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THE CITY.

A Financial Success.

Though all the returns are not yet in, the approximate receipts of the recent entertainments in the R. C. Cathedral, including the present of Capt. Powers, will exceed $850.

A Sociable Evening.

Rev. W. D. Ba[illegible]er gave a social to the members of the Guild, [illegible] last evening, at The Knoll, Craigflower road. The evening was made pleasant with music furnished by the members of the Guild.

With Military Honors.

The funeral of the late John Dowling, of "C" Battery, took place yesterday morning, the dead soldier being laid to rest with full military honors. The interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery, and Rev. P. McF. Macleod conducted the services.

A Familiar Misdemeanor.

The city poundkeeper, yesterday afternoon, appeared before the city police magistrate, with his whip in hand and a tale of injury done him upon his lips. He charged a neighbor with rescuing cows, and a summons for that neighbor's appearance in the police court has been issued.

At Prospect Lake.

The survey of the property recently purchased by L. F. Perrin, on the water front of Prospect Lake, was completed, yesterday, and all but two of the lots blocked out have been sold. The buyers intend erecting a number of buildings along the water's edge, and making the lake as much of a pleasure resort as possible.

Dupont Makes an Appearance.

C. C. Dupont, who believes himself entitled to an eighth of an estate in Pennsylvania with over $10,000,000, particulars of which were published some weeks ago, yesterday filed details of his claim with U. S. Consul Myers, who will forward them at once to the proper authorities. Dupont is a German and lives near Cedar Hill.

Dined With Mr. Speaker.

The following gentlemen enjoyed the hospitality of Hon. D. W. Higgins, speaker of the Legislature, last night, viz: Colonel Baker, Mr. Croft, Mr. Eberts, Mr. Booth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Horne, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Keith, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. Kellie, Mr. Forster and Mr. Punch, M.P.P.'s; Mr. Herbert Stanton, Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, Dr. T. J. Jones and Mr. J. L. Raymur.

The Recent Accident at Gordon Head.

The little daughter of Mr. Vantreight, of Gordon Head Lodge, who, a few weeks since, while playing with her sister, accidentally slipped and fractured her arm, and also dislocated the elbow joint, has progressed most satisfactorily, and now nearly regained the use of the limb. No permanent injury from the misadventure is anticipated.

A Double Bill.

The Victoria West amateurs are arranging to give another entertainment in the Victoria West hall, about the middle of next month. The programme will consist of two plays, "Among the Breakers," and "The Yankee Pedlar." Both are expected to be rendered in first-class style, as the amateurs are taking special pains in preparing them. The proceeds will be devoted to St. Saviour's Church.

Thanks Are Due.

Donations for two months at Refuge Home, 108 Cormorant street: Mrs. D. Hart, Mrs. J. Elford, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. J. Ranken, Cafe Royal, Mrs. Flett, Mrs. G. Grant, Mrs. Lundburg, Mrs. Alex Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Williams, City Police. If friends in need of children's aprons, or many other useful articles, would call and buy of the Matron, both might be accommodated.

A Fine String of Flyers.

The following horses are now in training at the Driving Park for the spring races, for which they are entered as below:—

Queen's Plate—McNeill's "Leap Year," Dr. Duncan's "Gertie," O'Rourke's "Rose," Major Dupont's "Amphion" and Webber's "Rosin."

The Derby—O'Rourke's "Rose," Ogilvie's "Lilac," Major Dupont's "Amphion," Taylor's "Silver Thread."

Trotting—Gannon's "Belle Watts," Robbin's "Molly Cooper," D. R. Ker's "Thunder," and Carey's "Jubilee Queen."

The Canton Militant.

Last evening's meeting in the Odd Fellows hall, preliminary to the formation of a Canton Militant, or Uniformed Rank of the members of Vancouver Encampment No. 1, was an enthusiastic one in every respect, and the project was advanced just as far as possible. Messrs. Davey, Dempster and Andersen were named a committee to obtain the price of uniforms and other necessary information, and call a second meeting at an early date. The Canton promises to be a success.

Pharmaceutical Association.

The Council of the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association met last night at the office of the secretary, Dr. M. G. Blanchard, and disposed of a large amount of routine business before adjourning until the first Tuesday in June, in Vancouver, after the annual meeting of the association. The members of Council present yesterday were Messrs. McDowell and Nelson, of Vancouver, Pimbury of Nanaimo, and Henderson of Victoria, with Mr. Thos. Shotbolt, president, of this city.

Laid Away at Rest.

The funeral of the late Nicholas Tompkins, which took place yesterday morning to Ross Bay Cemetery from the family residence on Amelia street, was largely attended by many who had known and valued the deceased. Mr. Tompkins was well known both in Victoria and Seattle, having been the builder of several of the big blocks of the latter city. His friends from over the Sound sent up very handsome wreaths, while his fellow workmen in this city had placed upon the coffin a large floral offering, "The Gates Ajar." Rt. Rev. Bishop Lemmens officiated at the grave, the pall-bearers being: D. D. Campbell, F. McLellan, Angus L. McDonald, M. Farrell, J. Power, J. McMillan, W. Chisholm and E. McEachran.

Not Generally Known.

Though the largest piece of work that has been carried out in the city for years, and though it is an undertaking in which every citizen is much concerned, very few people are aware of the manner in which the sewerage system is getting along, the only reports that are heard concerning it being mainly confined to sundry growls from pedestrians as to the state of the roads. The work, however, has been going on well, and it may be mentioned that about seven miles of the pipes have already been laid in position and completed. The most costly portion of the work, the main outlet sewer at Clover Point has, with the exception of a few hundred feet, been carried through, the entire under portion of the tunnel being ready for [illegible] confidently expected that the arch. It is [illegible] connections will be the whole of the ho[illegible] that the $300,000 loan in, and all the work [illegible] July. Over one will cover, finished b[illegible]ns are already thousand house connecti[illegible] thousand five laid, and there are still thre[illegible] If no unhundred more to be put down. [illegible]untering looked for delays, by reason of enc[illegible] two hard rock, are met with in the ne[illegible] months, the contractor will be able to [illegible] through by the time stated.

AGAIN IN SESSION.

The Board of Licensing Commissioners Meet and Transact Business.

Mr. Noah Shakespeare, J. P., swelled the number of licensing commissioners sitting yesterday to five, the other gentlemen on the bench being Mayor Beaven, Police Magistrate Belyea, Ald. Hunter, and Mr. Robert Ward, J. P.

The most interesting business of the day was in connection with the applications for new licenses, which were opposed by Mr. H. G. Hall. Petitions were presented, covering many feet of foolscap, but which, notwithstanding, failed to meet the conditions of the law. No new licenses were granted during the sitting, and several transfers were refused ratification, the old trouble arising—the person desirous of receiving the license applying instead of the licensee.

The record of business disposed of is given below:

Market Exchange Saloon—Transfer from R. McKenzie Monro to T. F. Sinclair. Sanctioned.

Mirror Saloon—Transfer from Munger Bros. to Munger & Black. Sanctioned.

White Horse hotel—Transfer from John Walsh to James Rollin. Not granted, through informality in giving notice as to signature.

Steitz restaurant—Transfer from Steitz & Pelletier to George Schmidt. Refused for same reason.

St. George's Inn—Transfer from William McDonald to Benjamin Carter. Refused for same reason.

Balmoral restaurant—Licence held by R. W. Garland renewed.

Hotel Dallas—License held by Wm. Jensen renewed.

California Wine Co.—Application for wholesale license not entertained, the petition not being in accordance with the statute.

Rock Bay hotel—Application of Alexander Cameron for a retail license not entertained, the requisite number of names not appearing on the petition.

Gordon hotel—Transfer of license to Charles Brewster. Granted.

The Board adjourned until Monday next, at 9:30 a.m.

NELSON THE OBJECTIVE POINT.

The Railroad From Marcus Will be Pushed to Completion This Summer.

Reliable information just to hand gives the assurance that the railroad from Marcus, Washington, into Nelson, B.C.—the Nelson and Fort Sheppard—will be taken in hand at once and completed during the present summer; that is if the Government assists the road with the land warrants asked for.

Within the month, the connection between the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, at Sand Point, will be completed, and the route to the great Kootenay country, via Bonner's Ferry, opened to traffic. Another line yet is projected from Bonner's Ferry to the Nelson neighborhood, of which more will probably be heard at an early date.

The men of means who are identified with these enterprises look upon the future of South-west Kootenay as full of great possibilities, and are preparing to take advantage of the prosperity anticipated to the full extent.

SHOULD BE PUBLISHED.

TO THE EDITOR,—May I suggest that an effort be made to secure the passage of a bill providing for the immediate publication in the newspapers of the Province, of the laws enacted at this and future sessions of the Legislature, such laws being of public concern. This proposition should meet with the approbation of our lawmakers, and would be equally well received by the people. Under existing provisions for publication of the laws—compiled statutes in book form—a large majority of the people are kept in ignorance of the Legislative enactments by which they are expected to govern their actions; and if we are to judge by past experience, many of the laws passed will have been in effect long before this meagre source of information is available. Many laws are of such a nature that to secure their recognition and observance it is obviously necessary to acquaint the people with their provisions. This difficulty could be overcome and a vast amount of litigation avoided by a general law providing for the publication of each Act (as soon as enacted) in newspapers of general circulation. No other disposition of the public moneys would be of such general benefit, or give such satisfaction, and the favorable action of our lawmakers in the matter would receive the endorsement of a large majority of their constituents. I need but mention the Land Act, Game Law and Mining Act Amendments, as examples, with which every settler in the Province should be familiar.

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Vernon, B. C., March 8, 1892.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.)

In the matter of an application of Marcus Davison Neild, the Execution Act, and Braden & Stamford vs. Bergman, for payment of wages out of execution moneys. The application was granted. C. Dubois Mason for plaintiff; S. Perry Mills for defendant.

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PRESBYTERY OF B. C.

The Case Mr. J. N. Muir Disposed of—He is Suspended From Membership.

The Committee's Report a Complete Verdict Against Him—A Clash among Vancouver Churches.

A[illegible]ter P[illegible]ayers h[illegible] been read at the open[illegible] the Presbytery yesterday morning, ing of t[illegible] d extended repo[illegible]t was read on an able an[illegible]rance Cause," by Rev. Mr. "The Temp[illegible]eport, after depicting the Maxwell. The [illegible] and the bitter [illegible]nmity evils of the habit [illegible] in it to the chu[illegible] shown by the traffickers, [illegible] possible a spirit suggested that as much as [illegible]d among the of temperance should be forme[illegible] young people. For this object, it [illegible] advocated that temperance societies in connection with the Presbyterian church be largely established and fostered.

Several gentlemen spoke in favor of the scheme shadowed out in the report, and all present promised to do something to aid the work.

The report on the church Sabbath schools in British Columbia was presented by Rev. Mr. Ross. It showed a very large increase during the past year, in the number of both officers and teachers, and spoke of the gratification afforded by the fact that the interest of the people was becoming more and more fixed on Sabbath instruction. The report was, on motion, referred to the General Assembly.

The session then took up the case of Mr. J. N. Muir, and the following report of the proceedings of synod in the matter:

"That the Synod sustain the appeal of the said J. N. Muir, and reverse the judgment of the Presbytery in as much as he was condemned for one charge, while being tried for another, and refer the case back to the Presbytery of Columbia, to begin said case at the point where the reference from St. Andrew's Session in the case of J. N. Muir was called, and before papers were read or parties heard, and deal with the said J. N. Muir respecting the contents of the pamphlet entitled "Christianity Disgraced," either by sending him back to be dealt with in respecting said publication, by the Session of St. Andrew's Church, of which he was a member, or immediately by the Presbytery itself, as that court may judge most conducive to the interest of the Church.

"Or. Sustain the appeal of the said J. N. Muir, and reverse the judgment of the Presbytery, in as much as he was condemned for one charge while being tried for another, and refer the case back to the Presbytery of Columbia, that it may prepare itself and in its twofold aspect as affecting the Session of St. Andrew's Church, and forward all papers and records bearing on the case to a higher court for adjudication.

"Amendments were made, but no votes being taken, the above became the finding of the Synod, whereupon Dr. Robinson gave notice of complaint to General Assembly against the decision of the Synod in above case for reasons to be hereafter submitted.

"It was agreed that Messrs. Douglas, Wright and Sutherland be a committee to prepare answers to Dr. Robinson's reasons for complaint against the action of the Synod in the St. Andrews-Muir case, and that the same committee defend the action of the Synod before the General Assembly against Dr. Robertson's complaint, and also against the Presbytery of Columbia in the event of an appeal."

Rev. Mr. McRae, acting as clerk, stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Muir, in which he desired to know the names of his accusers, and at the same time forwarding a list of persons he wished to be summoned as witnesses. He (the clerk) had not summoned anybody, and he did not think it advisable that the Presbytery should take a course different to that advised by the Synod. Those present must remember that the Presbytery was not on its trial in this matter. All they had to concern themselves about was the pamphlet of Mr. Muir, entitled "Christianity Disgraced." At the last meeting, the Presbytery had decided on adopting this course, and he thought it advisable that they should be careful about whatever action they took. To avoid the action of the Presbytery being again revised on a technicality, he thought that the references should be called.

Rev. Mr. Dunn asked whether it was not the case that, at the meeting of Presbytery held in Vancouver, all the papers had been read, and it was also asked whether Mr. Muir should be heard or not. The application had been sustained, on the ground of the appeal having been refused.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod said, that the fact of the matter was, that the complaint of the Synod was that the Presbytery had been considering the reference from St. Andrew's when the pamphlet appeared, and that, although the proceedings had been sisted, the reference had been sustained, and Mr. Muir had been condemned on the latter charge. The best course he could advise them to pursue was to begin with the pamphlet that led to the suspension of Mr. Muir from church privileges, and withdraw the reference in the meantime.

On motion of Mr. Murray the reference was read. The speaker thought that both matters should be taken up together, because the finding of the Synod was clearly that the Presbytery had to take up the reference where proceedings had stopped, and, after that, the pamphlet was to be considered.

A long discussion then ensued among several of the reverend gentlemen present, as to the advisability of allowing Mr. Muir to speak in his defence, and the right of the Presbytery to try him after their decision had been reversed by the synod.

Mr. Muir demanded that the charge should be formulated. To say that he was simply the author of a pamphlet, was all together too vague. Was it lying, or deceit, or slander that he was accused of?

The Clerk ordered him not to interrogate the Court.

Rev. Mr. Wright then moved that "Mr. Muir, having been given ample opportunity to answer questions put to him by the Presbytery, and having refused to do so, be now dealt with according to the laws of the church."

Mr. Muir, after the motion had carried, said that he of course acknowledged writing the pamphlet, and that he was prepared to prove the statements in it.

At this stage of the proceedings the meeting adjourned till 2:30.

On resuming Rev. Mr. Wright moved that "Inasmuch as J. N. Muir acknowledged that he was author of the pamphlet 'Christianity Disgraced,' and now refuses to retract the pamphlet as a whole or any statements made in it, be it Resolved that he be declared guilty of contumacious resistence to the authority of the Presbytery and suspended from active membership until he shall retract."

Mr. Muir objected that he had no opportunity to prove the truth of the statements or defend himself, and that the Presbytery wished him to retract what he believed to be true. The Presbytery was afraid to give him a chance to prove his statements, and sought to block the whole thing by asking him to do what his conscience would not permit him to do.

The motion was then put and prevailed.

Upon the moderator asking Mr. Muir whether he acquiesced in the decision, that gentleman replied that he did not, and that furthermore, it was his intention to appeal to the next general Assembly.

The remainder of the afternoon session was taken up in assigning stations to the outside church workers, and dividing up the district over which they had control, in a rather more accurate manner than formerly.

Arrangements were then made for the supply and the necessary aid from the Home Mission Fund for the following localities. The amounts of the grants ranged from $250 to $500:—

Alberni, Metchosin and Sooke, Delta, Victoria West and Cedar, Sapperton, Wan[illegible] Langley, Mt. Lehman, Upper Chilliwhack, [illegible]ith Bend, Kamloops, Nicola, Spallumcheen, Vernon, Surrey, No[illegible] Leod, of Zion church, Van[illegible] a loan of $250 to his congregation for one year. The amount was Rev. Mr. [illegible] couver, asked for [illegible]tation fund, and he [illegible]gregation for one [illegible] granted. Zion needed from the [illegible] unaided hoped that it would [illegible] along that church had strugg[illegible] during for two years, and [illegible] from the time had not asked a cent [illegible] hard work to get Presbytery. It had been [illegible] he wished that a congregation together, and [illegible] all, it should if the amount was granted a[illegible] be granted freely.

Rev. Mr. Maxwell, of the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, rose to object to the request being granted. The truth of the matter was that Vancouver was [illegible] were over-churched as far as Presbyterians [illegible]ted concerned. Zion Church had been started in the teeth of and in full opposition to his own church, and just two blocks away from it. Every day his work conflicted with that of Mr. McLeod, and he would think it manifestly unfair to the oldest established church in Vancouver if the Presbytery granted aid to a building so close to it and encroaching on its legitimate field. The speaker then went on to give instances of the manner in which his work and that of Mr. McLeod constantly conflicted.

Rev. Mr. McRae, of Nanaimo, and Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Mt. Pleasant Church, Vancouver, supported the request. Both of them pointed out very strongly that as the Presbytery had accepted Zion Church, they should stand by it and help it through.

Rev. Mr. Macleod, of Victoria, and Mr. McRae, also of this city, looked with disfavor on the application, and Mr. McLeod, immediately afterwards, withdrew it in order to prevent the casting of an unfavorable vote.

The Presbytery, after winding up some minor business, adjourned for prayer, which brought the session to a close.

PROSPEROUS NELSON.

Mr. R. E. Lemon Brings a Budget of News With Him From "The Kootenay Capital."

The visits of Mr. R. E. Lemon, of Nelson, to this city are annual events to which his friends look forward with interest, for the reason that when Mr. Lemon arrives he is all but sure to bring with him the latest news of the great Kootenay country.

Mr. Lemon left home early this week, making the first part of his journey to salt water—from Robson to the Little Dalles—in a row boat, which, properly managed, covered the 55 miles between the two places in just 7½ hours. From The Dalles he came straight on to Victoria, arriving Thursday evening. A COLONIST man saw him, yesterday, and received his budget of news nuggets. Here is what he had to tell:

"Nelson is doing well; the people are contented; buildings are going up on every hand, and the town is steadily forging ahead. Over four hundred persons wintered in the town, and the number is not unusually large. Now everyone is talking mining, for it is the mines behind Nelson that will make the future of the city. Trail creek is the reigning excitement, subordinate to the Slocan of course, and many claims have been bonded there at good figures.

"We have had no really cold weather this winter—six inch ice was the thickest seen, and eighteen inches on the level was the highest snow mark. Since the close of navigation, six new buildings have gone up, and ground is now being prepared for others, not the least important of which will be Huston & Ink's two story brick block. As so many of the lot holders live on the Coast it is, of course, hard to estimate the extent of the spring operations, but they are sure to be extensive. In regard to public buildings, we need a new Court House badly, but, of course, you will hear before we do what the legislature decides to give us.

"The construction of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway means the salvation of the country; with it, Kootenay's prosperity is assured. There is little use in our trying to develop the country till we get cheap and fast transportation all the year round; not any four or five months in the year arrangement. The past year has been a good one for Nelson's business community; there have been no failures, and everyone has made money.

"'How to get to Slocan,' is the principal talk just now, and opinions differ as to the best route. As soon as the water is high enough to run the boats on the lower river, Mr. Corbin, in anticipation of the rush, and being determined to get all the business possible in his hands, has promised to put on two trains daily between Spokane and The Dalles, guaranteeing to take passengers from Spokane in the morning, and land them in Nelson the same night. The Kaslo and the Nelson people are at loggerheads as to which have the better route for prospectors and supplies into the Slocan. My own opinion on the matter I do not care to make public.

"Our smelter is getting on nicely. There are now 30 men at work, and the dock and approach on the lake side of the peninsula are just about completed. Everything will be ready for buying ore about the 1st of July. The Government is building a nice dock at the foot of Hall street, Nelson, and it is understood that a company has been organized to put up sampling works at the west side of the new dock. They will go to work just as soon as they can get the material on the ground. Another company, to embark in business immediately, will handle all kinds of mining machinery, dealing in such machinery exclusively."

Mr. Lemon thinks that the legislature here dealt very liberally with the Nelson Waterworks company, and warns the members, in considering the Electric Light company's bill, to be careful not to grant powers monopolizing Cottonwood creek and preventing its being used at some future day in the operation of reduction works—the dream of many a miner.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Mar. 12.

THE CITY.

A Blanket Thief.

One of the passenger steamers in the upper harbor was, during Thursday night, visited by thieves, who possessed themselves of a number of blankets and other articles of bedding.

A Toboggan for the Gorge.

The amusements at the Gorge are to be increased by the erection of a real toboggan slide, to make arrangements for which Mr. George Watson went over the Sound by yesterday morning's steamer.

A Busy Season Looked For.

Messrs. King & Casey, the veteran loggers, look for a busy season. They now have 25 men at work at their new camp on Reid Island, near Cortes, where they have 1,200 acres of fine fir and cedar.

Send in the Notices.

Members of the B.C. Board of Trade are reminded that notice of all business to be brought before the quarterly general meeting on Friday, April 1st, should be given to the secretary, Mr. F. Elworthy, not later than the 21st inst.

His Legal Adviser.

Mr. C. C. Dupont, of Cedar Hill, who believes himself entitled to a share in a Pennsylvania estate valued at millions of dollars, has retained Mr. Lindley Crease, and that gentleman is putting the claim in order, to be forwarded to the proper authorities.

Will be Here in May.

Dr. Campbell, of Collingwood, having signified his intention of accepting the call to the First Presbyterian church in this city, it is expected that the necessary formalities will be completed in time for him to enter upon his pastorate here in early May.

A Handsome Home Changes Hands.

Mr. W. J. Macaulay, yesterday, disposed of his large and well appointed residence, [illegible] Mr. F. G. Richards, jr., to Dr. [illegible] M. P. P., the consideration being about $3[illegible]000. Dr. Milne's new house is one of the [illegible] handsomest on the Dallas Road, if not in the [illegible] city.

A Popular Resort.

The popularity [illegible] won by the Globe restaurant [illegible] during its short career has induced the pro[illegible]rietor to embark in extensive alterations and improvements, which a[illegible]pleted and which make the Globe much more convenient as well as attractive.

The Pneumatic Played Out.

Two amateur [illegible]cyclists, fond of [illegible]nue, yesterday morning, un[illegible] on Pandora ave[illegible] "Pride must have a fall," w[illegible]t. His pneu[illegible] leader biting the du[illegible] all the road not went back on him, and [illegible] was strewn wi[illegible] cupied by the fallen rider [illegible] pieces of his wheel.

Will Be Re-Opened Next Week.

Mr. Thomas Hooper, the architect, having sufficiently recovered his health as to be able to attend to business, it is expected that the consideration of Contractor Burkholder's claim against the Trustees of Pandora Avenue Methodist Church, will be taken up by the arbitrators early next week.

Vagrant Cows Are a Nuisance.

Yesterday's police court, an Icelander named Ste[illegible]e Stonesen was charged with allowing his [illegible]ows to run at large, in defiance of the city by[illegible]law, and to the annoyance of his neighbors. [illegible] Stonesen, through his counsel, Mr. F. G. [illegible] Walker, pleaded not guilty, but the evidence [illegible] proved the offence to have been committed, and a fine of $2.50 was imposed, with $3[illegible] costs.

Keep Bad Hours.

The attention of the police is respectfully directed to the fact that the vacant lot at the corner of Douglas and Herald streets is again becoming the nightly resort of a large number of lads, some of them mere children, who should be at home in their beds, instead of making the evenings hideous with their noise, and offending the ears of passing pedestrians with their oaths and vulgarity.

Early Co[illegible]mers.

Several peach trees on Second street, Work Estate, have been covered with beautiful pink blossoms since March 1st, and their appearance has attracted the attention of Eastern visitors, who, no doubt, when they get back home and tell what they have seen, will be looked on with no less suspicion than are the narrators of snake stories. Peach trees are also in bloom over in James Bay.

Steamer Service on the [illegible]

A letter just received from [illegible]derson, of Revelstoke, gives the Marion will make her first [illegible]son on the 20th inst., continuing until the river is in condition [illegible] the larger steamers being util[illegible] which she will be held in re[illegible] charter by hunting parties. Capt. [illegible]son, who is also owner of the Ar[illegible] hot springs, will undertake their [illegible]ment and improvement during the season.

Killed With a Club.

One of the eagles recently liberated [illegible] order of the Park committee was yeste[illegible] killed with a club, by two young men evidently were utterly wanting in re[illegible] for America's national bird even when palmy days had fled. The donor of [illegible] eagle is naturally indignant, as he went co[illegible]siderably out of his way to present the bir[illegible] to the park. Nor do Mr. S. Tingley, [illegible] Officer Robb particularly fancy the destruction of wolf No. 2, which they brought with much trouble and at considerable expense from way up in Cariboo, on Soda Creek, over 600 miles from the scene of his untimely death.

Behind Bolted Doors.

Yesterday afternoon, all Chinatown was in a state of great excitement for about an hour, the reason being, that a raid was being made on one of their gambling dens by Seargant Walker. The raid, however, was unsuccessful, although a Chinaman, who acted as a watchman, was arrested in the act of trying to bar the officer out. The first entrance was effected, but to get into the second room was a work that could not be done, without tools to force or break the door. The gambling den is situated at the corner of Fisgard and Government streets, and is surrounded by a large number of small shacks, all of which are joined together, with doors leading to the one gambling den. Some of the little alleyways are blockaded with large, heavy doors about every four feet, and when a policeman appears and attempts to enter, the Chinamen playing within are warned by the Celestial outside—who is always on the alert—by a slight pull of the string, which rings a bell in the room where fan tan is the chief attraction. Even if the policeman succeeds in entering the room, the Chinamen can escape through one of the other numerous pathways, and, as he goes out, close all the doors behind him, so that he cannot be caught.

Till Tapper at Work.

A well-known Government street saloon was visited early yesterday morning, and the till was $24 10 short in consequence of the visit. The entrance was gained by picking the light lock of the double-hinge doors opening on Government street; and, once inside, it appears that the thief, who evidently knew the place well, proceeded to pull down the blinds before helping himself. The police have the case in hand.

Quite Captivating.

A stalwart young gentleman, residing over James Bay, has been amusing himself lately by masquerading in ladies' garments, to the consternation of masculine hearts, for the masquerader is possessed of a fair share of attractiveness, after the style of the "British Blondes." Should the charmer continue to charm, he may find himself captivated, for one or two of the police force are at present burning to make a conquest of the fair stranger.

The Ambulance for the Jubilee.

The ambulance for the Royal Jubilee hospital, although it has not come yet, is coming. By request of the directors, Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt has written Mr. Holden, at Montreal, and his reply is looked for almost daily. Unless present arrangements are disturbed in some unlooked-for manner, the ambulance will be in service before the end of June. Its use will necessitate the employment of a horse or a team of horses, and of a man to act as driver.

Glass on the Beach.

The residents of Oak Bay have been complaining for some time past of the practice of dumping broken glass on the beach. Provincial Officer McNeill yesterday visited the scene of danger, and found several loads of broken glass, which he traced to the establishment of Mr. Bennett, of this city. Mr. Bennett, it appears, gave the "rubbish" to a carter to be effectually disposed of, and he simply dumped it on the beach. The officer had the dangerous material duly buried. The residents of Oak Bay also complain that carcasses of horses are dumped on their beach.

Ready for Business.

"From the most reliable information I have been able to get," said Gen. Supt. H. Abbott, of the C.P.R., to a COLONIST representative yesterday, "I think the ice in the upper rivers will be sufficiently broken up about the end of the month to enable the boats to run so that our route to Nelson may be opened up. Of course we are unable to say positively, as we must depend upon the rising of the water. Already a train has been run over the railway so as to clear the track of snow, and any repairs necessary have been made so that the line will be in good shape for running on."

General Complaints.

Since the last City Council went out of office several local contractors have been placed in a peculiar and unfortunate position, and steps are being taken to present to the new municipal officers a letter asking that the matters complained of shall be attended to. One instance is that of the contractors for the Market Building, Messrs. McGregor & Jeeves. The last payment of twenty-five per cent., after being certified to, amounted to $12,000, which sum was due over three months ago. None of it has yet been paid, and naturally the creditors are beginning to feel the want of the money. A large number of firms are in the same fix.

The Acting Was too Real.

A somewhat unusual tribute to the acting of Miss Maud Granger was paid last evening by a young lady in the audience named Miss Annie McDougall. In the last act of Camille her feelings became so wrought upon that she fainted, and would have fallen to the floor had not her companion quickly put his arm around her, and then quickly carried her out of the house. The incident was only witnessed by a few, so firmly were all eyes rivetted upon the stage. The young lady refused to "come to" for some time, and it was feared that it was more than a fainting fit by her friends, who say she is afflicted with heart disease. Her complete recovery to health during the evening did away with all fears.

An Indian Murderer Caught.

Last week, Mr. Lohring, Indian Agent at the Forks of the Skeena, sent a special messenger with important letters across the Forks, down country, to the headquarters of the Naas River. The man, by dint of hard riding, caught the steamer Danube with his letters, and now waits on the Naas, at Metlahkatlah, until the Boscowitz goes up from Victoria, to-day, for a reply. These letters were addressed to the Indian Office and the Attorney-General, and informed them that an Indian murderer, who had killed his brother, in cold blood, was being held by Mr. Lohring, waiting instructions from Victoria as to his final disposal. These instructions will probably be forwarded, to-day, by the outgoing steamer for the Naas.

Trades and Labor Council.

At the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, last night, credentials were received from the Cigarmakers' Union, and also from the Typographical Union; those representing the Cigarmakers being Geo. Darenbecher and C. A. Hill, and those from the Typographical Union being R. J. Bird and John Moffatt. A deputation was appointed to wait on D. Campbell & Co., tailors, regarding the trouble existing between them and the Tailors' Union. The Council was informed that the Cigarmakers' Council, in the course of a week, have their cigars marked with union labels. The Council very much regret that the Chinese Exclusion Bill was defeated in the Legislature, and recognize in its defeat a strong argument in favor of having more labor representatives in Parliament.

Gone to His Long Home.

There is another vacant place, to-day, in the ranks of Victoria's pioneer business men. Chestney Bales has passed to the majority—"those that sleep." His death, which took place at 6 a. m., yesterday, terminated a sudden illness, which had kept him to his room for only a few days. In fact, so recently had his friends been up and around, that they could not credit the news of his decease. The deceased was a native of England, and at the time of his death, was close upon the three-score-years-and-ten allotted to man. He came to this city in 1862, and, since which he has remained here in practice as an expert professional accountant. A man of quiet habits, the deceased never aspired to public preferment; he enjoyed throughout his long career the unshaken confidence and continued esteem of the business community, to which his energetic devotion to their interests and his unimpeachable integrity justly entitled him. A widow and many warm personal friends feel sadly the loss sustained in the death of Mr. J. C. Bales.

Dangerous Wire.

It is reported that at one of the approaches to the James Bay bridge there is a dangerous wire belonging to the Tramway company. It is said to be a bare ground wire, and can be heard to "sizz," while at dark its flashes are most distinct. Doubtless it would give any one a severe shock who came in contact with it.

Court Intelligence.

Yesterday was a very quiet one in the courts. The judges were in Chambers up to 4 o'clock, and were in constant communication with lawyers. The decision in the case of Gray vs. McCallum, has not yet been rendered, but the legal profession are almost unanimous in the opinion that no new trial will be granted, and that this tedious case, in its direct form at least, is at an end. The dispute between the contractor and the proprietor of Hotel Dallas, which was expected to have been judicially settled yesterday, has been deferred. The Registrar was busy yesterday with several claims referred to him for investigation.

The Electric Wire Question.

The B. C. Board of Fire Underwriters held a long and important meeting yesterday, with Mr. Richard Hall in the chair, the electric wire question being the chief topic of debate. Wires and electrical appliances of many shapes and sizes were brought forward and discussed, and the rules of other cities in relation to electricity and insurance were read and debated. The outcome of the meeting was the appointment of a committee to draw up a code of rules similar to those of New York and San Francisco, having for their object the safe wiring of buildings. The Underwriters are unanimous in the opinion that an inspector of wires is a necessary official in Victoria, but "who is to pay him" is the point in dispute.

A Honeymoon Experience.

A young couple from Snohomish, who arrived in Victoria a day or so ago for the purpose of getting married, came within an ace of dying in each other's arms on their wedding night. They visited the sheriff's office almost as soon as their boat arrived, and there procured a license to marry, armed with which they hunted up Rev. Coverdale Watson, by whom they were expeditiously made man and wife. Having decided to spend their honeymoon here, they took a room at the Brunswick, which was very near being their death chamber. Though neither remembers it, it is supposed that either bride or bridegroom blew out, instead of turning off, the gas. A strong odor which made its presence felt in the hallway, gave Mr. Grant, the proprietor of the house, and Deputy Sheriff Siddal, who happened to be with him, the clue to the real position of affairs, and led them to break open the door just in the nick of time.

NEWS FROM NICOLA.

Prospects for a Good Summer Very Hopeful—The Milling Work and Irrigation Schemes.

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