

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

What with Dominion and provincial elections and voting on by-laws the people of Victoria have had a surfeit of turmoil and discussion, and they are not to be blamed, all things considered, for viewing the municipal situation with calmness.

TREATING OUR ORE.

It is gratifying to know that we have such immense quantities of ore of all kinds in British Columbia and that it is in great demand in the United States at the present time, and that such demand is likely to constantly increase.

Complaints about inequalities nearly akin to the one we are discussing are given publicity to constantly in the newspapers in all parts of the province. There is no doubt in the world that if it were not for tariff barriers all our ore would receive all the benefits of the presence of the large population required to put it through this course of treatment instead of the very meagre tribute it at present yields us.

THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

It seems a pity the public do not take more interest in educational matters. Candidates for election to a public body to which is entrusted the expenditure of large sums of money and the direction of the affairs of institutions which are preparing for the battle of life the future citizens of the country are allowed a few minutes at the end of a meeting called to consider the affairs of the city generally to address the citizens and expound their ideas of how our schools should be conducted.

C. P. R. MISGIVINGS.

Sir William Van Horne groans in spirit and his organs from the Atlantic to the Pacific are shuddering because of certain developments which are held to seriously threaten the future of Canada.

Sir William also has misgivings because the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company has entered into a contract to supply the Great Northern Railway Company with a certain number of tons of fuel per annum.

the intercolonial a feeder for Mr. Van Horne's road were not restored. Mr. Blair took up the gage boldly and invited the C. P. R. and its henchman, the ex-Minister of Finance, to lay on. They went at it, and the conclusion of the conflict was awaited with confidence by the railway people in all parts of the country.

A FEROCIOUS BANDIT.

General Dewet has promulgated and partly carried out a very interesting programme. One peace commissioner has been murdered and two flogged, and the sentence of death has been pronounced upon Kitchener and Botha.

THE LATE ELECTION.

The following carefully prepared tables of the vote for the three candidates in the late Dominion election in Yale-Cariboo are of great interest in view of the claim sometimes made that British Columbia is "Conservative by tradition."

RETURNERS BY DISTRICTS.

Table with 4 columns: District Name, Gaullier (Lib), Foley (Lab), McKane (Con). Rows include East Lillooet, West Lillooet, Cariboo, North Yale, East Yale, Rossland, etc.

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NOTICE RESPECTING THE REBATE ON EXPORTED TIMBER.

Notice is hereby given that the Intimation dated 3rd December, 1900, under this heading is rescinded, and that under the authority of an Order in Council of the 8th instant, the payment of a rebate on all timber exported beyond the limit of the Province was allowed and was discontinued from and after the 31st of December, 1900.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Bridge, Kettle River, North Fork Kettle River, at Hardy's Crossing," will be received by the undersigned up to and including Saturday, the 9th February next.

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RESERVES HIS REPLY.

Natchez, Miss., Jan. 16.—Referring to the London cable regarding his plea of "innocence" against a claim of \$250 for jewellery, the Duke of Manchester yesterday said he would reserve his reply until he returned to England.

MILLIONS FACE STARVATION.

Shanghai, Jan. 14.—There is a famine in the province of Shen Si, and it is said that 5,000,000 people are facing starvation.

THE HEALTH PROMISED BY PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.

People who decide to use Paine's Celery Compound, should not entertain a doubt regarding the health-giving power of earth's most successful medicine.

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FOR SALE—"Oak Farm."

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Through Line To Victoria.

Victoria is being treated to a surplus of late in the matter of transportation changes, that the commencement in regard to pending schemes will not be without the same skepticism with which have been received six months ago.

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Synopsis of a Play In Three Acts.

BY MOSSBACK.

ACT I. A China passenger liner, which for convenience we will call the Empress of Japan, sails from Vancouver for the Orient with a good freight and large passenger list, among whom were several tourist sightseers.

ACT II. "Why, we see by the customs returns and other trade and shipping statistics that it is the fourth port in the Dominion."

ACT III. All are again on board the Empress, and a fresh start is made for the land of the Mikado, revelling in the recollection of the delights of the past few days, in which by a strange mischance they had been privileged to see the beauties of British Columbia's capital and enjoy the charms of its surroundings.

Competitive Plans Judges Report on the Merits of the Recent Designs By Architects.

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The competitive plans in connection with the new Government House have been examined and a decision reached regarding their merits.

"In response to the notice published by the lands and works department on October 31st last, inviting British Columbia architects to compete, nine sets of designs for the proposed new Government House were submitted, under the following nom de plume: 'Spero,' 'Volte No. 1,' 'Volte No. 2,' 'Domus Consilia,' 'Norma,' 'Olympian,' 'Kola,' 'Paardeberg' and 'Three Hundred and Thirty-three.'"

"Pursuant to the conditions of the competition, those designs were critically examined and compared by Messrs. W. Riddway Wilson and J. C. Keith, non-competing architects, in conjunction with the chief commissioner of lands and works, who have reported that the various plans represent a large amount of very careful work, and in most cases the general conditions as to style of draughtsmanship and number of drawings had been adhered to."

"The order of merit assigned to the five selected designs is as follows: '1-'Volte No. 2.' (Byreus & Sait, Victoria) and Vancouver.' '2-'Paardeberg.' (R. M. Fripp, Vancouver.) '3-'Olympian.' (C. J. Socle, Victoria.) '4-'Domus Consilia.' (Carr & Fee, Vancouver.) '5-'Spero.' (Thomas Hooper, Victoria.)"

"The various designs can be seen by interested persons at the executive council chamber, near the parliament buildings, up to Saturday next."

"Further decision in the matter will be deferred until the return of the premier from Ottawa."

"The agitation in regard to substituting a stone for a frame structure, as contemplated in the plans, will, it is said, probably cause the government to suspend action until the legislature is summoned."

"TO THE DEAF—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noses in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$5,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 206 D, The Nicholson Institute, Longcott, Gunnersbury, London, W."

J. St. Clair Blackett, general merchant, Atlin, is in the city on a business visit of a week. Mr. Blackett thinks Atlin will be a mining centre when Dawson is only a memory.

J. West, of Dawson, who has been in the city for the past few days on business, is registered at the Dominion hotel. He is interested in the hotel business at White Horse, Bennett and Dawson.

FROM THE LARDEAU. Two Mining Men From That District in the City—They Oppose Two Per Cent. Royalty.

W. B. Pool, manager of the Great Western Mines, of Lardeau, and Trout Lake, and John J. Young, proprietor of the Calgary Daily Herald, who is heavily interested with Mr. Pool in several Lardeau properties, arrived from Vancouver last night and are registered at the Dominion.

Messrs. Pool and Young are in the city in connection with an important mining deal, and will incidentally interview the chief commissioner of lands and mines, on the subject of the two per cent. royalty on ore. They claim that the royalty, coming out of all of the ore taxes, license, stamping, and burdens which the mining industry has to bear, is an unjust discrimination. The almost unanimous feeling in the interior, they state, is to the same effect, and a considerable number of indignation committees that the government should so discourage investors that they are scared away from British Columbia to the mining states of the boundary.

"No other industry in the province," said Mr. Pool, "is taxed to the extent that the mining industry is, and yet it is that industry to which we look to employ labor, build up thriving towns in the interior, and furnish business for the coast cities and Victoria. Instead of largely investing the government in this province, with its millions of acres of undeveloped mineral lands, should offer him liberal bonuses to come here."

Messrs. Pool and Young are enthusiastic over the conditions under which the Lardeau mines have been developed, including the Silver Cup, Nettie L., Triune, Beatrice, and others, and are now in a position to ship large quantities of ore running from \$100 to \$300 to the ton, but they do not feel like doing it under present conditions. The Great Western Mines alone have spent \$40,000 in developing their properties, and they insist that the government should offer him very inducements to go and develop their mines."

Editor Young, who is from the chief town in the great cattle range country, west of the Rockies, gives very favorable accounts of the progress and prosperity of that section.

Unparalleled Readiness of Counsel to Proceed With Case on Appeal for Consideration This Morning. The January sitting of the Full court resumed this morning with Judges Walken, Drake, Irving and Martin in attendance.

The chief justice telegraphed yesterday that he was suffering from a sprain of the ankle and would not be able to attend. There was a large array of counsel, and new Queen's counsel in their new robes were in evidence. The well-known counsel who were present were: Charles Wilson, E. V. Bodwell, E. P. Davis, Sir C. H. Tupper, F. Peters, L. G. McPhillips, Gordon Hunter, Mr. Cassels, for the plaintiff, and F. B. Gregor, L. Crease, Harold Robertson, T. Mayne Daly, Alex. McNeill and others."

The appeal list is a very long one, and includes several cases from the general territorial court. It was gone through yesterday first to see in what cases counsel were ready, and with such remarks as were necessary, and to carry on such a case, that at the end Judge Walken said it was the only time in his experience that all counsel were ready.

The first case taken up this morning was Stevenson v. Parkes, an appeal from the gold commissioner of the Yukon. Mr. Cassels, for the plaintiff, applicant, applied for an adjournment on the ground that they had not yet been able to procure a copy of the notes of evidence from the stenographer, who left Dawson some time ago for Dubuque, Iowa, to visit his family. Mr. Bodwell, for the respondent, opposed the motion on the ground that there had been an unparalleled delay, on the part of the applicant, in getting the notes of the evidence. He contended that no appeal lay, as the case came originally before Judge Craig, who referred it to the gold commissioner, who gave judgment. There was no power to take the order without appeal they had agreed to the gold commissioner, who gave judgment. There was no appeal. The motion was adjourned.

FRUIT TRANSPORTATION. Deputation Waited on Supt. Marpole and Dominion Express Officials—Petition to Unseat G. R. Maxwell.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Jan. 16.—Sult was entered in the Supreme court yesterday by J. M. Duval to unseat G. R. Maxwell, M. P., elect for Burrard. Bribery and general corruption acts are charged with no detailed allegations in the writ. A. O. Alexander appears for Mr. Duval, who was a member of Mayor Garden's committee.

The snow and rock slide near Hope was nearly cleared away at noon, and the first through train since Monday will arrive late this evening.

A deputation of fruit-growers this morning interviewed Supt. Marpole and the Dominion express officials to secure low rates for fruit transportation to the Northwest.

Chief of Provincial Police Hussey passed through the city to Westminster today for the purpose of investigating certain charges made against the management of the provincial jail.

Two private meetings of the city council were held today for the purpose of discussing matters with a view to the settlement of the Deadman's Island question.

ACT II. It is night, and the previously busy, sight-seeing, bustling, human freightage has sought repose in slumber. The crew alone is amove and watchful. Naught is visible on the hazy horizon, save the broad expanse of dark waters to the westward, now and again streaked with light near the prow, by the phosphorescent wake of a frigate on the water, when suddenly through the mist there appears to the startled lookout in the crow's nest the outline of a massive vessel bearing down on the Empress, and before anyone could intelligently pronounce Jack Robinson there is a crash, a collision, and the fair Empress is struck on the port quarter and endangered beyond safety. Orders are to "bout ship and head for port. Under close watch the disabled liner doubles back 150 miles or more, and with eager haste presses forward toward Victoria, the port it has been claimed she cannot enter. The astonished passengers regard the situation as most critical. She must be heaved to be saved, is the interpretation of this act of desperation, as they nervously clutch hold of one another in readiness for the final crash, while with breathless suspense they watch the Leviathan steam up along side and make fast to the ocean dock. Releasing their hold and setting their

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SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA. Advertisement for Castoria medicine, including a list of ailments it treats and a testimonial from a satisfied customer.

HATS AND CAPS. We have a large stock of Hats and Caps, which we invite the trade to call and inspect. Advertisement for J. Piercy & Co., Wholesale Drygoods.

We Are Still. Taking steps to procure for our patrons the very best of everything at our exceedingly low cash prices. Advertisement for Dixi H. Ross & Co., Cash Grocers.

Agents Wanted. THE FONTHILL NURSERIES. We have the largest nurseries in Canada, 800 acres, and can therefore give the best assortment of stock. Advertisement for Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

VITALLETS. FREE TO MEN AND WOMEN. For Nerve Strength and Blood Health. Advertisement for Vitallets medicine, featuring a testimonial from a satisfied customer.

Do You Want To Sell. All or part of your farm? If so, let your property with me. I am making a specialty of farming lands, and at the present time can dispose of your property if prices are right. Advertisement for J. E. Church, Broker.

\$1.50 Per Annum. \$1.50. VOL. 21.

To Present Their Claim. Premier Dunsmuir and Eberts Wait on Government To-Day. Advertisement for a railway project.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Hon. James Blair and his party will wait on the cabinet this afternoon and formally present their claims for a subsidy for starting a shipbuilding industry in the province.

Sir Louis Davies has promised to make a recommendation to the cabinet to convey False Creek to the city of Vancouver. Advertisement for a local project.

STUDENT AND POLITICAL. Many Have Been Arrested. Advertisement for a political event.

ARBITRATOR CHOA. London, Jan. 18.—Official notice is made of the formal appointment of the United States ambassador to the British government in the Canadian ship Kow Ching.

BOTTLED THE OIL. The Lucas oil geyser, which is 50 feet high since it was placed on the well to-day and Capt. Choke is now master of an estimated 150,000 barrels of oil.

INTOXICANTS PROHIBITED. Chicago, Jan. 18.—The market for intoxicants is reported to be very quiet. Advertisement for a local project.

RAILWAY CONCESSIONS. Chicago, Jan. 18.—A special committee from the United States senate of the following: Massachusetts, Geo. Frable Hoar, Republican, re-elected; Colorado, Thomas M. Patterson, Fusionist; Maine, W. P. Frye, Republican, re-elected; New Hampshire, Henry B. Burham, Republican.