

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Want of knowledge of the specific subject in hand was clearly the difficulty under which the majority of the speakers at last night's meeting in the city hall were laboring.

We think the conduct of Mayor Redfern in connection with this affair was most reprehensible. In his public announcement calling the meeting he used his mayoral power to insult the provincial government by making what will yet appear, perfectly unwarrantable statements.

The resolutions offered at that meeting were like the meeting itself—farical and non-effective through sheer want of information. They were drawn up in ignorance of the law, and nothing further is required to show the nonsensical character of that meeting than the ludicrous attempt of the party agitators to lay the matter before the house.

Mr. Joseph Martin, the only speaker who composed that meeting. This is how the incident occurred. Mr. Lugrin had just declared that "British Columbia was not going to submit to the domination of Mr. Joseph Martin."

"Listen to them—hear that; it's a disgrace!" Did you ever read Uncle Tom's Cabin? The poor niggers of the south are cheering for their drivers when they hear their whips crack.

The comparison was not relished by the audience and there was a demonstration of disapproval from all parts of the hall. It was rather a bold thing to compare free-born, white, British subjects with the negro slaves of the Southern States.

Mr. Lugrin showed intense annoyance at the remark of a person who was standing at his left. Mr. Lugrin had been stating the legal procedure in election petition cases and made "one of those fatal pauses" which this person seized upon to interject the query, in a voice audible in every part of the hall:

...blow ever struck at our free parliament emanated from the hand of political schemers in Victoria. In the Turner interest, and that they were successful in making a mayor forget his duty, passed absurd resolutions in the name of the citizens of Victoria in public meetings, and behaved themselves in so indecently disorderly a manner as to call forth the sharp reproof of Mr. Speaker, and the threat that a repetition would be answered by calling in force to clear those maligners.

To the people of British Columbia the Victoria Times earnestly says: It was not the citizens of Victoria who committed this outrage, it was not the citizens of Victoria who attempted to coerce our legislature; the citizens of Victoria had no hand in that disorderly, rebellious work of a mere political clique in Victoria, and our city repudiates their mutinous and stupid conduct.

It is expedient that the truth respecting the cases of Messrs. Deane and Prentice should be laid before the public, that they may form their own opinions from the facts, and not imbibe views which are being disseminated with the deliberate purpose of misleading the public.

The provincial elections were held on July 9th, 1898; the return being made on July 12th. By the law all the petitions except those of Martin v. Deane, Stoddart v. Prentice, and Downie v. Bookland were sent down for trial on November 16th.

This was in accordance with the well-known law and procedure that an election petition cannot be tried piecemeal and must be got on with from day to day until completed, and it was decided to set down for trial the entire case.

Now—a days nearly every woman rides a bicycle. The number of these who do not, however, have failed to increase. It is not a matter of credit, but of safety, that the bicycle should be used with care.

It is in nearly every instance severe nervousness in women may be traced to weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs distinctly feminine. No other class of disorders so torture a woman's nerves or break them down so quickly and effectually.

My wife was troubled with female weakness for several years, writes James Caswell, Esq., of Ochel trea, Johnson Co., Kans. (P. O. Box 207). She was unable to carry her child, and her periods were irregular. Her weight had fallen to 125 pounds, and she was unable to do any work.

Particulars of how Mr. Fleming, a British Missionary, Met His Death at the Hands of Chinese.

Particulars of the murder of Mr. Fleming, the British missionary of the China Inland Mission at Kueiyang in Kuechow province, by a native evangelist were brought by R. M. S. Empress of Japan. The Chingking correspondent of the North China Daily News describes the tragedy as follows:

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NARROW ESCAPE. Capt. Johnson, of Sidney, rescues two men in a critical condition. The long list of intrepid rescues which he has effected on the coast during the last few years.

LANGUID WOMEN. Miss Lucia Butcher, of Teswater, Ont., had a very severe attack of neuralgia, fever, etc., which was cured by Castoria.

BOARD OF TRADE. Meeting to discuss the New Salmon Fishery Regulations—Correspondence. The council of the above board met at their rooms yesterday afternoon.

PROBABLE RATE WAR. Montreal, Jan. 10.—The C. P. R. officials here confirm the report that there is likelihood of the rate war being renewed. It is claimed that the Great Northern has broken away from the rate pool.

HEAD AND LIMBS. All Covered With Eruptions—Could Not Work, the Suffering Was So Great—Hood's Has Cured.

Commissary-General Egan, Savagely Attacks Com Nelson A. M.

Extraordinary Language Egan in Denunciation of the missariat Depa.

FIGHTING IN THE OSMAINI IN THE SONS OF ISMAEL.

THE JOINT HIGH COMMISSIONERS ON BOARDING SEA QUARTER.

THE SITUATION IN GENERAL OFFICERS RETIRE TO QUIET AND BUSINESS.

FATHER CHINI. Montreal, Que., Jan. 11.—The Rev. Father Chini, of the Cathedral, who is visiting in the city, has been struck by the grippe, and covered his face with a handkerchief.

QUEBEC LEGIS. Opened To-day—The Session of the Quebec Legislature.

LILLIAN'S EXPERIENCE. How She Kept Trouble, Loss and Disappointment From a City Home.

Lillian Dyes, the bright daughter of a farmer living some eighty miles from Toronto, was visiting her aunt in the Queen City during Fair time.

HOOD'S PILLS. Hood's Pills are the best in fact the One True Blood Purifier.