











Provincial News.

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# Committee of Fifty

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### The Revenue and Taxation and Mint Committees Submit Their Reports.

### The Meeting Endorses the Amendments Sought by the City Council.

The question of reducing the quorum of the Committee of Fifty was one of the important matters considered at the meeting of that body last night. Though the attendance was fair and in every sense representative, it seemed to be the opinion of the chairman that a body of the present business could not be legally conducted. The discussion which followed showed that there has been no decision reported on the secretary's report, and H. A. Murray pointed out that in the legislature, and indeed in almost every parliamentary body, the quorum was fixed at less than a third of the membership. The sense of the meeting seemed to be that a sharp rule should be enforced in this particular. The chairman, however, thought differently, and an attempt will be made at a future meeting to fix fifteen as a legal quorum.

The mayor occupied the chair and G. H. Barnard, the secretary, acted in that capacity.

A letter was first read from the Mayor (including Ald. Hayward's motion) and was read by the city clerk, expressing his belief that the committee would continue their labors. Received and filed.

The clerk forwarded the amendments sought by the council from the legislature. The item in regard to taxation of real property was the first proposed amendment discussed. Mr. Renouf thought that in consideration of the fact that the subcommittee on the subject had reported in favor of the item should be passed, though a subscription in the office of over two weeks.

The next amendment, making provision for taking of an appeal to the Full Court at its "next sitting" instead of within a certain specified time, was explained by the chairman as an effort to overcome the "disability" under which the council had sometimes found themselves by the fact that the Full Court did not sit within the time prescribed by law for the appeal to be taken. The clause was passed.

The provision for avoiding unnecessary expenses by giving the council discretion as to the powers so that it could discriminate between routine by-laws and those which actually required advertisement also passed without discussion.

The committee also approved of the article of giving the council power to tax bicycles.

Mr. Renouf wanted to know why bicycles had been singled out for taxation, and was told that it was at the Wheelwright's request. Mr. Renouf shook his head incredulously.

Mr. McCandless, while approving of the tax, said it should include the power to tax every kind of vehicle. He owned a horse and carriage, and he thought no one who was able to afford these should object to paying \$5 a year tax on them.

C. E. Renouf thought one vehicle and one horse would do more damage to the streets than a tax on the city. It was unfair that a family in which there were four wheels should pay a multiple tax, while their neighbor with several horses and a carriage paid no tax on them.

Mr. Seabrooke pointed out the hardship which would be worked in the case of bicycle cyclists.

S. J. Pitts thought it absurd that bicycles should be taxed to avoid such a tax. W. H. Langley wanted coupled with the proposed amendment that the proceeds of such tax should be devoted to the construction of bicycle paths. If such a provision was not coupled with the proposal of a tax, a council might levy a tax and devote the revenue to other purposes. Ald. Humphrey concurred in this view.

Upon motion of Messrs. Langley and Pitts, a motion was made that the council should be empowered to employ in making and maintaining bicycle paths throughout the city were added. Ald. Brydon moved that he thought the council should be trusted to employ the money for that purpose without a motion being made binding them to do so.

The council to be given power to spend money to inquire into any harbor scheme which was next considered and passed without discussion.

The clause providing for a higher rate for school purposes next came up. Mr. Pitts thought some other source for raising the extra amount should be employed without further burdening real estate.

A. G. McCandless said that while he supported the clause at the time it was agreed upon, he had changed his mind since that time, as a result of the \$2,000,000 worth of property, the value of which derived no benefit whatever from the schools. Under the present system, some men who had large estates going to school escaped from paying for their education simply because they were not real estate owners.

Mr. Renouf recalled the time when the school revenue tax was turned over to the council, when it was called a school tax. He believed it was designed for the three mills were for school purposes.

Mr. Pitts still thought the personal property tax should be made more remunerative than at present. He found no fault with the school, but a more business-like method should be employed in collecting.

similar to that followed in collecting water rates, and the collector in the case of Mr. Seabrooke complained of the extravagance of the school board, and said when a child reached a certain age he should pay his own way.

W. H. Langley testified to the zeal of the collector in his (the speaker's) own case. He also criticized the education system, and said that in examining answers to advertisements for clerks he found a lamentable lack of proficiency in penmanship and spelling.

Mr. McCandless wished the committee would go around to the schools and examine their workings. They would find that they were being run cheaper than any on the coast. (Hear, hear.)

The policy of the board was to erect a High school, improve the public school curriculum, and make those who patronized the High school pay for it. (Hear, hear.)

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S. J. Pitts moved that the clause be struck out, and that the committee are of the opinion that sufficient revenue can be collected from other sources.

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The Mayor still objected, but Mr. Pitts said it was quibbling over trifles. Mr. Seabrooke said if all the fifty were present their resolutions could carry no weight, and Mr. Renouf thought it was a difference between Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Mr. Pitts's motion carried.

Mr. Renouf moved that in the opinion of the committee the proposed amendment of the council from the \$3 revenue tax shall be applied by the council for school purposes only. The motion was ruled out of order.

The local improvement clause was amended by the deletion of the word "to amend the sub-section by giving the council power to borrow the city's share of the cost of any improvements upon the security of the property benefited, or upon the credit of the municipality or upon the property benefited, and to repay the same by annual instalments."

The next section, to put Broad street on the same footing, was passed.

A clause authorizing the council to remove laundries, was approved.

The clause giving the council power to regulate the construction of all fences and to remove those which are eyesores also passed. Mr. Renouf expressing the opinion that it would not stand law.

Ald. Humphrey objected to the next clause, which makes it obligatory upon females desiring to exercise the franchise to pay \$5 to the city revenue, exclusive of the cost of the property to be advertised. He thought that should be done was to ask the legislature to define what a householder is.

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(13) In taking the provincial voters' list for the year 1898, it is estimated that more than one-half of the taxes due to the city from these sources remain in annually uncollected form.

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# The Golden Northland.

### Budget of Late News of the North—Bloody Fight For a Toll Gate.

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### Rich Coal Beds Found Near Dawson—More Finds in the Atlin Country.

News comes from Skagway that there has been a bloody fight over the toll gate on the Brackett wagon road at Camp 9, just above Henry station, on the White Pass trail. The gate has been the scene of numerous fights ever since it was established, the packers and other travelers insisting that it was an outrage to collect toll; but before the trouble in question there has never been any serious difficulty.

The row was caused by J. H. Brooks and his party of five packers who, when passed for their toll through the gate, refused to pay it, and when force was attempted to be used to prevent their passing through there ensued a fierce encounter.

According to the story of Gas Holmquist, the toll collector, Brooks had with him a party of packers, consisting of Brooks, James F. Emmett, Jack Farr, James Barnes, Merritt Barnes and another man, who appeared at the gate, and when they were refused passage, Farr commenced to chop down the obstruction. Kane, an assistant toll collector, who was Holmquist's only assistant, being the last and only man to remain, there began a fight between him and Farr, in which the ax accidentally dropped on Kane's head, cutting a bad gash.

Another of the packers chopped down the gate, one of his associates at the time was a revolver preventing Holmquist taking any part, and the party proceeded on their way.

Two days later there was another chopping-down of the gate by a party of timber packers, led by Brooks. All the parties to the row will be arrested on warrants sworn out by the officials of the wagon road company.

A suit growing out of previous troubles over this gate, in which the United States was the plaintiff against the Brackett Wagon Road Company, on the charge that the defendant was obstructing the highway by erecting the gate, was decided by Judge Schibrede.

The decision in favor of the company was based on the contention that his court had no power to overrule the action of Secretary Bliss.

Placers Near Wrangel. From Wrangel comes news that paying placer ground has been discovered eight miles to the interior from Fort Wrangel. Colorado capitalists are said to have bought a number of the claims, and which are located in a basin, for \$75,000, paying \$10,000 cash. This particular basin contains twenty-four claims, and it is believed there are twenty-five or thirty other basins of similar size and varying richness in the vicinity of the town, within a radius of twenty-five miles of Fort Wrangel. The discovery created a good deal of excitement in the town, and many of the business men are dispatching prospectors to the new district.

Wolves Attack Miners. In addition to the other troubles of getting into the Klondike since the bringing of the trails and ready to attack the nearest party to them when they become hungry. F. H. Browning, of Seattle, who has just returned from the North, brings the details of a terrible fight a party had below Five-Finger rapid several days ago.

Mr. Browning left Dawson on January 8, in company with Dr. H. E. Frazer, John H. Esolom, Near the rapids they overtook Joe Fedloff, John J. Abbott, R. W. Smith, Dr. Max and others, who told of a terrible battle they had with a drove of the bloodthirsty animals. The men were following the trail to the upper lakes, when they saw approaching them from the rear half a dozen beasts that they thought at first were Alaskan dogs.

Dr. Max was a short distance behind the others of the party, and was made at by the leader of the wolves, an animal that he excitedly explained "later weighed 250 pounds. There ensued a running fight with the wolves, and it was several minutes before the men beat off their assailants with clubs. They killed one of the animals.

Mr. Browning reports that there are three hundred people in the hospitals at Dawson. Col. Davis, chairman of the relief committee, notified him that the movement of sending outside for relief had been abandoned. The Salvation Army was doing good work in relieving the distressed. The party met Dick Butler at the lower end of Lake Bennett. Good discoveries are reported in the bench claims along Hunker creek, on French hill and elsewhere in that vicinity.

Rich Coal Near Dawson. William Joel, a mining engineer from London, formerly of Johannesburg, while prospecting, discovered a rich bed of bituminous coal nine miles from Dawson. He has secured a preliminary grant to 240 acres of the land, and also grants for five miles of dredging and three miles of hydraulic sluicing.

Mr. Joel has reached Skagway and will probably arrive by the next downward steamer on his way to Ottawa to secure his title.

The city of Skagway is threatened with a water famine which may descend upon it at any time. Cold weather decreases the flow of water in the mountain streams which feed the water works

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# A Military Entrepot.

### Five Thousand Men Will Shortly Be Stationed at Work Point.

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Fire wrears ago an arrangement was made with the Admiralty by the war office whereby they provided for the garrison at Work Point a detachment of the Royal Marine Artillery. That arrangement expires on March 31, about six weeks hence, and as the Admiralty are understood to be opposed to a renewal of the arrangement other dispositions will have to be made for the proper manning of the forts by the authorities at home, and there seems little reason to doubt that a regular detachment of marine artillery will shortly be on the way to supply the place vacated by the Marine Artillery, who shortly return to England.

This large force will not at once be dispatched here, and it is unlikely that when the transfer is made in March that a larger detachment than one or two officers and a handful of men will march into quarters at Work Point. But if the opinions of military men are to be relied upon, the force will be steadily augmented until the station assumes the proportions of a great naval depot, with arms and munitions of war sufficient to equip the forces which may have to be supplied from here.

One reason why the contemplated change will not take place at once is because the accommodation at the Point is at present so extremely limited that a larger force than the present one cannot be quartered there. But the principal reason, perhaps, is that England is now paying particular attention to her foreign relations in that quarter only, and is concentrating her energies upon making that point equal in strength to those of her other Asiatic military stations. But the forbidding aspect of her foreign relations in that quarter only emphasizes the importance of Esquimalt as a tactical basis, and as a depot of supplies for the fleet and land forces which it may be found necessary to employ in that quarter.

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# WARNING TO TRESPASSERS

### United States Customs Officers Arrested for Entering with a Convoy.

### Released with a Warning—Our Officials will Enforce the Law Strictly.

News comes from Skagway of the arrest of two United States customs officers, P. M. Hoyt and Hector McLean, while conveying liquors from Skagway to Log Cabin. They were arrested by Log Cabin last Monday charged with crossing into British Columbia territory while serving in an official capacity. The two men were held prisoners for twenty-four hours and brought before Capt. Cartwright, acting magistrate, who, after telling them that it was a violation of the British Columbia law for American officials to convey liquors through Log Cabin, and that the only line was at the Summit and Log Cabin, released them. Capt. Wright further threatened to arrest American officers coming over the summit line while conveying liquors, and necessary would place officers at the Summit to stop them.

It is reported that Canadian officials have decided to order the American officers now stationed at Log Cabin to move across the Summit line. This greatly cripples the collection of American customs duties. Deputy Collector of Customs C. L. Andrews, of Skagway, has written to Mr. Pease, deputy collector of Canadian customs at Log Cabin, that he would hereafter forbid all liquors and forbid any further entry into the question of boundary waters. He has also sent a message to Sitka for instructions in the matter. Collector of Customs A. R. Milne, seen this morning in regard to the report said he had not been advised of the occurrence, but he is not surprised that it had occurred. Attention of the Canadian government according to their interpretation of the present treaty is that the boundary is at the Summit, and when the United States conveys goods across the Summit, they are breaking the law. Since the and customs officers have been stationed there they have objected to the goods and the American officials making a lesson that the laws are respected. "Four encourage us to respect."

The American officers conveying the Canadian bonded goods through the narrow strip of land undoubtedly, far as they can with their conveyance, is money in their pocket to do as they have been known to do as far as Lake Bennett in some instances. The goods they bonded, according to the regulations just enforced by the officers, will be released at the boundary. It is expected that when the White Pass and Yukon railway enters into Canadian territory they will bond goods to go from Skagway. They have agreed to bond for the shipments. The bond being cancelled at the boundary, an officer being stationed there to make out the certificates.

## AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

### Exhibits, Which Prove British Columbia's Exceeding Richness in the Farming Line.

The meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute, which closed in this city a day or two ago, has had the effect of again attracting the attention of people generally to the agricultural possibilities of the province, while the questions made by that body, and the important interviews had by the Minister of Agriculture, indicate that the organization in the province for the benefit of the agricultural industry will proceed with even more energy than in the past.

In a country of the topography of British Columbia more attention has naturally been given to those features of wealth, which are generally associated with this portion of the Pacific northwest. In doing so, and in emphasizing the marvelous mineral, fish and forestry resources of the country, residents of the province have, perhaps, overlooked to a certain extent other features which must form an important part of the wealth of any country. That this province has vast and fertile belts of arable lands is now generally known. That the mineral member camps of the inland and the land furnish the very best and most creative markets for cereals, roots, fruit and vegetables is also well understood; but it is perhaps not so well known that British Columbia can produce the very best of all these, and a visit to the cultural department in the parliament buildings, where a systematic collection of the provinces products have been going on for years, cannot fail to surprise the visitor.

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# THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED

### The Fate of the Schooner Nomad Known—Her Wreck Found in Hawaii.

### A Headless Corpse Floating in the Sunken Hold Tells a Mute Story.

The fate of the schooner Nomad is at last definitely known. She foundered in some terrible storm of the Pacific, while on her way from Shanghai to Seattle a year ago, and after drifting about for weeks has at last been found on the coast of the Hawaiian Islands. The following news, brought to San Francisco from Honolulu by the steamer Moana, and telegraphed from there to the Times tells of the discovery of the wreck.

The Mauna Loa, which reached Honolulu just prior to the sailing of the Moana for San Francisco, found an unknown wreck which had drifted ashore at Kohala on the north end of the island of Hawaii. The Hawaiian coasting steamer Heaone and Maui sent boats to the scene of the wreck, and it was then identified as the bulk of the four-masted schooner Nomad, which sailed from Shanghai for Seattle in ballast ten months ago. All those on board must have been lost. Only one body was found. It was the headless trunk of a man floating in the submerged cabin. It was badly decomposed. From other signs it was evident that not a soul had escaped, only the headless corpse being left to tell the gruesome story of the disaster.

The Nomad, when she sailed from Tacoma for Shanghai with a full cargo of lumber in the fall of 1897, had on board the following, all of whom are believed to have left Shanghai with her when she sailed on her return voyage to the Sound on December 7th of that year, and who are therefore lost: Capt. John W. McAllep, master; C. W. Soderstrom, first mate; Charles Looman, second mate; Fred Holmes, cook; Weston C. McAllep, carpenter; George H. McAllep, R. Visentini, R. Thompson and G. Olsen, seamen; and L. E. Blodgood, cabin boy. Miss Helen A. McAllep, formerly a stenographer of Seattle, and a talented and cultivated girl, the daughter of the master, made the tenth person of the schooner. This terrible catastrophe has brought to an untimely end all the members of the McAllep family, except the wife and mother.

The Nomad was one of the strongest sailing vessels on the coast, and it was not believed by seamen that anything of the sort of the terrible typhoons of the Western Pacific could harm her. She belonged to Hall Bros., of San Francisco. The only theory of the vessel's loss is that she encountered a fearful storm on her way home, before she could get to the line of Hawaii, and after foundering drifted to the Kohala beach.

This clears up one of the several ocean mysteries which have perturbed mariners during the waves for two years. Those involved are the fate of the long missing steamer Pelican, now considerably over a year overdue, the missing sealing schooner Pioneer, now more than four months overdue, and the ships Earle and Celt Road.

## AN EXCITING ADVENTURE.

### Boat Capsized and Four Men Have a Narrow Escape. Another Gold Brick.

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—On Wednesday night August Nelson and Pete Corfield, accompanied by two companions, set out from Vancouver in a small boat for Eagle Harbor up Howe Sound. When about a mile from the Narrows and a quarter of a mile from the shore they were capsized by a heavy sea. After manning their heads in the water, they managed to get ashore. Nelson was badly cut about the head and face. The men landed at different points. Three got back to town, but Corfield is missing, and it is feared he perished in the snow. A search party went out today. He may have managed to make his way across a large strip of brush land to his ranch on Eagle Harbor, but it is hardly thought likely. The steamer Burt on her last trip down saw nobody at the ranch.

## THE TOWN IS FLOODED WITH COUNTERFEIT

### American 50 cent pieces. A gang which operated in Calgary is thought to be the source.

The tug Chehalis has just arrived with a second gold brick from the Dorothy Morton. The gold brick contains about 1,000 ounces, but has not been assayed yet. The value is supposed to be over \$10,000. The first brick contained 650 ounces. The manager says larger bricks will be shipped every month from now on.

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## NO SEED DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM

has yet been inaugurated, although Mr. Anderson expects that such a system is pursued in Ontario is one of the special features which will be introduced in the near future. An unofficial system is followed by the deputy minister, and reports received from different parts of the province in regard to fax culture will be embodied in a few days in a bulletin on the subject. The department has also worked in conjunction with the weather bureau, furnishing regular statistics.

As a result of representations made by the Central Farmers' Institute it is probable that the month of regular spring sowing will commence this year on the 15th of May.

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## Purifying Elections.

### Government Measures to Amend Provincial Elections Act Reviewed at Length.

### Existing Abuses Will Be Remedied by This Admirable Piece of Legislation.

The Opposition press of the city have attempted to make it appear that the government propose to do something very dreadful by the legislation they have just introduced, and are proposing to bring before the house. A great howl has been made consequent upon the publication in printed form yesterday of the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act, and a resume of the provisions of the bill will serve to remove the false impression sought to be created by those who are opposed to anything and everything which emanates from the present provincial administration.

In the first place the initial section of the act, after the recital of the merely formal matters (section 3) provides that electors may qualify upon six months residence in the province, and that the province twelve months as heretofore. In view of the fact that most of the people who come to British Columbia and reside here must be considered permanent residents of the province, and of the desirability of interesting all such as early as possible in the affairs of the country this provision should, it would seem, commend itself to the favor of all.

Sub-section 2 of section 3 reads as follows: "No judge of the Supreme or County Court, no sheriff or deputy sheriff, no member of the Provincial government who is in receipt of salary of at least twenty-five dollars per month, no sailor, marine or soldier in the Imperial service, and no officer in the Imperial service on full pay shall be entitled to have his name placed upon the register or voters for any electoral district."

This is a much needed provision. One gentleman spoken to this morning who is familiar with the subject, says that it is absolutely necessary that a new list should be made, especially in Victoria. He points out that although there are 5,000 names on the list, the average number cast at any election is little more than half. Among the names on the list are all the names of men who have come to British Columbia to assist in the construction of the E. & N. railway, and who have been away from the province for years. The scope this state of things affords for fraud and personation can easily be seen. The making of a new list will have a beneficial effect all round.

## TRUTH WILL OUT.

### The Merits of Dodd's Kidney Pills Can't Be Hidden.

### Mr. S. Griggs, of Hamilton, Tells of His Experience—He Suffered With Bright's Disease For Eight Years—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Hamilton, Feb. 11.—"Mr. Griggs, is it true that you were cured of Bright's Disease, by Dodd's Kidney Pills, after eight years' suffering, and when no other medicine could do you any good?"

This question was asked, a few days ago, by a gentleman who wished to investigate for himself the statement made in last week's papers to the above effect. "It is true," answered Mr. Griggs, emphatically, "I was cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills when every other medicine I had tried had utterly failed to do me any good."

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