

JAPAN HAS NOT RECEIVED REPLY

IT HAS YET TO BE APPROVED BY CZAR

To-day's Dispatches Indicate That Russia is Seeking Means of Avoiding a Conflict.

London, Jan. 29.—The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, says this morning with reference to the report published in the Daily Graphic to the effect that the Russian reply to Japan was completed on Wednesday, that it has been communicated to M. Kurino, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, and that it was unfavorable, that M. Kurino had officially notified him that the council of state called to consider the Russian reply was only held in St. Petersburg yesterday, as called to the Associated Press. Baron Hayashi added that the reply had not yet been sent, and that it will only be submitted for the czar's approval to-day.

There are no means, therefore, added the Japanese minister, of knowing the contents of the answer, and as to the probable tenor thereof, I have no official information.

The Russian embassy in denying the Daily Graphic's statement says that the information received by the embassy confirms the statements on the subject made in the Associated Press dispatch from St. Petersburg yesterday.

New York, Jan. 29.—The internal disturbance in Korea is spreading, declares the Herald's Seoul correspondent. It is the result of increased taxation. The governors of three provinces report that their officers have been organizing and government funds taken.

Paris, Jan. 28.—It is understood that the conferences between Foreign Minister Lansdowne and M. Kurino, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, have permitted the latter to state that the next step concerning the position Russia is taking in the Far East.

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OLD MAN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

RETIRED MERCHANT COMMITS SUICIDE

Mill Proprietor Caught in Belting of Machinery and Killed—The Execution of Cashel.

London, Ont., Jan. 29.—Jan. Haselet, over 80 years of age, was found frozen to death in his house at Thorncliffe yesterday. He had lived alone for years.

Greenwood, Ont., Jan. 29.—A boy, proprietor of Boyer's mills, was caught in the belting of the machinery of the mill yesterday while oiling the shafting and almost instantly killed.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 29.—A mild case of smallpox has developed in the Ontario Agricultural College.

Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—Radcliffe, the hangman, passed through the city yesterday on the way to Calgary to officiate at the hanging of Cashel on Tuesday.

New York, Jan. 30.—Small parties of Russian soldiers are beginning to appear on the banks of the Yalu river, cables the Seoul Korea correspondent of the Herald.

Port Arthur, Jan. 30.—Apprehension that there will be war is still expressed in official quarters here, while it is expected at any moment.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 29.—Solicitor-General McKenna, the local government, has been nominated by the Liberals for St. John. The bye-election takes place on February 10th.

Seaford, Ont., Jan. 29.—This and other towns in the district are threatened with a fuel famine on account of the inability of railways to get freight trains through on account of the stormy weather.

Quebec, Jan. 29.—Four men named Frerute, Bohlitz, Ponlour and Blouin, were seriously injured this morning by an explosion of the furnace in the hardware store of J. E. Marignan, St. Joseph street.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Railroad freight officials have additional advice relative to Russian and Japanese mess and canned beef shipments from the East by way of this port.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 29.—To prove that large numbers of cartridges are not dangerous in case of fire, I am willing to station myself in a room where 1,000,000 cartridges are stored in wooden boxes and let a fire be started and rage there.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—The United Mine Workers have voted \$5,000 for the immediate relief of the families of the 180 miners killed in the Harwick mine explosion.

New York, Jan. 30.—The rumors of the practical retirement of Senator Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, who was elected to the Senate in 1902, are being widely spread.

London, Jan. 29.—The Earl of Devon (Rev. Sir Henry Courtney), rector of Powderham, Devon, is dead. He was born on July 15th, 1811, and held an extensive estate.

PRISONER DISCHARGED

Has Been Held in Custody on Suspicion of Having Committed Murder.

New York, Jan. 29.—On motion of Assistant District Attorney Ely, Justice Seagrish to-day discharged, on his own recognizance, Masso Petto, known as "The Bell," who was indicted on suspicion of having murdered the Socialist Maduana, of Buffalo, on April 14th, 1903.

Madrid, Jan. 29.—The dispute which occurred in the chamber yesterday between Mr. Minister Llaurens and Deputy Cordero, resulting in the sending of seconds to each other, has been settled without necessitating a duel between the principals.

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ROBERTS RECALLED LAUNCH OF BOATS

Captain of Clallam So Expressed Himself to One of the Survivors of the Wreck.

"I went to Capt. Roberts just before dark and asked him if he had any sky rockets or flash lights, and he told me he had none. In the short conversation following the captain said: 'I'm sorry I let the passengers go when I did.'"

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY HIS BROTHER

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BOUNDARY MINES

Over Eighteen Thousand Tons of Ore Shipped to Smelters—Granby's Record.

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CHINAMAN SLAYED BY CONSPIRACY

Manager of Chinese Theatre Victim of Violence on Saturday Night--Succumbed to His Injuries--Several Arrests Made.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Mah Quan, manager of the Chinese theatre, was attacked by an infuriated gang of his countrymen about one o'clock yesterday morning, and received injuries from which he expired a few hours later. He was assaulted in his own apartments upstairs in the rear of the theatre, and after being beaten, kicked and otherwise roughly handled, was hurled from the balcony looking out on the auditorium to the stage beneath, a distance of ten feet. He struck on one of the tables and then fell to the stage helplessly. Two of the men who set upon him are now in custody and the police are exerting themselves to the utmost to catch the others. Fortunately there were a number of witnesses who will be able to identify the chief among the assassins when they are brought in. The onslaught occurred after the Saturday night performance. Mah Quan, the victim, who is also a leading actor, had invited a number of friends to supper in his room. The guests seated, and they were just about to begin eating when a Chinaman opened the door and entered the room. Looking towards Mah Quan, the table he satiated him. The manager asked him what he wanted and who he was. The newcomer gave his name and then asked "What is your name?" "My name is Mah Quan," the manager replied. Thereupon the stranger went to the door and called to others outside, and about a score of disgruntled Chinamen thronged upon the manager. One who had first addressed Mah Quan challenged him to fight. It was quite plain that trouble was brewing. In fact, the manager realized that he was in a bad way, for he rose from his couch. As he did so several of the gang grabbed him, two holding his arms. In spite of his struggles they threw him to the floor and knocked his head against the boards. Several struck him, one, the eye witness says, using an iron bar, a favorite weapon with Highlanders. His friends who were outnumbered and made no attempt at resistance. The unfortunate victim was then lifted up bodily and carried outside the door to a little balcony which overlooks the street. From there he was thrown out, striking his side against a table in his fall. In the meantime one of his friends had hurried to the police station and raised an alarm. Constable Carson, the constable on barracks duty, hastened to the scene. He found the injured Chinaman lying where he had fallen, but his assailants had flown. Mah Quan's friends, who did not seem to be very badly injured. Dr. Robertson was summoned by the constable and after an examination of the manager he took him to the hospital, where he died about six o'clock. Sergeant Walker arrived on the scene shortly after Constable Carson and the two at once began an investigation. They traced the gang to the room on the trail of one Wing On, whom they found in a room above Tim Kee's store. He was taken to the police station and locked up. Subsequently five or six Chinamen were found and these assisting the police in the identification of the assassins. This morning Detective Perdue located another of the gang in a piece on Cormorant street not far from the Chinese theatre alley. When the prisoner was confronted with the eye witness they immediately identified him as one of the Mah Quan's assailants. In fact, they said he was one of those who had held the victim. When first accused he said his name was Yek, but at the police station he admitted that his proper name was Wong Kow. All outgoing trains and steamers are being watched, and every means taken to cut off the escape of the other members of the gang. The crime was evidently premeditated.

FATAL RESULT OF DRUNKEN FIGHT

MAN WHO WAS STABBED SUCCEUMS TO INJURIES

Agents Report That Many Immigrants Will Come From Minnesota This Season.
Montreal, Feb. 1.—Pierre Carpentier was stabbed in the groin so bad last night, during a fight with a man named Parisien, that he died in a few minutes. The affair took place in Carpentier's house during the course of a drinking bout. Parisien was arrested. Conservative Candidate. North, Wentworth Conservatives have nominated Gordon C. Wilson. Experimental Farm. Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—During the past season the Brandon experimental farm produced a value of \$45,000 worth of trees, which were set out to protect and adorn prairie homes. Coming From States. Arrangements have been completed for settling fifteen farmers from Wheaton, Mich., in the Moose Jaw district. Their average cash capital is \$1,250, besides stock, implements, etc. The Minnesota agent reports the tide of immigrants this season from Minnesota will be fully equal to former years. Many Settlers. In the Calgary district during the week ending January 23rd, 53 entries were taken up by a class as composed of Point White.

DOG-FACED MAN DEAD.

New York, Feb. 1.—A special to the World from Vienna says: "Jo-jo, the dog-faced man, is dead, from pneumonia, at Macedonia. Jo-jo was born in Pinar del Rio and has exhibited in all parts of the world."

AWFUL EXPERIENCE WITH HEART DISEASE.

Mr. L. J. Law, Toronto, Can., writes: "I was so sorely troubled with heart disease that I was unable for 18 months to lie down in bed last summer. After taking one dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, I retired and slept soundly. I used one bottle and the trouble was not repeated." Sold by Jackson & Co. 533 West Co. St.

MAY SUPPLY TACOMA SERVICE

THE WHATCOMB WILL PROBABLY GO ON RUN

Typens Is Bringing Large Freight for Victoria--Rumor About Raising Chailam.

It is probable that before many weeks Victoria will again have a direct steamer communication with Tacoma. The Alaska Steamship Company, which now operates the Dolphin on the route, is considering the matter and it is said is favorably disposed to provide the service. The steamer Whatcomb, or Majestic as she was known when last here, is believed to be fast enough to make the extra run from Seattle, and at the same time maintain a local schedule. E. E. Blackwood, the local agent of the line, who is probably in a position to state definitely what the plans of the company are in this respect, is expected home from the Sound early in the month. Whatcomb, as is well known, has been in a Tacoma shipyard for some months undergoing alterations and improvements. She has more tonnage than when last in service, and it is estimated will be in a much better condition to meet the requirements of trade. When she succeeded the City of Kingston three or four years ago, the company's service to Tacoma from Seattle was cut off, and from that time up to the present has been a very irregular one. It is believed now, however, that the competition offered by the C. P. R. Company has stimulated the company, doing something along this line, and that the Whatcomb will shortly provide the necessary service. Tacoma business men are most anxious to secure a direct connection with Victoria, and as is known have been applying to the C. P. R. in this respect. A Tacoma dispatch says: "There will be sharp competition with favorable chances for rate cutting between the Puget Sound Navigation Company and the Canadian Pacific for the Victoria trade. The steamer Clallam belonged to this company. Capt. Frank E. Burns, the manager, while in Tacoma, said the old steamer Whatcomb, now being repaired in this city, would be put on the Victoria run in a few days."

MRS. MAYBRICK IS STILL A PRISONER

REPORT OF RELEASE DENIED BY EMBASSY

Baroness de Roques Has Returned to France After Paying Visit to Daughter.
London, Feb. 1.—Further investigation concerning the disappearance made by the Associated Press yesterday, on the authority of the United States embassy here, that Mrs. Florence Maybrick has not been released. Through her exact whereabouts have not been developed, it is certain that she is still a prisoner. The letter was received in London on Saturday from the mother of Mrs. Maybrick, the Baroness de Roques, dated from her residence in France January 28th, saying she had returned to France after visiting her daughter at Aylesbury prison. The Baroness added that she saw no possibility of her daughter's release until the end of 1904, and all reports to the contrary are absolutely false. Through the letter was written to an intimate friend, no mention was made by the Baroness of any removal of her daughter from Aylesbury. The Sun of this city, in its final edition to-night says: "We are glad that Mrs. Maybrick has been taken to Winchester." Free in July. Rouen, France, Feb. 1.—A representative of the Associated Press called at the residence of Baroness de Roques, the mother of Mrs. Maybrick, this afternoon and was informed by the doorkeeper that the Baroness returned here from London on January 28th, saying she had returned to France after visiting her daughter at Aylesbury. The Baroness would be free on July 29th.

ROSSLAND CAMP

Last Week's Shipments--Progress of Work in the Le Roi and Sprott.
An interesting development in connection with the Le Roi mine, Rossland camp, is reported for the past week. The downward strike of the big ore body on the 800-foot level, locally known as the "Black Bear" slope, has been encountered on the 900-foot level. The 800-slope is fully 80 feet in width, and the ore is of good grade. In the 900-foot level the ore is as strong and the values are said to be somewhat higher. The statement is unofficially made that the Le Roi mine has more ore in sight than any other mine in its history. A valuable body of ore was also encountered in the Spitzberg mine, where a crosscut from the main drift on the first level has been driven to the 200-foot level, carrying copper values, principally. A winze has been started in the new ore body, and will be opened up by an upraise from the 200-foot level, where the main drift is in 80 feet from the station. The No. 1 mine commences operations to-day with a crew of 15 to 20 men. Later, a second shift will be added. Ore will be extracted at a minimum of 30,000 tons per month, and the output of the 200 and 300-foot levels for shipment to the Grabcy. The shipments for the past week were as follows: Le Roi, 8,890 tons; Centre Star, 1,320 tons; War Eagle, 1,280 tons; Kootenay, 300 tons; Jubla, 285 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 420 tons; Le Roi No. 3, 200 (milled), 200 tons; total, 8,715 tons; year to date, 40,425 tons.

AMUR IN PORT

The C. P. R. steamer Amur arrived on Saturday from Skagway. The steamer was delayed on her northward trip by rough weather. The Amur's voyage was made in pleasant weather and smooth seas. She had 31 passengers, 21 from Skagway and the remainder from Sitka. The Amur's cargo consisted of 100 tons of ore from the Arctic Chief for the Crofton smelter. The passenger list was as follows: From Skagway, J. B. Clement, Mrs. Carrie Walker, B. H. S. Cresswell, Mrs. Miss Devoe, Miss A. Taulfess, Mrs. John Leathdale, D. Caldwell, Mrs. W. Lee, Mrs. J. R. Brown, Mrs. J. W. Clement, R. E. McLennan, Miss M. E. McLennan, A. La Lande, David Edwards, F. E. Young, T. A. Dickson, J. C. McLeod, H. B. Brown, A. L. Jackson, C. J. John Brett, From Kasaan, W. Wiley, W. Freeburn, B. Nicovich, Frank Cole, J. L. Shuckler, K. McKinstry, B. Taunton. From Port Simpson, A. McLeod, Edward Brown and one Chinese. Capt. John Irving is owner of the Arctic Chief. He reports that the excitement at White Horse in connection with the new discoveries at Ballion and neighboring creeks continues. There is a constant coming and going of those interested, and in the spring there will be a rush for the diggings. Capt. Irving himself expects them to go in to the new fields. There has recently, he says, been three more creek discoveries. These are Telluride, Kimberley and Bryson. They are giving good results similar to Bullion. Nuggets running \$1 in value are common, and the creeks are producing excellent returns. They are about 30 miles from Bullion, creeks lying that much nearer White Horse. A. L. Dickson, superintendent of the Amur's passengers, confirms the report of the richness of the Alsek diggings. Despite the snow large numbers are going in, and Mr. Dickson says that the spring will see a tremendous rush to the new camp. Prospectors are commencing to strike out from all directions. The majority of them are old-timers. Many outfits are being taken out over the snow every week, and the number will increase during the next three months. It is expected that the winter months will be in the hills well supplied with provisions and material for a summer's work when the snow commences to go in May. The importance of the district has been taken into cognizance of by the Northwest Mounted Police, which organization is now taking measures for the maintaining of an effective patrol on the creeks. The camps are being built by the police at Pine, Ruby and Bullion creeks, and one already exists at Champagne Landing, on the trail to the creeks. Work on the creeks is being prosecuted during the winter months, and large dumps will be frequent by spring when sluicing will be possible. Good returns are expected as sample washings have generally proved rich.

MAY RAISE CHAILAM.

A Seattle dispatch of Friday's date says: "That an effort will be made to raise the wrecked Chailam, believed by many shipping men. At the investigation this morning Capt. Hall, of the tug Holyoke, said that the vessel is lying in 65 fathoms of water, about eight miles off Point White."

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# COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO FURTHER THE PROJECT AND TO MAKE REPORT UPON THE SAME.

## FAVOR OF SCHEME

The meeting held in the city hall Thursday to discuss plans for the formation of a life-saving boat in this city proved a most enthusiastic one. There was not a very large number present, but there was a representative body in attendance, and their cause was a most worthy one. His Worship Mayor Barnard occupied the chair, and on motion, Joseph Pearson accepted the position of secretary.

Mayor Barnard in his opening remarks alluded to the recent Clallam disaster as prompting the present movement, but while this was the cause, it was not the disaster, notably that of the Velos of Trial Island, in which many lives were lost. He thought that with a lifeboat the deplorable results of these catastrophes might be reduced.

Letters were read from His Honor the Lieut-Governor, Premier McBride, Lieut-Col. Hall, Senator Templeman, Mr. Justice Drake, and Postmaster Shakespeare. All the writers were in hearty accord with the spirit of the movement, and expressed regret at not being able to attend. A letter was read from the longshoremen offering substantial assistance, and the Tourist Association also wrote expressing its approval of the scheme.

Paul M. Bergman, in explaining the scheme, said: "The sad wreck of the Clallam, whereby so many people many of them well known Victorians, lost their lives shows the urgent necessity of providing some means of saving life at sea in this vicinity. It is far from creditable to this port that a ship should be sunk in plain view of our streets, and we should have no means at our disposal of going to the rescue of those on board. It may be true that there is no immediate danger in which the Clallam was, but it is not very clear that it would have made any difference if it had been known, so far as the sending of any relief was concerned. I think, therefore, that the time has come when steps should be taken to provide against future emergencies of the same nature."

"This can, I think, be best accomplished by the organization of a Lifeboat Club here. I have been asked if this is not a proper thing for the Dominion government to take up, and I do not say that it is not, but there is no immediate prospect of anything of that kind being done, and at any rate a volunteer club would be much more efficient than any other club of the kind. It is for some time to come to establish at this port. A government lifeboat presupposes a paid crew, not a volunteer crew, and a volunteer crew, properly drilled, would be stronger, numerically, and hence more efficient than any crew that the government would probably maintain here. The best thing to do is to organize a volunteer club, and to have it equipped with a lifeboat and life-saving appliances would be an excellent thing for the members of the crew personally, and I am sure many young men would be glad to join the club for the sake of the drill."

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laws. I know there are many young men who will gladly give their services, and I hope that those who cannot man the boat will come forward liberally with their money."

C. H. Lucrin moved that in the opinion of the meeting a lifeboat association be established in Victoria.

In referring to the Clallam disaster, he regretted to say that it had been said officially that there was not one shipwreck a year in these waters, and therefore no necessity for a lifeboat. He would like to know how many masters of the kind were needed to actuate such people. But there was more than one accident a year, and the speaker insisted on the case of the Monna's wreck, which escaped from a most serious disaster on Race Rocks.

Victorians were not limited to the operations of a lifeboat, the speaker contended, there was one thing which he would like to impress on the department of marine, and which he has taken steps to draw its attention. The suggestion he had made was this: It was a well known fact that the tug Bear was on a very short time being relegated to the honor yard. This being the case it was desirable that she be substituted by an efficient vessel, which would keep up a steady patrol, and which in certain times would patrol the straits as far down as Cape Beale.

Senator Macdonald believed that the motion should be widened in its scope. This island afforded a breakwater to this coast, and more than Victoria should be interested in the scheme proposed. Such a wreck as the Clallam probably only occurred about once in every 50 years. Of that accident he would not trust himself to speak. With a bad rudder, broken deadlight, and no management, he would leave it to the captain responsible. A life station he believed should be established at Carmanah or at some West Coast point, and the station only occurred about once in every 50 years. Of that accident he would not trust himself to speak. With a bad rudder, broken deadlight, and no management, he would leave it to the captain responsible. A life station he believed should be established at Carmanah or at some West Coast point, and the station only occurred about once in every 50 years.

A. L. Belyea seconded the motion, and while endorsing a good deal of what Senator Macdonald said, thought the question of establishing a life station at any particular point was not so important as to establish a nucleus for a number of stations, which he hoped to see equipped on this coast. As for the Clallam disaster, it was possible that such an accident might not occur again for fifty or a hundred years. Everything seemed to point to the destruction of that station, but he had no hesitation in saying that a ship well found and properly equipped should never sink in any strait likely to be encountered in this side of Race Rocks. He and looked over a storm map on the other day and was amazed to see the number of wrecks that have occurred. There were some 1,400 of these, some of them being so close together that the ship's head would hardly separate them on the map. The West Coast, however, was one of the worst places in the world for such accidents, and he hoped to see something done here that would form a nucleus for a general life-saving station system.

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a strong plea for a lifeboat for Victoria. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Bishop Perrin moved that the Dominion and Provincial governments be asked to assist in procuring a lifeboat in Victoria. He had a letter from A. J. G. Gallely which suggested that unless the scheme was well started it would be better to start it at all than to have it not sufficient to have a volunteer crew, although the idea of such a crew was beautiful. Those who went to rescue others would necessarily have to be well trained. All who knew anything about life saving stations, and he knew something about them, knew that.

Bishop Perrin's motion was seconded by Senator Macdonald and unanimously carried.

H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., moved that the Lieut-Governor be asked to act as honorary president of the association. This motion also carried.

Mr. Boyrnan moved that a committee be appointed, with power to add to their number, and proceed with the work. This motion carried and a committee was then appointed, as follows: Capt. Troup, Capt. Boyds, Thomas Mason, Mr. Gallely, Capt. O'Connell, Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken and Paul Beyrnan.

On motion of Mr. Belyea the committee will report back to a meeting to be called by the mayor within a month. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the committee will be held at the office of the secretary, 38 Douglas street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Firmen's Benefit Association Elects Officers—Australian Hardwood For Interior Decoration.

Chief Magistrate Makes a Discovery

Enabling Bill Will Probably Be Passed by Legislature to Meet the Case.

Major Barnard has discovered that inadvertently he has made himself liable to disqualification as Mayor under section 10 clause 10 of the Municipal Clauses Act, which of the Municipal Corporation otherwise duly qualified entitled to vote at a municipal election may be elected a mayor or alderman unless having by himself or through his partner or contract whatever or interest in any contract with or for the municipality either directly or indirectly.

His Worship detected the item which places him under this liability when the report of the finance committee was presented at a recent meeting of the council. He noticed in the list of accounts one for a small amount made out by the legal firm of McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, of which he is a member. Investigating he found that this brought him under clause 10 of the act dealing with disqualification.

To a Times representative to-day Mayor Barnard plainly stated the facts of the case. He stated that he had been advised by the legal firm of McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, of which he is a member, that he was not liable to disqualification under clause 10 of the Municipal Clauses Act. He stated that he had been advised by the legal firm of McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, of which he is a member, that he was not liable to disqualification under clause 10 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

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IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF.

Case of Christie vs. Fraser et al. Concluded at Vancouver.

The trial of Christie vs. Fraser et al was concluded before Justice Irving at Vancouver on Friday, the plaintiff getting everything he asked for and \$300 damages. The plaintiff alleged that Fraser and Mr. Hunter, jun., of the Eric Milling Company, were in collusion to defraud him by misrepresenting certain timber limits which he was induced to buy at an excessively high price. Justice Irving said he found that the letter or copy of a letter, discovered in a sensational manner by Mrs. Harris, of Victoria, in a vacant Victoria house formerly occupied by Fraser, was evidence pointing to the fact that there was collusion between Fraser and Hunter. The decision of the court was that the plaintiff was entitled to the \$300 damages, and that the contract between the plaintiff and the defendants would be set aside and that the notes from Christie, in the hands of the Eric Milling Company, would be returned to Christie. As the plaintiff had but \$8,000 in cash, the extra \$500 damages will help the plaintiff to pay law costs.

ARE PROVIDING FOR MORE ACCOMMODATION

Estimates for Year Have Been Completed by School Board—Item for New Building.

In committee of the whole last evening the school board drafted their estimates for the year and submitted them as follows:

Salaries ..... \$4,300  
Fuel ..... 1,400  
Board expenses ..... 1,400  
Furniture ..... 850  
Supplies ..... 2,100  
Repairs ..... 2,500  
Insurance ..... 450  
Miscellaneous ..... 1,350  
Salaries ..... 50,000  
Total ..... \$71,000

In discussing an extraordinary estimate, Trustee Hall moved that the sum of \$50,000 be submitted, to be devoted to the erection of additional school accommodation.

It was proposed that the amount be reduced to \$40,000, to be divided as follows: \$30,000 for new buildings and \$10,000 for extensions. Numerous suggestions were made as to additional buildings and extensions, the committee being in accord with the suggestion that relief be given to the school children of the West and the Oklaks, Spring Ridge and Hillside districts as anywhere, though the claims of the populous and important Bay District were also strongly urged.

ON THE SEA OF LIFE.

The Dangerous Rocks.

On the sea of life are left many wrecks. In the majority of cases these failures are due to the excessive use of alcohol. One of the most prolific causes of acquiring the alcohol habit in these days is a frequent use of alcoholic compounds advertised as tonics for the cure of everything. Embodied in these are some of the drugs entering into these compounds, but the good such drugs may do the system is counteracted by the ill effects of the alcohol. Many times the persons taking these tonics feel much improved for a little time through the stimulating effects of the alcohol in the medicine, but there is apt to be a reaction in which the person is much depressed and in low spirits—finally the habitual user of such a remedy will become dependent upon its false strength for courage to go through her daily duties. The State of Kansas not long ago exposed the practices of many people buying these alcoholic compounds as "a tipple" and will require manufacturers and dealers in said medicines to observe the same rules and laws as do the distillers of WHISKY—and the remedies will be prohibited from general sale.

On the sea of life a woman feels cast adrift when she suffers untold pain. She feels as though man was privileged to enjoy life, while woman was meant for suffering. It was not intended so, however, God meant woman to be healthy and not to suffer at any period. Corsets, tight shoes, bad circulation, catching cold, thin blood and other attendants of an ill life have brought about an ill condition of affairs.

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physicians but received no relief. After reading one of your books I decided to give your "Favorite Prescription" a trial. Am very glad I did, for I found it was just what I wanted. I commenced to improve at once and kept getting better until, after seven weeks, I was entirely cured. I have remained in perfect health ever since, and remain a firm friend of your "Favorite Prescription."

Miss Elizabeth Grosvenor, residing at 21 Massachusetts avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and a prominent member of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Washington, writes: "Your 'Favorite Prescription' has proved a blessing in disguise to me, and after years of bad health and pain, has made almost a new woman of me. My troubles began in the way of pains, headaches and dizziness. Our physician prescribed many different remedies but they gradually grew worse. After trying this way for nearly three years your 'Favorite Prescription' was recommended to me, and I am certainly glad that I took it. The first bottle built me up wonderfully and I kept up the treatment for three months, the result being that it has made me well and strong and in perfect blood and other attendants of an ill life have brought about an ill condition of affairs.

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Does the Validating Act received the assent of the Lieut-Governor properly overcoming the technical objections which have arisen in connection with the chief magistrate of the territory?

This is the question which those who have been following the discovery that he was to seek election to the legislature returned to the examination of the situation. Whether the steps which have taken in good faith to put through parliament is so far as it validates the nominal mayor up to the vacated office. All questions the legality of his acts are automatically put at rest. But the case as to the validity of a situation arises which in the history of the city.

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