

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 4th to 10th January, 1905. The weather during this week has been, with the exception of one day, fine and cold. The winds have been mostly light to moderate in force and from the northward, both on the Straits and the Coast extending to California. This fine type of weather is due to the anticyclonic pressure remaining above the Strait, over the Dominion from the Pacific to Ontario, while across California a series of ocean low barometer areas have been moving towards the Mississippi gulf. These conditions have caused a marked prevalence of dry and cold northerly winds throughout the Pacific slope. Frosts have occurred here upon the last three days of the week, and on the Lower Mainland, upon four days. At Port Simpson the lowest temperature was below freezing upon every day of the week, and upon the last three days the maximum temperature was at the freezing point. No great cold has occurred in the Kootenay district, and practically no snow has fallen, while in Cariboo the temperature has been down to or below zero upon two days. With the exception of Alberta, where the climate is comparatively mild, zero temperatures have been general throughout the Territories and Manitoba. The lowest temperatures reported were 42 below zero at Prince Albert and 44 below at Minnedosa during the morning of the 10th. This cold wave was most extensive in the prairie provinces and spread to the southern states. At Memphis 30 degrees of frost occurred. Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 29 hours and 24 minutes; rain, 12 inch; highest temperature, 45.9 on 5th; lowest, 31.3 on 9th. New Westminster—Rain, 16 inch; highest temperature, 46 on 5th; lowest, 24 on 9th. Kamloops—No snow; highest temperature, 34 on 4th and 6th; lowest, 8 on the 10th. Barkerville—Snow, one inch; highest temperature, 28 on the 5th; lowest, 2 below on 8th. Por. Simpson—Rain, 0.4 inch; highest temperature, 38 on 4th, 6th and 7th; lowest, 29 on 8th, 9th and 10th. Dawson—Highest temperature, 4 below on the 8th; lowest, 28 below on 6th.

Recal-Pew's. CLEANERS OF CITY AND COUNTRY. A GOOD SERVICE.

—J. W. Coburn has been re-elected mayor of Ladysmith without opposition. —British ship "Polaris", loaded with lumber from Chemsunup for Melbourne, will call here at the end of the week, when outward bound, to ship a crew. —Rev. E. G. Miller occupied Wednesday in connection with the funeral of the daughter of John Tubert, of Princess avenue. The funeral took place from St. Barnabas church.

—Mrs. and the Misses Lawrence, of Calgary, were among the arrivals from the Mainland on Tuesday, and are the guests of Mrs. W. J. Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence and daughters are going to spend the winter months in Victoria. —Within a few weeks the Western Union Telegraph Company will move into new offices. These will be at 92 Government street, now occupied by H. H. Jones.

—Mr. Edgar Allan Fraser and Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones, both of Victoria, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Rev. H. J. Wood, 70 Kam street. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser will reside in Seattle. —At the meeting of Court No. 834, O. F. on Tuesday, P. C. R. McIvor presided at the following officers: J. P. C. R. W. Wyatt; chief ranger, Thos. J. Evans; vice-chief ranger, A. Gairbraith; recording secretary, R. W. O. Savage; financial secretary, E. B. Hayes; treasurer, G. McCandless; chaplain, Alex. Hendry; S. W. D. Y. Givens; J. W. Jos. La Sneur; S. B. R. Mowat; J. B. J. Bromley; physician, Dr. Hart; deputy, J. D. McIvor. At the next meeting on Thursday, January 20th, a debate will take place on "Liquor Traffic vs. Prohibition", led by Dr. E. Hall and A. Peelen. Principal J. W. Church will act as referee.

—The annual meeting of the Ministerial Association was held on Monday evening at the monthly meeting of the Women's Council held in the city hall on Monday afternoon. There was some discussion on Lady Minto's address on the work of the committee. Mrs. G. Goodrich and Mr. Bernard were present in the interests of that work and read a paper setting forth the necessity of British Columbia contributing, as in this province, three of the twelve of these institutions were located, these being Revelstoke, Kaslo and Vernon, while an appeal has been made for four more for Mission, Port Alberni, Windermere and 150-Mile House. A committee was appointed to formulate a plan of action and submit the same to the council at an early date as possible. The committee to consist of Mr. Goodrich, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Crease, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Spottford.

—An interesting lecture was delivered by Rev. H. H. Gowen on "Shakespeare's England" at the Ladies' Club last evening. It was well attended and the discourse, which was not only highly instructive but very entertaining, was thoroughly enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Gowen is returning to Victoria on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when he will give an address on "Dante" in the afternoon in the parlors of the Driad hotel. That evening, at the same place, the second of the lecture series on "Shakespeare" will be given, "King Lear" being the play for discussion. At a later date Rev. Mr. Gowen will give an address on "Julius Caesar." All these lectures are to be held at the Driad hotel, and the necessary accommodation.

—The following officers of Colfax lodge, No. 1, were duly installed last evening: President, Manager Har. Beyerly Parkes of the firm of Cowan, Kappel & McEvoy, of Vancouver; Gordon M. Grant of Cassidy, Dumbleton & Solomon; Christopher Maurice Berkeley and H. M. Johnson of Victoria, and William Moore McKay, Duval Donoghue, E. B. Cogswell, C. M. Woodworth and Capt. H. D. Hulme, all of Dawson.

—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Veterans' Association in Pioneer hall Wednesday: Commander, Capt. Michel; senior major,

—The warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club, Work Point, will hold their first anniversary dance on Friday night at the barracks.

—The Native Sons propose giving their annual ball at the assembly rooms on the 10th February next. At a large and enthusiastic meeting last evening the following committees were struck: Supper, Joe E. Wilson; Chas. F. Gardiner; Arrort, Kerr, W. Lawson and Phil Austin; Hall and decorations, W. H. Langley and the general committee, Music, Jas. Fletcher, Frank Higgins, and Arthur E. Hayes; Prizes, Frank Higgins and G. F. Fox. W. H. Langley is chairman of the general committee, while Arthur E. Hayes and S. Sea, Jr., will respectively act as secretary and treasurer.

—Levers' X-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

—In Sir William Wallace hall Monday night a most enjoyable concert was given by the St. Andrew's Society, Dr. G. L. Milne, president of the society, presided, and the evening was filled with its utmost capacity. The concert was decidedly Scotch in its character, consisting of the following: Bagpipes; instrumental music, reading; songs, W. D. Kilmuir; reading; Mrs. A. Ewing's song, Miss E. Ore; instrumental, Mr. Berkes; songs, Mrs. Moresby; recitation, W. K. Houston; song, Mr. Taylor; dance, Master Thompson; recitation, W. Allan; song, Mrs. Moresby; bagpipes; "God Save the King."

—The local musicians' union, Victoria, No. 247, Musicians' Mutual Protective Union, have elected the following officers: M. Nagle, president; F. Billingsly, vice-president; E. Greenwood, secretary; S. A. Bantly, treasurer; executive committee, E. Muriset, L. Culross and G. K. Peeler; trustees, Geo. Anderson, S. C. Peeler; examining committee, G. Werner, F. Sampson and J. M. Finn; auditing committee, E. Ferrier, F. Sehl and G. K. Peeler; legislative committee, E. Ferrier, J. M. Finn and F. Sampson; delegates to the general council, H. Hemicks, Geo. Anderson and J. Todhunter; correspondent to official journal, A. E. Greenwood; sergeant-at-arms, J. Todhunter.

—Jonas Bushell, the Seattle street paving inspector, who is now in Victoria, reports that the city is about to introduce granite pavement. This quality of material is seldom used in pavement, but for a hilly city like Seattle it is thought that it possesses certain advantages over other paving material. At any rate an experiment will be made on Second street. The stone to be used will be brought from Seattle, and is much harder than the ordinary granite. Mr. Bushell says that a million dollars have been spent annually in the improvement of Seattle's streets during the last three years.

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Mary Riddle; L. S. V. G. Sister Emma Taylor; warden, Sister Jennie Grant; conductor, Sister Lizale McAfee; chaplain, Sister Mary A. Phillips; inside guard, Bro. Paddison; outside guard, Bro. Huxtable; past grand, Sister Helen McNeill; finance committee, Bro. A. Graham and Bro. J. H. Medlam. After the usual routine business refreshments were served and a pleasant evening spent, there being a large attendance of sisters and brothers.

—Thieves entered a bakery on Port street, just above Douglas, some time during Wednesday night, and made off with a large quantity of cakes and confectionery.

—Wednesday at St. Thomas, Ont., Dr. W. H. Moody, of Vancouver, a native son of Victoria, and Miss Irene Hawkins, a resident of the former city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Dr. and Mrs. Moody will make their home in Vancouver.

—On Wednesday evening next the Eagles of Ladysmith will hold an open social session which will be attended by a large number of the Victoria fraternity. The latter will run an "Old Hat Excursion," when each Eagle of this city who makes the trip will have to wear an old hat.

—Miss Johnston, a girl of about fourteen years of age, who was a passenger on the steamer Ramona, which left Victoria in port last evening, died of consumption on the voyage here from Port Townsend. The girl was in company with her father, and both were returning to their home in Ketchikan.

—Architect J. C. M. Keith has prepared plans for a very pretty cottage to be erected on the corner of George and Washington avenue for Alfred Wood. The building is a bungalow, and the contract price will be about \$10,000. It will be a stone structure.

—Wednesday afternoon the funeral of the late Wm. Keeler took place at 2:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Parlor, Government street. His Lordship Bishop Perrin conducted appropriate services. Members of the Home for the Aged and Infirm attended in a body.

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IS RUSSIAN SPY OPERATING HERE?

MYSTERIOUS PERSON UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Secret Service Agents Said to Have Located Him—Reports Movements of Ships.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Times was informed last evening, on reliable authority, that there has been in this city for some time a representative who has been acting in the interests of the Russian consul in Seattle. His duties have been to receive incoming steamers and to report on the character of the cargoes Russian has been regarding as contraband.

The Times informant states that he no longer landed in this city than he received a telegram advising him to be on the look out for such a man. The line of work he followed, apart from spying, was mentioned and other particulars were furnished which aided materially in locating the Russian representative. Detectives were put on the trail and his movements were duly noted.

How long this Russian agent has been employed in the services of the Russian consul is not known. It is a fact, however, that he has been in Victoria from about the time war began. He has been living in apparently very comfort, and has boasted of a large income, although his movements have been always more or less of a mystery.

If the Times informant is correct, and the man in question has been run down by detectives, the Russian spy would be interesting to know what part he played in supplying intelligence which led to the capture of certain trans-Pacific liners, notably the Blue Funnel liner "Winnipeg," which it will be remembered, loaded cargo at this port before sailing for Japan, and there were other ships which loaded here being captured.

It was also not to be wondered at that the officers of the Kanagawa Maru when they left outward bound, a few months ago, were somewhat surprised to find ever reaching their destination in safety, for they had on board, according to report, a number of sub-marine craft which would have rendered the steamer a valuable prize for the Russian cruisers.

Whether the officers of this Japanese ship were aware of a spy's presence in Victoria, and the manner in which the news of the Kanagawa's cargo would be conveyed to the Russian government and in turn transmitted to the vessel at Vladivostok, is a matter which is not known. However, the vessel lost no time on the voyage to Japan, and her crew breathed a deep sigh of relief when the cargo was safely landed and they realized that all danger was over.

Needless to say the spy's movements in future will be closely watched, although since the destruction of the liner "Winnipeg" his usefulness here has to a great extent been impaired. The best work he can now do is to keep the Russian consul informed as to what is going on in this city, and to report on the movements of the ordinary granites. Mr. Schofield took for his subject early explorations of the Spitzbergen along the coast of North America. His remarks were listened to with interest by those present.

—Skaters, expert and tyro, are advised to satisfy themselves of the thickness of the ice at the various resorts before they start out on their whirling tows. Last night Ernest Bishop, of the C. P. R. telegraph staff, while skating at Beacon Hill fell through the thin ice and cut about the face and legs. Fortunately he was able to crawl ashore, and with assistance. There were about a dozen boys on the ice at the time.

—Capt. Orland Cullen, the inventor of the ball-bearing gun which were used in the taking of Port Arthur, is still in the city. Since his arrival he has been very busy. In conversation with a Times representative Wednesday he stated that he expected before long to transact considerable mercantile business in Victoria. For the present the captain is not prepared to announce his plans. He is here for a number of days yet, and when he leaves a representative will be appointed here to look after his interests.

—Robert Clarke has been appointed by the provincial government to the position in the printing office vacated by K. A. S. Schofield. While the latter was in charge of the printing of the "Col. Wolfenden's absence on leave he ordered supplies of stationery, etc., for the year. In doing so the supply of pencils, rubber bands, etc., was purchased from a Vancouver firm, and considerably in excess of that of former years. It is contended that Mr. Schofield's judgment was at fault, and he was suspended. After the government confirmed this, and his place has been filled by Robt. Clarke.

SOLICITORS ARE LIABLE To Be Dealt With Summarily in Any Action. (From Thursday's Daily.) The decision rendered yesterday by the Full court in Centre Star Co. vs. Rossland Miners' Union et al., settles an important point of practice. The application, out of which the appeal arose, was an ordinary summons in the action asking that the defendants' solicitors, who of course are not parties to the action, deliver up the property in question, or its value, to be dealt with under the plaintiffs' execution. The defendants' solicitors contended that they were not liable to be thus called upon summarily, but the plaintiffs were bound to enforce any other action against them to enforce any such claim. Mr. Justice Irving decided this point in favor of the solicitors. The Full court, however, holds that solicitors are liable to be dealt with summarily in any action in which they are engaged.

The appeal in Richards vs. Williams was dismissed with costs. Mr. Justice Morrison dissenting. W. J. Taylor, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff (appellant) and W. E. Oliver for defendant (respondent). The case of Brown vs. Spruce Creek Power Co. was resumed on Friday, and when court arose it had not been completed. It will be continued this afternoon.

NOW FULL-FLEDGED. Batch of Barristers and Solicitors Duly Sworn. Tuesday the following barristers and solicitors were introduced to the Full court and formally sworn: Robert Beyerly Parkes of the firm of Cowan, Kappel & McEvoy, of Vancouver; Gordon M. Grant of Cassidy, Dumbleton & Solomon; Christopher Maurice Berkeley and H. M. Johnson of Victoria, and William Moore McKay, Duval Donoghue, E. B. Cogswell, C. M. Woodworth and Capt. H. D. Hulme, all of Dawson.

J. W. Lowther, M. P., denies the rumor circulated by the Liverpool Post that he is to succeed Lord Milner as high commissioner in South Africa.

SOME PRIZE WINNERS AT THE POULTRY SHOW

Exhibition Thrown Open to the Public This Morning—Judging Still in Progress.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The annual show of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association in the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets, will be opened to the general public tomorrow morning and continue until Saturday evening. His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lothbiniere will formally open the exhibition at 2:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, delivering a brief and appropriate address.

Judge C. G. Hinds took possession this morning and expects to be employed making awards until Friday. As has been previously mentioned, the management of the local society have introduced a new system in order to accommodate the judge and his assistants. This provided that all entries should be received here by Wednesday, so that Mr. Hinds might start his work a day before the admission of the public. The result is that about 700 birds are to-day displaying their points at the Y. M. C. A. hall without an appreciable audience.

The exhibition is declared by all who are in a position to know as the best ever held under the auspices of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association. One who has had wide experience in this line, goes enthusiastic when discussing the splendid quality of the majority of the birds. He says, "I have seen the finest shows held on the Pacific Coast this year. Speaking generally, Mr. Hinds expresses astonishment at the success of local fanciers in bringing their birds up to the standard weight. At other points, while there often was quality, the fowl lacked in this particular. As yet Mr. Hinds is not in a position to enter into a thorough criticism of the varieties of the respective classes, but when he has completed the judging, he promises to point out the weak and especially strong points of the show.

Entering the hall from Pandora street one is first impressed with the arrangement of the coops, which are so placed that spectators may subject every bird to a thorough examination while walking along the aisles. On the right hand side are located the Mediterranean classes, which include the Andalusian, Minorca and Leghorn varieties. These are all well represented, there being over 250 entries. In the centre is the American class, comprising Wyandottes, Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island Reds. Of these there are over 200, every bird being of the best quality. The Dorkings and Orpingtons, which are included in the English class, are to be found on the left hand side of the hall and on the platform. Besides those mentioned there are pigeons, rabbits, etc. A feature of particular interest, however, is a horde of immense bronze turkeys owned by W. Hodgson, of Galiano Island. One of these weighs no less than 40 pounds, and a magnificent bird. There are also several incubators in operation.

As members of the Victoria Society have spared no pains to prepare a creditable show, it is hoped that local fanciers and the general public will show their appreciation by attending in large numbers.

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"Special reference should be made to the splendid exhibit of Messrs. Machin & Hodgson in White Plymouth Rocks, and the equivalent quality of Buff Wyandottes by J. S. Platt. This morning the eggs in one of the several incubators in operation commenced hatching, attracting quite a throng of interested spectators. The show will continue until Saturday evening, at which time all who desire to take in the exhibition may do so without inconvenience.

Following are the awards to date: Silver Laced Wyandottes—Cock, 1st, Machin & Hodgson; Cockerel, 1st and 2nd, Machin & Hodgson. Hen, 1st, Machin & Hodgson. Pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Machin & Hodgson. Buff Plymouth Rocks—Cock, 1st, W. Sprinkling; 2nd, R. P. Edwards; 3rd, L. Lalng. Cockerel, 1st, J. Wood; 2nd and 3rd, Machin & Hodgson. Hen, 1st, W. Sprinkling; 2nd, R. P. Edwards; 3rd, Machin & Hodgson. Pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Machin & Hodgson. Rhode Island Reds (S. C.)—Cock, 1st, G. Anderson. Hen, 1st and 2nd, G. Anderson. Pullet, 1st, G. Anderson. Light Brahma—Cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, H. Hodgson. Hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, H. Hodgson. Pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, H. Hodgson. Langshans—Cockerel, 1st, A. E. Richards; 2nd, 3rd and 4th, A. E. Richards. Pullet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, A. E. Richards. Brown Leghorns (H. C.)—Cockerel, 1st, H. Redd; 2nd, H. Redd; 3rd, H. Redd. White Leghorns—Cock, 1st, J. Douglas; 2nd, S. Y. Wootton; 3rd, M. Blackstock. Cockerel, 1st and 2nd, J. Douglas; 3rd, B. C. Hall.

PROVINCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

There is likelihood of a measure being introduced at the present session of the Dominion Parliament respecting all the territories into self-governing provinces. Premier Haultain of what is now known as the Northwest Territories insists that the people he represents are eager to take upon themselves the full responsibility of the management of their vast estate, and the federal government is disposed to agree to their wishes.

There can be no special advantage to the Dominion in the continuance of the present non-autonomous relationship. Certainly the control of the public lands does not compensate the federal authorities for the additional responsibilities they are under in the territories as compared with the self-governing provinces.

The chief difficulty that will confront the government will be that of satisfying the aspirations of all the parties concerned. Under any circumstances the mistake of circumscribing boundaries, and creating too many new provinces, with all the expensive machinery of government, will not be made.

Manitoba is anxious to add a large slice of territory to her present domain, which is admitted to be too small. Ontario will not object to the incorporation of the great region northwest and west of her present boundaries within her estate.

Quebec is quite willing to establish her dominion as far north as the foot of man is ever likely to go.

The terror of the cost of developing and governing these wilds does not paralyze the souls of the rulers of any of the eastern provinces. It is only when we come West and inquire into the sentiments of those who sit in state across James Bay (when they bent, which is seldom) that we are met with uplifted, deprecating hands.

It has been suggested that perhaps British Columbia would be pleased to accept the Yukon as part of its provincial inheritance and thus simplify the task of dividing Eastern Canada into provinces. But we are told that British Columbia is already embarrassed by the extent of her possessions. The McBride government is not equal to its present responsibilities.

The federal government is going to throw money from above upon it by building a new transcontinental railway and bringing thousands more people into the rest of us, but also like the rest of us, they will demand more conveniences than there will be money left to pay for after the salaries and expenses of the ministers and their friends have been set aside. Therefore, no more territory for us. Give the Yukon to Haultain, or any prairie Premier who wants it, and let him find out what it costs to govern an extensive province. There is little doubt that some one of these eastern optimists will shoulder the burden and rejoice at his good fortune. It will scarcely be believed that Mr. Haultain has offered to carry a new province into the Dominion upon precisely the same terms as those granted to British Columbia, and under which she has done so ill.

PARLIAMENT AND PARTIES. The Conservative party of Canada, notwithstanding the demands of certain prominent politicians and newspapers that a new chief shall be chosen, has affirmed its belief that the fact of Mr. Borden being a political outcast from his native province constitutes no sound reason why it should withdraw its confidence from him as leader. Mr. Borden will therefore shake the dust of Nova Scotia from his political shoes, establish a domicile in Ontario and continue to act as the titular leader of the great Conservative party.

This intimation will be received with general satisfaction in Canada. The dismal failure of the opposition should not be ascribed to any particular personal defect in Mr. Borden. He has had many untoward influences to contend with. The faction in Montreal which has constituted itself the head centre of Tory influence and pretensions to each general election floods the country with degrading and demoralizing appeals to passion, prejudice and sordidity, has been the bane of Conservatism and a source of deplorable demoralization upon all circles to which it succeeds in extending its influence. Mr. Borden recognized this, he publicly announced that he would not be responsible for any promises made to corporations from which funds were extracted in return for pledges of privileges to be conferred when the forces of corruption triumphed, but he was utterly unable to take an independent stand and to order his would-be ministerial angels to the rear. To the remnants that remained after one of the most complete routs that has ever been inflicted upon a political army in Canada, the leader dictated the terms upon which he would consent to remain at the head of the disorganization. He will not submit to the domination of any faction within the party. The policy of government ownership of the transcontinental railway was forced upon him against the dictates of his judgment by a strenuous faction. He will not be placed in such a position again. He could not publicly dissociate himself from the Graham gang in Montreal which carried the bag, because it possessed the claims in which the strength of the Conservative party from the beginning of its history in Canada has lain. Now he has had an opportunity to assert his independence, and he will not be forced to impale himself upon either the one horn of certain defeat or the other horn of acceptance of the services of the organization in which his heart despises.

But Mr. R. L. Borden does not possess the strength necessary to stick to his good resolutions. The dominating influences will master him again. If he sur-

vives the intrigues of the smooth but ambitious Foster and the perhaps less dangerous but avowed antagonism of Maclean, he will take the field at the next general election under precisely the auspices he lately contended.

In the meantime Mr. George E. Foster will lead the party in the Parliament regularly assembled for the first time today. There is a strong probability that the session will be a short one. The country is prosperous and its prospects bright. There is no urgent necessity for any radical changes in the tariff or for any particularly startling departure from the general policy of development which has been pursued during the past seven years. We take it that both the great political divisions are desirous of a span of time for rest and reflection after the arduous campaign that has just been fought. The government party is in good form, and will be found ready to meet any assaults that may be made upon it. Some weeks must elapse before the leader of the Conservative party can obtain a seat in the House. Organization cannot be completed and a plan of campaign inaugurated until he takes his place at the head of the opposition force in the Legislature. By that time the House should be well on in its legislative programme unless the leader pro tem should elect to pursue a spectacular course for the purpose of convincing the party that it made a serious mistake when it passed him over and selected the other refugee from the East.

A few days ago the police authorities of British Columbia and Washington worked a little game that circumvented international law and the proverbial incident thereto. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer thus explains how it was done: "A little train manoe

BLIND REACTIONARIES.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser has issued, on behalf of the Provincial government, its regular quarterly complaint about the increasing cost of education.

However, the Assessment Commission is sitting. There are business men upon it who have built in faith that nothing can stay the progress of the province.

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

The old City Council may have been almost perfect in its qualifications for the transaction of corporation business. Its honesty and integrity may also have been unquestionable as its ability.

The criticism that has been levelled at the Council has had one good result. The Mayor has been compelled to make a statement justifying the course during the past year of the Board of which he is the head and outlining the policy which will be pursued in the year 1905.

In connection with the scheme for the improvement of the water supply that seems to be most favorably regarded there are the interests of the corporations as well as the interests of the ratepayers of Victoria involved.

The objects of the people to which they believe to be necessary secrecy are met by the confounding statement that whatever is done will have to be submitted to popular approval.

In order that they may select the men they believe to be best fitted to deal with the extraordinary issues that may arise during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The members of the Board of Aldermen who have condescended to express an opinion upon the subject admit the absurdity of the idea of installing water meters on every service within the city limits.

The people of Victoria do not appear to be specially interested in the outcome of the municipal elections. The undoubted apathy as to who shall represent them at the Council Board has been accepted by retiring Aldermen as an endorsement of the course they have pursued during the past year and as an augury of success to-morrow.

It is essential that provision shall be made for the immediate prosecution of the work of construction on the C. P. R. Hotel. One of the by-laws is to authorize the borrowing of \$25,000 for that purpose.

It is generally agreed that it is a scandalous thing that the old men have elected to maintain in comfort now that their days of usefulness are ended should be required to live in their present habitation and surroundings.

TREATMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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assments of the McBride government by entailing increased expenditures for education, the providing of roads, and all the other conveniences an exacting population insists upon having in these luxury-loving days.

The birth rate in Scotland, according to the Registrar-General's returns, is still the highest of any part of the United Kingdom. In 1902 the rate in England and Wales was 28.5 per cent., in Ireland 23 per cent., and in Scotland 29.2.

Of the "Sultan of Sulu," which appears here this month, the San Francisco Examiner writes: "The 'Sultan of Sulu' at the Columbia theatre is a thorough success. He will continue to hold forth throughout this and next week, in a special matinee on Monday.

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The Emperor of Germany is reported to have said: "I don't think many Germans will leave I spent last year out of the country in the city for a few days. My private income is about \$100,000, and I have a big estate in the country."

Ignace Paderewski, the great pianist, gave a concert in Seattle this week. Needless to say it was largely patronized, and like all the recitals by this celebrated virtuoso proved a thorough musical treat.

G. G. S. Lindsay, K. C., of Toronto, the managing director of the Crow's Nest Coal Pass Company, in company with J. McEwen, the company's mineralogist, is in the city for a few days.

This is accounted for by the managing director's statement that at present the output from the mine is about 100,000 tons, and that the demands made upon it are increasing.

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COMMISSION HAS BEGUN ITS WORK

ASSESSMENT ACT IS NOW UNDER REVIEW

A. H. B. Macgowan Urges Sitting for Vancouver, Where Opposition to Measure is Strong.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The commission appointed by the provincial government to inquire into the working of the Assessment Act opened its sittings this morning in the caucus room of the parliament buildings.

Hon. F. Carter-Cotton was appointed chairman, and with him are associated Hon. R. G. Tatlow, J. Bunten and D. R. Ker. N. Mackay acted as secretary, and Mrs. Birch as stenographer.

Mr. McKillop, surveyor of taxes, was the first witness called.

In reply to questions as to the working of the act, Mr. McKillop stated that the act had been enforced as fully as possible. It had been as fairly as possible carried out. He explained that there were some cases where the assessment was not as intended. This had been found to be the case in England and in other provinces, according to commissions which had sat. The voluntary statement of men had to be depended upon in many cases.

In reply to a question of Hon. R. G. Tatlow with respect to the schedules at the back of the act, Mr. McKillop explained that these schedules were simplifying the working of the act. There was a feeling that a lot of money to make the statement on oath.

The surveyor of taxes pointed out that perhaps a better arrangement might be made with respect to wild lands for improved lands. Timber limits and coal lands were assessed as wild lands. To cut down the timber on these lands did not improve them. The taxes were levied with the object in view of inducing the improvement of lands. These timber lands were taxed from 20c. to 35c. an acre.

"The government collects royalty on the timber cut and the coal mined?" asked Mr. Ker.

"Yes," replied Mr. McKillop.

"When does this land cease to become classified as wild land?" asked Mr. Bunten.

Mr. McKillop replied that the land was assessed as wild land until it was improved. The government collects royalty on the timber cut and the coal mined. The land was assessed as wild land until it was improved. The government collects royalty on the timber cut and the coal mined.

Mr. McKillop stated that in most cases the persons who were assessed were assessed on the basis of the income tax schedule. If a man refused to fill it out the assessor fixed it as high as he could, and the man had the right of appeal.

Mr. Ker wished to see a comparison between the acts of not only England, but adjoining states of the United States.

While Mr. McKillop was getting these Mr. Cotton explained that in Washington state and in many of the other states the income tax schedule was used as the basis for assessing property. This was not the case in this province. The income tax schedule was used as the basis for assessing property.

Another feature of the afternoon's proceedings was that W. J. Gospe, inspector of mines, refused to give his opinion with respect to amending sections. He said that was a question of policy for the government, and his duty was to interpret and enforce the act.

Upon opening in the afternoon Chairman Carter-Cotton announced that the commission had decided to sit nowhere outside of Victoria.

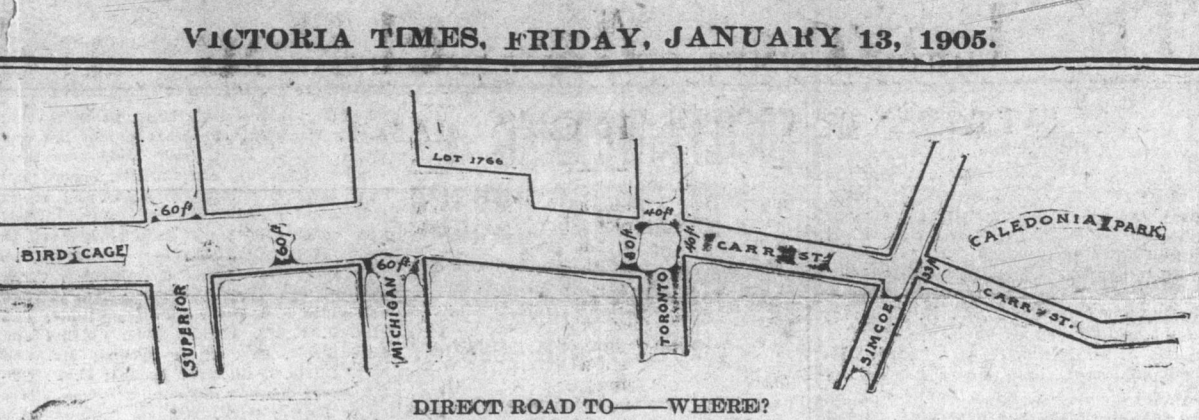
The first call was J. J. Campbell, business manager of the H. J. Mines, at Nelson. He said that he had found it impossible at the last moment to come to Victoria, and authorized Mr. Campbell to speak for him.

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This sketch gives a fair idea of how the Carr street extension will look, if the projected work goes through. The city assessor estimates that the total cost will be between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

The sketch shows a street layout with labels for 'DIRET ROAD TO WHERE?', 'BIRDICAGE', 'COUPON', 'MICHIGAN', 'WILSON', 'CALORONIA PARK', 'CARBON', 'MICHIGAN', 'WILSON', 'CALORONIA PARK', 'CARBON', 'MICHIGAN', 'WILSON', 'CALORONIA PARK', 'CARBON'.

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ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTE.

B. N. White, of the Slovan Star mine, was the first witness called in the invitation of Hon. Mr. Tatlow.

Asked to give some suggestions, Mr. White said that the taxing of ore at the smelter in the same year as it was mined was not equitable. He preferred to pay a higher rate even under the 2 per cent. rate.

Chairman Carter-Cotton asked how the taxation under the 2 per cent. rate would compare with the collection of a tax on the assessed value of the property.

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The House, namely, the right of municipalities to impose a tax as well. The exemption of liabilities, he said, might work out to a premium upon carrying on business with small capital and speculation.

Mr. Todd pointed out that the man with small capital would have to pay interest on money borrowed from the bank, which really became a tax.

Chairman Carter-Cotton said that this was provided he borrowed the money.

Mr. Todd said that the money had to be obtained. There was practically no long credits at the present time. Collections were made in most of cases in less than 30 days. He further added that wholesale merchants were taxed on the stock and on the liability for goods sold on credit to a retail merchant. Then the assessor taxed the stock held by the retail merchant.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow pointed out that if a man invested in real estate instead of goods he would have to pay on the liability if outside a municipality. If a property were bought for \$100,000 and a \$75,000 mortgage given, the assessment would be for the whole \$100,000.

Mr. Todd alluded to the fact that the merchant should not be made to pay such a widely different amount to that of men who derived their income from investing their money.

Chairman Carter-Cotton said that the banks or holders of mortgages also paid the same amount of tax on the money.

Mr. Bunten, by illustration, contended that the assessing of the net worth might in some instance work an equal hardship.

"How will we deal with the real estate men?" asked Chairman Carter-Cotton.

"They'll have to look out for themselves," replied Mr. Todd.

Mr. Todd said that the principle on which the government proceeded was to deal with real estate and personal property on similar conditions.

C. Spencer said that the real estate outside of municipalities was a greater charge upon the government than the personal property in municipalities, owing to the cost of protecting it, etc.

Chairman Carter-Cotton said that in the municipalities the government lost the taxes on real estate.

In the course of the discussion which followed, Hon. R. G. Tatlow said that the total amount of the taxation was only 25 per cent of the total revenue of the province. It could not, therefore, be said to be excessive in the total, whatever might be said respecting individual cases.

Mr. Lawson pointed out some of the hardships in assessing book debts.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow instanced the case of the butcher who had a very small stock on hand, and whose book debts represented the main state of his business against sellers of liquor, who came in to the province. This was never enforced, and worked a disadvantage to local dealers. In the Northwest Territories such a license was collected.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that it had been found difficult to get evidence in the enforcement of the act, and asked Mr. McKillop to more fully explain this.

The latter said that on the request of Turner, Beaton & Co., as to the working of the act, he had found that the police officers had found it impossible to get a conviction. It was necessary to prevent the making of a contract in order to convict, and it was found that the contract would be completed in Montreal, making the assessment.

Mr. Pither thought that it might be overcome by the department writing to travellers firms doing business from outside and inquiring them that their representatives would be called upon to get the license.

Before leaving, Col. Prior suggested that if no other redress could be got that the act should be amended, making the assessment.

Mr. Todd approved of the appointment of a commission by the government.

Chairman Carter-Cotton said that the government sought to equalize the tax, as far as possible. It was necessary to bring the revenue up to the expenditure. This had been done. He would have preferred that the commission should not have sat until towards the end of next year. There was an agitation, however, in favor of the sitting now, and the commission had been appointed. Further, the chairman alluded to the fact that next year there would be the cutting off of the revenue from the Chinese head tax. There would also be increased expenditures on public works.

"Don't make too many pledges," suggested Col. Prior.

The chairman retired, and Mr. Galt resumed his arguments against the 2 per cent. tax. Reading a review of the situation, he pointed out that up to 1896 the taxation of mines was as real estate. It was then that the system was altered and a tax imposed upon the output of the mines. Up to that time the mines in operation were largely high grade properties. The tax worked against low grade ore. It became prohibitive as the grade got low. Referring to the acquiescence of Messrs. White and Cavanaugh with the working of the tax, he said it might be that in certain instances this tax did not work oppressively, but this was not the case with really low grade ore. In 1898 there was about 20 million tons of annual income. Fourteen million tons of a uniform tax of \$10 on all claims. In support of this Mr. Galt pointed out that the amount of the assessment work being put at \$100, it might be going to \$50, the amount would be paid rather than the practical wasting of the money in having the work done on the claim. If the amount of the tax was to be paid from tax. Sixth, abolish the mineral tax and adopt Australasian form of tax on mineral lands.

Mines paid indirectly an enormous taxation. This existed by the fact that the taxes were practically paid by the mines there. The War Eagle and Centre Star took about \$4,000,000 of the total revenue, and but a very small portion of that found its way to the shareholders in dividends. He personally approved of removing taxation altogether from the mines.

Chairman Carter-Cotton wanted to know if a lumber company did not in the same way pay the taxes.

Mr. Galt thought it might very likely be true, but the lumber man was able to tell exactly what was going to be produced, while the mining investor could not tell what the property was going to produce.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow suggested a difficulty in removing taxation from mines, and such as coal properties would have to be relieved also.

Mr. Galt said that coal mines were in a much different position to quartz mines. A coal mine was a business which what he was going to get when his property was opened out. The quartz miner was never in a position to tell when his ore was going to be produced.

Incidentally during the discussion the question of the taxation of mining in Colorado came up. Mr. Galt said that for the first ten years of mining operations in that state the industry had been free from taxation. To that fact was attributed the premier position of that state as far as mining was concerned.

The commission thanked Mr. Galt for giving his views.

The commission then adjourned until 10 this morning.

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ANOTHER RISE IN PRICE OF SUGAR

IT HAS INCREASED TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Farm Produce is Becoming Cheaper—Some of the Alterations on the Local Market.

There is only one change of special importance in the quotations this week. It is the unexpected rise in the price of sugar. Local wholesalers considered that when \$6.25 per 100 pounds, the figure quoted last Thursday, was reached, it had gone up as far as possible, therefore the announcement of another rise of twenty-five cents a hundredweight is as much a surprise to the merchants as it is to the general public. As far as can be gathered the causes for this fluctuation are not local. The same changes are taking place in all the world's commercial centres, and are attributed to a temporary scarcity of the raw product. Present indications, however, point to a continuance of the present high quotations for some months at least.

Farm produce is becoming cheaper, butter and eggs falling in price during the past few days. As for fruit the arrival of several Oriental freighters with large consignments of Japanese oranges has brought about a decline in the retail figures quoted. Formerly they were selling at 60 cents a box, while now the same quantity is obtainable for from 40 to 50 cents. Naval oranges remain at the same figure as mentioned last week. There are more island apples on the market than has been the case for years.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes items like Turkey (Island), Game, Groceries, and various oils.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes items like Flour, Sugar, and various staples.

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The Love of Marcel Poupard

STORY OF A FRENCH CANADIAN ROMANCE.

Marcel Poupard was the last young man in all northern Michigan whom any one would have expected to fall in love where he had no right. His good old mother and Pere Rapin had taught him well for that. It was all an unhappy accident, and Marcel was not at fault, as every one must admit when the story is told.

Marcel had come over to the lake that summer to act as guide. He knew the trout brooks back of the north shore, and had a keen eye for the weed beds where the bass and muskellunge were to be found in the lake itself. Old Pierre, who kept a little hotel for the few tourists who strayed that far aside from the Duluth road, would give him good wages for every day he was employed, and he was weary of the monotony of lumbering, any way. So, as soon as Pierre sent word to him that the tourists had begun to arrive, he packed up his little bundle of clothing, kissed the dear old widowed mother good-by, and with light heart and tireless foot walked the twenty miles from his home back to the lake.

It did not take Marcel long to establish his reputation as the best guide on the lake. It was all luck, according to the other guides, but the clear head, the strong arm, the eye, and the lack of all taint of laziness in his makeup, made him something to be reckoned with. The best catch soon developed a persistent habit of coming to the man or woman who sat in his boat. It was a broken reel that he mended, a snarled line untangled, a balky reel brought to terms, or a toothsome pan of fish fried under the trees by the shore, no one else could do the work quite so neatly, good as he was, and successfully as Marcel Poupard.

But it was just these good qualities, curiously enough, that brought poor Marcel into such trouble. If he had been no better or more attractive than the rest of the half-dozen guides whom old Pierre had gathered around him for the season, he would have gone on all summer guiding a day or two at a time, and then he would have returned home first for one party and then for another, and the chances are that he would never have remembered, when the season was over, that the lovely lady from Detroit had been at the lake at all.

It was near the end of July when old Pierre's wagon, which went every day to the millway station, ten miles distant over the jolting corduroy roads through the cedar swamps, came back with a young lad with four nicely dressed, jolly young women. They had heard of the Lake of St. Ignace from a young college instructor who had been here several times before for a few days' trout fishing, and they had come up to see if it really was so ideal a summer resting place as he had described. The little log hotel was quite full already, and it was a pleasure to Pierre to be asked to find accommodations for four city ladies all at one time. But they could not get away that night, for the boat which was to take them to the millway station on Monday morning, after being driven over the town the association of the officers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company have placed the steamer Spokane at the disposal of the association, and at night we will leave for Victoria. We will breakfast on the steamer and then visit Victoria, being driven about the city in carriages. A day will be spent on the islands to Vancouver will then be made, and at night we will leave for Seattle.

"This is the general scheme for the Puget Sound cruise," continued Mr. Roche, "and subject to change. It is made up contingent upon our members reaching Portland first. If those coming from the East, the party starting from St. Paul, Northern, or the Northern Pacific or Great Northern, they will go to Portland and from there, and the visit to the Sound will be as related. If, however, those coming West, they will start in Seattle before going to Portland, then the itinerary is subject to such modifications as the committee may see fit to make."

Thomas Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, is now busy inspecting a car of nursery stock from Missouri. As soon as he has completed this job he will proceed to Kamloops to investigate the truth of the report that certain orchards there are infested with pests.

F. Jackson & Company, manager of Messrs. Collins & Co.'s steamship line, will leave for Mexico, in view of the placing of the Methodist and Congregational churches in Mexico. Mr. Evans's firm has commissioned him to do that country and investigate the possibilities of trade.

Both the coal miners and mine owners throughout the British and Westphalian districts are preparing for a general strike. So far only 20,000 out of a total of 270,000 men concerned have gone out. The proprietors affirm that they are unable to agree to the demands of the men.

mother had come as a mere girl to the wife of the sturdy young lumberman, Edmund Poupard; she listened with real interest to his poor attempt to draw Marcel from the old victim which had passed to him, a little boy, when Edmond went under the rushing water in breaking a log jam and never came up again, and she showed him where his playing was wrong, and whistled the tunes over softly to him until he could get them straight; she read beautiful stories of the North Country to him, and when he was tired she would read to him of the North and understand them, and when she found that Marcel was a devoted Catholic she told him old stories of the Middle Ages, so quaint and wonderful that Marcel would creep up to her to his mother when he should go home again.

And so the month of August slipped quickly and pleasantly by. Marcel was sorry to see the time taken down, but he did not yet realize that he was in the way of the first month of his life. He himself drove the wagon over the ten miles of corduroy to the station, handed the satchels to the porter and went to the view. And then, for the first time Marcel Poupard, whose fresh heart had never before felt the impression of a fair woman's charms, realized that he had fallen in love with a woman, a woman who was not only beautiful, but who was also a girl, a girl who was not only beautiful, but who was also a girl.

Marcel drove out Pierre's horse slowly back to the lake, put them in the stable, made some trivial excuse for eating no supper, and sat sleepless and alone all night long on the plot of grass where the boat had been, and the next morning he had stood. The next morning he loved one who was not only beautiful, but who was also a girl, a girl who was not only beautiful, but who was also a girl.

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It was she alone who had the energy and inclination to climb the sand dunes with Marcel for the watergreen leaves which they wanted to put in their aromatic pillows; it was she alone who toiled with him up the steep cliff to get a look into an eagle's nest, while the other three sat on a log below and talked of the news from home; it was she who held the crit when a muskallonge took her hook to cling to the rod and follow his directions coolly until the fish was brought to the surface, and it was she who was the one who was not only beautiful, but who was also a girl, a girl who was not only beautiful, but who was also a girl.

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It was a bright, cold morning early in December, Marcel was off for a holiday, at the voluntary suggestion of his employers, who were so pleased with his fresh enthusiasm for his work that they could hardly do him favors enough. He had strolled into the heart of the city and was eating in a cafe, when he saw a jewelry store on Woodward avenue. How lovely that chain of coral would look around Marie's fair neck! He had strolled into the heart of the city and was eating in a cafe, when he saw a jewelry store on Woodward avenue. How lovely that chain of coral would look around Marie's fair neck! He had strolled into the heart of the city and was eating in a cafe, when he saw a jewelry store on Woodward avenue. How lovely that chain of coral would look around Marie's fair neck!

"Look, Mamma, look!" called the little one, as some piece of jewelry caught her eye. "Yes, daughter, what is it?" a soft but cheery voice answered, and she turned about and brought her face into Marie's view. It was none other than the beautiful Marie!

Mrs. Marie Sanderson took her child by the hand and passed on into the store. She did not see Marcel and she would scarcely have known him there if she had. No one told her that a stranger had fallen on the sidewalk as she entered, and had been carried into a neighboring drug store. And so she made her purchases and went home, completely unconscious that she had been seen in contact with the intended young woman of her summer holiday, and that this chance moment of contact had darkened his life past all remedy. If she had known all this she would have shed tears of bitter regret for Marie Sanderson was just as kind and lovely at heart as she had seemed to poor Marcel; it was a mere whim of four old men that had made her what she was.

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Table with 3 columns: Name, Score, Hdc. Total. Includes names like Dr. Corbett, A. T. Goward, A. H. Goodrich, A. S. Reed, C. H. Cookson, C. J. Prior, Captain Davidson and H.combe.

THE LADIES' CONTEST.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score, Hdc. Total. Includes names like Miss Alice Bell, Miss Mera, Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Combe, Mrs. Holland, Miss Lowndes, Mrs. Laing, Miss Pemberton, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Drake, Miss Todd, Mrs. Luxton, Miss Lowell, Miss Eva Loewen, Miss Martin, Mrs. A. W. Jones.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL SCHEDULE DRAFTED.

On Tuesday a meeting of the Vancouver Island Football Association was held at Y. M. C. A. hall. Owing to the absence of the president, J. G. Brown, the chair was occupied by the vice-president, J. Adam, of Ladysmith. The Garrison, Victoria United and Columbia teams were represented by delegates. The principal business was the drafting of a schedule. This resulted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Location. Includes dates like Jan. 12th-Egeria vs. Bonaventure, Jan. 14th-Victoria United vs. Egeria, etc.

THE RING.

Arrangements are being made by the management of the Staro theatre for a match between Collye Hill and R. Johnson, a promising featherweight of San Francisco.

CHESS.

The Y. M. C. A. tournament has resulted in some excellent games. Following is the present standing:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes names like J. Brown, Geo. Ulrich, H. Moore, W. Ferguson, G. G. Fraser, E. C. Clement, W. B. Fisher.

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SOME POINTERS ON THE WATER QUESTION THE COMMISSIONER PRESENTS HIS REPORT Gives Reasons Why City Should Not Buy Water From Esquimalt Water-works Company.

In his annual report, which has been submitted to the council, the water commissioner, Jas. L. Kaymer, gives a great deal of interesting information on a subject which is of vital concern to the city. Unfortunately, space prevents the publication of the report in full in these columns, but that part dealing with the Goldstream phase of the question is given. On this report says:

"The supply from Goldstream is, as you are aware, used by the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, and here also there is very little data to go upon. We know that the company have storage lakes in the mountains, from which the water is conveyed in an open ditch to an artificial lake or reservoir, thence by a steel pipe to the B. C. Electric Railway Company's power house, and after supplying the motive power for the company's dynamos, flows from Goldstream into the sea. We also know that the Esquimalt Waterworks Company is under contract to supply the B. C. Electric Railway Company with 17,000,000 gallons of water daily, and as a matter of fact are supplying at the present time in the neighborhood of 15,000,000 gallons daily, and it is only fair to assume that before making the contract the water company satisfied itself that it was in a position to carry it out. There is thus 15,000,000 gallons of water going to waste daily, sufficient to supply the needs for 15,000 people. To convey this water to town, a distance of 12 1/2 miles, would cost from \$400,000 to \$600,000, according to the size and style of pipe used. This is exclusive of the cost of distribution, both in the city proper and Victoria West, which is an all important question, and should an amicable arrangement be come to with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company for the purchase of their undertaking, there must also be added the amount required to buy them out. What the Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell out for is an unknown quantity. Overtures were made to the company with a view to purchase, but without success, as they decline to name a figure at which they would sell. Although the cost of the Goldstream scheme would be heavy, there is much to be said in its favor, as the large amount required for interest and sinking fund would be met to a certain extent by the saving of the expenses of filtering and pumping, and the revenue to be derived from Victoria West and the Deasway Company. It would have the merit of removing the hardship in the matter of water rates, from which Victoria West undoubtedly suffers. But before anything can be done in the matter of the Goldstream water the council must be in possession of full and complete data as to all the works of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, both as to their cost and capability. This will probably be a matter of some expense, and an engineer of the highest standing should be employed, one on whom the council could fall back and say, 'We have got the best advice obtainable,' and one in whom the ratepayers would also have every confidence, and who could also report on the Elk lake system and question, pointing out the merits and demerits of both schemes, enabling the people, who are the final arbiters in the matter, to obtain the fullest information on this most important question.

"I wish also to correct what seems to be a popular error, namely, that Victoria West is supplied with water from Goldstream, and that all that is necessary for the city to obtain water from Goldstream is to connect the two systems. This is not the case. The supply for Victoria West comes from the Elk lake, near Parson's Bridge, and to connect with the Goldstream system would entail, as I have before mentioned, the laying of some 12 1/2 miles of pipe. "There is still the alternative of buying water from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company. Clause 10 of the Esquimalt Waterworks Extension Act, 1892," provides that in the event of the corporation so desiring, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company shall deliver water, at some point west of Victoria Arm, within the city limits, at the rate of six cents per one thousand gallons, the agreement to be for a period of not less than five years. Under date the 14th February, 1903, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company proposed to modify this arrangement, and offered to supply water to the city at the rate of six cents per thousand for the first million gallons, five cents for the second million gallons and four cents for all over two million gallons, provided that not less than one million gallons per day were taken, and also agreed to pay half the cost of conveying the water across the Arm, provided that the company's share did not exceed \$10,000. In this connection I wish to point out that the cost of pumping water at present is two per cent. per one thousand gallons, or less than half what the company proposes to charge, and I cannot for the life of me grasp how it would be cheaper to give up pumping for 2 cents per thousand gallons, and buy for 6 cents or the lesser rates mentioned. To make the connection, and deliver the water, via the Gore road, to the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, at the corner of Edmondson and Richmond roads, would cost approximately \$75,000. This is, of course, exclusive of distribution. The annual charge for interest and sinking fund would be \$3,500. Our present consumption averages two million gallons, and selling it at rates from 10 cents to 20 cents looks like good business, and so it would be were every drop metered; but as I understand the matter, the removal of meters from residences shall form part of it. The removal of meters from 2 residences per house probably raise the daily consumption to 2 1/2 million gallons, representing a daily charge for water of \$130, or \$47,450 per year, and this would be for 200,000 hydrants, equal to \$8,640 per annum, and we have a total of \$56,000 as the minimum yearly charge for water. The expenses of maintenance, other than pumping stations and filter beds, would still be the same; at present the annual charge for maintenance is about \$14,000. The annual cash revenue from the water-works is about \$80,000, under the arrangement with the Esquimalt Water-

works Company, would have to pay \$58,000 for water, \$14,000 for maintenance, and \$19,408 for interest and sinking fund on all loans, a sum total of \$91,408, or nearly \$30,000 more than the revenue and which deficit will have to be made up out of the general rates, equal to an additional 2 1/2 mills on the dollar on the tax rate, or a corresponding increase in the water rates will have to be made. This allows nothing for construction of extensions, for which money would have to be borrowed, or further increases made on the general rates.

"At present the policy of the council is to make the water rates as low as a possible, compatible with paying all expenses, and leaving a small surplus for extensions, the ratepayers getting the profits in the shape of reduced water rates. Under the proposed arrangement, unless every service is metered, the more the city extends the worse off it will be, and it is no exaggeration to say, that as the year's roll by, and the population increases, a very large portion of the revenues of the city will be devoted to paying the Esquimalt Waterworks Company. It has been hinted that the company is willing to throw Victoria West into this scheme. Well, so much the worse for the city, the more people to be supplied, the greater will be the deficit. Every gallon of water used for public utilities, except for the purpose of flushing and washing gutters, or of filling of tanks for fire protection purposes, would have to be paid for. This would include water used in all municipal buildings, schools, parks, cemetery, street sprinkling and flushing of sewers, etc. Under the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's Act, the price fixed for fire hydrants supplied by the company is \$4 per month; the city has at present 180 hydrants, so the monthly payment on this account alone would be \$720, or \$8,640 per year. The only way in which the city could work this proposition so in any way to come out even, would be to meter every service, which I do not think would meet with the approval of the ratepayers. With an unmetered service, the deficit would increase in the same ratio as the consumption. In fact, a scheme more inimical to the best interests of the city of Victoria, it were difficult to imagine.

"A most important feature in connection with this water question is distribution. It would be an absolute waste of money to bring in large quantities and leave the distribution system in its present condition. Every year we are taking up as much as \$100,000, and replacing it with larger, as we have no permit, but it is slow work, and much more to be done. Should the distribution system be neglected, a fire as disastrous as that of last August may happen at any time. I went more fully into this matter, in my report of the 3rd of November last, and there estimated the amount necessary to put the distribution system in first class order at \$138,720, and these figures will be practically the same no matter what system is adopted.

"Such in brief are the various points that confront the ratepayers of the city of Victoria, in regard to their water works, and it is for them to decide what is the best course to pursue; whether if an expert engineer so advises, to bring into Victoria the Elk lake system, and future requirements; or if possible to acquire the Goldstream water, and so control the entire water supply of this portion of the Island; or, if the council prefer, to bring in water from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, and simply act as water rate collectors for that company; or to drift along in our present condition, and with an entirely metered system, to endeavor to save a few more years. Of these four propositions, the purchase of the Esquimalt waterworks, if it can be accomplished on any fair and reasonable terms, is certainly the most tempting."

FULL COUNCIL OPENS.
Appeal of Le Roi From Assessment Now Being Heard.
(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The Full Council was opened this morning at 11 o'clock, Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Justice Martin and Mr. Justice Morrison presiding. Mr. Justice Duff is absent in the East in consequence of the death of his father, while Mr. Justice Irving is convalescing after an operation on his leg. Quite a number of legal practitioners from outside points were in attendance.

The appeal in Spencer vs. Drysdale was stood over to a date to be fixed later on. Mr. Justice Duff presided. The appeal in Hopper vs. Dunsmin was set down on the list. Mr. Justice Morrison taking the place of Mr. Justice Irving in the court. Of course, before the hearing the evidence taken before the commission in San Francisco will have to be on hand.

The appeal of the Le Roi Mining on its assessment from the court of revision has been made, and records from Ada Minor are proceeding with. E. P. Davis, K. C., is appearing for the appellant company, and J. Elliott for the crown. The appeal is in respect of the Le Roi company's refusal to pay \$15,426.47, which the provincial government insists upon under the workings of the two per cent. tax. This appeal is a matter of some importance on this appeal is still in progress.

PREPARING FOR TROUBLE.
Both Turkey and Bulgaria are Getting Ready for Possible War This Year.
London, Jan. 10.—The active preparations already reported to have been made both in Turkey and Bulgaria for a possible war this year are fully confirmed by a private letter received in London from a minister accredited to the Balkan courts.

This minister, who has just completed a tour of the Balkan capitals, writes that the Turkish and Bulgarian governments are energetically preparing for trouble. Large shipments of arms and ammunition have been made, and recruits from the Turkish Army are arriving at Salonica weekly for service in the Turkish Army. The Bulgarian and Greek hands in Macedonia are increasing daily and are fighting each other and the Turks. This increased military warfare threatens to assume the bloodiest phase in the spring.

"But," concludes the minister, "whether or not there will be a war between Turkey and Bulgaria in the spring it is not yet prepared to say. Under certain powers think the time is opportune, war may be postponed this year at least, but in any event we are a year nearer the inevitable conflict."

"Man will eat 200 or 300 more foods in the year 2000 than he eats now," says a chemist. "A movement is on foot among the world's governments to increase the varieties of our foods, and every week from Europe or other a new vegetable or fruit or nut is added to the international bill of fare."

Cavalry cover four miles an hour when walking, five miles an hour when trotting, and eight miles an hour galloping.

Winston Churchill at Thirty BY ONE WHO KNOWS HIM

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Soldier and Author.
When he entered parliament in 1900 as the member for Oldham, there were few men in the house who had done so much in 40 or 50 years as he had done. He was a soldier, a writer, a debater, and a statesman. He was a soldier in the sense that he had fought in the Boer War, and he was a writer in the sense that he had written five books, four of which were brilliant successes. His first book, the story of the Malakand Pass, was a really remarkable production for a boy of three-and-twenty, while his "River War," an account of the taking of Khartoum, has a description of the battle of Omdurman which is so good that it has been called a masterpiece. His third book, "The River War," is an account of the taking of Khartoum, has a description of the battle of Omdurman which is so good that it has been called a masterpiece. His third book, "The River War," is an account of the taking of Khartoum, has a description of the battle of Omdurman which is so good that it has been called a masterpiece.

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Ambitious and Pushful.
Mr. Churchill is ambitious; no one would deny that he is pushful, but his ambition is of that high order described by Lord Beaconsfield, "that noble ambition, the highest and the best, that must be born in the heart and organized in the brain." He is a man of great political opponents suggest, were to get himself talked about he might retire and live on his reputation. But the good news is that Mr. Churchill is not a young man who wants to teach his elders, forget that youth, even extreme youth, has accomplished some of the most notable achievements of history. Pitt was 24 when he became Prime Minister at one of the most critical times of our history. In fact, he held all the offices of state when he was only a few years older than Mr. Churchill is. Youth is not necessarily a handicap in politics. It is a great asset, and a young man who has made his mark in parliament have almost invariably entered the House of Commons quite young. In their youth, they had the vigor, the energy, and the experience to carry through great reforms in later life. In fact, the history of heroes is not the history of youth, but of the young men in the world outside. Mr. Churchill appeals to the imagination of the country, because he promises to add another name to the list of young men who, starting their parliamentary careers on a high bench below the gangway, have finally guided the destinies of the country. There is no doubt, however, that Mr. Churchill should appeal to the imagination of the House of Commons and the country. The young man who enters the House of Commons with a great parliamentary name behind him is a boy of high rank and with great energy. Mr. Churchill had not only the name of Lord Randolph Churchill, his father, as an introduction to parliament, but he had also, by his own achievements, won a right to a respectful hearing.

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army corps scheme and its waste of public money. It was in one of these that he spoke of the necessity of the rise of a statesman who would advocate protection as the result of overgrown budgets, and the fierce battle that would ensue. The Conservative party from top to bottom of that issue.

He fondly hoped that the party to which he personally chose and family tradition he naturally clung would brace itself up to a constructive policy which he dreamt of. Instead, he found them turning their backs on all that he instinctively believed in, and his mind was thrown forward, and eyes turned to get by which Mr. Balfour tried to bolster up the Tory policy. It was then he had to make his choice, and his decision was not a difficult one. He had to choose between the Conservative party from top to bottom of that issue.

In the Liberal Vanguard.
Many men on his own side were down-right rude to him, and the Conservative benches would set purpose empty when he rose to speak, or his opponents would hiss him down. Fortunately Mr. Churchill possesses a certain spirit of detachment. He had been too engrossed in his work to make many intimate friends, and he was not hurt by the break which came when he joined the Liberal party with which he naturally had far greater sympathy. He kept one friend, Mr. Balfour, and he valued him as others, and that was the friendship of Lord Hugh Cecil. This, perhaps, explains why, in some ways, Mr. Churchill still retains a touch of the high and dry Tory, but those who watch him most closely believe that this is only a veneer on the surface, and that his instincts have always been democratic.

His chief aim is to see that the people would always lead him. To this he adds a capacity for work and a perseverance that do not generally go with the kind of genius that his speeches show. He is, in fact, a more stable and less meteoric, but in many respects an equally brilliant edition of his father. Those who admire his talents need not be surprised to find that he is a man of a certain character behind. He, of course, lacks experience and ripeness of judgment, but these will come in time. Meanwhile, he is by far the most energetic and the most energetic of the young men in the House of Commons, where he did splendid work for the Liberal party last session. He is in fact one of the best assets the Liberals have, and may they long possess him.

COMMERCE COMMISSION.
The Secretary of the United States Navy May Give Evidence.
Washington, Jan. 11.—Secretary of the United States Navy Morton will leave on Saturday for Chicago prepared to appear as a witness before the interstate commerce commission in its investigation of allegations that the Great Central & Santa Fe Company had granted rebates to the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, in violation of law. Mr. Morton was formerly vice-president of the Atchison road, and will confer with the secretary of the company, Mr. Ripley, before reaching a decision as to whether he will appear before the commission.

SPOKE ON TEMPERANCE.
Jonas Bushell delivered an Address in Temperance Hall Tuesday Evening.
Jonas Bushell, one of the inspectors of paving in Seattle, gave a lecture in Pandora street Temperance hall on Tuesday evening. He spoke on the subject of the Order of Good Templars, in whose behalf he is in Victoria.

The speaker alluded to the waste caused by drinking, and emphasized the necessity for preventing young people from becoming drunkards. The acturaries of the large insurance companies throughout the United States are now discriminating against the moderate drinkers, it being an established fact that between the ages of forty and fifty 74 per cent. more moderate drinkers die than total abstainers.

Mr. Bushell spoke of the wonderful advances made in medicine by the Good Templars. He referred to a circular sent out by the school congress of Neuenburg, which states that teachers and physicians are of the opinion that alcoholic beverages injure the body, soil, mind and character of the children. The circular adds: "Parents, if you love your children, never give them alcoholic beverages. All scientists who have studied the alcoholic question agree that beer, wine and distilled liquor are harmful to the growing generation. These beverages lessen the appetite, injure the stomach, hinder the children's natural power to resist contagious diseases, and very often cause dangerous diseases in the liver and kidneys. These beverages lower the children's power of attention, weaken the mind and make it harder for children to learn anything. They excite the children, making them obstinate, irritable and disobedient. Thus it will be harder for you and for the school to educate them."

LEFT-HANDED APPENDICITIS.
A well-known minister of the gospel, who has a delightful charge of 1,000 miles from Brooklyn, tells a good story on himself. During his vacation this summer he was suddenly seized during the night with a severe pain in his side. He is extremely nervous, but withal brave. His groans awakened his wife, who tremblingly asked: "Why, dear, whatever is the matter?" "Oh, I have a terrible pain in my side."

"I know," said the wife, "it's that terrible appendicitis. I have been afraid you would get it some day."

MINER KILLED.
Shot by Business Partner on Fox Island, Southeastern Alaska.
Seattle, Jan. 11.—Word was received here last night of the killing of William Dippe by Robert Ball on Fox Island, in southeastern Alaska, on January 2nd.

The man who was killed and his partner in some notable property close to the scene of the shooting. A few months ago they had a business disagreement which resulted in a personal encounter in this city, in which Ball was worsted. Since that time they have been bitter enemies, and it is said that each had made threats to kill the other.

Ball was president of the Great American Marble Co., a concern capitalized at \$7,000,000, until last October. He claimed to be a graduate of the Michigan University college of law, and said that he had practiced his profession in New York and San Francisco. Dippe had been a miner and prospector for a number of years and was well known in Alaska.



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KRUGER'S CURIOUS WILL.
Inventory of Movable Property Includes Celebrated Silk Hat.
The following curious extracts are from documents which have been deposited with the deeds office, Pretoria, bearing on the will and testament of the late Mr. Kruger: "On this, the 14th day of December, 1901, appeared before me, Wynand Cornelius Veuystingh, notary, at Utrecht, Holland, who, desirous of making his will, has instructed me, and I, in accordance with his wishes, have taken down in writing, as follows: "I, testator, declare as executors of my last will, directors of my funeral, managers of my inheritance, and executors in my estate, and in my inheritance, Messrs. Frederick Christoffel Eloff, my son-in-law, and Hiermannus Christianus Bredell, my private secretary."

Land Registry Act.
In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Sub-Division No. 10 of Lot 121 A, Victoria City.
Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to Ellen Carroll on the 13th day of May, 1893, and numbered 1320.
S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 13th day of December, A. D. 1904.

G. R. LAWRENCE.
Please take notice that should you fall to meet the first portion of expenditure for assessment work for year ending Sept. 30, 1905, you are hereby notified that the following described lands: Fraction 8, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313,