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WOMEN'S COUNCIL FINISHES SESSION

IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH

An Interesting Report from Friendly Help—Dr. Fagan on Tuberculosis Sanitarium Movement.

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SOME SIGNS OF THE COMING FIGHT

MUNICIPAL ASPIRANTS GETTING INTO SHAPE

Only a Month Intervenes Between Now and Polling Day—List of Likely Candidates.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) In less than a month from to-day the electors of Victoria will appoint their council and three representatives on the school board for the year 1905. The nomination will be held on January 9th, and the elections on the following Thursday, which will be January 12th. Already candidates are bucking on their armor in preparation for the approaching contest, and judging by present indications there will be a large field of competitors.

The attention of the electors, other than assessed property owners, is called to the necessity of making the usual declaration at the city assessor's office or before some notary public before the first of the month. This is absolutely essential in order that they may be qualified to cast their franchise, and it is worth noting that they have only about two weeks in which to do so. Although they have been notified through the press to do so, they have been dropping in at the city hall at a very limited rate, and it is feared that until the last week when they will invade the office in such numbers as to keep officials working overtime. The sooner they qualify the better.

DEATH OF A BRITISH COLUMBIA PIONEER

Frank Page Passed Away Last Evening From Heart Disease—An Interesting Career.

Frank Page, clerk of the city police court, a pioneer and a well known and respected citizen of the city for many years, died suddenly, Tuesday night from heart disease. He had been ailing for some time, having recently had a stroke of paralysis, from which it was apparent to his friends he never fully recovered. A widow survives him.

The late Mr. Page was one of the most highly esteemed pioneers in the West. He was a man of fine physique, able to stand the hardships of early life, and his kindly good-natured manner made him many friends. He was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, was 64 years of age and came here in 1862.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Passed at Tuesday's Meeting of Property Owners' Association. At the annual meeting of the Property Owners' Association yesterday afternoon, resolutions to which is made in another column of this paper, some very important resolutions were passed, one of which was moved by Mayor Barnard and seconded by R. H. Hill. They are as follows: Whereas in the opinion of this association, the present burden of taxation for educational purposes presses unjustly upon the taxpayer and is inequitable, and it is therefore resolved, That free education be limited to pupils under the full age of 16, and that a fee, not exceeding one dollar, be charged for all pupils attending the High schools, and after that age the full average cost, to be payable in installments.

These steps be taken to urge upon the Government the advisability of amending the School Act by enacting that trustees shall have the same property qualification as the electors, and that they be required to levy rates for school purposes to be collected by the corporation in the usual course. That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the enforcement of the above-mentioned resolutions.

Whereas the opinion of this association, the interests of all municipalities would be better secured by the auditing of accounts by a public auditor, in accordance with section 94 of the Municipal Classes Act, it is therefore resolved, That the auditor of the city be empowered to audit the accounts of the board of management, and that the auditor be empowered to put in force forthwith.

That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the enforcement of the above-mentioned resolutions. The following resolution was referred back to the board of management for consideration: Whereas this association having heard that it is proposed to seek the re-enactment of the latter portion of sub-section 103 of the Municipal Classes Act, that was especially repealed by section 17, Amendment Act, passed 1904.

A "DUCK DRIVE." Shooting on a Magnificent Scale at Fulford Harbor. A party of prominent young Victorians representing commercial, banking, transportation and other interests, have organized a party to Fulford Harbor on what experts describe as a "duck drive."

They left town on Saturday evening, chartered the steamer Ingham, and at daybreak the next morning crossed the tempestuous sea to Salt Spring Island. The word "tempestuous" is being advisedly, because when they started from Victoria there was quite a heavy gale blowing, and none but the bold-hearted members of the expedition would have dared to tempt the elements when they were in such an unready temper.

Three robbers entered the post office at Reinebeck, Ia., early Monday and made off with \$2,500. Two of the robbers have been captured. GOT A CONSTANT HEADACHE?—Then chances to one the secret of your suffering is that "wheat man's" burden. Catarrh here's a sure cure from one man's experience. Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder.—One application gave me instant relief, cleared the nasal passages and stopped the pain in my head. It is quick, safe and sure treatment, and it never fails to cure. 50 cents—14c.

COSTLY SHOOTING.

Hunters Have a Good Killing of Tame Ducks.

Two well known knights of the gun bled themselves to the locality of Keating's Crossing one day last week in search of game. Provided their prey was legitimate, they did not care whether it turned out to be bird or beast, but they were particularly anxious to bring home a lot of ducks. After hunting for a time they discovered a number of tame ducks watered in a pond not far distant. Here, indeed, was an opportunity, a feast for the gods in sight, and the surroundings favorable. So they crept unobtrusively up the bank to the utmost stealth and soon reached a position of vantage. Bang, and several more bangs! Nine handsome ducks quivered turned over their sides with pliant squawks expired. The exultant hunters filled their bags and paid no heed to a lad who appeared on the scene at this juncture, but as the equal will show whether it turned out to be a factor in a process which subsequently separated the successful sportsman from a few stray coins of the realm they happened to have in their pockets.

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"EVERYMAN" COMING.

Ben Greet and His Capable Company to Play Here. Frank Johnston, representative of the Ben Greet players, who have been producing the great miracle play "Everyman" and "The Star of Bethlehem" throughout the continent, is in the city. These productions will be given at the city of on Wednesday next respectively, and in view of their marked departure from the line of drama to which this city has been accustomed, it will doubtless draw large houses. The company is headed by Ben Greet, who secured the rights to the plays from the Elizabethan Stage Society, which secured them. It is an English company that is producing the plays, and it carries the endorsement of some of the most prominent public men of the country, including Edward Everett Hale and Archbishop Hurler. The performances have been presented under the auspices of the great universities, and they have awakened the deepest interest in the literary and dramatic world. Ben Greet is considered one of the Old Country to be one of the most capable actors on the stage, and he has a splendid supporting company.

BACK FROM CARIBOO.

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IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Passed at Tuesday's Meeting of Property Owners' Association. At the annual meeting of the Property Owners' Association yesterday afternoon, resolutions to which is made in another column of this paper, some very important resolutions were passed, one of which was moved by Mayor Barnard and seconded by R. H. Hill. They are as follows: Whereas in the opinion of this association, the present burden of taxation for educational purposes presses unjustly upon the taxpayer and is inequitable, and it is therefore resolved, That free education be limited to pupils under the full age of 16, and that a fee, not exceeding one dollar, be charged for all pupils attending the High schools, and after that age the full average cost, to be payable in installments.

These steps be taken to urge upon the Government the advisability of amending the School Act by enacting that trustees shall have the same property qualification as the electors, and that they be required to levy rates for school purposes to be collected by the corporation in the usual course. That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the enforcement of the above-mentioned resolutions.

Whereas the opinion of this association, the interests of all municipalities would be better secured by the auditing of accounts by a public auditor, in accordance with section 94 of the Municipal Classes Act, it is therefore resolved, That the auditor of the city be empowered to audit the accounts of the board of management, and that the auditor be empowered to put in force forthwith.

That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the enforcement of the above-mentioned resolutions. The following resolution was referred back to the board of management for consideration: Whereas this association having heard that it is proposed to seek the re-enactment of the latter portion of sub-section 103 of the Municipal Classes Act, that was especially repealed by section 17, Amendment Act, passed 1904.

A "DUCK DRIVE." Shooting on a Magnificent Scale at Fulford Harbor. A party of prominent young Victorians representing commercial, banking, transportation and other interests, have organized a party to Fulford Harbor on what experts describe as a "duck drive."

They left town on Saturday evening, chartered the steamer Ingham, and at daybreak the next morning crossed the tempestuous sea to Salt Spring Island. The word "tempestuous" is being advisedly, because when they started from Victoria there was quite a heavy gale blowing, and none but the bold-hearted members of the expedition would have dared to tempt the elements when they were in such an unready temper.

Three robbers entered the post office at Reinebeck, Ia., early Monday and made off with \$2,500. Two of the robbers have been captured. GOT A CONSTANT HEADACHE?—Then chances to one the secret of your suffering is that "wheat man's" burden. Catarrh here's a sure cure from one man's experience. Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder.—One application gave me instant relief, cleared the