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BUT a few hours more, and the Old Year's rapidly retreating form will have shambled off the stage of Time, and we shall be welcoming his young successor, 1890. The closing year has not been by any means an uneventful one; but, owing to one of the back-handed favors it has conferred upon us, we are not in a position to go into particulars to any extent. In Europe, that great theatre of modern civilization, semi-civilization and oriental barbarism to which the eyes of the rest of the civilized world instinctively turn, the political pot, while it has bubbled portentously in nearly every part of the seething caldron, has not yet boiled over in the alarming manner that has been threatened at almost any time during the year. How long such a catastrophe can be prevented, however, it would be unsafe to predict from all the indications. The "tight little isle" has been agitated as usual by the Irish question, which is apparently not much nearer solution than ever, although surely nearing such a desirable consummation. The Parnell Commission has dragged its slow, and, with the exception of the Piggot exposure, resultless, length to the close of the year. The Whitechapel atrocities have lent a gruesome variety to the incidents and events of a political nature. In Asia there has been considerable loss of life and property both by flood and famine. The year has been a remarkable one in the history of the Dark Continent, in the exploits and achievements of the famous Stanley, and the great explorer's safe return, with his fellow hero, Emin Pasha, to the bounds of civilization after a perplexing absence of years. Coming to our own continent, Central and South America and the West Indies have had their customary diversion of intestinal disturbances with their usual doubtful results, and Brazil, which a few weeks ago deposed its emperor and established a republic, apparently peaceably, has found that its troubles have just begun. Passing over political events in the United States, which have not been of a particularly striking or interesting nature to outsiders, the terrible Johnstown (Pa.) disaster, where thousands of our fellow creatures and millions of dollars' worth of property perished by overwhelming floods, in a few short hours, was the most widely thrilling event of any of the year. Eastern Canada has been agitated by the Jesuits' Estates question, and this part of the Dominion by the Behring's Sea fisheries disputes, in which the American authorities have played, what we are bound to consider, an unwarrantable and even contemptible part. It can be said with perfect truth, however, that all parts of the Dominion have experienced a satisfactory measure of prosperity and progress during the year that is past, and this can be affirmed more particularly of our own province, British Columbia. It is almost unnecessary to remind our readers that 1889 has witnessed a most gratifying growth and general prosperity and progress in all branches of industry in this city and its vicinage, and the immediate future is bright with promise. The most conspicuous event of the year, and one which has rebounded immensely to our credit and advantage, was undoubtedly the grand exhibition and celebration held in the city last fall, and the splendid preparations made for that occasion in the way of buildings, grounds, etc., by our enterprising council and citizens, contributed very materially to the gratifying success of the whole affair. There is every guarantee that the people of the Royal City, having more confidence in their splendid situation, opportunities and possibilities than ever before, will achieve still greater things in the coming year than in 1889, and not only continue to advance, but do so at a more rapid rate. As for THE COLUMBIAN—which has striven, not altogether fruitlessly, we trust, to advance the best interests of the community during the year now drawing to a close—fortune has dealt it a rather unkind rap in the last few days. While, however, we must wish our many readers and patrons a "Happy New Year" under conditions not the most felicitous, we have every confidence for the future, and expect very soon to be able to greet the public in better form than before our late disaster, and in our new, handsome and FIRE-PROOF quarters being specially erected for that purpose, on the corner of Columbia street and Lyton square. As this is the last issue before the New Year, and we do not issue on that day, we have much pleasure in taking this opportunity to wish our readers and the public generally "A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR."

THE electric light, an exchange remarks with good reason, is becoming a source of real and terrible danger, such as well may bring a pause to municipal authorities allowing the stringing of any more wires until proper supervision is secured in the interests of the residents of our cities. Alexander Welsh, of New York, an expert electrician, and one of Mr. Edison's assistants, recently said: "Whenever you see the big white electric light, with its carbons burning, you may know that death lurks overhead. Nearly every wire you see in the open air is thick enough and strong enough to carry a death-dealing current. As things are at present there is no safety, and danger lurks all around us. It may never reach you, or you may go on for years unhurt, but when the moment comes you are killed instantly, provided that, by moisture or otherwise, the floor becomes a conductor. The wire you touch may be simply holding up a picture, and yet under these conditions, in connection with an iron rafter or hook touching some hidden plate, it may convey a fatal current. There is no knowing when you may touch the current. The further maintenance of the overhead wires in their present condition is a menace to the life of everybody in New York. It is dangerous to touch a wire of any kind or even a metal substance. A man ringing a door bell or leaning up against a lamp post might be struck dead any instant. It is not alone the electric light wires that may kill you. Somewhere off in another street, perhaps miles away, the wind has blown an arc light wire against some conductor, and the danger begins." This picture of the dangers of overhead wires or imperfect insulation may seem to be overdrawn. It is, however, the opinion of a life-long electrician. Mr. Edison's statements support it, and he volunteers, over his signature, the opinion that the death rate from electric currents as managed at present will increase in fourfold ratio to the extension of facilities for electric lighting.

LOCAL ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The Merryweather engine sent from Victoria was set to work yesterday afternoon filling the tank at the corner of Mary and Columbia sts. The engine is a very powerful one and is fitted for two streams. It would be a very valuable adjunct to the fire department here as it has very little chance to get out of gear, being strongly and serviceably constructed. The engineers were well pleased with the performance of the Merryweather.

Plenty of work now for the unemployed, shovelling snow. The man who is idle this weather does not want to work.

The sidewalk along the railroad track, behind the Royal City Mills, is a great improvement, although it ends at a few dilapidated shacks in the middle of the swamp.

New goods: another lot of $3.25 ladies kid boots at Grant & Maclure's.

Messrs. W. & G. Wolfenden are prepared to receive orders for groceries at their new store in the Bushby block. tc

Agnes st. is recommended as a speeding ground for sleigh proprietors and those who have horses that can "go."

Saturday afternoon the fast and well equipped schooner Triumph, Capt. Clarence Cox, owned by Messrs. E. B. Marvin & Co., and recognized as one of the best craft in the Victoria sealing fleet, sailed for the west coast in search of seals. The Triumph carries a crew, all told, of about 25 white men, among them some of the best seal hunters in the country, and expects to return loaded down with seals.

In the public accounts issued by the Dominion government for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1889, the tolls accrued from the Esquimalt graving dock are given as $14,811.86. The memorandum of expenses of collection is $12,729.10, being the cost of maintenance and repairs, leaving a balance of profit of $2,091.76. During the past fiscal year the dock was considered to have done a fair business.

Messrs. W. & G. Wolfenden will re-open with a new stock of first class groceries in a few days, and hope for the indulgence of their friends until they can make the necessary arrangements. tc

A small bay pony with star in face, and a small sorrel pony, white face, strayed on to my property December 24th and are held by me. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. If not claimed in 30 days will be sold for cost of keep.—J. W. STEIN, Brownsville, Dec. 30, 1889. 6t

To-morrow, New Year's day, the ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold their annual reception, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., to which all young men are invited to attend. In the evening Miss Bowes will lecture on Marriage, in the Odd Fellow's hall, besides which a nice programme of music and singing will be rendered during the evening.

Mr. Joseph Wintemute was out again to-day with his snow plough, and did splendid service on the streets and sidewalks. Thousands of people join in thanking Mr. Wintemute for his really great kindness.

An office to let on McKenzie street. Apply to G. A. Kelly. tc*

One car load of cattle, 21 head in all, arrived last night from up country. They are consigned to Van Volkenburgh Bros.

The str. Delaware is tied up at the foot of Douglas st.

Icicles over two feet in length were noted hanging from the eaves of houses in various parts of the city this morning.

The str. Louise had an extra large consignment of passengers yesterday for Victoria.

E. S. Scoullar & Co. and H. M. Cunningham & Co. have a large quantity of patent radiators on the C. P. N. dock.

There were fifteen degrees of frost last night in the lower part of the city and seventeen in the upper part.

A vast floe of ice, stretching from the bay at Sapperton over to Brownsville and down to the woollen mills covered the surface of the river to-day. A few more frosts like that of last night and it would be capable of sustaining a crowd of skaters.

Ald. Reid said in the council last night that the boiler of the city steam fire engine was the most complicated he ever saw. To be repaired it would be necessary to lift it off the carriage and lay it on its side; there a bed would have to be built for the artificer to lie on, and when he had finished one spot, the boiler, with him inside, would have to be rolled around like a barrel.

Mr. R. F. Drummond so well and popularly known in connection with the railway mail service, is, we regret to learn, confined to his bed with congestion of the lungs. Mr. Drummond's condition, though serious, does not cause his friends alarm, and it is expected that the robust constitution with which he is blessed, together with tender and careful nursing, and skilled medical assistance, will bring him round again, as jovial and hearty as ever, in a few weeks.

The Delaware will remain at her present berth during the cold spell.

Ice half an inch thick came up with the tide from the North Arm to-day.

Two Chinamen who attempted to cross the river this forenoon had some of the hardest work they ever encountered. They stopped to admire the proportions of the man o' war and allowed a fine clear place to pass, then they were carried up stream by floating ice and a long way beyond their destination.

A heavy consignment of game reached the market this morning. Duck as usual predominated. Grouse are scarce.

THE COLUMBIAN staff will not eat roast goose and apple sauce to-morrow. By a grievous inadvertance our goose was cooked a little too early in the week, and spoiled. Sturgeon at one cent per pound will be rich eating for THE COLUMBIAN staff's New Year dinner, 1890, and this luxury will be as heartily appreciated under the circumstances as the 20-course dinner we had intended to revel in.

Room I, Bank Building, is the temporary office of THE COLUMBIAN. *tc

The Acorn looked chilly out in midstream this morning.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Robert Browning, the poet, was buried in Westminster Abbey to-day.

The thermometer registered 28 degress below zero this morning in Nevada, and there is much suffering among range stock.

Frank Bruck, a New York barber, shot and killed his dying mother, aged 62 years, yesterday, and then shot himself, inflicting a mortal wound. No cause is assigned.

It is stated in Washington that the Sioux lands in south Dakota, about eleven million acres, will be thrown open to settlement early in the new year.

At San Mateo, Cal., on Sunday night James Tijart suicided in the Catholic church by cutting his throat with a penknife. He was evidently a religious monomaniac.

A monster petition, directed against the anarchists in the United States, will be introduced shortly into congress.

It is now stated Lord Salisbury has agreed to Portugal's request for a delay of action in regard to Africa, until the receipt of Serpa Pinto's account.

The presents and congratulations received by Mr. Gladstone on his eightieth birthday come from all quarters of the globe. Among the gifts is an illuminated address from the members of the legislative assembly of New South Wales. A number of continental newspapers print congratulatory articles.

It is reported another English war vessel is to be sent to Rio Janeiro for the purpose of watching British interests in Brazil.

At a meeting of the directors of the C. P. R. Co., yesterday at Montreal, a statement of the results of working for the year was submitted, which, estimating for the month of December, should make the net earnings for the year above working expenses, $6,029,000, which, added to the surplus from last year, would make a total surplus of $2,576,000 at the close of the present year. The question of an extra dividend was considered and it was decided to declare a supplementary dividend of one per cent., payable February 17th, with the regular one and a half per cent. half yearly dividend from the annuity fund in the hands of the Dominion government; making a total for the half year, of two and a half per cent. With the intention of continuing a similar half yearly supplementary dividend until the expiry of the annuity in 1893, the surplus earnings will be permitted to accumulate so as to form a dividend reserve fund.

THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND.

Along with the resolution of thanks passed to Mr. Joseph Wintemute by the city council last night, for his magnanimity in clearing the snow from the sidewalks and roads, free of charge, should have been a cheque for a handsome little amount to pay the cost of the work, value of horse's hire, etc. Only the residents of the upper portion of the city are able to thoroughly appreciate Mr. Wintemute's kindness, for up town travel is light, and when snow is on the ground the ladies are almost forced to remain in doors. If nothing more, Mr. Wintemute has earned the warmest gratitude of the residents of every street traversed by his snow-plough.

CITY COUNCIL.

Council met last night in the city hall. Present, Ald. Cunningham, Curtis, Reid, McPhaden, Calbick and Jaques.

His worship Mayor Townsend in the chair. The following

COMMUNICATIONS

were read:

From A. G. Smith, lock-up keeper, enclosing annual report of city police court. The report is briefly as follows:

Number of persons charged	330
" " convictions	288
" dismissed	42
Amount of fines imposed	$1771 25
" " collected	1569 75
" " uncollected through prisoners absconding	201 50
Amount of fines paid into municipal council	1569 75
For keep of prisoners at city lockup	179 20
Balance to city to date	1390 55

Received and adopted.

From A. J. Murphy applying for position on city police force. Referred to city police committee.

From David Birmingham stating that Thomas Bradley had been seriously injured working at a fire, in the endeavor to save goods therefrom, and that he is unable to work; and asking compensation for him. The writer thinking $50 a modest return for Bradley's disfigurement. Received.

His worship told in detail the circumstances of the man Bradley and how he had received his wounds. The speaker thought the case deserving of assistance, although he he was not sure whether Ogle, Campbell & Co. should not do something for him, as it was their goods Bradley had been handling when injured.

Ald. Jaques explained how it was that the insurance companies had had enough to do lately and he begged to excuse them from further calls. He thought the case deserving, however.

Ald. Reid spoke in favor of the council paying Bradley something.

Ald. Curtis believed Bradley entitled to $50, but he did not think the council had any right to pay it. Ogle, Campbell & Co. he thought ought to pay some of it.

Ald. Jaques said that Ogle, Campbell & Co. won't get a cent more than they lost, perhaps not that. They would not get a dollar for the valuable time they had lost. It was the best time in the whole year for the sale of their goods, and it was too bad to inflict this upon them.

Ald. Reid was firmly convinced that the council ought to assist this man. Referred to the finance committee with power to act.

From James Kennedy stating that he had built a sidewalk in front of the Powell block, and asking, on behalf of the proprietor of that building, that the council connect the said sidewalk with the others on Columbia st.; and asking that a crossing be laid across Columbia st. from the Powell block to the fire hall; also asking the erection of a lamp at the corner of Columbia street and and Lytton square. Also requesting the refunding of part of cost of sidewalk laid down opposite the Powell building. Received.

Ald. Jaques said Mr. Kennedy had been informed by Ald. Calbick that if he wished to put down a more expensive sidewalk than the city was in the habit of furnishing, the council would pay him the difference. Referred to to the board of works with power to act; the request for a lamp was granted.

From David Burnett asking payment of money due him for work done for the corporation on Park lane. Received.

Ald. Jaques believed nothing had been done towards straightening up the Park lane work.

Ald. McPhaden believed the council ought to straighten it up.

His worship said that when Eyles & Furness got the contract it was on the understanding that the men working on the contract should be paid. Referred to the board of works with power to act.

From Drake, Jackson & Co., Vancouver, solicitors for C. P. R., requesting council to forward a bond given by Messrs. Van Horne, Angus and Fleming, dated January 7th, 1887, as the term of same (three years) had expired, and that the conditions of same had been performed. Received and referred to the finance committee with power to act.

Ald. Jaques said Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Co. held a bond belonging to this city which they ought to have returned long ago.

Ald. Cunningham said he thought it an opportune time to get that bond back; if they (Drake, Jackson & Co.) had any right to demand their bond back, the city had a right to demand its own back.

From T. J. Trapp enclosing account of city lots sold by auction. Referred back to Mr. Trapp to recover.

A large number of accounts were ordered paid.

Ald. Curtis took exception to the item of hack hire and said he could not approve of that.

Ald. Jaques in concluding the explanation as to why he had hired hacks said, "I tell ye I got tired hoofin' it through the mud and so I hired them hacks. You kin pay the charges if you like, I wont."

NEW BUSINESS.

Ald. Jaques rose, on a question of privilege, and asked that the clerk read a clipping from Saturday's Colonist in reference to the late fire.

Ald. Jaques after the reading said it was too bad that such reports should be spread, and recommended that a fire inquest be held.

Ald. Curtis explained that it was wrong to place such a construction on the matter as Ald. Jaques evidently had. The writer of the article, he was sure, had no intention of imputing incendiarism to the occupants of the burned building; anyone else could have done it.

Ald. Reid wanted to know what this council had to do with newspaper reports. It was decided to take no notice of the erroneous report.

Ald. Jaques read the annual aggregate report of the board of works, detailing the work done, sidewalks laid down, streets slashed and opened and other labor performed. Adopted,

The park commission by-law was, on motion, read a first time. Before the reading Ald. McPhaden objected to the present council dealing with this matter at all. It was in his opinion a reflection on the honesty and brains of the next council.

Ald. Cunningham refuted those charges. The rules of order having been suspended, the by-law was read a second time. Council went into committee of the whole on the by-law, Ald. McPhaden in the chair. The by-law was read a third time by title, passed and ordered to be signed, sealed and published.

It was moved by Ald. Curtis, seconded by Ald. Calbick, that the thanks of the citizens of this city, through the council, be extended to the Victoria fire department for the tangible and prompt manner in which they had responded to the call for the request for a fire engine. Carried.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the C. P. R. and the chief of the Vancouver fire department for assistance kindly rendered in forwarding the engine so expeditiously.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Joseph Wintemute for services rendered by him in clearing the sidewalks of snow.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Reid, that the finance committee be instructed to obtain from Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, solicitors of the C. P. R., the citizens' bond given to the C. P. R. for the construction of the branch line to New Westminster. Carried.

Ald. Reid reported verbally at considerable length on the damage done to the fire engine. The engine will be out of order for several weeks.

His worship stated that Ald. Coughlan, of Victoria, had said the Westminster corporation could not do better than buy the engine at present here, as the Victoria fire department intended to sell it cheap. Ald. Curtis said the present council would have to meet again to consider the financial condition of the city.

Mayor Townsend made a few remarks in view of this being the last meeting of the council. His address was principally retrospective and complimentary to the city and council, and he expressed great satisfaction at the progress made by the city during his term of office. Carried.

Council adjourned until 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1899.

LOCAL ITEMS IN BRIEF.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

To-morrow being New Year's day there will be no issue of THE COLUMBIAN.

Watch services will be held in Holy Trinity church and the Methodist church to-night, the former commencing at 11:30 o'clock and the latter at 10:30 o'clock.

Sleigh driving, coasting, roast goose and apple sauce, plum pudding and mistletoe, are the principal items down on the bill of fare for to-morrow's amusements. Headaches, general nervous prostration, sticking plaster and anti-bilious pills will be in order the day following.

Don't forget the poor and needy at this joyous season.

The city lockup has been furnished with two new entry books, in one of which will be entered a minute description of all prisoners, height, weight, color of hair and eyes and proportions. The other book is a great improvement on the old charge book.

The narrow crosswalk from the McKenzie st. sidewalk to the gate of the city hall fence slants quite perceptibly, and last night was in an interesting state of slipperiness. It was as much as the observing citizen, safe on the sidewalk, could do to restrain a smile to see aldermen and citizens hurrying across this man trap, suddenly rear up and lash out vigorously with both feet, as if they wanted to kick the pennant of the mainmast of the Acorn, and then go along muttering cuss words about the unsatisfactory state of crosswalks in general and this one in particular.

A sort of pilgrimage has been instituted among the citizens to go and see that leviathan of the deep, the K. de K., as she lies at her berth. Small knots of people have been noted examining what could be seen of her exterior, and their remarks, while both uncomplimentary and jocular, have also expressed wonder that such a craft could ever dare to brave even the ripples of a duck pond.

Mr. D. Lyal left for the east to-day to purchase a full stock of stationery and fancy goods, which he expects to have in Westminster in less than a month.

POLICE STATISTICS.

A COLUMBIAN reporter paid a visit to the city lock-up this morning (voluntarily) and found Mr. A. J. Smith, the genial and stalwart keeper thereof, busy at his books. On discovering that the scribe was perfectly sober and orderly and had stolen nobody's chickens, Mr. Smith expressed his willingness to enter into police statistics for the year of grace, 1899. The said "figgers" are as follows: Total number of arrests, 330; drunk and disorderly, whites, 98; Indians in same condition and having liquor in their possession, 47; larceny, 24; assaults, 27; supplied with night's lodging, 27; vagrants, 20; supplying liquor to Indians, 26; infractions of city by-laws, 35; females, larceny 1; keepers and inmates of houses of ill-fame 15. Religion; Protestants, 107; Roman Catholics, 210; no religious belief 13. Nationality, English, 63; Irish, 76; American, 71; French, 38; Canadians, 60; the remainder other nationalities. Number of convictions, 288; dismissed, 42; amount of fines imposed in police court, $1771.25; amount of fines collected, $1569.75; uncollected on account of time given to pay, $201.50; paid into municipal council, $1569.75; keep for prisoners at city lock-up, $179.20; balance $1390.55. There has been a noticeable increase of drunkenness among the whites since last year, and among the Indians a decrease. In offences such as petty larceny and thieving there has been a slight increase, easily accounted for, however, by the great increase in population.

A BOOM ADRIFT.

Last evening a large and valuable boom of logs broke loose from its moorings at the Brunette Saw Mills, and was carried down stream by the wind and tide. The boom was adrift before any one knew of the accident, and got clean away before it could be secured. When the derelict boom floated past the city front, Mr. W. H. Vianen saw it, and with the assistance of a stalwart young man went to capture it if possible. Luckily the boom steered clear of H.M.S. Acorn, had it struck the vessel the logs would have been tossing about on the gulf this morning. After a hard pull and many unpleasant experiences, Mr. Vianen managed to get a line on to the boom, and finally tied it up safely on the south shore, a few miles below the city.

Encomiums were showered thick and heavy on the little Merryweather fire engine yesterday by the citizens, and in the council by the aldermen. It is probable the engine will remain here. This old but faithful servant carried one hundred pounds of steam yesterday, although that is a trifle high for it. Ald. Reid said the boiler was apparently as good to-day as twenty years ago and had years of service before it yet.

The cargo of the bark Dochra, which cleared for London from Victoria, Friday afternoon, takes the last of the season's salmon pack. The value of the shipment is $221 522, the number of cases being 39,586. Dry goods to the value of $550, and 401 barrels of dog fish oil, valued at $4,000 complete her cargo.

A youth named Thomas E. James was walking along Nicol stree', Nanaimo, on Tuesday evening, says the Free Press, when he saw a seven-chamber revolver lying on the ground amid the snow, and he picked it up when it went off immediately and shot him in the hand. The ball lodged between the first and second fingers on the upper part of the hand.

The Barnard opposition steamer Haytien Republic, has cut prices from 'Frisco to Seattle to $14 for cabin and $7 for steerage. The Coast Co. will, it is reported, soon meet this rate by a lower one, and the war will go on until the fittest survives. Meanwhile the traveling public rejoices exceedingly at the cheap fares.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold their ANNUAL RECEPTION on New Year's Day in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. All gentlemen are cordially invited to come and spend as much time as convenient with them, especially young men away from home and friends. From 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

In the evening Miss Bowes, of Vancouver, will deliver her popular lecture on MARRIAGE in the Odd Fellows' Hall. There will be instrumental music by the Y. M. C. A. Band and a solo by Mrs D. Robson. Doors open at 7:30; lecture to begin at 8 o'clock. Admission, at the door, 25 cents. de30-2t

[L. S.] HUGH NELSON.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc., etc.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Sixth day of February, 1890, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

THEODORE DAVIE, Attorney-General. } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the Sixth day of February, 1890, at which time at Our City of Victoria, you were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of the month of JANUARY, 1890, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honorable HUGH NELSON, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this twenty-sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and in the fifty-third year of Our Reign.

By Command. JNO. ROBSON,
de 31-td Provincial Secretary.