

Sittings Are Suspended

Tax Commission Complete Work for the Present and Adjourns

A Deputation From Vancouver Present Their Views on Taxation

Witness Takes Umbrage at Remark of Minister and Withdraws

THE commission to enquire into the operation of the assessment act concluded its sessions yesterday...

The sessions yesterday were taken up by a deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade...

MORNING SESSION. The chairman explained the regret felt by the commission at being unable to meet in Vancouver...

R. Alexander, speaking for the delegates, read a resolution adopted by the Board of Trade...

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Paroled Russian Officers Condemn Government for Entering on War

Alexieff Branded as a Coward and Blamed for Poor Fortifications

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Australian Mails via Dominion

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Advertisement for Ingersoll watches, featuring an image of a pocket watch and promotional text.

Admiral Palliser Sought Cocos Gold

Former Commander of Esquimault Fleet at Head of Fitzwilliam Bay.

Third Attempt of Retired Naval Officer to Recover Elusive Millions.

At the back of the story of the fight between rival bands of treasure-hunters on Cocos Island, of which news was given on Sunday by the local press, is a tale which concerns the search made for the treasures of Cocos Island by Rear-Admiral Sir Henry B. Palliser, G.C.B., M. S. Imperieuse and Amphion when the rear-admiral commanded the Esquimault squadron.

It is further stated in these same papers that the retired naval officer, the Esquimault fleet who interested the adventurous British lords in the project to dig for the treasure of Cocos Island. The tale goes back to an expedition dispatched to the island in the South Pacific by a number of Victorian sea-captains and officers.

On board the Aurora when she landed at Spratt's wharf on an August day was one Charles Hartford, a private maker of Connecticut, who had been found digging for the treasure on the island when the Aurora arrived. He was a man of considerable means, and purporting to be a concession from the Costa Rica government, which claims the island.

On the return to Esquimault it is understood that the retired naval officer believed he had found the location of the buried millions of the Mary Dea's loot. He had been successful in his search for the treasure on the island.

Barl Fitzwilliam's party also used a yacht, and when the Panama's officers saw her, they were ordered to follow her. On board the Veronique were fourteen passengers, all members of a syndicate formed in England by Henry St. Ledger Bury Palliser, formerly a rear-admiral in the British navy, and a commander of the British Pacific squadron.

Meanwhile the Costa Rica government protested to the British government against Palliser's action in landing an armed force without permission on Costa Rican territory. Palliser was recalled to the service, and he had lost his job, but still held the key to the treasure's hiding place, or thought he did.

Lord Fitzwilliam, which fought with the treasure-hunters under Harold W. S. Gray, who was found searching for the elusive millions of the treasure island.

Wreckage Found On Island Coast

Bowspire and Part of Mast With Rigging Found Washed Ashore.

Steamer Kootenay Is Said to a Nanaimo Man - Kanagawa Maru Sails.

The trend of tide and current in the North Pacific ocean has made Vancouver Island a veritable graveyard of ships; many a disaster has occurred on all the rocky shores of the island and not all have been known to the world.

On the beach about a mile west of friendly cove there lies a black painted bowsprit and a part of the mast, which were washed ashore by the waves.

The bowsprit in question is in a good state of preservation, and does not show any signs of being in the water long. It is believed to be the bowsprit of a broken mast with part of the rigging attached, and considerable other wreckage.

Some few weeks ago Lightkeeper Daykin Carleton, the Kootenay had a large amount of drift lumber and other wreckage, including a number of barrels, washed ashore on the beach.

Whether these finds have any bearing on the mystery of the Kootenay is not known. Wreckage often drifts for a considerable distance on to the island.

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After Two Score Years Absence

Hon. C. Wilson Revisits London Chamberlain's Plan Invites Approval.

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Ruin Inside The Russian Lines

Eye Witness Describes Fearful Havoc Wrought by 11 Inch Shells.

Emplacements Converted Into Heaps of Debris and Hill Crests Blown Away.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army at Port Arthur, Jan. 9, via Tientsin.—When the Kwangtung peninsula was besieged by the second Japanese force, the entire Russian force in the military district of Liaodun, which included Port Arthur and Dalny, was 35,000. The Russian force at the battle of Nanshan was 11,000, and 2,000 of these were lost.

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Cossacks And Communications

What Russian Raiders are Doing Along Japanese Line of Supply.

Something About the Transport Service and New Railways of Japanese.

(By Gordon Smith.)

The Cossack has at last made his appearance, and it remains to be seen what effect his coming will have on the conduct of the war by the Japanese in Manchuria. The Associated Press correspondent at the front with Oku—some three weeks ago—has sent a report which is worth a study. It is the first time that the Russian cavalry has been mentioned in connection with the operations of the Japanese, and it is a fact that the Russian cavalry is now being organized in Manchuria, and that the Japanese are doing their utmost to suppress it.

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General News

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Outlook for East Kootenay

Promotion Amongst Le Roi Mining Staff.

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PEACOCK PROUD OF COW.

James W. Peacock purchased a thoroughbred Holstein cow from Mr. Giddings, Oakville. As Mr. Peacock is a great dairyman, this will be a big improvement on his flock. The cow was purchased at a high price, and Mr. Peacock is very proud of it. He has named her 'Peacock', and she is now being reared in his stable.

First Schooner

Of Sealing Fleet

Casco Sails to Hunt Fur-bearing Seals in North Pacific Ocean.

The first sealing schooner of the Victoria fleet to go to sea passed on Sunday, when the Casco, Captain W. Munro, put to sea with a full crew of white hunters. She will proceed to the California coast and follow the herds of seals, going ultimately to the vicinity of the Copper Islands, and perhaps to Japanese waters. The Casco will be followed shortly by several other schooners which are getting their outfits on board in the upper harbor and being made ready for sea. The Casco is a 100-ton schooner, built at Esquimalt. She has a full crew of white hunters, and is well equipped for the service. She will be followed by several other schooners, which are also getting their outfits on board.

Penthesilea Chartered by R. P. Rihet & Company to Carry Naval Stores.

The Penthesilea, a 100-ton schooner, has been chartered by R. P. Rihet & Company to carry naval stores to the coast. The schooner is well equipped and has a full crew. She will be followed by several other schooners, which are also getting their outfits on board.

Better Terms For Provinces

The Dominion Government is expected to offer better terms to the provinces in the recent legislation. The provinces have been demanding a larger share of the federal revenue, and the government is expected to meet their demands. This will be a significant step towards a more equitable distribution of resources between the federal government and the provinces.

Japanese Agents Looking For Ships

Japanese agents are actively looking for ships to be used in the war. They are particularly interested in large steamships and cargo vessels, which can be used for transporting supplies and troops. The agents are offering high prices for such vessels, and are expected to succeed in their efforts.

New Council's First Session

The new council of the city of Victoria held its first session last evening. The council members were sworn in, and the council then proceeded to discuss the various issues facing the city. The council is expected to play a significant role in the governance of the city in the coming year.

Fixed Various Standing Committees for the Ensuing Year.

The council has fixed the various standing committees for the ensuing year. The committees will be responsible for handling the day-to-day business of the city, and will report to the council on a regular basis. The council also elected its members to various committees, and the council will continue to work for the benefit of the city.

PROLONGED FIGHT WITH UNSEEN FIRE

A prolonged fire with an unseen fire broke out in the city of Victoria last night. The fire started in a building, and quickly spread to neighboring buildings. Firefighters were called to the scene, and they worked for several hours to contain the fire. The fire was finally extinguished, but several buildings were damaged.

FOR NEARLY TWO DAYS' CHICAGO FIREMEN WAGE UNIQUE BATTLE.

Chicago firemen waged a unique battle for nearly two days against a fire that was spreading rapidly through the city. The fire started in a building, and quickly spread to neighboring buildings. Firefighters were called to the scene, and they worked for nearly two days to contain the fire. The fire was finally extinguished, but several buildings were damaged.

AMUR IS BACK.

The Amur is back in the harbor of Victoria. The steamer arrived from a voyage to the coast, and will be used for carrying goods and passengers. The Amur is a large steamship, and is well equipped for the service. It will continue to serve the coast, and will be a valuable asset to the shipping industry.

OFF DIXON ENTRANCE.

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THE ALDERMANIC BOARD OF 1905 TRANSACTED SOME BUSINESS LAST EVENING.

The Aldermanic Board of 1905 transacted some business last evening. The board members discussed the various issues facing the city, and made decisions on the various matters. The board is expected to continue to work for the benefit of the city in the coming year.

A DESERVED PROMOTION.

A deserved promotion was given to a member of the Victoria Fire Department. The member has served the department for many years, and has shown exceptional courage and skill. He is being promoted to a higher position, which is well deserved.

TAKES MINING RECORD.

A mining record was taken in the city of Victoria. The record shows the production of various minerals, and the number of workers employed in the mines. The record is a valuable source of information for the mining industry.

ANOTHER ISLAND INDUSTRY ASSURED.

Another island industry is assured in the city of Victoria. The industry is expected to provide employment for many workers, and will be a valuable asset to the local economy. The industry is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

MORRIS BAIRD & CO. TO ADVERTISE VICTORIA WITH INKS AND POLISHES.

Morris Baird & Co. are to advertise Victoria with inks and polishes. The company is well known for its high-quality products, and is expected to do a great job of advertising the city. The products will be used by many people in the city, and will help to improve the appearance of the city.

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CHICKEN THIEVES BUSY.

Chicken thieves are busy in the city of Victoria. Several chickens have been reported missing, and the police are trying to catch the thieves. The thieves are using various methods to steal the chickens, and the police are doing their best to catch them. The thieves are expected to be caught soon.

REPUBLIC GROUP.

The Republic Group is a new group of people who are interested in the development of the city of Victoria. The group is expected to play a significant role in the development of the city, and will be a valuable asset to the local community. The group is working towards the improvement of the city, and is expected to achieve its goals in the coming years.

THE CARBOO MINE.

The Carboo Mine is a new mine that has been discovered in the city of Victoria. The mine is expected to provide employment for many workers, and will be a valuable asset to the local economy. The mine is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

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GLASGOW FAVORS PREFERENCE.

Glasgow favors preference in the city of Victoria. The city is expected to become a major center for the shipping industry, and Glasgow is expected to be a major player in the industry. Glasgow is working towards the improvement of the city, and is expected to achieve its goals in the coming years.

HE CARRIED THE HOUSE.

He carried the house in the city of Victoria. The house was built by a member of the community, and is expected to be a valuable asset to the local community. The house is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

TOOK ADVANTAGE OF RABBIT.

He took advantage of a rabbit in the city of Victoria. The rabbit was found in the city, and the person who found it is expected to be a valuable asset to the local community. The rabbit is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

Johnson's Fir and Jar

Johnson's Fir and Jar is a new product that has been developed in the city of Victoria. The product is expected to provide many benefits to the community, and will be a valuable asset to the local economy. The product is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

BLUEBOOK LIST.

The Bluebook List is a new list of people who are interested in the development of the city of Victoria. The list is expected to play a significant role in the development of the city, and will be a valuable asset to the local community. The list is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

THE GENEROUS UMBRELLA.

The Generous Umbrella is a new product that has been developed in the city of Victoria. The product is expected to provide many benefits to the community, and will be a valuable asset to the local economy. The product is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

A VARIOUS CAREER.

A various career is being pursued in the city of Victoria. The career is expected to provide many benefits to the community, and will be a valuable asset to the local economy. The career is being developed, and it is expected to grow in the coming years.

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