

Service of The Victorian.

Council of the Board of Trade Have a Conference With Mr. Dodwell.

Promises to Remove the Grievances Which Are So Often Complained Of.

The council of the British Columbia Board of Trade yesterday had a conference with Mr. F. Dodwell and Mr. S. J. Maxwell, in regard to improving the steamboat service between Victoria and the Sound. They had to do with the question of the proposed new line of service.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting and expressed the secretary's read the following letters, the first the board's invitation to Messrs. Dodwell & Co. for a conference. President Wells' letter explaining the grievances.

Dec. 21, 1899. Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Tacoma, Wash. Gentlemen: Your steamship service with this city is the cause of serious complaint, and amongst others may be named the cost of meals and beverages, the expense of securing berth, total unfitness of the Utopia for the service and fear of unseaworthiness of the Victoria.

Dec. 21, 1899. Dear Sir: We are in receipt of your favor of Dec. 21st regarding the service given by this company between Victoria, Tacoma and Seattle.

The writer will be in Victoria early in January and will be glad to meet the board and explain the matters which seem to require explanation. We shall telephone our Victoria home and arrange meeting with your honorable body. In the meantime, I am glad to have you explain more fully what is meant by the "inconvenience in securing berth."

Yours faithfully, F. B. WELLS, Secretary.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 26, 1899. F. B. Wells, Esq., Sec. British Columbia Board of Trade, B.C. Dear Sir: We are in receipt of your favor of Dec. 21st regarding the service given by this company between Victoria, Tacoma and Seattle.

I might add in closing that after the unfortunate loss of the City of Kingston, we have made every effort to improve our service, and that in the quickest time possible we have secured a suitable steamer, but it is nevertheless true, as you will find by asking some of our sailing masters.

Yours faithfully, DODWELL & CO., LTD., Managers.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 26, 1899. F. B. Wells, Esq., Secretary, B.C. Board of Trade, Victoria, B.C. Dear Sir: I note what Messrs. Dodwell & Co. have written regarding the difficulty which they have experienced in securing berth on the Utopia.

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More Wreckage Found on the West Coast by Lighthouse Keeper Daykin.

A telegram from W. Daykin, the lighthouse keeper at Carmanah gives further particulars of the wreckage found on the West Coast reported by the Queen City. A number of milk cans, and other articles mentioned have been picked up, as also, a quantity of white painted boards.

The Walla Walla brought 130 passengers, 10 of whom were for Victoria and an exceedingly light freight from San Francisco. The Queen departed for the Bay City last evening with the following passengers from this port: W. Mrs. and the Misses Hall, G. H. Mrs. and the Misses Arthur, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Williams, Rev. S. Stephens, D. S. Morrison, Rev. A. Graves, Annie, Miss Rice, F. W. Ireland, J. C. and Mrs. Campbell.

The Steamship Company, in the Charles D. Lane, of San Francisco is interested, has received notification that the steamer Irrawady, recently built in Philadelphia, is to be sent to the way around the Horn, will sail from Seattle. The Irrawady is a big vessel, and is being fitted out for a long voyage.

The barkentine William Carson, with coal from Newcastle, and the Island steamer Claudine, in collision off Diamond Head on the night of Dec. 29. The Claudine struck the Carson, and the latter vessel was wrecked.

The Carson was recovered by tugboats, and is being towed to Victoria. The Claudine is being towed to Port Blakely, taking lumber from that port to Australia.

Alterations to the Steamship Alpha are proceeding rapidly and when completed she will have splendid accommodations for passengers.

With a cargo of lumber for Valparaiso, the ship Lullaba sailed from Moodyville yesterday being towed out by the Cottage City will call here to-day en route to Alaska ports.

The P. liner Queen of the North is to-morrow for the Orient. She will have a full cargo.

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The Legislature On Address.

Leader of Opposition Arraigns Ministers and Moves Want of Confidence.

Mr. Martin Refutes a Nanaimo Charge—The Boers' Friends Discussed.

In the provincial legislature yesterday afternoon, the debate upon the speech of the throne was initiated. Mr. Tisdall moving and Mr. J. M. Martin (Roseland) seconding the reply, being followed by the leader of the opposition, who spoke for nearly two hours and twenty-five minutes.

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Local News.

Smelter Returns.—During the four week absence of the smelter, there was a total loss of 3,132 tons of ore, containing approximately 60 tons of copper and 40,000 ounces of silver.

Serious Offense.—In the provincial police court yesterday, the case of a man charged with an offense of a serious nature was heard.

Papers for Dawson.—During the winter season the postoffice department will send to Dawson 600 pounds of paper weekly, in event of the quantity of paper required.

Seaman's Institute.—The manager of the Seaman's Institute acknowledges with thanks donations of reading matter during the past month from the following: The Hon. C. M. G. W. W. H. Shaw, Mr. E. C. Mack, Mrs. Geo. Gillmor, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. G. J. Morley, Mr. E. C. Mack, the Colonist and Times daily papers.

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