

Unsatisfactory Progress

Meeting of Board of Management of the Exhibition Held Last Evening.

Repairs Need Repairing—East Manufacturers Applying for Space for Exhibits.

The number of the members of the management of the Agricultural Association were present last evening at the meeting held in the committee room of the city hall for the purpose of discussing the progress of the exhibition.

The reading of several communications which were dealt with, the secretary \$410 cash on hand. A representative from the East, gave a brief address. He said the board of management of the exhibition might confidently rely on all the exhibitors.

Mr. Wilson told of the experience had in the East. He said that the exhibition was a great success. He had on Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, and without solicitation, presented a check for \$200. He had received \$288 in contributions. The secretary said, would report at the meeting.

Mr. Norris stated that the prize list is in readiness to submit to the committee by Thursday. The finance committee reported that there had been about \$1500. Fifty or sixty special prizes had been promised.

Mr. Topp and Building Inspector Scott had examined the exhibition. As requested, and had submitted a flowing report which was read: Hall, Victoria, B.C., Feb. 1st, 1901. To the Worshipful the Mayor:

As requested by you, we have made an examination of the Agricultural Exhibition. The reason for the above is that there is too much weight showing quite plainly that they are showing more weight than is safe.

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Atlantic Mysteries

Vessels Which Sailed With Passengers and Have Never Been Heard Of.

Theories Put Forward as to Causes Which Led to Destruction.

Terrible as such a disaster as befall La Bourgoisne in the Atlantic two years ago certainly is, it was not the most appalling the world's greatest ferry should have carried, with her most of those on board is a great calamity; but there is a melancholy satisfaction in knowing her fate exactly, and where she disappeared.

No such knowledge is, however, obtainable of many vessels which have voyaged across "the pond," but which never reached their ports; their only record the words, "Never heard of."

The steam service between Great Britain and the States had only been fairly inaugurated when the next came of an appalling disaster to the President, which is remembered by many who are now living. That vessel belonged to the United Kingdom and American Navigation Company, and her performance on the Atlantic were anything but successful.

Nothing is known of her. She had disappeared, and all on board went with her. Amongst the passengers was a son of the Duke of Richmond and a well known Canadian of the day, Mr. Tyrone Power.

Never Again to Be Seen. The steamer "Sicilia" sailed from Liverpool on board 23rd, 1854, and disappeared with two hundred and forty persons who were on board. These catastrophes did much to crush the American flag in the Atlantic passenger traffic.

It then became the turn of the Inman Line to record the loss of one of its vessels on January 28th, 1870, with the "Sunderland," a seventy-seven passenger vessel, which was wrecked on the coast of Newfoundland, and all on board were lost.

A vessel called the Scandaria, of the Anglo-Egyptian Line, a British organization, sailed on October 31st, 1872, and was never heard of her after. She had thirty-eight persons on board when leaving port.

Hand Hit in Many Periods of its history. Over and above the disasters named as coming under one particular name, there was the Britannia, which was wrecked on the island of Arran early in 1873, but without loss of life.

Provincial News

KAMLOOPS.

Will Fernie, of the Strattona House, has returned from the Coast, where he has been spending a few days.

The volunteer fire brigade has reorganized for the year, with Chief Barr and his former aides again in office, and with several new firemen.

The government has issued Chinese notices offering \$200 reward for the discovery of the body of Chinaman, who is thought to have been murdered here, and a further sum of \$200 for information that will convict the murderer or murderers.

For some months negotiations have been in progress between C. Scott Galway and Wilkes, Brown & McKay, of Vancouver, for the establishment of a foundry in Greenwood. Last week final arrangements were made, and the necessary machinery will be shipped at once from the coast.

Nearly 40,000 tons of coal were taken out of the Fernie mines during the month of March. This is an increase of nearly two hundred per cent, over the same month last year—a record General Manager Wilson and his subordinates have good reason to feel proud of.

New Potatoes Make Their First Appearance—Eggs Advance, But Butter Depreciates.

New potatoes are offering this week for three cents a pound, and the prospect is, produce dealers state, that quotation on the old article will soon be reduced.

The funeral of the late Mrs. R. W. Hodgson took place on Monday afternoon from the family residence on Richmond street. The pall-bearers were Messrs. D. Donaldson, S. N. Jarrett, A. M. Hays, and George Martin.

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THE WAL OF THE BACK.

DOANS' KIDNEY PILLS.

THIS IS A WARNING CRY OF KIDNEY ILLS. DON'T NEGLECT AN ACHING BACK. PROMPT ACTION SAVES TROUBLE.

Urinary Troubles lead to Dropsy, Diabetes and Bright's Disease, and are caused by neglecting the first pain in the back. DOANS' PILLS absolutely cure Backache and all Urinary Troubles. Read these testimonials:

Mr. BENJAMIN STEWART, of Zionville, N.B., writes: "For four months I was troubled with lame back, which was so bad at times I was unable to turn myself in bed without help."

Mrs. GEO. H. ALWARD, White's Point, N.B., writes: "I was so bad with backache that I could scarcely move around the house. My feet and ankles swelled up and were so painful."

Mr. BENJAMIN BROOKS, West Cape, P.E.I., writes: "I contracted a severe cold which settled in the small of my back and was so sore that I could hardly walk."

Mining News

Acquiring Coal Lands.

Alex. Sharp, M. E., of Roseland, has been busy engaged during the past week, with the assistance of some of his friends, in acquiring coal lands.

The steamer New England came in yesterday with 180,000 pounds of hail, but which is not of small value.

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