

## ONE PRESSING CIVIC PROBLEM

### HOW BEST TO IMPROVE THE STAFF

#### Bylaws Regulating Appointments an Obstacle in the Way

That the question of improving the outside staff in the employ of the city is engaging the serious attention of the mayor and aldermen was made manifest during the proceedings at Friday's meeting of the streets committee. The cost of sidewalk construction, the debate on which is reported in another column, naturally brought up the topic of the reorganization of the works department, and the mayor and Ald. Humber had a heated discussion as to the best policy to adopt.

Ald. Humber expressed the opinion that perhaps the best way would be to discharge the whole lot of men and hire the good ones over again.

Mayor Morley said there was a lot of good men in the employ of the city and he resented the suggestion of Ald. Humber that most of them were incompetent.

Mr. Bryson, the acting city engineer, also said that many of the men in the city's employ were giving the best of satisfaction, and he contended that it would be difficult to find a more competent gang of men on public work in the province than those employed under the foremanship of Thos. Donovan.

Mayor Morley said that one of the weaknesses of the system which had been in vogue up to the present was that men were appointed to positions under the provisions of certain by-laws, and if these men proved incompetent it was impossible for the city engineer to discharge them without a majority vote of the council.

Ald. Sargison said that that being so the best thing to do would be to amend the by-laws.

The mayor said there were obstacles to this course of procedure.

No decision was reached in the direction of adopting any set plan for the improvement of the staff.

C. H. Topp, city engineer, presented an account for \$300, for service rendered in January in a special capacity. Some of the aldermen were of the opinion that the charge was excessive, and there was some discussion.

Ald. Sargison, however, thought that the engineer had been very reasonable and finally it was decided to refer the bill to the finance committee.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company presented an account amounting to \$1,796.32, for various work and supplies. This was also referred to the finance committee.

It was decided to urge upon the federal government the desirability of acceding to the city's request for rights across the Indian reserve so that a roadway may be constructed to meet the wishes of the people of Victoria West.

Andrew Blyth appeared before the committee with a request that he be allowed to show samples of garbage bins as supplied by the Tacey Manufacturing Company, of Vancouver, for which he is agent. Mayor Morley, Ald. Bannerman and Raymond were appointed a committee to view the samples this morning.

It was decided to have ready for presentation at Monday night's meeting of the council the by-law giving effect to the agreement between the city and the V. & S. Railway Company relative to the abandonment of the market building and the closing by the city of a portion of Blanchard street.

## SHOOT MAN THEN SURRENDERS TO POLICE

### Son of Member of Manitoba Legislature Wounded by a Young Woman

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—Fred Carroll, son of A. H. Carroll, member of the local legislature for South Brandon, was shot and seriously wounded last night by Lottie McCulloch, who up to a few months ago had been a domestic in his father's house.

About one month ago young Carroll was married and had taken up his residence in the village of Carroll, Man., where his father also resides. Last night about 8 o'clock Miss McCulloch called at the Carroll house and when he appeared drew a revolver and without warning fired, the bullet taking effect in Carroll's stomach. She then gave herself up to the police. Jealousy is said to be the cause.

## INSTANTLY KILLED.

Man Deliberately Kneels in Front of Onrushing Street Car.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 19.—An unknown man, evidently a laborer out of money and work, deliberately knelt on the Salmon Bay trestle in front of an onrushing Ballard street car yesterday, and was instantly killed.

The car was rounding a curve and the headlight did not swing on to the track and the kneeling man until the car was within ten feet of him. The inspector who was at the controller and the motorman who stood beside him, both declare the man was plainly attempting to end his life. The coroner found five cents in one of the man's pockets.

A fast game of soccer was played on Saturday at the Royal Athletic Park between the High School and South Park teams in the under-18-year school league. The score at full time was 3 goals to 2 in favor of the college team. Sid Winsby made an important referee.

## IN MEMORY OF PAARDEBERG HEROES

### Drum Head Service in the Drill Hall a Week From Sunday

#### On Sunday, February 27th there will be a drum-head service held in the drill hall to commemorate the battle of Paardeberg and to show respect to the memory of the Canadians who fell there.

On that occasion the tablet erected to the memory of the Victorians who fell in South Africa will be draped and hung with floral offerings. The Fifth Regiment will parade on that occasion and will be joined at the drill hall by the naval and military forces at Esquimalt and Work Point, the British Campaigners' Association and the cadet corps of the schools.

In the latest regimental orders Lieut.-Col. Currie, commanding the Fifth Regiment, issues the following:

The regiment will parade at headquarters on Sunday, the 17th inst., at 10 a. m., for the purpose of attending a drum head service in connection with other corps. Dress, church parade order (with N. P. forage caps).

The orders contain also the following information for the guidance of the members of the Fifth:

The following extract from G. O. is published for general information: "Fifth British Columbia Regiment—Paymaster and Honorary Captain, J. K. Worstfold is permitted to resign his commission, December 23, 1909."

The following men having been granted their discharge are struck off the strength of the regiment, effective from this date: Corporal W. H. P. Sweeney, Gunners W. Price, P. Hansen, S. Peele, C. Parker, J. H. Coverdale, J. D. Thompson, J. Lawry, J. E. Eves, P. B. Fisher, J. H. Stoves, F. J. Crompton, S. Fetch, M. B. Shaw, J. H. Newberry, H. Proctor, F. A. Walker, J. Fagan, J. Finney, R. Simmers, J. E. Anderson, O. Droob and W. Duley.

The following men having been duly attested as taken on by the regiment will assume the regimental numbers opposite their names: Gunners A. R. Harness and S. H. de Carteret.

## PIONEER OF COMOX DIED HERE FRIDAY

### William E. Harnston Passed Away After Short Illness at Daughter's Home

There passed away Friday afternoon at the residence of his son-in-law, G. W. Brugg, William Edward Harnston, of Comox, after a short illness. Deceased was a well known rancher in the Comox district, was spending the winter in this city with his daughter, Mrs. Brugg. He was about the city in his usual good health until a short time ago when he was taken suddenly ill.

He was born on the Isle of Man 62 years ago. The late Mr. Harnston was a pioneer of the Comox district and during his long residence there made many friends who will learn the news of his death in this city with sad regrets. He was an esteemed member of the Loyal Orange lodge there.

A sorrowing widow and nine children, six daughters and three sons, all of whom resided in the up-island district, with the exception of two daughters who live in this city are left to mourn his loss. The remains were forwarded to Comox on Saturday's train by the Victoria Undertaking Company, where they will be interred.

## NEW HOSPITAL FOR CHILLIWACK

### Sufficient Funds Promised to Warrant Immediate Action

Chilliwack, Feb. 18.—With nearly \$5,000 in sight, the gift of an acre of land for a site, and the promise of articles of furniture, linens, etc., to help furnish the building, the executive in charge of the Chilliwack hospital feel themselves almost warranted in taking the first steps towards the erection of the building.

Through the efforts of the ladies, who have given their time towards soliciting subscriptions and in other ways interesting the citizens, and through the sale of tags and badges, etc., somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000 has been raised. The municipalities of the township and the city have each promised \$500, and through the representation of the president, L. W. Paisley, to the department in charge at Victoria, the government has promised to give as a strater \$3,000. This amount which totals \$5,000, is according to the plans, good enough for a start.

## CRUISER'S CREW QUARANTINED.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 19.—One hundred and fifty of the crew of the cruiser Washington are isolated on the dismantled ship Iroquois, used here in the early days as a quarantine craft. The second case of smallpox since the Washington's arrival here, developed yesterday. The victim is another Canadian, among whom the epidemic seems to be confined.

## TWO PERISH IN FIRE.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 19.—Two men are dead, three are seriously injured and a score more are painfully bruised as the result of a fire which broke out in the big plant of the Gunter-Tidler Company, stove manufacturers. Henry Lawdes and Albert McCully were suffocated to death, their bodies being found after the fire was put out.

## HEAVY CARGO ON PACIFIC LINER

### EMPRESS ARRIVED EARLY FRIDAY MORNING

#### Steamer Was Out of Communication With Shore But One Day

With a valuable cargo but a light list of passengers the steamer Empress of Japan arrived from the Orient Friday. She brought 2,245 boxes of silk, specially valued at \$746,829, but which will bring a much larger sum than that when it arrives in Europe. Besides that the steamer had on board 7,512 boxes of tea, a quantity of gunnies, silk braid, porcelain, matting, rice, beans and pineapples.

A mixed lot of packages of skins were also on board from Shanghai, consisting of leopard and other smaller pelts. In the mail room were 472 sacks for United States points and 11 sacks of local mail.

In the matter of passengers the Empress brought 11 whites, 82 Chinese, 9 Japanese, and there was one stowaway. Those in the saloon were: Miss M. F. Bayly, Miss M. A. Bury, Mr. Leachman, Mr. R. G. Macdonald, Miss I. Macintosh, Miss M. Marshall, Mr. C. A. Macintosh, C. A. Nelson and infant, Mr. S. Ushakita, Mr. Wm. Urquhart.

Dr. Daviniani, a Hindu, from Hongkong, was also aboard bound for Vancouver, where he is connected with the Indian-Canadian Supply Trust Company.

R. L. Stevens, wireless operator on the steamer, stated that for only one day were they out of communication with land stations. They picked up the Sitka station in Alaska about 100 miles before they were reported here, and they communicated for 1,500 miles to the Japanese coast. The only wireless station in China had been at Shanghai, but the Chinese government had promised to install a chain of stations all down the coast. At present the communication with Hongkong is conducted through the British warships on the China station, there being always some of them lying at Hongkong.

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## SOCCER GAMES IN OLD COUNTRY

### Third Round for English Cup—Results of the League Matches

London, Feb. 19.—The most surprising feature of the third round for the football cup this afternoon was the defeat of Tottenham Hotspur, a first division club, by Swindon, of the southern league, thus disappointing the hopes of Londoners that the Spurs would fight their way into the semi-finals at least. Results were as follows: Queen's Park Rangers 1, Westham United 0.

0, Leicester 0, Poole 1, Swindon 2, Tottenham Hotspur 2, Coventry 3, North Forest 1, Aston Villa 1, Manchester City 2, Everton 2, Sunderland 0, Barnsley 1, West Bromwich Albion 0.

Newcastle United 3, Blackburn Rovers 0. English League, First Division. Bradford City 1, Bolton Wanderers 1. Chelsea 2, Middlesbrough 0. Manchester United 3, Liverpool 0. Sheffield Wednesday 3, Notts County 0. Briston City 2, Preston, North End 0. English League, Second Division. Birmingham 1, Wolverhampton 0. Clapton Orient 1, Bradford 0. Glossop 4, Gainsborough 0. Oldham Athletic 1, Burnley 0. Stockport 2, Grimsby 1. Blackpool 3, Lincoln 0.

Southern League. Brentford 3, Exeter 0. Watford 4, Bristol Rovers 0. Plymouth 2, Crystal Palace 0. New Brompton 3, Northampton 1. Reading 4, Portsmouth 1. South end United 1, Millwall 0.

## IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA IS GROWING

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Immigration for January totaled 8,888, as compared with 4,082 last year, an increase of 52 per cent.

The total immigration for the ten months of the fiscal year was 165,663, an increase of 52 per cent.

## LABOR TEMPLE

Suggested Plans Are Under Discussion by Committee.

The canvassing committee of the Labor Temple Association Friday night reported to the members at the meeting held in the hall, Douglas street. In the discussion which followed the general opinion was that a building is needed to provide rooms for the different unions to hold their meetings and also to provide facilities for entertainment of a varied character for members of the association. It was proposed to have the building equipped with billiard, card, bed, bath and reception rooms, forming a modern club. There was an alternate suggestion that stores should occupy the lower floor and the other advantages be housed in the upper stories. A committee was appointed to draw up a plan embodying the suggestions for presentation to a meeting of the Labor Temple Association, to be held in three weeks' time. It was felt that if a definite plan was laid before the people it would be greeted with hearty support. The committee consists of H. Buckle, H. Marsh, F. Forneri and S. V. Bowers.

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## DO NOT WANT ODD LENGTHS IN LUMBER

### Proposal is Rejected by the Western Retail Dealers' Association

#### Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—A striking evidence of the evolution of the lumber trade, which touches the public very directly, developed at the closing hours of the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Convention. It relates to the proposition of the millmen and manufacturers of British Columbia to introduce the so-called "odd lengths" of lumber into the trade. In other words, the day has arrived apparently when waste must be eliminated from the industry. If prices are not to be substantially advanced to the consumer.

The problem was advanced by representatives of the Mountain Association as the great economic feature which must in future regulate trade in Western Canada as well as the Western States. It is significant that the representatives of the Mountain Association in the way of providing separate schools for these children, removing the white children from contact with them, the men of the industry would do something—just what was left to the imagination, but was understood to imply something not very pleasant for the offending classes. It was maintained by Mr. Hawthornthwaite that it was wasteful to keep to odd lengths to subject their children to constant contact with those of alien race, and that a continuance of this would not be for the good of the child, but for the good of the industry. The resolution was unanimously endorsed.

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## JUDGES ACCUSED OF PROTECTING CRIMINALS

### San Francisco Grand Jury Reports on the Police Court Methods

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 19.—Criticism of the local police courts as nesting places of crime is contained in the final report of the Scott grand jury published to-day.

The police courts are blamed for dilatory methods and for giving aid to criminals by showing them undue leniency.

"We call particular attention to the manner in which bond business as it exists here," says the report. "The business seems to be particularly favored by the actions of some of the judges who treat well-known criminals as chronic offenders with the utmost leniency."

In the case of notorious pickpockets and bunco men, whose jail records must be well known to the judges, bail is often set at very low figures and the escape of well known criminals has been made possible by this fact.

"It would seem as if there were a well-organized gang protecting such people, and as if they work in dark only a question of time till every town was bothered with their presence. He had seen members take selfish views before now and live to regret it. There was not a single question on which the vast majority of this province, more particularly the working classes and farmers, were so united as on this. It was, after all, a question of expense. Mr. Langley asked for the record from associating with the Oriental in daily life and work, but their children were being forced to during one of the most important and most formative periods of their life. There were bound to be deteriorating influences. It would seem as if it was the intention of the administration of the day, for the sake of a few paltry dollars, to force this condition on the people."

The people of his constituency felt strongly on it, and if some step was not taken by the House there were men in that town who would deal with the matter themselves. The premier might smile at this, but what he was saying was simply the expression of the feeling in that town as well as his own, and it was the opinion of every man who had the feelings of a man in him. Our children were being forced to associate with these Oriental children whether they would or no. It was not so a few years ago. In Nanaimo a few years since there were but a couple of hundred Chinese, no Japanese and few children. To-day it was different. There were thousands of Japanese in the fishing industry, owing to the carelessness of both the government here and at Ottawa. The growing irritation would lead to harm of a sort that would not credit on the province, nor on the legislature that had made the conditions.

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## ORIENTALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### HOUSE ASKED TO VOTE POWER OF EXCLUSION

#### Member for Nanaimo Hints at Possible Trouble in the Coal City

Legislative Press Gallery, February 18th.

The presence of Oriental children in school with white lads and lassies was condemned by J. H. Hawthornthwaite in a speech which he made at the House this afternoon, supporting a motion which he made for the addition to the Public Schools Act of a section empowering school boards to refuse admission to pupils on racial grounds.

It was intimated by the member for Nanaimo that if the government did not do something in the way of providing separate schools for these children, removing the white children from contact with them, the men of the industry would do something—just what was left to the imagination, but was understood to imply something not very pleasant for the offending classes. It was maintained by Mr. Hawthornthwaite that it was wasteful to keep to odd lengths to subject their children to constant contact with those of alien race, and that a continuance of this would not be for the good of the child, but for the good of the industry. The resolution was unanimously endorsed.

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## FAREWELL SOCIAL TO REV. H. C. SPELLER

### Presentations Made to Baptist Pastor Who is Leaving the City

#### After five months as acting pastor of the First Baptist church, Rev. H. C. Speller leaves on Monday morning for Moose Jaw, Sask., his former home.

The congregation met last night in a social way to bid farewell to Mr. Speller and to assure him of their good wishes for the future and gratitude for the work he has accomplished during his stay in Victoria.

Dr. Wm. Russell, occupied the chair. Songs were sung by Miss Freeman and R. Pomfret, and a duet by Mrs. Clyde and Mrs. Spofford. On behalf of the choir Mrs. Clyde read a letter of thanks to Mr. Speller and presented him with a gold mounted fountain pen. A. B. McNeill was called upon to speak for the church congregation, and voiced the sentiment of all when he said that Mr. Speller's brief pastorate had made a lasting impression upon all with whom he had come in contact.

He asked Mr. Speller to accept his hearty wishes for the future and the esteem in which he is held by the church.

Mr. Speller in reply made a most earnest address, in which he urged all to keep in touch with the Divine will and by strong faith in God overcome all obstacles. He spoke with enthusiasm regarding Victoria, and said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his stay in the city.

On behalf of the Ministerial Association of Victoria Rev. A. E. Roberts spoke of the happy relationships that had existed between Mr. Speller and the other ministers of the city, and hoped for his speedy return to Victoria.

The ladies of the congregation served refreshments, and the evening was spent in social enjoyment.

To-morrow evening Mr. Speller will preach his last sermon to the congregation. The ladies of the church will be a crowded house to hear his message.

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