

In the charter of the Nelson Water Works Company. That charter gave the company all the protection they required.

Captain Irving considered that the members of the house should not go back on any legislation which they had passed. If they didn't want to stultify themselves they should vote for Mr. Rogers' amendment.

Mr. Kennedy said that the whole system of the Nelson Water Works Company was condemned by the sanitary inspector, and he saw no reason why Nelson should be forced to pay for such a system.

Hon. Mr. Turner thought it a dangerous thing to encourage men to come in and erect water-works in such places as Nelson by leading them to suppose that later on their works would be purchased by the municipality, but his information was to the effect that the Nelson company had not improved their works to meet the requirements of the town. Under such circumstances, it would be very wrong to force a municipality to buy such water-works. He would trust to the honesty of the municipality to deal fairly with the company.

Mr. Adams thought that since the town of Nelson was desirous of having a water system of its own, it was only right that the town should buy out the existing company at a fair consideration.

Mr. McPherson considered that if the company broke its agreement, it waived its right to consideration from the municipality. If the amendment passed, it would force Nelson to pay over \$50,000 for the works of the Nelson company.

Mr. Helmecken agreed with the Premier that it would be unwise to force any municipality to buy such water-works, but he should have definite information concerning the merits of the works of the company.

The amendment was then put and declared lost.

Hon. Mr. Eberts moved to reinsert Lot 150, Green I., which was struck out when the bill was first considered in committee. A petition having been received from the ratepayers in this block, there was no opposition to the reinsertion.

Mr. Helmecken moved an amendment to the effect that the voters should be property-owners and British subjects, male or female.

Mr. Cotton said such an amendment would be a breach of faith with the delegates who were in the city last week. The amendment was defeated.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Turner considered that it would be well to ask the Lieutenant-Governor to assent to the bill right away, so that it could be put in operation as speedily as possible.

#### POINT POLICE BRIDGE.

Hon. Mr. Eberts presented the contracts in connection with the building of Point Police bridge. As they are very voluminous, it was decided that they should not be printed.

#### THE ESTIMATES.

Mr. Cotton asked the Premier when he expected to bring down the estimates. Hon. Mr. Turner considered Mr. Cotton was asking too much the day before Ash Wednesday. He would inform him, however, that the estimates would be brought down as speedily as possible.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1897.

The Speaker took the chair at two o'clock; prayers by Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

#### YUKON RAILWAY.

Mr. Booth moved that the twelfth report of the private bills committee be adopted. It dealt with Mr. Packard's application for a railway from Taku to Yukon, and recommended that the petition in connection therewith be received. The report was adopted.

Captain Irving then presented Mr. Packard's petition. It was received and read.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

Mr. Semlin moved and Mr. Cotton seconded, "That an order of this house be granted for the payment of correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and other person or persons, in relation to the proposed appointment of Mr. T. P. Reid as provincial constable, etc. at the 150-mile House."

Mr. Semlin said that Mr. Reid had been paid \$400 and it would be interesting to know what services he had rendered for that sum. Mr. Reid had waited at the 150-mile House for his appointment, but he was not received. Mr. Semlin said that Mr. Reid had been paid \$400 and it would be interesting to know what services he had rendered for that sum. Mr. Reid had waited at the 150-mile House for his appointment, but he was not received.

Hon. Mr. Turner explained that there was a petition from 150-Mile House for a new officer, and he was appointed. It was found out afterwards that a mistake had been made and the officer appointed was removed.

Dr. Walkem wanted to know if officers were to be moved from place to place and the country asked to pay the expenses of moving these officers, just to suit the caprices of one or two who objected to the appointment.

Mr. Rogers said the country court judge for Cariboo district recommended a more competent man for the position of constable at 150-Mile House. Mr. Reid was appointed, but the residents objected to him and he was removed. The present officer at 150-Mile House was, in Mr. Rogers' opinion, a good man for the position.

Mr. Cotton said Mr. Rogers' explanation was to the effect that the constable at 150-Mile House was incompetent and Mr. Reid was appointed. He was objectionable to the residents and removed, then the incompetent constable was kept on.

Hon. Col. Baker defended the position of the government, and Mr. Semlin in reply said the explanations offered were of a most remarkable nature. The contention is that the government appointed a man to a position already held by another man. It was also a singular fact that when anything meritorious was done during the last ten years the present government took the credit for it, but if it was something objectionable they were anxious to throw the responsibility on the late government.

#### PRIVATE ACT AMENDED.

The house went into committee with

Mr. Huff in the chair to consider an act to amend "The Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, Act, 1896." As doubts had arisen as to whether the effect of this company's act of 1896 had not been to make it beyond the power of the company to amend or alter its articles of association, the nature of the amendment was to remove such doubts. The amendment was passed without discussion, but Mr. Macpherson said that he would move a further amendment on report.

#### LIQUOR LICENSES.

Mr. Booth moved the second reading of an act to amend "The Liquor License Act, 1896." Mr. Kidd was in favor of the bill, but considered it would be more satisfactory for the government to make the necessary amendments in the Licensing Act. Mr. Cotton asked the Speaker whether a private member had the right to introduce a bill which dealt with revenue matters. Mr. Rogers, who was in the chair, said he would reserve his decision until he could see if there were any ambiguities in the bill. (Laughter.)

Mr. Semlin agreed with Mr. Kidd that it would be preferable for the government to introduce the necessary amendments to the Licensing Act.

The Speaker having returned, Dr. Walkem asked for a ruling on the point of order raised by Mr. Cotton. The speaker asked for authority.

Hon. Mr. Turner said that it was the intention of the government to add some amendments along the line laid down by the department which recently waited on the government.

Mr. Eberts said it was the intention of the government to introduce an amendment covering this point.

Mr. Eberts suggested that in the case of Western district, where the Licensing board sat in different places, provision should be made to enable applicants to know where they were to appear. He agreed with the suggestion that the bill should be withdrawn and the Licensing act amended by the government.

A discussion then took place on the point of order raised by Dr. Walkem. Mr. Smith also asked for a ruling. He held the act could not be introduced by a private member, because it related to trade. The Speaker held that the act could only be introduced by the committee of the house. The order for second reading was then discharged.

The house adjourned shortly after 3 o'clock.

#### NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

By Mr. Braden.—To ask the minister of mines the following questions on Friday.

1. Have any applications for record of mineral claims in lands granted by the Hudson Bay Company to settlers on Vancouver Island, the minerals in which have been reserved by the Hudson Bay Company, been refused?

2. If so, what are the names of the applicants and the dates of the applications?

3. And the grounds upon which such applications (if any) were refused?

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Booth—On Friday, to move that the house resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider the advisability of introducing a bill for placing restrictions on the granting of licenses in rural districts.

Hon. J. H. Turner to move Thursday—That the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present session be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Mr. Kennedy to ask leave to introduce a bill to further amend the Pharmacy Act, 1891.

#### THAT VERNON PRISONER.

Contradictory Statements as to His Extradition Papers.

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#### LOCAL NEWS.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The fire record for the month of January throughout the United States and Canada gives a total of 232 fires, involving damages amounting to over \$10,000, as against 204 fires with damages to that amount in January, 1896. The total loss by fire amounted to \$11,506,500, against a loss of \$9,942,500 during January, 1896.

H. M. S. Comus, which arrived in Royal Roads last evening, entered Esquimalt harbor this morning and is now being put in order to enter the dock. The Comus spent the winter in southern waters. She was at San Diego for a couple of weeks, but every taking part in the Washington Birthday parade in that city.

Messrs. J. Bryden and Adam Ross arrived in the city yesterday with 36 ounces of returned gold from the Alberni Consolidated. It was secured from 14 tons of rock. The gold was found in ten tons of ore from the mine for shipment to San Francisco, where it will be tested to see the best kind of mill to treat the ore, the company intending to erect one.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Missionary Society was held yesterday evening in Centennial Methodist church. Postmaster-General Macrae presided, and addresses were given by Rev. J. H. McEwen, of Emmanuel Baptist church, and T. W. Hall, of Nanaimo. All of the addresses told of the good work being done by the society.

The following standing committee was appointed: Messrs. Shakespeare, W. Morris, W. H. Bone, A. J. McLellan, W. J. Stephens, Edward Kermode, W. Hall and J. P. Thomas. The financial statement showed that the society was in a flourishing condition. The annual statement of the society was presented by the Rev. J. P. Betts. This statement told of the work being done among the Chinese in this country.

Mrs. Jones, charged with appropriating a quantity of groceries, again occupied the attention of Magistrate Macrae in the provincial police court this afternoon. Mr. E. J. Wall, of the firm of Erskine, Wall & Co., grocers, was called and gave evidence, showing that he had been authorized by Foot's goods to take them.

Mr. F. B. Pemberton, to supply goods to Foot's, was asked by Supt. Hussey what was debited for the same in his books. Mr. Martin, who appears for the accused, objected, on the ground that as the witness had not personally made the entries, his evidence was secondary, and should not be taken when the evidence of the clerk who made the sales and entered them could be secured. All this witness knew was that certain things were debited to Foot's in the books; he knew nothing of the sale of those goods. The case is still in progress.

A combine, including most of the coal merchants of the city, has been formed within the last few days, and a new schedule of prices will shortly be issued. There will be very little, if any, increase in the price, according to the statement of one of the members of the combine. The combine will be both sack and lump coal. This is not the only shuffler that has taken place in the coal business. Another and more important one has been brought about by the owners of the Wellington collieries. Heretofore they have been supplying the dealers with Wellington coal at \$4.50 net ton, delivered at the wharf. Hereafter Victoria will not be supplied with Wellington coal, but will have to be satisfied with coal from the new Alexandria mine, between Chemung and Nanaimo. This coal will have to be delivered by the B. & N. railway, whereas the Wellington has been delivered by steamer or rail. It is also stated that Alexandria mine will be supplied to the dealers at \$3.75.

J. W. Laing, M.A., F.R.G.S., yesterday placed the \$105,000 credit of the fund being raised for the sufferers from the famine in India. This amount was the proceeds of the lecture given by him on Thursday evening last in A.O.U.W. hall. The managers of the hall kindly donated his use, and the Province Publishing Company supplied the necessary printing for the occasion gratis. At the conclusion of the lecture "A Land of Vainly for the Famine," a donation of \$5, which he has already placed to the credit of the fund. In addition to the sum already acknowledged the Bank of British Columbia received \$22,500 from the sale of the book, which makes a total of \$32,500 collected for the fund in that city. The residents of Salt Spring Island yesterday contributed the sum of \$120.25. The following new subscribers were named: J. R. Dresser, \$20; B. J. Roberts, Kuper Island, \$7.20; B. C. M., \$2; S. R., \$1; B. C. M., \$2; Mrs. W. Parsons, \$2; McKenzie, \$2; and Yuen Lung, \$10.

As Mr. Dalby was walking homeward a few minutes before one o'clock this morning up Pandora street, he was surprised to see at large, lurid, glaring light up the sky at the back of the house. He ran at once to box 41, on the corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets, and turned in an alarm, to which the fire department quickly responded. The fire was at a two-story frame building, No. 237 Johnson street, a building owned by Mr. W. Reekie. A Lemm is living in the house, and he and his wife and family were sleeping when the fire broke out. Fortunately, however, one of the children happened to wake up, and, noticing the fire, speedily awakened the other sleepers, who lost no time in getting out of the house. The fire, the origin of which is at present unknown, began on the kitchen roof and afterwards worked its way through to the main portion of the roof. It blazed brilliantly for a short time, but was quickly got under when the fire brigade arrived on the scene. The damage to the house will amount to about \$150. It is insured in the British American Insurance Company for \$500. The damage to the furniture and effects there is no insurance, will amount to about \$50.

#### From Thursday's Daily.

The death occurred yesterday evening at his late residence, No. 53 Frederick street, of Mrs. N. Demers, from typhoid fever. She was the wife of an age and a daughter of Mr. L. P. Banks

of this city. She leaves a husband and two children.

By an order-in-council passed by the provincial government Dr. George H. Dunlop has been appointed to the position of secretary of the provincial board of health, vice Dr. A. T. Watt.

Captain Barfield, of the ship Alexander, now loading lumber at Burrard Inlet, and Mrs. Barfield, who are in the city visiting their many old friends. Nearly twenty years ago Captain Barfield was a welcome visitor to Victoria as master of the H. B. Co.'s ship Prince Royal.

A committee of fruit growers this afternoon had a conference with the mayor and aldermen respecting the proposition to allow the fruit growers the use of the market for weekly exhibitions during the summer, and also to devise a scheme to make the market more popular and profitable.

Among those who awaited the arrival of the steamer Queen at the outer wharf this afternoon was Detective Peter of the city force. He was there to arrest George H. Atherton, who, according to a telegram received by the city, was a forger. He is of a character that comes any local or climatic conditions, and, as with Mr. Carroll, it is a most effective remedy for catarrhal troubles, in whatever shape, not omitting hay fever, where it works like a charm, and in every case is speedily in effect.

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#### MEXICAN BULL FIGHTS.

Eight Bulls Killed—Crowd Wild With Delight.

Torreon, Mexico, March 4.—The bull fights which took place at Durango yesterday were most horrible in the number of fatalities ever given in Mexico and made the large crowd go wild with delight. The first bull that entered the arena gored one of the fighters to death. Another man was killed by a second bull, and a third bull killed two more men in quick succession, making in all four human lives sacrificed. Eight bulls were killed and four horses gored to death.

#### LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Full Court this morning heard the defendant's appeal in McLennan vs. Millington. The defendant was the owner of a store in Kaslo and agreed to rent to plaintiff for a tobacco establishment. Before the time at which according to the agreement the plaintiff was to take possession the defendant sold the property. The plaintiff sued, and his Honor Judge Foran gave him judgment for \$115. Defendant appealed, with the result that the amount of the judgment was lessened by \$100. R. Cassidy for appellant and A. L. Belyea for respondent.

#### Cross Women.

A druggist doing business in a large Ontario town recently wrote as follows: "I have lately met with some very cross women. For reasons best known to themselves they purchased common package dyes instead of the reliable and never-failing Diamond Dyes for home use. They were sorely disappointed in results, and had their goods spoiled. They came to me afterwards, knowing that I sell only the Diamond Dyes." Moral: When you are coloring goods at home use the Diamond, that guarantees success; refuse all imitations.

#### VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

During the past week a further reduction has been made on the price of the two first named brands of flour on the appended list. The remaining brands are quoted as before. No change has been made in the price of meats, but the prospects are that an advance will take place before the end of the week. The prices current in the fruit market remain unchanged. No Japanese oranges are selling now. A slight drop has taken place in the price of butter and eggs. The price of barley, middlings and corn has also been reduced.

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour.....\$6.00  
Leitch Bros. Oak Lake.....\$6.00  
Lake of the Woods.....\$6.50  
Snowflake.....\$5.75  
Bacon.....\$5.50  
Lard.....\$5.50  
Premier (Kinderby).....\$5.50  
Three Star (Kinderby).....\$5.50  
Strong Baker's (O.K.).....\$5.50  
Wheat, per ton.....\$28 to \$30  
Barley, per ton.....\$28 to \$30  
Middlings, per ton.....\$20 to \$22  
Bran, per ton.....\$18.00 to \$20.00  
Round feed, per ton.....\$20.00 to \$22.00  
Corn, whole, per ton.....\$25 to \$28  
Corn, cracked.....\$25 to \$28  
Oatmeal, per 10 pounds.....45c to 50c  
Rolled oats, (O. or N. W.).....30c  
Butter, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks.....1.15c  
Potatoes, per pound.....15c to 20c  
Cabbage.....10c to 12c  
Cauliflower, per head.....10c to 12c  
Hay, baled, per ton.....\$12 to \$15  
Straw, per bale.....75c  
Onions, per lb.....40c to 50c  
Bananas.....40c to 50c  
Lemons (California).....25c to 30c  
Apples, Eastern, per lb.....15c to 20c  
Oranges, navel, per doz.....35c to 50c  
Oranges, Cal. seedlings.....25c to 30c  
Fish—salmon, per lb.....10c to 12c  
Halibut.....10c to 12c  
Fish—small.....8c to 10c  
Smoked hooters, per lb.....10c  
Smoked Klippers, per lb.....10c  
Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz.....20 to 30c  
Eggs, Manitoba.....20c  
Butter, creamery, per lb.....30c  
Butter, Delta creamery, per lb.....30c  
Butter, fresh.....35c to 40c  
Cheese, Cheddar.....15 to 20c  
Hams, American, per lb.....16c to 18c  
Hams, Canadian, per lb.....15c to 16c  
Bacon, American, per lb.....15c to 16c  
Bacon, rolled, per lb.....15c to 16c  
Bacon, long clear, per lb.....10c to 12c  
Hams, Canadian, per lb.....14c to 16c  
Shoulders.....14c  
Lard.....12c to 14c  
Sides, per lb.....7c to 10c  
Meat—beef, per lb.....7c to 10c  
Veal.....10c to 12c  
Mutton, per lb.....10c to 12c  
Mutton (whole).....10c to 12c  
Pork, fresh, per lb.....10c to 12c  
Pork, sides, per lb.....10c to 12c  
Chickens, per pair.....\$1.00 to \$1.50

—Miss A. B. L. Bodwell, sister of Mr. E. V. Bodwell, of this city, was married at Christ Church, Vancouver, on Tuesday, to Mr. H. W. Sherlock, third son of Captain F. G. Sherlock, of Castle Bickard, County Meath, Ireland. The Vancouver Wedding was a very elegant. Quite a large number of friends of the high contracting parties were present, and the chance of the church presented a very pretty appearance, being handsomely decorated with flowers, ferns and evergreens. The groom was supported by Mr. R. B. Angus, while the bridesmaid was Miss Bodwell, sister of the bride. After the impressive services of the church of England were over, the wedding party left the church, while the organ pealed forth Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Walter Evans presiding at the keys. Upon leaving the church Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock were very liberally showered with rice, and they drove off amidst a veritable deluge of that cereal to the family residence on Georgia street, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of, the happy pair leaving on their honeymoon for the Sound by the Whatcom express at 9 o'clock. The wedding presents were extremely numerous, testifying to the esteem in which the principals are held not alone in this province but abroad.

Quebec heard from.

Henry G. Carroll, M.P. for Kamouraska, Que., sends the *Plaisir* of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

#### QUEEN'S QUICK TRIP

Big Excursion Steamer Makes the Run From San Francisco in Fifty-Two Hours.

Allie I. Algar spoken Of Cape Mendocino With 400 Skins.

The big excursion steamer Queen, upon which a small fortune has been expended during the past winter, particularly in the engineer's department, arrived from San Francisco about two o'clock this afternoon. She made the trip in 52 hours, her new engines being given a fair trial and coming fully up to expectations. The Queen was in command of Captain Dehney, who has established a record for fast trips on the City of Puebla. The latter steamer is now receiving an overhauling and the Queen will remain on the route until this is completed. She brought 112 tons of freight for Victoria and consequently did not get away to the Sound until five o'clock.

The bark Carrollton was towed into Nanaimo from San Francisco by the tug Richard Holyoke yesterday morning. She reports having spoken the sealing schooner Allie I. Algar in latitude 42° west, longitude 23° north, between Cape Mendocino and Point Reyes, with 400 skins, and that she asked to be reported "all well."

The sealing schooner Enterprise cleared this afternoon for a sealing voyage on the coast and in Behring sea. Captain J. W. Todd is in command and she will carry a crew of seven whites, which will be augmented by twenty-four Indians, who will be shipped on the coast.

The work of reloading the Speke is being rushed, and the vessel will probably be ready for sea in a week. The board of surveyers report that the ship was loaded in the usual way and that the list in the vessel was no reflection on the stevedores.

Mr. Charles Spring returned last evening from his sloop on a visit to his trading stations on the West Coast. The Indian seal hunters, those who have not gone out already, will hunt off the coast in their canoes until the opening of the Behring Sea season.

Queenstown, March 4.—The British ship Cornworthy, Capt. Henderson, from San Francisco, Nov. 20, for this port, one of the three sailing vessels engaged in a race from San Francisco, arrived here. None of the others have yet been sighted.

#### MINERS FOR YUKON.

A Party of Nanaimo Miners Going to the Yukon.

Private letters from Mr. R. Sloan, who, with several others, left Nanaimo for the Yukon about a fortnight ago, contain further particulars of the wonderful richness of the Clondyke district, which had not been prospected until recently. Mr. Sloan and party have secured several rich claims, and have sent to Nanaimo for some men to work the same. In response to his request the steamer Willapa on her next trip north will take the following six well known miners of Nanaimo: Messrs. Jack Scouse, Tom Scouse, Matthew Duffey, William Wilkinson and Peter Black. The party will go by water as far as Dren, and from there will go overland to the head waters of the Yukon. They have been requested to take in all the provisions they can carry, as food is very scarce throughout the whole of the district. The six miners were in Victoria yesterday purchasing supplies, and they went over to the Sound to declare their intention of becoming American citizens. Although the Clondyke district is in Canadian territory, they are of the opinion that they can take up claims on either side of the line if they have declared their intention of becoming American citizens.

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