

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Casualty.

From Friday's Daily. Clauses 3 to 27 of the sanitary regulations of 1896 have been brought into force in Vancouver by the provincial board of health, and clause 3 in Kamloops.

A report has been received from the interior to the effect that a peculiar foot disease has broken out among the people. The government have decided to send a veterinary surgeon to investigate the matter.

The following gentlemen have been appointed as members of the board of licensing commissioners for Wellington: Messrs. Peter Morrison and Alexander McKinnon. Mr. Frederick Billings (Carristery) has been appointed a member of the licensing commission for Vernon.

John Williams, on remand from yesterday, was dismissed this morning in the police court, there not being sufficient evidence against him to prove the charge of his receiving the stolen property. S. D. Schultz appeared for the defence.

Dr. George H. Duncan gave evidence before Magistrate Macrae this morning in the case of Regina vs. Jones to show that Mr. Foote was too sick to give evidence. It was out of the question to think of having him brought in to court, therefore he will not go, as intended, to Mr. Foote's residence tomorrow afternoon. The case is postponed until Monday, when it will be further heard in the provincial police court.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Demers took place this afternoon from her residence on Frederic street, and later from St. Barnabas church. Rev. J. B. Haslam conducted the burial services. There was a large attendance of the friends of the deceased, and many beautiful floral offerings were laid upon the coffin. The pallbearers were: S. Sen, Jr., W. D. Dickenson, A. Belfry, W. N. Carmichael, W. Dean and Geo. Tite.

The fishing sloop Veolich, in which were F. Melrose, G. Nelson and C. O. Veolich, was capsized off North Saanich during the storm this morning. The three men were in the water for a considerable length of time, and were saved through the efforts of Captain Johnson, who put off in a boat to the rescue. The sloop, which was somewhat damaged, was secured and brought to shore.

The officers and crew of H. M. S. Icarus were hospitably entertained during their stay at Honolulu. Receptions and cricket matches were the order of the day. The Icarus made a trip to Kealahou Bay with Commissioner Haves. An appropriation of \$10 was made by the British government to be expended in putting Cook's monument at the Bay in order. After attending to this Commissioner Haves will return to Honolulu by one of the island boats, and the Icarus will sail direct to Coquimbou.

The charge against Fred Steinberg of having a brook trout in his possession was to have been heard in the provincial court this afternoon before Captain Walbran, fishery officer and stipendiary magistrate, but fell through on an objection raised by Mr. S. D. Schultz, who appeared for the defence. Mr. Schultz raised several objections, but the successful one was that sufficient time had not elapsed between the service of the summons and the time set for its return. After the dismissal of the case Mr. Schultz stated that the charge was of a vexatious character and had caused a family dispute. Constable Wale being a brother-in-law of the accused.

Reference was made in the Times last evening to the case of John McKinnon, arrested at Spokane some weeks ago for cattle stealing committed at Vernon in October, 1895. The Spokane dispatch quoted was not quite correct. Keyson at Spokane, and he committed McKinnon to the county jail for 60 days to await extradition by the B. C. authorities. It afterwards turned out that Judge Keyson had no power to deal with extradition cases. The authority was given him, and he again committed McKinnon for extradition. The papers and evidence were afterwards sent to the secretary of state at Washington and ground that the evidence was insufficient to sustain the charges laid against McKinnon at Spokane. McKinnon has been discharged, and Constable Simons, who was in attendance at Spokane on behalf of the British Columbia government, has returned to his station at Vernon.

From Saturday's Daily. By the death of an uncle on Jersey Island the Messrs. and the Misses Le Leve, of this city, have fallen heirs to a snug little fortune.

The government has decided to send a veterinary surgeon to the interior to enquire into the reported foot disease among the cattle there, and to take such measures as are necessary to stamp it out.

A meeting of those interested in establishing a local examining board in Victoria for the University of Cambridge examinations was held at the government buildings this morning. Hon. Col. Baker, minister of education, was in the chair. The following officers were appointed: Chairman and presiding examiner, Hon. Col. Baker, M.A.; treasurer, Miss Perrin, and secretary, Mr. T. W. Laing, M.A.

A letter has been received in this city from one of Capt. Black's party, which left for Omineca a few weeks ago. The party was then 200 miles above Lillooet, and each man was hauling 400 pounds on a sleigh. They were averaging about 20 miles a day. A telegram received later says that one of the party, Mr. Fred Rogers, contracted pneumonia and was seriously ill at 118 Mile house. He will return to Victoria as soon as he is able to travel.

The brother of the late George Hansen, or, as he was commonly known in the city, "Alabama George," and who died suddenly in the Jubilee saloon on Johnson street some time ago, has written to Captain Seward asking for information as to what disposition was made of George's property and as to

what became of the ticket which was sent to take him to North Dakota. He will be communicated with by the police.

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From Monday's Daily. Chu Ling John, an aged Chinaman, died this morning of consumption at the Chinese hospital, where he has been lying for the past two months. He will be buried this evening at 5 o'clock.

News has been received of the death of Louis A. Armit, eldest son of William Armit, of deceased, who was a resident of this city for some time and was in the employ of Lowenberg, Harris & Co., was 28 years of age. He was well known here, being a member of the cricket and other city clubs.

Mayor Templeton, Col. Townley, Major Worsnop and Ald. McQueen, accompanied by Messrs. Cotton and Merson, interviewed the government on Saturday respecting a grant for a site for the Vancouver drill hall. The premises promised consideration of the question.

Mayor Redfern gives notice that at this evening's meeting of the council he will recommend the following resolution: "That the cofferdam at Beaver Lake be not removed, but that the corporation retain the same as a permanent work, and raise it to a height of at least two feet above high water mark."

Herbert King, who was arrested last Thursday evening by Detention Police and Constable Macdonald, was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning, and was committed to stand his trial before the first court of criminal jurisdiction. The case was tried with closed doors.

A. Williams, senior member for Vancouver, arrived in the city last evening and took his seat in the legislative assembly for the first time this session. Mr. Williams has been east closing a deal with the Massey-Harris Co. and an American company for the right to manufacture a patent bicycle brake in Canada and the United States in which he is interested. The brake was invented by Mr. Fader, of Vancouver, and it is understood he and Mr. Williams received a good, big sum for the patent, something like \$40,000 from the two companies.

Before the house adjourned this afternoon Mr. Booth submitted the sixteenth report of the private bills committee, which recommended that the standing orders should be suspended so as to allow the bill for the incorporation of the Nanaimo-Alberni Railway Company to be introduced. The committee also reported the preamble of the bill to incorporate the West Kootenay Power & Light Co. and the Revelstoke and Trout Lake and Big Bend Telephone Co. had been approved. The report was another report of the private bills committee to the effect that the time for the reception of reports on private bills be extended to March 22 was adopted.

PLEASANT VALLEY RESERVE. To the Editor: We people living up here would like to obtain some information about some land situated in Pleasant Valley. Is there still a government reserve in that valley, and if not, when was it surrendered? If it is still such a reserve, who has the right to use it? Is it kept on for the special benefit of a government supporter? If this reservation has been cancelled, why have not the lands been sold, or if there are several who would wish to preempt some of it? The people are thoroughly tired of looking through government glasses in expectation of receiving a piece of land. The district contains a letter, has two wooden men to represent us. Mr. Adams may have good intentions, but he is too timid to see justice done. Can you, Mr. Editor, give us any light on this reserve question, or must we take it for granted that any public property here is reserved as a perpetuity for a friend of the government?

BARKERVILLE. Barkerville, February 20, 1897.

MAIL GRIEVANCES. To the Editor: The postal grievances remain with us. The B. C. Express Co. bring the mail over the road, but the mail is only a secondary consideration. The mail is not carried at the main office of the company at Ashcroft; the company owns the postoffice, telegraph office and all the stopping places along the road. Miners here who have friends in other places received letters stating that papers and magazines had been sent to them, but no reading matter ever arrived. A couple of friends in Victoria occasionally kept sending me reading matter, which we consider here the only blessing that can reach us, but the reading matter never reached me, and I had to admit it was useless to be sending any. Mail directed to Lillooet, Dog Lake, or any point along the road, comes in here, and the man here who handles the mail returns them, but whether they ever reach their owners we never learn. We know we never get half our mail here. I do not get on an average one paper of the Twice-a-Week Times that is supposed to be sent to me regularly. Every subscriber here is complaining from the same trouble. There is no postmaster here to look after our mail; it is only a way station. Although there is a bag for this station more than half our mail goes to the lower office. Then we have to wait for another three days until the carrier returns our mail; it is only a way station. The postoffice inspector and after a while we heard he was coming to investigate. Soon Mr. Steve Tingley, the mail contractor, was seen driving the inspector into camp. An acquaintance of the inspector's was in the camp; he went to the buggy, talked for fifteen minutes, Mr. Tingley standing by them. In twenty minutes they were on their return road to Ashcroft. It did not take us long to size the amount of our remedy, and we have not been in the least disappointed. The tenth of January I sent my subscription to the Montreal Herald, thinking mail from that office would be more regular. The 8th of this month I got a postal that the paper had been forwarded, but the month is now gone and no paper yet. Last mail a lot of mail for Ashcroft, Barkerville, Cache Creek and Mundorf's came out here, 150 miles beyond their destination, and it is a weekly occurrence. The postmaster thinks he is impervious to all diseases, as the imprecations fumed

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