipal Clauses act, 1899, by-law governing Chinese wash houses and asking for the removal of one on Pioneer street as it depreciated the value of property in the neighborhood. Referred to the city barrister for a report.

Ald. Beckwith pointed out that it had developed in this case when in the police court that the by-law governing wash houses had not been carried out, and Ald. Cameron thought it was time that some of these establishments should be removed and if the city had the power to do so it would be well for the council to know it.

The city scavengers asked for permission to dump night soil six nights a week at the new dump at the end of Cook street. A demand was also made for the key of the dump, and also to have the hours for removing ashes, etc., from business premises extended from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., as the distance it had to be hauled was now greater than formerly.

Adl. Williams thought if the city's employees were allowed to shovel dust, etc., on the streets up to noon it was only fair to let the scavengers do similar work until 11 o'clock. The matter was referred to the sanitary officer and a special committee for report.

Residents of Fernwood road and Pandora street asked for a drain in that neighborhood and the city engineer will make a report.

The special committee to whom was referred the matter of supplying water to consumers outside the city limits reported advising that the practice be continued under regulations to be made from time to time, as long as the city had a surplus of water.

The park committee reported that a pair of swans be donated to St. John, N.B., park commissioners.

Accounts amounting to $5,329 were read and ordered to take the usual course.

Ald. Brydon moved that the item for $35 to complete work on the sidewalk on Fort street above Vancouver be reconsidered. This was seconded by Ald. Beckwith, although, as Ald. Hayward said, the whole thing had been threshed out and talked about for the best part of an evening and the matter was then decided. The amendment was lost.

The finance committee advised the appropriation of $700 in connection with work on the new fire hall, also $4,000 from the sewer rental fund to carry on the work already agreed upon.

The Consolidation of Loans by-law was read a second time and the council went into committee, the Mayor in the chair. The interest on the new loan will commence two weeks before the money will be required—December 1 next—but Ald. Beckwith thought more time should be given the aldermen to look into this point as he did not think they would not require the money at the time proposed in the by-law.

Ald. Williams thought if there was to be any delay it should be after the by-law was passed as by putting the matter off now only meant a shorter time in which to negotiate for the money. It would undoubtedly cost the city very considerable if they had to hurry the matter in the last stages. It was resolved therefore to pass the by-law without delay.

With regard to the price at which the new debentures would be sold Ald. Hayward said in view of the fact that those of Vancouver city had sold for over par $1.06 for each $1.00 borrowed.

Ald. Beckwith wanted to know what commission was to be paid for negotiating the loan, and was informed that the city dealt direct with those who loaned the money and consequently there was no "rake off" for that service.

The by-law was passed, except the clause fixing the rate, in which an error had seemingly been made, so the committee rose and reported.

SUNDAY CLOSING BY-LAW.

With a sigh the mayor then announced the next business as the recommittal of the Sunday closing by-law.

Section 2 was taken up first. This section is the one closing barber shops.

Ald. Williams said that it had been promised to the barbers that if power were given in the amendments to the Municipal Clauses act, through their petition to the local house, the city would pass a by-law giving them their Sunday. On the introduction of the question of giving the barbers Sunday, he had objected to it being put in with the rest of the trades proposed to be dealt with.

Ald. Beckwith wished to make an explanation as to his fathering the by-law. The by-law had been drawn up by the city solicitor on the recommendation of the mayor.

The Mayor—Quite true. In answer to two petitions sent in, the council was prepared, but I then informed the board that I would not introduce the by-law. Ald. Beckwith undertook to father it.

Ald. Humphreys has always been in favor of closing the barber's shops, as they had asked to have this done; but he had never intended to close the whole town up, as was proposed to be done, and he would not support the by-law as it stood.

Ald. Brydon thought as the barbers wanted to close on Sunday, and had by a majority asked for this legislation, it was only right for the aldermen to grant their request.

Many of the aldermen wanted to go back to re-consider clause 1, which was passed last week, and were checked by His Worship, who tried to confine them to the clause under consideration, unless on motion section No. 1 was taken up again.

Ald. Williams therefore moved that the consideration of section 2 be deferred, and section 1 be taken up.

In the midst of much good-natured cross-firing, Ald. MacGregor rose to a point of privilege to state that if the principle of the by-law were not amended it stood a good chance of being killed.

Ald. Hayward—So much the better.

Ald. MacGregor continued that the by-law as published was misleading.

As the alderman was again trespassing on the ruling of the mayor, he was called to order by the latter. This happened to each of the aldermen in turn—each being as promptly "called down," as Ald. MacGregor put it.

For nearly half an hour the mayor continued to refuse to allow the aldermen to wander from the matter contained in the section under consideration, and with equal persistency the aldermen wished to go back and make "explanations." The motion to refer back to section 1 was finally defeated by a vote of 6 to 2.

Ald. Hayward moved as an addenda to section 2: "That nothing in this clause shall prevent hotel-keepers from providing their patrons with the comforts of a shave or other tonsorial luxuries on a Sunday."

Ald. MacGregor wished a similar amendment in different words.

This was opposed by Ald. Beckwith, who said he had travelled a great deal and had been in many towns where the hotels made provisions for their own patrons, although the city did not allow the barber shops to be opened.

The amendment was put, but before the vote was taken Ald. MacGregor wished to again alter his motion, when the mayor objected.

Ald. Kinsman—I am about tired of this. Too many cooks spoil the broth. I move the committee rise.

This was put and carried amidst rounds of applause from the large audience.

The following voted to give the by-law the hoist: Ald. Kinsman, Hayward, Stewart, Williams and Humphrey; while those against the motion to rise were Ald. Cameron, Beckwith, MacGregor and Brydon.

When the applause had somewhat subsided, Ald. Beckwith rose to a question of privilege, and wishtd to record his denial of the accuracy of an editorial which appeared in the Colonist on the 19th instant. Having read the following extract from an article headed "Sunday Observance": "There will be much difference of opinion in regard to the closing ordinance. The movement in its inception was not predicated upon moral grounds. The barbers wanted Sunday off, and as all their number would not agree to close, it became necessary to petition the city council for an ordinance. At this some members of the city council, who favor what is called the Eastern Canadian Sunday, seized upon the opportunity to press through an ordinance closing fruit stands, cigar stores and other places where merchandise is sold"—the alderman went on to say that the article was not a correct statement of fact, as two petitions had been introduced, and it was no doubt due to an error in reporting that the editor of the paper had fallen into the mistake he had, which it appeared was in making mention of but out petition. He was satisfied that the editor was disposed to give fair support to the council in their endeavors to regulate Sunday observance, but it was grossly unfair to say that advocates of "the Eastern Sunday" had rushed in to get the law passed. This Ald. Beckwith seemed to take as a personal allusion, and emphatically objected to having his name bandied about the way it had been all week.

The mayor—You'll get accustomed to this, Ald. Beckwith, before long. (Laughter).

Ald. Beckwith again proceeded to repudiate the fatherhood of the by-law and to throw the blame on the mayor, who, in answer to the petitions, had instructed the city solicitor to draw up the measure but with the distinct announcement to the board that he (the mayor) would not introduce the by-law.

The alderman waxed quite warm in his repudiation, and was cut short by a motion to adjourn, which carried with an agility which surprised no one.

In order that the public may see exactly what was contemplated in the by-law defeated last evening, it is herewith published in its entirety:

A BY-LAY

To prevent purchase or sales of goods and to prohibit the keeping open of barber shops on Sunday.

Whereas it is deemed expedient to prevent the purchase and sale of goods on Sunday, and to prohibit the keeping open of barber shops on Sundays;

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal council of the corporation of the city of Victoria as follows:

1. No person shall in the city of Victoria after the final passage of this by-law purchase, sell, expose for sale or purchase any goods, chattels or other personal property whatsoever, except milk, drugs or medicine on Sunday:

2. No person shall in the city of Victoria after the final passage of this by-law carry on the trade of a barber on Sunday, or open or keep open any barber's shop within the said city upon that day:

3. This by-law may be cited as the "Sunday Observance By-Law."

Victoria Clearing House.—The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending April 25 were $645,723; balances, $235,221.

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Boscowitz Brings News of Murder.

Indian Agent Todd Reaches Simpson With Two Alleged Homicides.

The Empress Completes a Fast Passage From the Dreamy Orient.

Through the arrival of the steamer Barbara Boscowitz from the North on Sunday very meagre news was received of a murder occurring recently in Northern British Columbia. On the day that the Boscowitz left Port Simpson the small steamer Vigilant arrived from the Naas with Indian Agent Todd aboard and two natives in custody, charged with the murder of a third Indian. Capt. Bissett heard none of the circumstances of the case. The Indians were to have their preliminary hearing at Port Simpson, and were then to be sent down to Victoria. Up till last evening, however, Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police had not been made acquainted with any of the facts, and can form no conception of what the case may be. The Boscowitz in the meanwhile has been on the Fraser and has partially loaded another cargo of cannery supplies. Capt. Bissett reports much bad weather. The Skeena, he says, is free from all ice, and the river steamers at Simpson were launched ready to sail up stream to-day. Returning to Victoria the Boscowitz passed the Alpha and Danube northward bound. She had six passengers coming down, all of whom debarked at Nanaimo and arrived here on Sunday.

The big white liner Empress of China, of the Canadian Pacific railway company's fleet, which with her sister liners is almost punctual enough to be scheduled to the hour of arrival, was here a day ahead of time yesterday. Like the opposition liner of the Northern Pacific fleet, she left Yokohama early and experienced the best of weather in crossing the Pacific. She brought nearly 700 Asiatics; only 80 odd, however, came for Victoria. Her saloon list also was large, about double the size of that brought by any Empress for months. Chief among the notables were Mr. N. Ariga, Capt. Sakenoto and Y. Uyehara, Japanese peace representatives going to The Hague; Sir J. W. Carrington, Chief Justice of Hongkong, en route to England; W. S. K. Wetmore, a gentleman who has been surveying in the great Yangtse valley, but who is himself reticent over his own movements; C. J. Keep, a miner of experience in Western Australia; and G. W. Millward, an Englishman, who has come to spend some months fishing in the lakes of British Columbia. Other passengers were: Mr. and Mrs. Addis, three children and maid; Mr. and Mrs. Alford, Miss Alford, Master Alford, Mr. O. H. Alsop, Mr. R. Arai, Major-General H. de Athayde, Dr. and Mrs. Avison and six children; J. Balsan, S. G. Bird, L. Block, W.K. Brice, E. R. Burdon, Miss Calder, Major and Mrs. Close, A. E. Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Curwen and child, Mr. and Mrs. Dudgeon, Miss Dudgeon, Miss Embleton, V. Flypo, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gilmour, Mrs. Goodwin, M. Goodwin, Miss Gordon, W. Gun, Dr. and Mrs. Lavington Hart, Capt. Hewett, Lacy R. Johnson, C. R. Joy, Capt. Leinhaas, Miss Logan, Miss MacRae, Mrs. MacEwan, Miss MacEwan, Miss MacKenzie, E. J. Newman, C. H. Oliver, Evan Powell, T. H. Ryland, F. Salinger, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Saxton, Rev. and Mrs. Peyton Stephen and child, Consul and Mrs. Streich, G. B. Swann, B. Tamaki, S. Takeda, C. L. Tilden, Capt. A. Tillett, J. A. Thomas, Major Turner, G. Bruce Webster, A. J. Wilkin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wood, Mr. Zimmermann, Mr. Ley Kum.

Chose an Inspector—At a special meeting of the city council convened yesterday morning for the purpose of acting on the report of the present city engineer, John Haggerty was chosen as inspector of the work now being done on the reservoir. The consolidated loan by-law was also put through its last stages, and it will now be voted on on May 13, that being the date fixed for polling, with Mr. W. W. Northcott as returning officer.

Provincial News.

GRAND FORKS.

J. P. Graves, the well known smelter and mining man, accompanied by Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, has been on a visit here. He is the resident director of various mining companies and a smelter corporation, which own in the aggregate seventy-five mining properties in various portions of British Columbia and the state of Washington. The properties include the Knob Hill, Old Ironsides, the City of Paris and the Lincoln. Mr. Graves, his expert and Mayor Lloyd A. Manly re-examined a smelter site northeast of the town on a bench adjacent to the north fork, and the water power in a canyon two miles up the same river. Mr. Graves and Mr. Hodges did not try to hide their favorable impressions, but the formality of examining other sites will be proceeded with before a final decision is announced. The fall in the river between the canyon and this city is over sixty feet. The various levels taken by an engineer since Mr. Graves' last visit indicate that by constructing a dam tremendous energy can be developed, enabling a large volume of water to be diverted to the proposed site on the bench near this city. Grand Forks expects to secure the smelter as well as the head offices of all the mining companies of which Mr. Graves is the managing director.

James Jarrel and his partner, Henry Snibley, both of Grand Forks, have just sold their claim, the J. S., in Summit camp, to Wm. Hogg, of Montreal, for $25,000. Ten per cent. was paid down, the balance to be paid in three equal payments in three, six and nine months respectively. It was located by the late owners eleven months ago. Average values give $5 in gold per ton and ten per cent. copper. The ore body is four feet wide. The partners also own other claims three-quarters of a mile south of the Oro Denero. Very little development work has been done. On the surface there is a fifty-foot ledge, carrying gold and silver.

Dr. Ed. Bowes, of Rossland, has been here after visiting Camp Republic. He says development work is being carried on in an extensive and systematic manner. The Doctor has great confidence in the future of the camp.

Building operations are being carried on very extensively, owing to the unsatisfied demand for dwellings, stores and warehouses. Commodore Biden, of Chicago, is erecting a modern three-storey office building on First street and Winnipeg avenue. It will contain twenty-one of offices.

H. A. Huntley is building a three-storey building. It will be leased to shop dealers.

J. K. Johnson, police magistrate, has ordered plans for a three-storey store. The building will be finished in first-class style.

Frank Coryell is erecting an office building on Riverside avenue. About twenty other stores and dwellings are also under construction. The list includes four cottages for J. A. Smith, secretary of the townsite company. Work on the new bottling works and machine shop is about to commence.

The Yale hotel is rapidly approaching completion. It will be the finest hotel in Southern British Columbia. The cost is estimated at $50,000.

The Episcopal church is about completed. Excepting the Yale, the other structures now building will cost between $30,000 and $40,000.

COWICHAN.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Peter's, Quamichan, on the 19th instant, the contracting parties being Miss Fannie, daughter of Milton Edgson, of "Rocklands," Maple Bay (an old pioneer of the district), and Mr. William Ernest Blythe, cousin of T. A. Wood, and, like him, largely interested in the Mount Sicker mining interests. It might well be called a primrose wedding, to judge from the lovely bunch the bride carried, and breast knots of the wedding party. They were greeted at the church door with showers of flowers, rice an dslippers, and again at the station with rice. If quantity has anything to do with good luck for the future, they ought to have an abundance and to spare. The wedding gifts were numerous and costly, showing the esteem in which the young couple are held. The wedding party drove to the residence in Duncan of Mr. Henry Fry (brother-in-law of the bride), where their health was proposed by the Rev. J. A. Leakey and drank, and good wishes for a pleasant trip to England, where the honeymoon is to be spent. Miss Jaynes presided ably at the organ. In spite of the dull morning and early hour, there were quite a number at the church to witness the wedding.

ALBERNI.

Mrs. Watson, wife of Dr. Watson, broke her arm by falling down stairs in a fainting fit. She has been ill for some time past.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and child, of Colorado, now visiting, intend to take up their residence in Alberni.

T. Comeford has started a tailoring establishment.

Alberni has received a challenge to play Nanaimo cricket team some time in June.

T. Knights Bayne is about to sell some valuable property in Uchucelet, for which Mr. Short is negotiating.

A panther, measuring about nine feet from tip to tip, was shot on Saturday by Mr. J. Bedford.

George Sarealt, of the Alberni hotel, dropped down in a game of quoits and died fifteen minutes later. He has been suffering from rheumatism.

CASCADE.

The Record publishes the following: It is said that the stage company objects to carrying mails seven times weekly on a contract that only calls for a tri-weekly service. This is not to be wondered at, and when the small remuneration is considered, it is surprising that any one would touch it. From the annual report of the postmaster-general for the year ending June 30, 1898, it seems that Mr. G. W. Williams received $1,036.50 for this work. This is equal to $86 per month, or $3.32 per trip of forty-five miles, from Marcus to Grand Forks. Frequently the mail matter will weigh over a ton on one trip. Had the department allowed fair pay for this service for the last few months, doubtless it would materially have assisted in improving the Boundary mail service.

ROSSLAND.

Last Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock as John Collins was going on shift in the Virginia mine he missed his footing at the 300-foot level and fell 200 feet to the bottom of the shaft. Charles Mead and Charles Lohli had been let down to the 300-foot level and were waiting for Collins and McKinnon, who were to follow. When the bucket reached them, and when McKinnon and Collins had got out, Collins turned immediately around and stepped into the shaft, passing between the bucket and the wall, through an eighteen-inch space. His lifeless body was brought to the surface, bleeding and horribly mangled. Collins was about 35 years old, and had been mining for the past 15 years. He came here from Butte, Montana, in March, and went to work in the Virginia a few days later. His wife lives in Butte.

YMIR.

An accident occurred last week on the Old Harry property. One of the owners of this property, Chris Creamer, was thawing out powder, when a stick exploded in his face, seriously damaging one side of it and endangering the left eye. A large piece of coal oil can was blown into and firmly imbedded in his arm. This has been removed, and it is hoped the injuries will be only temporary.

A miners' union has been formed here, under the presidency of William Delahy, J.P. A large number of members have been enrolled.

Although a very busy man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., has found time in which to write a great book of over a thousand pages, entitled, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in Plain English, or Medicine Simplified. Few books printed in the English language have reached so great a sale as has this popular work, over 680,000 copies having been sold at $1.50 each. The profits on this enormous sale having repaid its author for the great amount of labor and money expended on its production he has now decided to give away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this valuable book, the recipient only being required to mail to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., of which company he is president, 31 one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. It contains 1008 large pages, and over 300 illustrations, some of them in colors. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at $1.50, except only that the books are bound in strong manilla paper covers, instead of cloth. It is not often that our readers have an opportunity to obtain a valuable book on such generous terms, and we predict that few will miss availing themselves of the unusual and liberal offer to which we have called their attention.

Discussed Right-of-Way—Victoria had another visit from Vice-President Isaac C. Atkinson and Mr. Cushions, of the Port Angeles Eastern railway company, yesterday. The two gentlemen arrived on the Garland, were met at the wharf by a delegation from the citizens' committee, and before their return home in the evening on the steamer on which they came, had a lengthy conference with Mr. James Dunsmuir over the right-of-way on the E. & N. road. They brought with them a large map showing their plans, so far as these had been decided on. Of the rights-of-way the two visitors had in view, one was from a point near Goldstream to Victoria, including the use of the E. & N. depot, this much of the road being projected, it is said, in the event of the remainder of the Port Angeles connection being via Beechy Bay. The two railway promoters will return to Victoria again this week, and will meet the citizens' committee on Friday evening.

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A Queer Attachment.—One of the oddest examples of attachment in the animal kingdom that has yet been recorded is reported in this city, and guaranteed as sober truth by a no less reliable person than Mr. Garret Smith, of M. R. Smith & Co. At the stables of his firm a sober, home-loving hen had made for herself a nest some weeks ago, with the intention presumably of bringing into the world a brood of chicks. After she had been "setting" a few days, she was frightened from the nest, and the visitors to the stable were astonished to see that she had been sheltering a large rat under her motherly wing. The rat was pursued, and the hen manifested as much vexation as though one of her prospective chicks had been the object of assault. A second visit was paid to the nest the following day, and again the rat was found comfortably esconced. On a third visit the rat, in escaping, received a blow from a stout cane, and what was the supreme surprise of the witnesses of the strange attachment the following morning on visiting the nest to find it occupied in part by the dead body of the rat. Wounded to death, it had crawled back to die in the company of its friend the hen.

Sacred Song.—A sacred concert, the choruses for which have been in course of preparation for some time past, will be given in the Church of Our Lord (Reformed Episcopal) on Wednesday next, the second half of the programme consisting of selections from "Elijah," and the soloists being Mrs. Helmcken, Mr. Eeles and Mr. Cave.