

## SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The Oriental SS. "Victoria" Brings Interesting News From the Hermit Kingdom.

Fast Trip of the "Ladas"—Yukon Transportation Company Organized.

Prompt on time the Northern Pacific liner Victoria, Captain Panton, arrived from China and Japan yesterday morning after a comparatively uneventful but remarkably cold trip begun on the 22nd of last month. Several times during the voyage the ship's upper works were mantled with ice with huge icicles hanging from all parts of the rigging, and all this happened when the thermometer stood 15 degrees or more below zero. Nothing en route was sighted save a couple of large steamships, one bound for Northern Japan, and the other the Hankow one day's steaming from Yokohama. It was 7 o'clock when the Victoria docked, and though she was in port until 2 o'clock in the afternoon no one for a moment dreamt that there was royalty on board. Probably this was owing to the disguised manner of its appearance. The distinguished traveller was Abder Karim, who claims to be a brother of the King of Korea. He is very unassuming, however, and did not seem to despise stateroom accommodation more than any of the many Chinese and Japanese passengers with whom he was associated. Of the latter the steamer brought on a big ocean going steamer the inference is significant of the crowd aboard. Such was the condition of the Pacific Coast Steamship City of Topeka when she arrived from the South yesterday afternoon, and when passage was taken by Messrs. F. Cryderman, Packett, Griffin, Johnson, J. Lucas and Rothwell and one, who reaching the steamer just as she was pulling out from the outer wharf, jumped aboard and was probably not questioned until long after, or at least until he questioned some one else about his quarters. In the stateroom quarters below each bunk was covered with canvas-banded bundles, hobnailed boots and other things pertaining to a miner's outfit, each regarding his deposit of bundles as a deed of possession to the bunk selected. They began by staking claims on sleeping quarters, as they will soon be staking claims mining property. The Topeka took about 300 tons of general merchandise.

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are: Captain, Henry H. Dyke; lieutenants, G. John S. Luard, (S.), Crawford MacLachlan, Hector L. Watts-Jones, Gerald F. F. Pike, Cecil D. S. Raikes; chaplain and naval instructor, Rev. Thomas Kane, B.A.; paymaster, Frederick W. Mortimer; chief engineer, Jas. Lane; sub-lieutenant, William Speke; surgeon, Edmund Corcoran; assistant paymaster, Arthur M. Dyer; assistant engineer, W. P. Blunt; gunner, George R. Cooper; boatswain, George Robinson; carpenter, John N. Matheson; midshipmen, Arthur C. Fellows, Rodger R. C. Packhouse, John C. Carrington, Harry L. Boyle, and head steward, Ballie Hamilton, John C. M. McHardy and Hugh Seymour.

Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd., who on the 8th of November last despatched the salmon laden bark Ladas from this port to Liverpool, she being the first of the salmon fleet of 1895, received cable advices yesterday of the safe arrival of the bark on the other side last Monday. The passage of 18 days will go on record as one of the best homeward trips of any of the salmon carriers, a performance of which Captain Messenger and his crew, as well as the owners and agents of the bark, may well be proud. It will be remembered that the Ladas sailed from Royal Roads the same day as the British bark Sardhana, Captain Miller, the latter being bound for London. Both were known as smart sailers, and considerable interest was expressed in shipping circles as to which would make the better passage. As the Sardhana has not yet been reported from London the honors go to her. The Ladas is a trim craft of 1,291 tons, and carried on her voyage just completed 63,619 cases of last season's pack; the Sardhana, 11,119 tons, loaded her cargo of 40,358 cases of the same. Leaving Westminister on the 3rd of November, both got away together with a fair wind two days later.

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## THE CITY.

JOSEPH PATENAURE, J. P., of 150-Mile House, has been appointed official administrator for the County court district of Cariboo.

Dr. OSBORNE MORRIS, of Vernon, has received from the provincial government the appointment of coroner for the east riding of Yale.

Among the recently appointed notaries of British Columbia are: E. B. McPhillips, S. F. Morley and Denis Murphy of this city, Mr. W. J. Thicke of Vancouver, Mr. J. K. Johnston of Vernon, and Mr. Archie M. Johnson of Nelson.

The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. have decided to re-open their Chemainus mill about April 15, men and new machinery being engaged for the necessary preparations. A number of the old employees have been re-engaged; the boarding house is at present undergoing repair and everything will be in readiness for the reception of boarders by Monday next.

A DELEGATION representing Westminster city and the municipality of Surrey, arrived in the Capital last night for the purpose of interviewing the government with a view to securing assistance toward constructing a bridge across the Fraser river, to connect Westminster with the south shore. The delegation is composed of Mayor B. W. Shiles of Westminster, Reeve Armstrong of Surrey, Ald. W. H. Kearny, Thos. Owens and Douglas of Westminster, Judge Bole of Mr. A. J. McColl, Q.C., and Mr. Alexander Ewen. The Westminster civic delegates are also here in connection with proposed amendments to the municipal act.

MR. DAVID TAIT, pupil teacher at the Central school, has received a \$50 appointment as teacher in a country school and will leave at the end of the present month. He is the second pupil teacher, who, with the experience gained in the Victoria city schools, has obtained profitable employment elsewhere.

Mr. Young, janitor of the Victoria West school, has also secured a responsible position in the city and will accordingly vacate his position. Both vacancies will be filled at the board meeting to be held on Wednesday next. There is no salary attached to the pupil teacher's position; the janitor receives \$20 per month.

MESSRS. N. R. Stone and Angus MacNish have given notice of their intention to organize a company to be named the Columbia Telephone Telegraph Co., Ltd., with the object of building and operating telegraph and telephone lines from Trail, on the Columbia river, to Boundary Falls, in the district, via Rossland, Grand Forks and Greenwood City, power being at the same time sought to run branch lines and extensions to any town, mining camp or mineral claim in the Kootenay or Yale, the general route of the company's lines to follow the highways and trails connecting these towns.

## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Second Session of the Seventh Parliament.

## TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

THURSDAY, March 5, 1896. The Speaker took the chair at 2 p. m. Prayers by Rev. R. W. Trotter. Mr. Williams presented a petition from the corporation of Vancouver in favor of limiting the time for construction of the Columbia & Western railway. Mr. Rogers presented a petition from residents of Cariboo in favor of securing a resident physician.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS. Mr. McGregor presented the third report of the public accounts committee, as follows:

That in April, 1895, there was paid by the C. P. R. company for 1894, as taxes \$8,250.41, and in June 1895, for the year 1895, \$8,921.23, this latter sum through error was credited to the city of Victoria instead of from the C. P. R. company. The committee find that the item of \$8,250.41 paid in April, 1895, is the amount received in payment of the C. P. R. company's taxes on the assessment for 1894, declared invalid by the court. (See Public Accounts, 30th June, 1894, page 18.) That on 1st June, 1895, when the first proceeds of the loan of taxes due to the overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia was \$892,946.

Several statements were submitted with the report, and from them the following information is extracted:

In a statement of revenue for the half year the following are some of the items, contrasted with the whole year of 1895:

| Half Year, 1896.               | Year 1895. |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Land sales.....                | \$29,133   |
| Land revenue.....              | \$25,880   |
| Rents timber leases.....       | 7,049      |
| Free miners' certificates..... | 31,190     |
| Mining receipts, general.....  | 39,749     |
| Succession duties.....         | 5,069      |
| Chinese restriction act.....   | 17,200     |
| Timber royalty.....            | 19,889     |
|                                | 16,681     |

The total receipts for the half year, 1896, were \$885,417. The balance in the bank on special deposit 1st July, 1895, was \$276,277; and on account current \$856,333. The total expenditure for the half year is shown at \$748,794, besides \$199,792 on the payment of the overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia was \$892,946.

Timber Leases—Of the sum of \$49,544.11 brought to account under timber leases during the year ending 30th June, 1895, the sum of \$44,453.61 was arrears. The amount of arrears under this heading at 31st December, 1895, was \$36,422.69.

Timber Royalty and Licenses—Of the sum of \$16,587 brought to account as timber royalties and licenses during the year ending 30th June, 1895, the sum of \$3,076.33 was arrears. The amount of arrears under this heading at 31st December, 1895, was \$9,892.65.

## EXCHANGE.

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| On remittance of interest on loans due in London 31st Dec., 1895, £19,494 12s., at \$4.90, 50 per cent. £1.   | \$ 974 78  |
| On remittance of interest on loans due in London 31st Dec., 1895, £6,813 19s., at \$4.90, 50 per cent. £1.  | 340 70     |
| On remittance of £500 to Messrs. Glynn, Mills, Curtis & Co., Ltd., London, to meet expenses in connection consolidation public debt and commission for inscribing stock, at \$4.91. | 30 00      |
| Total.....  | \$1,345 48 |

## DISCOUNT AND COMMISSION.

Half yearly payment for commission for inscribing, transferring and paying interest on income stock due in London 31st Dec., 1895, £200 at \$4.85, 50 per cent. £1. \$ 970 00 |

Inscribed Stock Investments—The investments of sinking funds in the Inscribed Stock of this province from the 1st July, 1894, to January, 1896, have been as follows: Loan of 1877—February, 1895, \$10,982.72 invested, at 98%; June, 1895, \$11,813.26 at 94%; January, 1896, \$11,188.48 at 96%; brokerage on above three, \$85.56. Loan of 1887—January, 1895, \$5,592.52 at 98%; June, 1895, \$6,640.55 at 94%; January, 1896, \$7,461.41 at 96%; brokerage, \$49.56. Loans 1891-95—January, 1895, \$14,346.44 at 98%; June, 1895, \$14,410.16 at 94%; January, 1896, \$14,097.15 at 96%; brokerage, \$138.54.

MR. FORSTER moved for a return showing all the evidence taken at the inquest held on the body of John Rowe, who was killed by a fall of rock while in the employ of the Union Coal Company in the mine together with all papers and correspondence in connection with the same; and the verdict of the jury. Agreed to.

MR. MACPHERSON introduced a bill to amend the "Benevolent societies act, 1891." Read a first time.

DR. WALKER moved for a return showing the fees and emoluments of sheriffs for the year ending December 31, 1895. Agreed to.

MR. SWORD asked: Do the government take any precautions to see that the average actual daily attendance at the public schools in cities, on which the government pays the capita grant, is confined to the average actual daily attendance of pupils of school age?

HON. MR. TURNER—Yes. The house again went into committee on the co-operative associations bill, Mr. Rogers in the chair. Reported complete with amendment.

The house went into committee on the mechanics lien bill (Mr. Helmcken), Mr. SWORD in the chair. The committee rose and reported progress after adopting several sections.

MR. HUME presented a petition from mine owners and miners of Kaslo, respecting the assessment bill, and protesting against the tax on minerals.

HON. COL. BAKER presented the annual report of the Minister of Mines. The house adjourned at 5:45 p. m.

## TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

FRIDAY, March 6, 1896. The Speaker took the chair at 2 p. m. Mr. McGregor presented a petition from the Miners and Mine Laborers' Protective Association, against the bill for the sale of school lands. The petition being read and being found to have but two signatures—Thos. Keith, president, and Ralph Smith, secretary—was ruled out of order, at least three signatures being required, except in the case of incorporated associations, when the seal must be affixed.

The petition from Kaslo miners presented by Mr. Hume yesterday was also declared to be out of order, but the house decided to have it printed for general information. And the petition presented yesterday by Mr. Rogers, from residents of the districts asking for a resident physician for Hornet Bay, the Forks of Quesselle was ruled out of order as involving an expenditure of public money.

DR. WALKER presented the first report of the printing committee, amongst other things declaring it inadvisable to allow returns presented to the house to be published in the newspapers until

they have been laid on the members' desks.

## EAST KOOTENAY RESERVES.

MR. SWORD moved for a "return showing for what reason 480,000 acres were reserved in the southeast corner of the province and 240,000 at Elk river, Mitchell Creek and Coal Creek, in East Kootenay; what the government purposes in connection with railway reserves, and what the railway reserves were, referred to in the Hon. Chief Commissioner's answer to a question on the 18th March; also the authority under which such reserves were made." The mover in explanation said he did not think the spirit of the act authorizing these lands had been carried out in this case.

HON. COL. BAKER spoke briefly as to the reason for the principal reserve mentioned—for the purposes of the B. C. Southern Railway act; and the motion was agreed to.

HON. MR. EBERTS presented a return respecting joint stock companies incorporated in the province.

## LANGLEY MUNICIPALITY.

The house again went into committee on the bill for the relief of the municipality of Langley, Mr. Hume in the chair. The bill provides a method for making new rolls of taxes due to replace those destroyed by fire; and also that "all disputes shall be determined by the county court judge." Mr. Kitchen urged that the disputes should rather be heard before the court of revision, with the usual right of appeal to the judge. Hon. Mr. Eberts thought the bill was better as it stood, particularly as copies had been sent to the municipality and they had expressed themselves satisfied with it. Bill reported complete with amendments.

## ALBERNI WATERWORKS.

MR. BRADEN moved the second reading of the Alberni Water, Electric and Telephone Company bill. He explained that at the present time the only water supply obtainable is from wells, and a large number of houses being about to be erected there on account of mining development a water service will be a necessity especially for protection against fire. The bill asks for no monopoly, but only for the privilege of supplying these services.

MR. HUFF, as the representative of Alberni district, strongly opposed the bill, which he said had been asked for by people who have no interest in the place except perhaps a stake upon a rock. He thought that no sane man would contend that a water and electric light company is a necessity for a place like Alberni with only 250 persons living there, and to his mind the applicants only want this charter for speculative purposes—to sell out if in the two years that they ask in which to commence operations the place amounts to anything. He could see nothing in the bill to recommend it, or in Alberni to justify such a charter as proposed. He had every faith in Alberni being a place of some consequence in the near future, and therefore he did not want to see it handicapped by giving away the privileges now asked for. He therefore moved, seconded by Major Mutter, that the bill be now read this day six months.

DR. WALKER supported the bill and criticised Mr. Huff's course in opposing it.

MR. SMITH stated that the measure had been considerably modified in the private bills committee, so as to meet the objections to it as introduced and conserve the water rights of the miners.

MR. KELIE thought Mr. Huff should withdraw his motion and introduce the desired restrictions in committee.

MR. HUFF thought that Mr. Huff had only done his duty in opposing the bill as he had done this afternoon, as that gentleman was plainly carrying out the wishes of his constituents almost unanimously expressed at a public meeting in Alberni. He, however, would not oppose the bill, since as chairman of the private bills committee he had heard all the arguments urged on both sides and the amendments made to it.

MR. RITCHIE also gratulated Mr. Huff upon the able way in which he had championed the rights of his constituents in this matter, though he would not oppose his motion, reading as it may be a serious inconvenience is proposed it can be dealt with in committee. The bill he must say is now much more acceptable to the public than it was when introduced.

MR. BOOTH thought that Mr. Huff had probably made his motion without due consideration, as there are provisions in the bill to safeguard the rights of the citizens of Alberni. The main object of the bill was understood to obtain authority to generate electricity for use in the gold mines which cannot be operated without it, and he felt that he should vote for the second reading.

HON. MR. TURNER said the government were in a regular position with respect to this bill as while the two members for the district are strongly opposed to it some deference is due to the private bills committee, who after a thorough inquiry had brought the bill as introduced and reported it to the house. He would like to see it read a second time, so that what further amendments are required may be discussed in committee.

MR. KITCHEN as a member of the private bills committee explained why he favored the second reading.

HON. COL. BAKER thought that the people of Alberni probably were as strongly opposed to this bill under the misapprehension that it provided for a monopoly, which is not the case. He himself had been led to believe that at the outset. Since the bill had been reported by the private bills committee he thought it should be read the second time.

MR. CORROD pointed out that the private bills committee had preserved the natural water supply for the town of Alberni by striking out Rogers creek, which they were informed largely supplied the water of the town. Since that had been done he thought the bill should be read a second time.

After further discussion the amendment was lost and the bill was read a second time.

## CONSOLIDATED RAILWAY BILL.

The order for the second reading of the Consolidated Railway and Light Company bill having been called, Mr. SWORD asked a ruling from the chair as to whether or not it is in order, on the ground as he contended, that the powers not possessed by the companies consolidated and goes beyond the scope of the notices. After discussion the bill

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stood over to permit of a ruling on this point.

MR. SWORD subsequently gave his reasons in writing, as follows:

"Section 5 and 6 provide for the company choosing as to what parts of the B. C. railway act shall apply to their enterprise. The courts have held that this act does apply, but this decision is being appealed against. Section 8 provides for the company the rights these other companies had, but makes no provision for this company, assuming their obligations, e.g., Vancouver Electric Light Company and Vancouver Street Railway Company have anti-Chinese clauses. The powers of the Vancouver Street Railway Company and Westminster Street Railway Company are confined to a distance of five miles from each other. The North Vancouver Electric Company's powers are limited to the vicinity of Burrard Inlet. They are to be in operation to supply electricity with in limited time and are under obligations to supply electricity to all requiring it within a certain distance of other lines. The rights of the crown to the water power are also reserved. Section 35 seems to give power to build another line between Westminster and Vancouver; also gives the company power to supply electricity. Section 36 gives power to construct telegraph and telephone lines. Section 44 takes the powers conferred on the North Vancouver electric company, but does not make provision for the various limitations imposed on that company in their original act and chapter 61, 1892, sec. 35-67-8-40.

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MR. SWORD presented a return containing the correspondence relative to the teacher at Salmon Arm.

The house adjourned at 5:00 p. m.

The provincial government has accepted the resignation of Mr. Alfred W. Wright as police magistrate of Kaslo.

The suit of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway v. the Paris Belle Mining Co., to decide the ownership of the land near Rossland, on which the Paris Belle is situated, comes up again to-day, the hearing of the argument having been delayed for some time owing to Mr. W. J. Taylor's absence in the East. Mr. E. W. Bodwell appears for the railway; Mr. W. J. Taylor for the defence.

## THE GOLD FIELDS CO.

The order for the second reading of the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields Co. bill being called, Mr. Kitchen protested against the notice standing on the order paper of the following motion in the name of Capt. Irving, to be presented on motion to go into committee of the whole:

That the following section be inserted in the said bill, to be numbered section 4, and that the numbers of the succeeding sections be changed accordingly:

"4. On making application for leases, the company shall not be limited or confined to any area, and the gold commissioner to whom any such application is made may, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, grant such application, notwithstanding that the lands so applied for may exceed the area of the lands to which such leases are now limited by law."

He said that this clause was struck out by the private bills committee with the consent of the promoters of the bill when they were informed that otherwise the bill would not be reported at all. Under the circumstances he thought that it would be a breach of faith to attempt to have the clause re-inserted in the house.

The Speaker pointed out that the time

**A SET OF ROYALTY**

The surprising news we attacked our d. Elche lusted about Dawson laboring at cultivation of the garden her cooking and as occasion permitted hand first to her fat. And as man, when prize is upon him, m. ing to add to his c. Don Sanchez to let u. to stall in the shed waste herbage, that v. and get butter, wh parts by shaking the (a you have been shak minutes in vain on without cost. But, thing wearing off, or I said, and so abo I say, the heat be toiled with no spiri Dawson was the m. mind. Says he, con we still sweating o. "I've done it, b more. There's a p worth 30 shillings of but who'll give me when we leave her. And then he can't do than fall a-com saying there was hu show for my effort. my place he would t. ers otherwise, and b er end, wagging th my job before it wa all which was migh the more unpleasant was a good deal of said.

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But that which inh as anything was to h her sides for laughter catch these two devil our cost we found w after all, for getting c she raises herself up and brings her skull s smack on my knuck about her past. I she had broken my c t'other, taking Daw with her horns as he ward to lay hold of he ing in our little den I think we should e them but that, giv ors from sheer fatigae, accord sauntered into in the shade, and w the door upon them against the gap in the came with a ha stout nails to secure the rest of that day J our backs in the shad but exceedingly sore other for these misch But our heartburn there, for coming in to down Moll has nothing dry bread and a dish, though it be the com Moors in this place, wa our satisfaction, as Da pretty round terms, ask was fit for if not to ge for Christians, etc., and plicity what she would for our dinner next day upbraiding very hum ever a bad sign, and careful of our comfort And so ended that day. The next morning Daw no attempt at work, t fast, by common acc under the palms to med about her past. I was ing round to pay us a sound asleep. A sud from him aroused us, a bled to our feet, startin perceived Moll coming but so disfigured with knew her face and I knew her.

"God's mercy!" cries on earth have you been To which Moll replies, "I am learning to be senior, at my father's des "You are here," and with a frown, "to lea If a cook wench is nece have one" (this to us, I els that my means m will do well to write m requirements, but ob turning on his heel, "I stay here another twel economies are not suff of the first year to tak This hint brought us very quickly, and overa reached our garden gate assured the don we had heuethforth did no mena would tax his generosi we could help, etc., to otation when we came to conduct.

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