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The new council, it will be seen, inaugurated their year's work very successfully last night. We regret that we are unable to publish Mayor Brown's excellent inaugural speech more at length. The summary that we present, however, shows that his worship has taken a more than ordinary grasp of affairs, and augurs well for a vigorous practical and business-like administration of the civic government for the year upon which we have just entered. There is every indication that both mayor and council will work together harmoniously and efficiently for the city's best interests throughout their term, and that the end of 1890 will witness a creditable record and gratifying progress and advancement in all that goes to build up a city surely and solidly.

Those who are in a position to judge express the opinion that the coming session of the Dominion parliament, which opens on the 16th inst., will be one of the most important held in Canada since the first days of confederation. In the first place, it is expected that many serious, and, in some instances, beneficial changes will be made in the customs tariff, and in this connection it is stated that for weeks past, in view of the approaching session, Mr. Mackenzie Bowell has had his clerks busy revising, making alterations, etc.—in other words, industriously tinkering on the somewhat battered but famous N. P. The minister himself, it is affirmed, has even personally interviewed a number of the most extensive eastern manufacturers, to the same laudable end. That the tariff will stand a little judicious tinkering, no unprejudiced person will be inclined to dispute, and as the question is certain to come up, it is to be hoped our representatives at Ottawa will be prepared to ease the burdens of the people of the Pacific province in this respect, if they get a fair chance. On some mending and repairing day, we would suggest that the Dominion solons in parliament assembled might turn their attention to the Dominion franchise act. Speaking with regard to its operations in this province, at least, we can feelingly say that there is vast room for improvement, principally in the direction of greater simplification. The Northwest territories have a crow to pick at Ottawa this winter. Their representatives, it is believed, will be compelled to demand responsible government for the territories instead of the hotch-potch arrangements existing, the Northwest legislative assembly, recently in session at Regina, having adopted a memorial advising another form of government. The three most serious questions, it is thought, which will be brought before the next session of the federal parliament are, the abolition of French as an official language in the territories, the equal rights or anti-Jesuit question, and the incorporation of the Orange body. Mr. Dalton McCarthy, it is understood, will introduce the first two, and Col. O'Brien, the disallowance champion of last session, the other. Says an eastern correspondent: "The endeavor to abolish the French language will cause the blood of the fiery French to flow high and words fierce and patriotic of their mother tongue to fall from their mouths as swiftly as dashes down the waters over the rocks at Niagara Falls, and the equal rights cry is sure to cause commotion, in many angry words, cries of bigotry, treason, patriotism, church, etc. All through we expect to have a lively time. The incorporation of the Orange body, however, I do not imagine will cause much emotion. Undoubtedly the question while being discussed will take up the time of the house, but that it will amount to anything, in so far as the bringing about of the fulfillment of the desires set forth by its promoters is concerned, I am compelled to decide in the negative."

POLICE COURT.

The first case this year was presented this morning in the police court. The parties were Fred. Matthews and Joe Qui. The cause of the trouble was, as usual, a woman, about whom the two men quarrelled last night. Joe Qui is said to have hammered Matthews with his fists and banged him up generally in an exceedingly interesting manner. Matthews, worsted in both love and war, laid an information against Joseph and that gentleman arrived late at court this morning, and was relieved to find that the case had been dismissed, with the costs charged to him. The reputation of police court matters in the above mentioned delightful and business-like manner has wooed the smile once more to the pale cheeks of the despairing reporters, and quickened the pulse of the police department perceptibly. But this joy, although satiating, is not unvarnished, for just as sure as business begins to "pick up" throughout the city, the affairs of the police court will display a corresponding quality of pick-uppishness.

CITY COUNCIL.

The new council met last night in the city hall, and was very ably represented by Aldermen Hoy, McPhaden, Johnson, Batchelor, Sinclair and Smithers; Ald. Loyal is absent in the east, Ald. Shilks is ill in bed. His Worship, Mayor Brown, occupied the chair.

After the reading of the minutes of the doings at the late council's last act, his worship the mayor rose and said that before the business of the evening was proceeded with, he thought the proper thing to do was to make a few remarks on the standing of the city, financially and otherwise. He wished the ratepayers to understand that this council would not do business on the star-chamber principle; and if this council were to take the public into its confidence, as it were, the public would accord them their hearty support in all measures undertaken in the interests of the city.

The gross debt of the city he understood to be \$470,000, \$200,000 of which had been set apart for the construction of water works. Something like \$18,000 would be required annually for interest and sinking fund. The debenture debt would add about 50% to the annual taxation. It remained with this council to see that this money was well and prudently expended. A loan of \$85,000 had been contracted for park and street improvements. On the works \$15,000 of this had been spent. Without wishing to reflect upon the actions of the late council in any manner, he thought their way of doing street and park work very much of the slap-dash and happy-go-lucky order. In some cases estimates had been exceeded by 100%.

Thirty thousand dollars would be required, as far as he could estimate, to complete the improvements begun on the streets. Of this amount there was only \$11,500 left.

Several items in the general fund had struck him as rather strange; some of these items figured as assets representing money yet uncollected. Money uncollected could scarcely be reckoned as an asset against money expended.

The late council was a very energetic and ambitious one and deserved credit for all they had done. They had shown themselves to be imbued by the spirit of the age. Westminster had advanced with great strides during the years 1868 and 1869, and he believed that the present year would see \$1,000,000 added to the assessable property of the city. They must keep up with the march of progress and be ready to lay down their office at the end of the year with a fair record and clean balance sheet. When they had made up their minds as to what was right, let them go ahead and do it. He suggested that each alderman prepare an estimate of the work necessary in his ward and present the same in council so that a general estimate could be formed of what ought to be done during the year.

The opening up of new streets was a beneficial thing in more ways than one. It increased the value of property and increased the revenue of the city.

It was a bad thing to have one ward pulling against the other as had been the case in the past.

One thing of great importance was the health of the city. He hoped the board of health would make a tour of the city and make a thorough inspection of it in that particular. Nothing was more attractive to outsiders than a clean, healthy, well-lighted city. The extension of the present system of street lighting should receive prompt attention. The fire department also should receive a thorough overhauling. The fire department was composed of excellent material but it was only too evident that something was wrong, most likely the system, so the system ought to receive strict scrutiny. The extension of the fire limits was also an important matter that he was sure would receive the early attention of the council.

Another important matter was the fixing of a day for the settlement of all accounts. All accounts should be paid on that day, and if people did not come then they could wait until the next paying day. His worship's able address was received with applause by the aldermen and a large audience in the hall.

The following communications were then disposed of: From Jas. Wise asking a renewal of his lease of water lots 36 and 37. Received and referred to a special committee to report on this and all other similar matters. The committee consisted of Ald. Smithers, Hoy and Johnston.

From P. Hlobcau asking permission to lay building material on Blackie street. Granted subject to the usual conditions.

From Ewen & Co. asking that the time for receiving tenders for the construction of the water works be extended, so as to give more publicity to the scheme. On motion time was extended one month.

From the chief engineer of the fire department, detailing the particulars at considerable length of the two fires which lately occurred in the city, and explaining why the engine failed to work on the morning of the great fire. Also advancing theories as to the origin of the fires. Also recommending that the Ronald engine be thoroughly overhauled and its defects, if any, remedied. Referred to the fire committee to report on at next meeting.

The plans of the new fire hall submitted to the late council were handed over to the fire committee for their consideration.

The clerk explained that the contractor for ferry service to the North Arm had applied to the late council for a continuance of the subsidy, and that the matter had been referred by them to the present council with a favorable recommendation. Laid over.

Dr. Thomas' communications applying for position

of city health officer was referred to the health committee.

The question of right of way for the water pipes through the penitentiary grounds was referred to the water committee.

The C. P. R. lease of penitentiary ground was referred to the finance committee for examination and to report on at next meeting.

Ald. McPhaden requested further time on the street naming and numbering by-law, and the matter was laid over one week.

The Garris flags were run up to the masthead once more and fluttered feebly in the breeze, and were graphically described by the clerk in all their details. On motion the matter was left in the hands of the mayor and clerk for settlement.

The suits of Hennessey and Brighthouse vs. the corporation were referred to the board of works.

New business consisted of an account of \$200 from the provincial gaol for the board of prisoners. This is the first account of the kind ever presented to the city. Referred to the police committee.

It was moved by Ald. Hoy, seconded by Ald. Sinclair, that the rules of order be suspended to enable a resolution to be moved cancelling the election of park commissioners. Carried.

It was further moved by Ald. Hoy, seconded by Ald. Sinclair, that the by-law passed by the council of Dec. 30th, 1889, providing for the election of Park Commissioners be cancelled for the present. Carried.

Council then adjourned until next Monday evening.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

The Dominion Government is advised that the proposed cable from Halifax to Bermuda will be completed about the middle of June.

Mr. Joseph Hickson, the general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, has been knighted for his public services to Canada.

For some time ill-feeling has existed between the civilian and military element of the Garrison Club of Quebec. On New Year's night the feeling reached its climax and a general row occurred between the two parties. Billiard balls, etc., were used, coats thrown and blood flowed freely.

Hon. Edward Blake, in his argument for the Canadian Pacific railway before the arbitrators in the dispute over the Underdunk section, took up the specifications in the original contract and showed how they had been departed from. Instead of a good standard road, with masonry work for bridges, retaining walls, etc., an inferior road with improper cribwork had been built.

Premier Mercier, of Quebec, has declared against annexation. He has introduced a measure in the legislature to silence the cry for the abolition of exemptions of church property. The measure will be a series of compromises, as the result of a conference with the clergy.

The Quebec government has offered for sale the fishing privileges in several streams of the province for a term of ten years. Several of those streams have already been set apart by the Federal government for the propagation of fish. In view of the doubts as to the competency of the local government to dispose of this right, representations have been made to postpone the sales pending a friendly discussion as to the question of jurisdiction.

INFLUENZA.

Cold, sore throat and fever are easily distinguishable from la grippe, for the latter is always accompanied by a general feeling of sickness and pains over the whole body. Here are some of the symptoms:

Do you sneeze?
Have you a dull headache and pains all over?
Are your eyes red and watery, and do they ache early in the morning and late at night?
Have you a pain in the throat and a marked disinclination to do anything but growl?

Do you arise in the morning feeling unrefreshed and go to bed at night dissatisfied with life and everything connected with it?

Is your liver torpid, your skin dry, your pulse and temperature high? Are your nerves on edge and your nostrils closed up?

If you have, wrap yourself up in a blanket, go to bed and send for a doctor.

You have the influenza, or la grippe as she is called in France, and you are set down for about 48 hours of the most abject and complete misery man ever fell heir to. Your only satisfaction is to remember that the disease springs from that frog-eating country our forefathers used to whip so regularly before meals every day. Some call it "A hundred years later, or the Frenchmen's revenge."

KIND WORDS.

Mr. Soues, government agent at Clinton, has a good opinion of THE COLUMBIAN which is heartily reciprocated. He writes us as follows: "I have heard of your serious loss and enclose you amount of subscription in advance for the next two years. I have no doubt you will be like the fabled fowl and rise from your ashes in a week or two. * * * I have been a supporter of THE COLUMBIAN through various administrations and propose staying with it."

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

LOCAL ITEMS IN BRIEF.

For men's and boys' mitts and gloves go to J. E. Phillips, ja213
An office to let on McKenzie street. Apply to G. A. Kelly, te*

The "influenza" epidemic of which reports are wired from all directions has reached Kamloops, and a number of the citizens, old and young, are prostrated thereby. There is scarcely a family in town in which the disease has not a victim. Fortunately the complaint does not appear to have taken a fatal turn.—Sentinel?

The New Westminster assembly's fortnightly dance takes place at the Oddfellows Hall at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

The schools re-opened yesterday, and it was the opinion of not a few that these institutions should have remained closed until after the influenza epidemic had abated.

The thermometer registered 22° below zero at Kamloops on Saturday. Fine, fresh and healthy weather for polar bears, but rather hard we should think for thin-skinned cinnamons and grizzlies.

The Colonist says: Prospectors in the Chiloten country, about 150 miles direct east from Soala Creek, have discovered alluvial diggings which give promise of turning out well. Three creeks were prospected and from each excellent prospects of gold were secured although the ground has not as yet been properly opened up. The men who have visited the region are confident that they have a rich find. The creeks are on the west or side of the east mountains, and empty their waters into Bute Inlet.

Messrs. W. & G. Wolfenden take pleasure in announcing to their numerous customers that they are now open for business in the Bushby block, with a fresh and complete line of groceries, and will be glad to have their old friends call and inspect the premises.

A small bay pony with star in face, strayed on to my property December 24th and is 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. 31, 1889. dt

Spallumcheen wants to be made a municipality, and its wish will probably be granted.

In all the four cities of the province there was not a single arrest made for crime of any kind on New Year's day.

Mr. James Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, has located the break in the straits submarine cable near Dungeness point. Owing to the rough condition of the water at that point at this season of the year no attempt will be made to repair the break until spring.

The new council last night cancelled the by-law providing for the election of park commissioners.

Owing to the indisposition of Bishop Sillitoe there will be no practice of the Choral Union this evening.

Capt. Peale is confined to his bed with influenza, and has been very ill since Sunday. The "crip" has only taken a strong hold on a few of the many who have been attacked, but those who have felt its most severe form declare that no sickness they have ever experienced carries with it half the discomforts and miseries that accompany the influenza. The doctors are busier than ever with patients suffering from this epidemic.

One of the fire department horses enjoyed a little exercise this morning on Columbia street. The splendid animal seemed to enjoy kicking up the snow and indulged in unlimited horse-play at the end of his tether.

Indignant queries are being put as to why the debris of the late fire is allowed to smoulder on day after day, creating a stink beyond description and throwing off clouds of fetid smoke. The stuff will burn perhaps for weeks yet, certainly for many days to come. This is no way to trust in Providence. Something vigorous ought to be done at once.

Room 1, Bank Building, is the temporary office of THE COLUMBIAN. te

New goods: another lot of \$5.25 ladies kid boots at Grant & Maclure's.

The new aldermanic board had a large audience last night, attracted, no doubt, by a desire to witness how the "new hands" would tackle the business. The many congratulatory remarks made on the streets to-day concerning Mayor Brown's opening speech, and the business-like manner in which the whole board settled the work on hand, show that the new council has started life by impressing the public very favorably.

The London & Lancashire Assurance Co., whose agents are Messrs. W. J. Walker & Co., are the first to settle their insurance in connection with the late fire. This prompt style of doing business is the best advertisement an insurance company can have, for it is one of the first things a business man looks to when about to insure.

Notwithstanding the strong thaw to-day a very considerable number of pedestrians crossed the river to and from Brownsville.

Opposite Wise's wharf a crack in the ice could be seen stretching from the wharf across to the other shore. The fissure was not very wide, but had a dangerous look. The best thing people can do is to keep off the ice for the present, as it is undoubtedly affected by the thaw and sure to be treacherous.

Every second man met in the streets this morning had a won begone expression of contentance and seemed travelling around on the verge of a huge success. In fact one gentleman on account of indulging in this luxury too energetically was brought to his knees; he got up rather dejected and said something sulphurous about "lagrippe."

A large number of men and teams are employed in the ice harvest, and an unusually large crop will be saved if the cold weather holds out. There will be no expense next summer if the supply runs out. The usual practice of importing ice from Kamloops and Sicamous at a large expense will not be necessary this year.

Those who pretend to know say that communication by ice to Brownsville will soon be cut off. Certainly the ice service has been of the most satisfactory character during the short time it has lasted, and not a few will regret to return to that unarmoured cruiser the K. de K.

Mr. Boulthbee has given notice of an application at next session of parliament for an act to incorporate the Vancouver Southern Railway Co., to run a line of railway from Vancouver across Lulu Island at or near Laidner's Landing and on to the American boundary.

There was little or no skating on the river last night, the snow having spoilt the fun completely. To-day the weather was much milder than it has been for more than a week and the ice shows symptoms of breaking up. From the head of Annacis Island as far as could be seen down river, the ice had broken up to-day, and a very short thaw is all that would be required to re-open navigation again.

The council meeting last night was short, sharp and decisive, and the new aldermanic board have started out properly in this respect. No time was lost in useless haranguing, but the work was conducted from beginning to end in a really business-like manner. This is an excellent start, and if the same line of conduct is maintained till the end of the year, the council of 1890 will go down to posterity as one of our best.

DIED.

HOLDING.—At Langley, British Columbia, on December 30th, 1889, R. H. Holding, a native of Blackburn, Lancashire, England, aged 50 years.

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.
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MAIL CONTRACT.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 21st FEBRUARY, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, as follows: Between the New Westminster Post Office and the Canadian Pacific Railway Station, from the 1st April next.

The conveyance to be made at the option of the contractor.

The mails to be conveyed in connection with the trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway, arriving at and leaving New Westminster daily.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office at New Westminster and at this office.

E. H. FLETCHER, Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Victoria, B. C., 3rd January, 1890. j743



**[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.

To Our faithful 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, 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, 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, IS 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,
Provincial Secretary.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Every member of the Young Men's Christian Association is expected to be present at the regular meeting of the Association on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 8th, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance to be transacted.
D. S. CURTIS, President.

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, 1890. dlw

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TITLE TO A PORTION OF LOT No. 100A, GROUP II., NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

Whereas the certificate of title of John Cochrane to the above hereditaments has been lost or destroyed, and application has been made to me for the issuance of a duplicate thereof.

Notice is hereby given that I will, at the expiration of one month from date, issue such duplicate certificate of title, unless in the meantime valid objection be made to me to the contrary in writing.

T. O. TOWNLEY,
District Registrar.
Land Registry Office, New Westminster, December 11th, 1889. wlm

PUBLIC NOTICE

Is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Chilliwack that I require the presence of the said electors at the Council Chamber, Henderson's Hall, Centreville, on Monday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1890, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors for the year A. D. 1890.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 o'clock p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1890, at the Council Chamber, Henderson's Hall, Centreville, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Chilliwack the 28th day of December, A. D. 1889.

S. A. CAWLEY,
Returning Officer.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of Surrey that I require the presence of the said electors at Surrey Municipal Hall on the 13th day of January, 1890, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 16th day of January, 1890, at 8 a. m., and close at 4 p. m., at the Surrey Municipal Hall, and at Punch's Hotel, Brownsville. Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Surrey the 30th day of December, 1889.

DANIEL JOHNSON,
Returning Officer.
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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore 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. ja3w3m

CITY DEBENTURES.

Tenders will be received up to 6 p. m. on Monday, January 27th, 1890, for debentures of the city of New Westminster, B. C., amounting to \$200,000. Debentures are for \$1,000 each, payable in fifty years, in this city and bear 5 per cent. per annum interest, payable on the 1st day of January and July—the interest payable 1st July, 1890, being for five months only, viz. from date of delivery of debentures. Debentures will be ready for delivery February 1st, 1890. Tenders to state number of debentures that will be taken and amount of premium that will be paid, and to be endorsed: "Tender for Debentures," and addressed to the undersigned. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
D. ROBSON, city clerk.
New Westminster, B. C., December 17th, 1889.