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SOME time ago we copied an item from a Victoria contemporary giving a gratifying account of the necessary improvements that have been made during the recess in the legislative headquarters at James Bay. Those improvements will doubtless be much appreciated by the assembled legislators of the province this winter, especially by such of them as have "been there" before, and are, therefore, in a position to draw favorable comparisons. The representatives of the press, we understand, as well as the general public, have been better provided for than in the past in their respective accommodations within the house. This is satisfactory as far as it goes, and commendable on the part of the authorities. If the government would win the undying gratitude of the press, however, and at the same time confer an important benefit on the public by enabling them to get better, fuller and prompter service through the papers, they have something further to do in the way of increased accommodations to facilitate the important work of the newspaper representative at the legislative halls, and that is the furnishing of direct telegraphic communication with the house of assembly at James Bay, during the period of the legislative sessions at least. This would imply, of course, that an ante-room should be set apart as a temporary telegraph office within the sacred legislative precincts, connection made therewith by wire with the telegraphic system in the capital, and one or more operators, as might be necessary, detailed to attend to the legislative branch office. All this would cost very little, as the telegraph companies could afford to meet the government half way in the matter for the revenue that would accrue, and the convenience would be great, not only to the press representatives, who would be relieved of the present awkward necessity of taking a round trip of over a mile every time they are forced to visit the telegraph office, thereby often, perhaps, losing important debates or proceedings, but it would be found that the accommodation thus afforded would materially facilitate the business of the house on some occasions and be greatly appreciated by the members in their private capacity as well. We have said nothing about telephonic facilities in the house, because we take it for granted that these are already provided. With reference to our suggestion above, in the matter of direct telegraphic connection with legislative headquarters, we trust that it may be favorably received and acted upon, if such is not the present intention of the authorities in the premises.

An election was held in Jackson, Miss., recently, and the despatches contained such sentences as the following: "Thus far no negroes have made application to vote, and as long as such is the case no trouble is likely to occur." "Fifteen or twenty negroes presented themselves at the polls, but on being told this was a peaceable election and that their voting might cause trouble they quietly withdrew." "There are a great many strangers in town, and it is believed their presence had the desired effect of preventing trouble." To which an American contemporary adds the following very appropriate comment: "It is difficult to be persuaded that such an election as that was actually held in free America. When a portion of the electors of a community arm themselves and rally at polls for the purpose of driving away those who would vote in opposition to them, and are aided in thus securing a peaceable election by armed strangers who have come from a distance for that purpose, the election ceases to be a mere farce and becomes a crime, for which retribution will surely come. The people of Mississippi are creating a condition of affairs that will cost them dear before many years, and the result would be the same if every negro were transported beyond the borders."

An exchange puts it not inaptly in the following remarks: "In the single tax theory there is one solid germ of truth and that germ is made to carry all the chaff that fills the rest of the measure. Justice requires that unoccupied and idle land be taxed at exactly the same rate as property similarly situated with improvements upon it. In this the single tax hits the nail on the head, but when the theory goes beyond this and seeks to place upon land the entire burden of tax to the exclusion of other forms of wealth, it establishes the very inequality of taxation it claims to remedy. There is no reason why the owners of land should be taxed and the men who earn a better living in some other way go scot-free, and any theory which purports to adjust taxation upon that basis will

depend for its advocates upon those who would be exempt under its provisions. The assessment of real estate at its full market value, exclusive of improvements, of improvements at one-half their value, of personal property at an average valuation and the imposition of an income tax, so that those who do not own property may pay their just share of the expenses of the government, will come as near doing equity in taxation as can be reached by law.

CITY COUNCIL.

Council met last night in the city hall. Present— Aldermen Hoy, Sinclair, McPhaden, Smither, Johnson and Batchelor.

His Worship, Mayor Brown, in the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From I. M. McLean, M. D., applying for reappointment as health officer. Received and filed.

From the returning officer, stating that T. Ackerman and W. W. Dickinson had been elected chief and assistant engineers respectively of the fire department, by acclamation. Received and adopted.

From T. Ackerman, enclosing annual report and account of receipts and expenditures for the year 1889; stating that there had been seven fire alarms during past year, and that with the exception of the seventh (corner of Mary and Columbia streets) they had all been dealt with satisfactorily; also that in his judgment present facilities for extinguishing fires could be greatly improved, and recommending either a new steamer or chemical engine for Columbia street; also that 1,000 feet more of new hose and two new hose carts be bought; that the present city team, for various reasons, is of very little use to the department; that the company receive a fair day's pay for service at fires; they are mostly workingmen, and their clothes are often damaged at fires more than six months' ordinary wear would damage them. The total amount of fire department expenses for last year was \$949.87, the amount received by the department being \$1,075. The balance has been deposited in the Bank of B. C. Received and referred to the fire committee to report.

From W. A. DeWolf Smith, M. D., applying for the position of city health officer for the year. Received and filed.

From the chief of police, stating that the time for collecting the dog tax had arrived, and that the city is without a pound; also that the tax should be collected at the taking of the general assessment; that the old way of snaring dogs is unsatisfactory, a number of the animals betraying supernatural sagacity in keeping out of the snare of the hunter, so that they go free, tagless and untaxed. The latter section of the communication caused much amusement. Received and referred to the police committee.

From the chief of police, stating that he had been requested by a number of Chinese merchants to ask that they be allowed to let off firecrackers during the Chinese new year. Granted, subject to the supervision of the chief of police.

From the chief of police, asking that a telephone be placed in the lock-up for police use. Received and referred to the police committee with power to act.

REPORTS.

The fire and light committee reported recommending that tenders for the erection of the new fire hall at the foot of Begbie street be called for immediately, and that as soon as the building is completed a steam fire engine be placed therein. That the sum of \$25 per month be granted the chief of the fire department for time and attention expended on the department's business; and that a further sum be granted him to defray the cost of testing the engine at regular intervals, the payment of the latter sum to cease as soon as the new fire hall is finished; also stating that the near prospect of a good water supply seems to make it unnecessary to spend much more money for fire engines; but if required the committee will give the matter full attention. Report received and adopted.

After considerable discussion the question of fixing the amount, to be allowed the chief for testing the fire engine was left blank.

Moved by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Hoy, that tenders be asked until 6 p. m. next Monday, for the new fire hall according to plans and specifications submitted by Messrs. Clegg & Macleod. First tender to be for wood finish throughout; second, for iron roof, and third, for iron roof and outside walls. Carried.

Ald. Johnson said there had been a good deal of little-tattle going on behind the backs of the fire company he thought this wrong. The Westminster fire company compares favorably with any he ever saw. If anything was wrong with the company, the chief would put it right. There were some parts of this town totally unprotected from fire, in the upper part of the city especially, and there were men in these parts to whom it would not be a circumstance to put their hands in their pockets and buy a fire engine for those unprotected parts. This would save the trouble and expense of an election. To men worth their hundreds of thousands of dollars, this would be a small matter. He thought chemical fire engines a good thing, and said that prices were being asked from manufacturers in the east.

The payment of the following accounts was ordered:

Mail Printing Co., \$27; B. C. Gazette, \$10; Barrissi COLUMBIAN, \$54.11; G. E. Corbould, \$20.

Ald. Smither reported verbally that the question of

the C. P. R. right-of-way through the penitentiary grounds had been fully looked into, but the committee could do nothing in the matter. Ald. Smither recommended that the matter be left in the hands of the mayor to see some member of parliament or other influential person about it. On motion further time was granted the finance committee.

Ald. McPhaden said it was not customary to receive verbal reports unless they were written.

The committee on the subject of water frontages reported recommending that a monthly tenancy be granted Mr. Wise terminable at the end of every month without notice. As to other water frontages, the committee asked further time. Report adopted and further time granted.

Mr. Wise having obtained permission to address the council said he had spent three or four thousand dollars on these lots, and did not think he was being treated fairly. He would, if necessary, go to higher authority to have the matter settled. He was an old pioneer here and he thought this way of treating him not just. He was going to fight for it. He wanted his rights and if he had fifty thousand against him he would get them.

NEW BUSINESS.

Moved by Ald. Sinclair, seconded by Ald. Smither that the payment of miscellaneous accounts against the city be made once each month only, and that the 15th of the month be pay day, except when the 15th falls on Saturday or Sunday, in which cases the following Monday will be pay day. All accounts for any month must be presented to the city clerk by the 1st of the month following, and that the clerk is authorized to give public notice to that effect. Carried.

Moved by Ald. McPhaden, seconded by Ald. Sinclair, that the clerk be instructed to make application to the government to set apart Moody square and Albert crescent as public pleasure grounds for the use of the city. Carried.

Council then adjourned.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

The ship railway destined to convey ships across the isthmus of Chignecto, a narrow neck of land joining the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, a distance of seventeen miles, is now nearing completion. The steel track is the heaviest made, and weighs 110 pounds to the yard. The tracks upon which the cradle containing the vessel under transfer is placed are double. The locomotives, two of which are used, in drawing the vessels across the isthmus, are built on the same principle as the ordinary engines, but with much greater weight and power. The vessels to be transported are hoisted by hydraulic power to the basin of the track. The roadbed is in good condition. A ship taken from the Bay of Fundy is placed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in two and one-half hours, though a speed of ten miles an hour is obtainable. During the coming year the Chignecto marine transport railway should be in active operation, saving each trip a distance of 500 miles.

The United States authorities are about to take action to prevent the importation of Japanese women for immoral purposes; steamers at present are bringing over quite a number for such purposes.

Dotor Dollinger, of Munich, true to his principles to the last, refused to receive the last sacrament from the Roman Catholic priests who visited him, and died as he had lived, denying the infallibility of the Roman pontiff. His funeral will be conducted in accordance with the ritual of the "Old Catholics."

The Portuguese cabinet has resigned.

The British Commons will be dissolved as soon as possible after the budget has been passed, should any serious opposition to it arise, to take the sense of the country upon that and the general policy of the administration without further delay.

A special from Antigonish says Dohald Chisholm of James river, while driving home on Thursday night, lost his way in a storm and perished. The thermometer was 34 degrees below zero at Antigonish last night.

Very cold weather prevailed in Quebec district yesterday. The thermometer was 30 degrees below zero; 40 at Spencerwood, and 53 at Lake Edward.

The khedive sent a special train to meet Stanley at Suez yesterday. Emin Pasha has wired his relatives that his health is satisfactory.

Lord Salisbury yesterday sent Great Britain's ultimatum to the Portuguese government. The terms were that the Portuguese forces, officials and expatriates should retire from the banks of the Shire, beyond the Rue and south of the Zambezi in Mashonaland. A reply was demanded within twenty-four hours, or Great Britain's diplomatic representatives would leave Lisbon. The King and national council at once met, concluded to yield to the demands made by Lord Salisbury, but under protest, and that although agreeing to a withdrawal of her forces, Portugal reserved all the rights of the Crown. Last evening, as a result riotous disturbances occurred in the streets of Lisbon. The British Consulate was attacked, and the royal arms torn down. The police ultimately secured protection to the Consulate, but afterwards the Portuguese national council building was attacked.

REMEMBER OGLE, CAMPBELL & FREE MAN'S STOCK-TAKING SALE. SEE BILLS.

LOCAL ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The World says the influenza is still spreading in Vancouver.

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

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN REMNANTS AT THE GLOBE HOUSE. *to

The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association is in session at Vancouver.

The Board of Trade meets to-morrow night to discuss special business.

15 PER CENT OFF FOR CASH AT GRANT & MACLURE'S BOOT AND SHOE STORE. *to

Peace rested within the gates of the city police court again this morning. And this in spite of the extra vigilance of the police officers.

Mr. T. S. Higginson, Crown timber agent, of this city, presented Sir John A. MacDonald on his birthday with a fine specimen of British Columbia ore.

The city council meeting last night was a repetition of the previous sitting—business like from beginning to end, and a total absence of vain and useless arguments.

The date of the sailing of H.M.S. Swiftsure for England is set down for the 25th inst., two weeks from to-day. The vessel will proceed home leisurely, reaching her destination about next August.

It was decided at the council meeting last night that in future all city accounts will be paid on the 15th of each month, except when that date falls on Saturday or Sunday, when the following Monday will be pay day.

The season for collecting the dog tax has arrived, but the city has no pound in which to house unlicensed animals when they are caught. The average citizen who owns a dog will not agitate loudly for the establishment of a pound.

We are happy to announce that Mr. Geo. A. Kelly is rapidly recovering from the attack of influenza which has confined him to St. Mary's hospital for about a week. Mr. Kelly will be among his old friends again in a few days.

Mr. H. Hoy, chairman of the board of works, is calling for tenders for the erection of a new fire hall at the foot of Begbie street. Tenders must be in by Monday, 20th inst., at 6 o'clock p.m. Plans and specifications may be seen at the city clerk's office.

The snow still continues to fall at short intervals, and it looks as if British Columbia had come out in strong opposition to Ontario in the matter of climate. Fortunately the weather remains mild, and the sleighing is so good that everyone enjoys the snow and hopes it will stay a week or two longer.

It has been decided by those having in hand the arrangements for the funeral of the late Lady Douglas, to have it take place from the residence, James Bay, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday next, and from the Reformed Episcopal church half an hour later. It is expected that by Wednesday half the relatives will have arrived in the city.

The Chinese merchants have made application to the city council to be allowed to explode a large quantity of fire crackers next week during the celebration of their New Year's festivities. As usual the privilege has been granted, under the supervision of the chief of police. It is estimated that fire crackers to the value of \$2,000 will be let off next week.

A COLUMBIAN reporter was the only living object, except one policeman and a small "dorg," to be noted on Columbia street last night as the clocks were tolling eleven. The reporter's view included from the post office to Douglas street west and the Queen's east. Snow was falling softly, and many of the store windows still displayed bright lights, and altogether it was a sight to be remembered. It looked as if everybody had left town for the night.

The transfer of the Washington Steamboat Company property to the Northern Pacific was made yesterday. The purchase includes all the boats owned by the Washington Steamboat Company. The Northern Pacific is going to enter into the steam transportation business on the sound as an active competitor of the Union Pacific, and this transfer is only a part of the scheme, being practically the starter. A large and elegant sidewheel steamer is now being constructed at Portland for the Northern Pacific. It will be finished in time to go on the Victoria route for the summer travel.

Capt. J. E. Higgins, of Tacoma, and his associates are working on a dry dock project. Capt. Higgins, who has been drawing the plans for the dry dock himself, tells the press that they are about completed. The plans provide for a dock 375 feet in length, 50 feet wide at the bottom and 80 feet wide at the top, with sloping sides. A dock of these dimensions will be large enough to float any vessel that comes to Puget Sound. The company will be incorporated within two weeks. It is expected that the site will be secured by that time and work on it will be begun as early as possible in the spring. With the immense shipping on Puget Sound, the wonder is that such an institution was not in existence before now.

AN ILL-FOUNDED RUMOUR.

The Vancouver World last night contained the startling news that our worthy member, Mr. Donald Chisholm, M. P., was dead. The item was incorrect. Mr. Chisholm is alive, and though very ill is by no means given up for a dead man yet. Dr. Fagan, his physician, states that Mr. Chisholm is if anything, slightly improved, and is progressing as well as might be expected under the circumstances. The World should be more careful spreading such startling and ill-founded reports. Apart from the pain such news is sure to give the friends of the gentleman in question, from a business standpoint it is not wise to rush into print with what at best could only have been a street rumour.

A BUILDING COLLAPSES.

This morning about 10:30 o'clock the large frame building occupied by Messrs. Port & Co., fish packers, and also by H. M. Cunningham & Co. for storing agricultural machinery, and situated between Begbie and Douglas sts., extending from Front to Columbia sts., collapsed under the weight of snow on the roof, and fell as flat as the proverbial pancake. Mr. E. A. Port was seated in the office at the Front street side, and Frank Scott was busy with some work near the centre of the building at the time, and the building fell so suddenly that they had no time to run. By almost a miracle the falling timber arched over the spot where Mr. Port was sitting, thus affording him time to crawl out. Much the same fortunate accident occurred in Scott's case, and he escaped with a deep cut on the cheek and a blow in the small of the back from a falling beam. But for those happy accidents the two occupants of the building would doubtless have been killed. The fallen building presents a scene of chaotic wreck that defies description. The sides, which had bulged out dangerously for months past, went first, and even the end walls, least affected by the collapse, are rent and torn in pieces. The roof was heavily loaded with snow, and on the west side it was dumped along with a miscellaneous assortment of shivered timbers into the vacant lot. This historic building began life as Ewen's old cannery, and is quite ancient; its sudden demise has not been totally unexpected. A large crowd gathered at the scene of the accident and Messrs. Port and Scott were congratulated on their lucky escape. This should serve as a warning to proprietors of extensive roofs. The danger lies not alone in the fall of the building, but as there is generally a lighted stove somewhere on the premises there is nothing whatever to avert a serious fire. The loss on Port & Co.'s building will probably be in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

FITS THE CRIME.

AH HOW, the accomplished celestial with a strong taste for surgery, and who attempted to remove with a blunt table knife the protuberance on top of the shoulders of Ah Shin, a friend and countryman, but botched the job owing to Shin's stupid objections to having his head sawn off, even for the benefit of science, was up before Judge E. B. yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, under the speedy trials act. Judge Boile informed AH how that he could send him to prison for life, but as the intent had only been to inflict grievous bodily harm, he would sentence him to five years in the penitentiary. The prisoner rather winced at the sentence and it also seemed to create no little consternation among the group of Chinese onlookers who had assembled. Ah Shin was present and it was freely admitted on all hands that he is the homeliest creature the Chinese empire ever sent to this country; his head was enveloped in dirty bandages, and he looked sick enough for a whole hospital. Sentences like the above are apt to make the Chinese carver, however reckless, pause a moment before he proceeds to avenge fancied insults.

THE NEW FIRE HALL.

The fire and light committee have got to work in earnest, and it looks as if business in these departments will be promptly attended to this year. The recommendation of this committee that a new fire hall be immediately built on the water lot at the foot of Begbie street, was promptly adopted by the council, and orders were given for the calling of tenders for the work. The recommendation of the committee that Chief Ackerman be paid a salary of \$25 per month for time and trouble expended in connection with the fire department, was also adopted. This is only a fair allowance, and it will be readily conceded that the chief is not being overpaid. The fire and light committee is to be congratulated on its business-like measures.

TOO MUCH SNOW.

Yesterday forenoon the eastern section of Laidlaw's cannery, at Sapperton, went down under the mass of accumulated snow on the roof. Everything inside and that came in the way of the descending roof was smashed to fragments, and the building was totally wrecked. Fortunately no one was inside the premises at the time, as escape would have been impossible. As usual, in such cases, the affair happened without a moment's warning, and the edifice was in ruins in the twinkling of an eye. The loss will probably be somewhat heavy, as machinery of various kinds and canning material were in the building and are most likely completely spoiled. A force of men was set to work today removing the debris and clearing away the snow. A good, substantial building will probably take the place of the wrecked cannery.

Mayor Grant of Victoria, was re-elected yesterday by acclamation to preside over civic affairs for another year. The following were nominated for aldermen: Wm. Wilson, A. J. Smith, E. Mallardine for James Bay ward, W. D. McElhaney, L. Vigilus and Dr. Morrison for Yates street ward, Joshua Holland, Mr. Humber, John Robertson and Wm. Heathorn for Johnson street ward. The election will be held on Thursday.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned, at the City Hall, up to MONDAY, 20th inst., at 6 p.m., for the erection of a fire hall. Plans and specifications may be seen at the City Clerk's office.

H. HOY,
Chairman B. of W.
New Westminster, Jan. 14th, 1889.



[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, 1880, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

THEODORE DAVIE,) WHEREAS the meeting of the Attorney-General,) Legislature or Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the Sixth day of February, 1880, 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, 1880, 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 the 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.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the business formerly carried on under the name and style of Dickinson & Company has been this day sold to Caroline Matilda Dickinson and William Wright Dickinson, who will continue the business under the name and style of Dickinson & Company. All accounts due the late business must be paid forthwith to Mr. W. W. Dickinson for account of the executors of the late R. Dickinson, and all accounts due by the said business must be presented to Mr. W. W. Dickinson for payment by the said executors.

CAROLINE MATILDA DICKINSON,
CHARLES E. WOODS,
Executors Estate of the late R. Dickinson,
New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 2nd, 1880.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain a street railway in the City of New Westminster, and to acquire lands and do all things necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1889.
B. DOUGLAS,
HENRY V. EDMONDS,
For sevices and others.

WANTED.

A boy 16 years old as an articled clerk in a law office. Apply to box 240, New Westminster. JBD.

NEW WESTMINSTER WATER WORKS.

The time for receiving tenders for these works has been extended until noon of Saturday, 15th February, 1890.

D. ROBSON, City Clerk.
New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 7th, 1890.
(Truth copy)

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership hereto fore subsisting between the undersigned, carpenters has been dissolved this day by mutual consent. All accounts owing the undersigned are to be paid to S. Turner, and all claims against the said firm are to be paid by him.

EDGAR A. KIPP,
S. J. TURNER.

S. TURNER will continue the business under his own name at the same shop on Main street, Centreville opposite A. Kipp's harness shop. All kinds of wood work done; satisfaction guaranteed.

Chilliwack, Dec. 29, 1889.

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NOTICE.

A brown heifer has strayed on to the premises of the subscriber, on Melbourne street. The owner can have her by paying property and paying expenses. Not claimed within thirty days she will be sold to pay expenses.

(8d1m) A. J. GORDON.