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Following the disastrous fire which nearly swept THE COLUMBIAN from the journalistic field, has come the influenza which in its turn is making a determined effort to prevent the publication of this journal. No less than seven of our editorial and composing staff are suffering from the effects of the disease, several of them being so badly affected by it as to render them incapable of performing their duties. We are compelled, therefore, to-day to present our readers with only half the usual amount of reading matter, which, much as we regret it, is the best we can do under the circumstances. Tomorrow, however, if the "grip" has loosened its hold, THE COLUMBIAN will appear in its usual form, that is, the form that has been adopted since the fire. We have received a dispatch from Portland announcing that our new plant, complete in every detail, would probably be shipped to-day, and in about a week we hope to present our subscribers with a larger and better paper than ever.

## CITY COUNCIL.

The council of '89 met for the last time in the city hall at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Present—Aldermen Curtis, Cunningham, Calbeck, Reid, Jaques and McPhaden. His Worship, Mayor Townsend, in the chair.

There was a communication from J. McB. Smith, provincial auditor, enclosing an account showing the amount expended by the provincial government on teachers' salaries in this city for the half-year ending December 31st, 1889; \$3,639.37, one-third of which (\$1,213.22) will have to be paid into the provincial treasury within 30 days from date; also stating that this corporation owes \$960 for similar service for the half-year ended June 30th, 1889, and requesting payment of the same at an early date. The last half-year is as follows: High school, principal's salary for six months, \$900; boys' school, do, \$540; boys' school, 1st assistant, do, \$300; 2nd assistant, do, \$300; 3rd assistant, do, \$300; 4 months 6 days, \$200.67; girls' school, principal's do for 6 months, \$240; 1st assistant, do, \$330; 2nd assistant, do, \$300; Sapperton school teachers' salary, \$300; Westside, do 5 months, \$250. Total, \$3,639.67.

Laid on the table.

Ald. Curtis read a detailed statement of the city's finances for the past year. He said that considering the amount of work done, the condition of the city treasury was highly creditable. There is a surplus of over \$3,000.

The general fund is as follows: Liabilities—Overdraft, Bank of Montreal until w. v. debentures are arranged, \$22,854.80; overdraft, Bank of B. C. general account, \$6,696.60; debenture account, Bank of B. C., \$8,685.62; law expenses (estimated), \$1,500; half-year's school div., \$900; street and park working account, \$25.70. Total, \$40,722.78. Assets—Arrears of taxes, \$1,903.22; ferry, \$4,000; water front arrears, \$1,056.10; water works account, \$22,877.30; land sales account, \$60.25; park debentures, \$8,228.28; school lot, \$1,097.68; cash balance, \$459.23; liabilities over assets, \$ 1.72. Total, \$4,722.78.

Presuming that the Southern railway agreement is carried out, there will be \$3,484.30 refunded to the general fund out of the railway debenture proceeds, leaving a balance to the credit of the general fund at the close of the year of \$3,062.58.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid: H. M. Cunningham, \$9.75; T. Owens, \$30.30; W. Turnbull, \$54; Sulley & Bryson, \$8.75; D. Mc-Broom, \$4; C. P. B. Telegraph, \$5.15; Gilley Bros., \$8.50; W. Vieman, \$2; E. A. Wilnot, \$163.70.

It was moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Calbeck that whereas by reason of the adoption of the New Westminster city charter of 1889; the enacting of many necessary by-laws growing out of the same; the adoption of the Coquitlam water works scheme; the final settlement of the Southern railway agreement; and other important matters of an unusual character have entailed on Mr. D. Robson, city clerk, a vast amount of labor, much of it of a legal character; Be it therefore resolved that the thanks of this council be and are hereby tendered Mr. Robson for his unceasing industry, uniform courtesy, care and attention to his duties during the year; and the council take this opportunity of expressing their confidence in the ability and integrity of both Mr. Robson and his assistant, Mr. Cookley, in conducting the clerical business of the corporation. Carried unanimously.

A resolution of thanks was also passed to Chief Ackerman and the members of the fire company.

Ald. Curtis said the thanks of the city and council were due the mayor and put the same into a resolution. The aldermen rose to their feet on unanimously passing this resolution. His worship replied in a few graceful sentences.

The reporters and the press were also tendered a vote of thanks for their part in last year's work. Messrs. Fox, Bourne and Graham replied respectively for the Truth, News-Advertiser and COLUMBIAN. Council then held itself an affecting adieu and dispersed forever, as a council. Several of the council heaved huge sighs of relief and said, sotto voce, "glad I'm done with it."

The new city council meet this evening at the city hall for the transaction of business.

## LOCAL ITEMS IN BRIEF.

For men's and boys' mitts and gloves go to J. E. Phillips, ju2t3  
An office to let on McKenzie street. Apply to G. A. Kelly, 1c\*

The Mainland Teachers' Institute, which has been in session at Vancouver, closed a very interesting series of meetings on Friday. The next meeting of the institute will be held at Westminster.

A meeting of Trinity church club will be held in their club rooms this evening at 9 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Sleighing is good all over the district, and lumbering operations are now being carried on in some parts in true eastern style.

Last night the sky clouded over after sunset and about 8.30 o'clock the snow commenced to fall, and the weather grew much milder. The snow fall lasted until the "stock on hand" of the beautiful had been augmented by about an inch, when the sky cleared and a sharp frost set in.

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

The police court slate is still innocent of culprits' names, and the present week has dawned auspiciously on the virtuous city of Westminster.

A number of skaters forgot that yesterday was Sunday and renewed the pleasures of the preceding day in a graceless manner.

His many friends are pleased to see Mr. R. F. Drummond, C. P. R. mail clerk out again after his severe indisposition.

Men who have resided in this province over thirty years say the present spell of white weather is the heaviest they have any recollection of in the province.

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

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

The number of John Tamson's hairns, i.e. Scotchmen, who helped swell the list of guests at the city lodging house during the past year, was 13, a number so small that they were counted in among the English prisoners. Fifteen Chinamen, 2 Austrians, 3 Swedes and 2 Italians made up the unnamed nationalities.

Since last night's snow fall all persons who are fond of skating on the river should confine their movements to only a short distance from shore. The presence of snow on the ice covers up the dangerous spots, and a fatal accident is sure to occur if the exercise is indulged in as generally and recklessly as it was on Saturday.

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. 30, 1889. 6t

Mr. Norton Stropole, who holds a first-class license and normal school diploma, and who had several years' experience as a teacher in the east, has been appointed to take charge of the Sapperton school. Mr. Stropole was unable to attend the last teachers' examination owing to a severe accident. The Sapperton school is rapidly gaining in importance, and the trustees have deemed it best to employ a male teacher, which action has been approved by the superintendent of education.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrews church, Toronto, will be in the city next Thursday, and will give an address in St. Andrews church in the evening. The Rev. Mr. Macdonnell is one of the most noted and most popular speakers in Toronto, and his addresses, particularly to young men, have borne exceedingly rich fruits.

The opening of the new Presbyterian church at Langley Prairie has been postponed for a few weeks owing to the frozen condition of the river.

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 STRONG GRIP.

The tantalizing influenza, with its thousand and one miseries, has taken a firm "grip" on this community, and the stranger promenading the principal streets is immediately carried away with the idea that nine-tenths of the population of the Royal City are still endeavoring to usher in the new year in a suitable manner beginning to the wild dissipations of a century ago. And this idea is only strengthened should he happen to accost one of the afflicted.

The epidemic has, without a doubt, taken a strong hold on the constitutions of the people of the Royal City, and it is estimated that between 200 and 300 cases are now under treatment. In one family no less than five persons are down with the disease, and there are few houses in the city that have not received a visit from it. So far none of the cases have taken a serious turn, which is a matter for congratulation; and the general opinion among the medical profession is that the disease will not prove dangerous to life if proper precautions against cold and exposure are taken. The doctors and drug stores are experiencing a boom in business, but apart from this inflation the disease has had a very miserable and depressing effect in all other quarters.

## AMUSEMENT ON ICE.

On Saturday night the river was literally alive with skaters. The ladies turned out in force and seemed to enjoy the fun to its full measure. Several "dons" at the graceful art exhibited some pretty evolutions on one of the clear spaces. One gentleman in particular seemed to be possessed of miraculous legs, and the manner in which he performed the most difficult feats was really admirable, he would come down a piece of glare ice at express speed, suddenly check himself and then keeping his feet together, rotate with the rapidity of a fly wheel, and still going onward. Then he would do the graceful, but exceedingly difficult, "spread eagle" movement to perfection, immediately after which he would glide through the inner and outer edge backwards and forwards; carved his sweetheart's initials and his own on the glassy surface and then shot like a thunderbolt away down the river to astonish and delight other crowds of spectators. Great numbers crossed the river just for the novelty of it. The ice was very strong and even where the crowd was thickest not a crack could be heard. The moon furnished the illumination and exceeded even the gas company in giving entire satisfaction. Not an accident marred the happy occasion and it was well on in Sunday morning when the skaters desisted their sport and went home to bed.

## AN UNPLEASANT ADVENTURE.

Some uneasiness was caused on Saturday afternoon and evening by the circulation of a rumor that a young man named Cambridge, who had gone up the river skating in the morning, had been drowned. It has been learned that Mr. Cambridge, after leaving the Brunette saw mills, skated up the river and was getting along finely when he went some into the chilly water a few yards from the bank and a short distance below the Ross-McLaren mills. The unfortunate skater quickly scrambled out and got upon the north bank and then started for home through the woods. He had walked a considerable distance in the bush and seemed to be about the same distance from everywhere as when he started, when it dawned upon him that he had lost his way. This unpleasant fact made itself only too apparent during the next hour and a half of fruitless rambling about the woods, and when at the expiration of that time, he encountered a search party who had come to look for him, he was nearly exhausted, and very glad to get home. Mr. Cambridge is none the worse for his eventful trip, and will step upon the ice with some diffidence next time.

## VALUABLE MINES JUMPED.

It is learned to-day that the famous silver mining claims held by the Hall Bros. in Kootenay have been jumped by parties from this city. The step, it is understood, was taken on the information that the law relating to the pre-emption of mining claims has not been fully complied with.

The claims, three in number, are very valuable, their worth being variously estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000. For aught anyone knows they may be worth double that amount, as the ore is said to have milled as high as \$300 to the ton. The parties who hold them are Americans and are probably not in the camp at the present time. When the news reaches them a law suit will no doubt be commenced and lengthy litigation ensue.—Friday's Times.

## WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer of 1890 will be observed in this city as follows:

Tuesday evening.—Reformed Episcopal Church. Address by Rev. T. Baldwin.

Wednesday evening.—Methodist Church. Address by Rev. T. Haddon and Rev. T. Scouler.

Thursday evening.—Presbyterian Church. Address by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto.

Friday evening.—Baptist Church. Address by Rev. J. H. White.

Each meeting will commence at 8 o'clock p. m.

## 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. dtw