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Record Your Vote for the Sewer By-law

Necessity of Good Council

The time is drawing near when the citizens of Ladysmith will be called upon to select their mayor and aldermen for the forthcoming year. It has been stated frequently that the present mayor will not again offer himself as a candidate and that three or four of the present aldermen feel that other citizens should share in the responsibility of conducting the business affairs of the city. To many this will be regarded as a calamity, for it must be confessed that the present mayor and council have fulfilled their duties in a manner creditable to themselves and the city. A great deal in the way of beneficial municipal legislation has been accomplished during the year, and while occasionally there may have been a little friction, it cannot be charged that any member of the board was animated with any other motive than to advance the best interests of the city. That they have much to their credit in the way of municipal progress, is borne out by the accomplishments of the current year. A decided step forward in the way of creating municipal assets has been taken, and as a result of careful administration of civic affairs a great deal has been done in the way of making Ladysmith a more attractive place in which to live.

There has been passed a by-law to install an electric lighting plant, another by-law—even of far greater importance—that of providing a proper sewerage system—is before the rate-payers to-day, and will undoubtedly be carried out during the next year. In addition to this a high school has been established in Ladysmith, which will make the place more desirable from a residential point of view to men with families to be educated. Of course, the school board is in a measure to receive credit for this, but the council aided the effort in every way, and the honors of the achievement are divided.

Next year will be an important one in the history of Ladysmith. The public works voted on this year will have to be carried out, and it is to the interests of every citizen who has the future welfare of Ladysmith at heart that the undertakings be conducted in a business-like manner. Civic enterprise is admirable in its way, but to this should be added business qualifications. The man who successfully conducts his own business can well safely be entrusted with the city's business affairs. It would therefore, be well, if in the next council the business interests of the city were well represented. The accomplishments of the council of this year, have fully shown what can be done by a sane civic administration, and it would not be wise at this stage to make any more changes than by force of circumstances are found to be necessary. The various interests have been well represented and a continuance of this policy will result in advantage to all concerned.

It is not too early to look around for men for the council board. It seems to many that Mayor Nicholson should remain in office for another year. He has the special qualifications required at the present time, and has a full grasp of the municipal situation. The installation of the electric lighting system and the construction of the sewers will require certain technical know-

ledge, such as Mayor Nicholson possesses. In fact, the present council are now familiar with the details of the work, and it will be a great pity if that knowledge cannot now be made to serve a practical end. Therefore, it is desirable that the present mayor and as many members of the present council as possible should remain in office, but in the event of their services not being available, it will be the duty of the citizens to exercise the greatest care in the selection of men to fill their places. There are very few cities in British Columbia that can boast of having put down their sewers without committing mistakes, and these mistakes must be avoided by Ladysmith, and the best way in which to avoid errors will be the selection of men for mayor and aldermen who know something about the work to be carried on under their supervision.

Landing of the Nanaimo Pioneers

Flags were flying in Nanaimo yesterday in honor of the 24th anniversary of the landing in that city of the pioneers from the Princess Royal, after the tedious sail around the Horn.

Fifty-four years is a long stretch of time, and yet, the Free Press says of these hardy pioneers who founded Nanaimo, several are still alive to-day, and are numbered among the city's most respected and useful citizens. The passengers on the Princess Royal left London early in June, 1854, most of them arriving in the metropolis from Staffordshire, Eng., although one or two came from Shropshire, among the latter Messrs. Biggs and Sage. All had signed on to work for the Hudson's Bay Company at Nanaimo, known then as Colville Town. With one exception all arrived safely in Nanaimo, the exception being Thomas Lowndes, who died at Honolulu en route, the vessel putting him ashore at that place.

The following were the names of the miners who were passengers:

George Baker,
John Baker,
Joseph Bevilockway,
John Biggs,
George Bull,
Danniel Dunn,
Elijah Ganner,
Edwin Gough,
William Harrison,
Thomas Hawkes,
William Incher,
Thomas Jones,
Thomas Lowndes,
John Malpass,
John Meakin,
Matthew Miller,
Richard Richardson,
John Thompson,
Jesse Sage,
John Richardson,
Richard Turner,
Joseph Webb,
Thomas York.

George Robinson, M. E., who came out to superintend the mining work. Of this number Messrs. George Baker, Jesse Sage and John Thompson are still resident in Nanaimo. Mrs. Hawkes is still alive and is living somewhere in Washington. A number of children, also who made the passage, are still alive and living in Nanaimo, among them being City Clerk Gough, Mrs. A. T. Norris, Geo. Bevilockway and Fred. Meakin. Mr. Geo. Baker's wife and the late John Meakin's wife, of course were passengers with their husbands and still live there. A son of Elijah Ganner's, also called Elijah, is residing near Victoria.

The pioneers landed near Esquimalt and went aboard the brig Recovery, and were towed to Nanaimo by the steamer Otter. The voyagers came ashore at a wharf built near the old Bastion, landing on a bright November morning.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Miss Norma Cavin returned to-day from a visit to friends in Victoria.

Rev. Mr. Ambrose, the new vicar of St. John's Mission, is expected to arrive in Ladysmith next Monday.

F. E. Simpson, of the Cranbrook Herald is spending a few days at Duncan. He has been in bad health for some time, and is recuperating at the Quamichan Hotel.

Wm. Hooper will be able to begin business in his store on Gatacre street just as soon as the frames for the front of the building reach here and are placed in position. There has been some delay in securing these frames.

Mr. John Haigh, of Extension is a visitor to-day. Mr. Haigh has unlimited faith in the future of Ladysmith. He can see new signs of advancement in the place with each succeeding visit, and has no hesitation in saying that there will be a population here of 10,000 or 12,000 within two years.

Richard Barclay, of the Portland Hotel, met with a painful accident last evening while wrestling with a friend. In the scuffle he missed his footing, and suffered a fracture of the left leg near the ankle. Dr. Williams was called in immediately and reduced the fracture, but it will be four or five weeks before Mr. Barclay will be able to get back to business.

A curiosity connected with the Tommy Burns-Jack Johnson bout in Sydney, Australia, on Dec. 26, at 11 a. m., is that the result of the contest will be known in Nanaimo on Dec. 25, Christmas Day. According to experts at the Ottawa observatory, 11 a. m., Dec. 26, in Sydney will be 7 p. m., Dec. 25, in Nanaimo, so paradoxically speaking, people in this city will know how the battle

Isolation Hospital for Vancouver

A despatch from Vancouver announces that the health committee held a special session Thursday to consider plans for a new isolation hospital. These were submitted by the medical health officer and were discussed at length. The scheme of Dr. Underhill is to provide for the care of patients from contiguous municipalities and to have the government enact such legislation as will make the cost of the care of these taxable against the municipality. The plans shown provide for a building to cost approximately \$55,000, exclusive of site, the question of site being for the time the difficult problem to solve. After approving of the plans the committee authorized the comptroller and health officer to locate feasible sites and report to a future meeting of the committee. Notice of motion to raise \$55,000 for the erection of a new pest house has already been given and the object of the submitting of the plans was that the matter might be fully discussed before the council next Monday night. It is probable that some arrangement will be made, in case the work is undertaken to have the hospital built in sections, as it is planned with wings, which will lend aid to such a scheme

resulted a day before it happened;—Nanaimo Herald.

Thomas Bryant, who has been inspecting some properties at Jedway, returned to Vancouver recently. Ikeda, and his partner in the Ikeda mines, have also returned. They report that their mine is being worked all the time and the ore is shipped to the Tyce smelter at Ladysmith. A number of other properties adjoining the Ikeda claims are trying to sell out or raise money to develop them. In many cases, however, they are asking too much money for their prospect.

Representatives of the Vancouver Island league will meet in Ladysmith next Sunday at 1 p. m., to complete the organization for the season's series. Delegates from Victoria, Nanaimo and other cities are expected to be present, and it is not thought likely that any more entries for the senior championship pennant than already announced will be received, namely, Victoria United, Esquimalt, Ladysmith and Nanaimo. Entries for the second and junior divisions will be received by the secretary, T. Hill, Ladysmith, up to to-day.

No person coming to Prince Rupert, with the intention of remaining here or settling in the country, need purchase supplies before coming. Everything in the way of supplies can be procured in Prince Rupert, where tents are manufactured, and where everything in the way of furniture and bedding and cooking utensils are sold at very reasonable prices. Provisions and general supplies can be obtained not only at Prince Rupert, but at Port Simpson, Port Essington, Jedway, and other towns in Skeena district. The merchants of the district know what settlers need and can be relied on to keep stock on hand. Come north with money and muscle and good intentions. Leave everything else behind.—Prince Rupert Empire.

Meeting of the School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the school board was held in the secretary's office on Thursday night, with all members present. The ordinary routine business was attended to and some slight repairs to the school building were authorized.

Very interesting reports from the teachers were read to the Board by Principal Hunter. He reported that there was a difference of 99 between the attendance on Oct. 5th, and on Nov. 28th, suggesting that possibly there was a feeling that the health regulations might be relaxed after the Christmas holidays. During the discussion provoked by the reports, the members of the board were a unit in declaring their intention of treating all alike and continuing in force the present conditions of attendance at school.

W. R. Smith is installing an independent electric lighting plant in the Bickle building on Gatacre street. He has now in position a gasoline engine and dynamo that will generate enough power to light up the building. Anyone who would like to install a similar plant can get the necessary information from Mr. Smith.

Baldwin in Trouble Again

Captain Baldwin is in trouble again. It will be remembered that during last September the Captain arrived in Ladysmith with a gasoline launch, which he offered for sale. The customs authorities seized the launch because it was of foreign make, and a few days after Captain Baldwin disappeared. Customs Officer Conway reported the seizure to Ottawa, and the launch is still in his possession. In the meantime information has been received that Captain Baldwin leased the launch from Seattle parties, and skipped out with it to the British Columbia side. Later Baldwin was charged at Seattle with having stolen the launch, but the men to whom it had been offered for sale in Ladysmith refused to go over to Seattle to give evidence, and as Baldwin had the lease in his possession, the prosecution fell to the ground. The Ottawa authorities are in possession of all the facts and it is quite probable the launch will be restored to the rightful owners.

Shortly after leaving here Baldwin turned up at Vancouver, and his movements are now made public by evidence given in the police court at the Terminal City the other day, when he came up on the charge of having stolen the gasoline launch Flo, belonging to Stanley W. Crawford, of that city.

Mr. Crawford said that negotiations for the purchase of the launch by Capt. Baldwin had been under way, and he had been asked to take her out for a trial spin. Mr. Crawford went out with him on the Inlet, but Capt. Baldwin was not satisfied and wanted further tests, so Mr. Crawford gave him the key of the boathouse at the wharf where the launch was kept and told him he might practice on it there. When he came down a few days later, however, the launch was gone, and he next heard of it in Seattle, where Baldwin had taken it. He got the police to look it up and they got a signed statement from Baldwin that the launch belonged to Mr. Crawford. Baldwin had not paid him anything on the launch though he was to give him \$1,000 for it, so he had him arrested.

Hugo Courtney, a night clerk at the Winters hotel, said Baldwin had been staying at the hotel, and as he (Courtney) understood gasoline launches had asked him to come and overhaul this particular boat. He had spent two days in fixing it up, and was about tired of it when Baldwin proposed that he should come with him for a trial trip to Chemainus.

"He told me it was about 32 miles from Vancouver, and just around Point Grey, but I was mistaken on that point," said the witness. "We travelled for an hour or two when we saw a boat in the distance, and Capt. Baldwin told me that was the boat I should have taken back from Chemainus. That was the first knowledge I had that he did not intend to come back himself. Then we got caught on a shoal, and I got wet to his skin through it. We got to Chemainus and spent the night at the hotel. In the morning the proprietor charged me \$1.50 for my bill, and as Capt. Baldwin had only thirty cents in his pocket I was expected to pay his bill also. At first I refused, but as I had not enough money to get back with I had to give him a cheque on the Hotel Winters and he kept Capt. Baldwin's bill out

of that. Then Capt. Baldwin wanted me to go on with him to Port Angeles and I refused. I left him and took the train to Victoria, and got the boat from there to here."

Mr. Farris, counsel for the accused, held that there was no evidence of theft, as the boat had simply been tied up in an American port with a fine against her. He offered no evidence.

The magistrate said he thought the case a clear one, and he committed Baldwin for trial.

It was while at Seattle that Baldwin was arrested charged with having stolen the launch confiscated by the Government authorities at Ladysmith. As before said, the charge fell through, and he was taken back to Vancouver on a charge of having stolen the Flo.

Baldwin resided in Victoria a number of years ago, and it is suggested by some who knew him at that time that the authorities might learn more about him by hunting up his record during his residence there.

Peerages That May Die Out

It is a singular fact that not one of the three Canadian peerages has a male heir to continue it. Lord Mount Stephen, though he has been twice married, has no children. Lord Strathcona's title will one day descend to his daughter, Mrs. Howard, who, in that case, will add another to the small and select company of British peerages in their own right, while the other Canadian peerage, that of Macdonald of Earncliffe, is now held by the widow of Lord Macdonald, and as yet no provision has been made for its inheritance by her only daughter.

There are nearly a dozen ladies who are peeresses in their own right, most of them without male heirs, while two more ladies will be added to the number when Lord Wolseley and Lord Roberts die. The former has no son, but his viscountcy was conferred with special remainder to his daughter, and with remainder again to her male issue, so that in that way the title may be perpetuated, while in the case of Lord Roberts, who lost his only son in the South African war, the earldom has also been conferred with special remainder to his daughter.

Among the peers whose titles will under present circumstances cease upon their death might be mentioned Lord Milner, who has no heir, and Lord Llandaff, who, as Henry Matthews, filled the office of home secretary from 1886 to 1892.

Lord James, of Hereford, an attorney-general of the seventies, has no relative, who can succeed to his title, neither has Lord Shand, a Scotch judge of great eminence, who died four years ago. Another famous legal light whose title lapsed with his death was Lord Brampton, who, as Sir Henry Hawkins, established the reputation of being the finest criminal lawyer of his day.

Lord Northcliffe, formerly Alfred Harmsworth, has no heir to succeed him. Lord Kitchener remains a bachelor, and his brother is, therefore heir to the title, while Lord Welby, who was permanent secretary of the treasury from 1885 to 1894, has no heir to the title conferred upon him for conspicuous service to the state.

Mr. James Kerr will receive the sympathy of every resident of Ladysmith, in the great loss he has sustained in the death of his wife, Mrs. Angus Kerr, at the isolation hospital Wednesday night. The burial took place Thursday evening.

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Local and General.

The waterworks building will be painted next week.

Andrew Bryden went down to Victoria this morning.

Mayor Planta, of Nanaimo, was a visitor to Ladysmith to-day.

Martin G. O'Brien has orders for a dozen or so of his gasoline lamps.

Hr. John Bland was a passenger on this morning's train for Victoria.

W. A. Gallier, ex-M. P. for Kootenay, has opened a law office at Vancouver.

J. E. Smith has the contract for papering and renovating the rooms of the Cecil hotel.

Mr. C. Peterson, the furniture man, is making a business visit to Victoria and Vancouver.

The name of Edward Quennell is mentioned in connection with the mayoralty of Nanaimo.

Mme. Nordica, the famous singer, will be heard at the Victoria theatre next Wednesday evening.

Miss Rosie Lewis returned Wednesday evening from a visit to friends in Victoria and Vancouver.

Dr. Danks, who has had charge of the isolation hospital since it opened, left for Vancouver yesterday.

Harmony Lodge I. O. O. F. will ask for tenders for the lease of the opera house for one to three years.

Mr. Percy K. Winch went over to Nanaimo this week, and made several sales of his celebrated "Grand Duke" cigar.

Mr. Frank Shepherd, of Nanaimo, is engaged on some survey work for farmers around Nanoose Bay and Little Qualicum.

The residents of South Oyster held their regular monthly social last evening. There was a good programme and a pleasant time.

The friends of Mr. W. W. Walkem surprised him at his rooms last evening. The time was spent in playing cards.

Geo. M. Cohan's phenomenal musical comedy, "Little Johnny Jones," comes to the Victoria theatre next Monday night.

Mr. Simon Leiser was in the city a few days ago, and announced that his firm contemplated the erection of a brick store on the corner of Gatacre street and Esplanade.

A well-known official is building a new house on First avenue, and it is stated that when he moves into it on December 20, he will bestow his name on a lady now residing in Seattle.

The Colonist of Friday has the following: "Soccer football players assembled in force at the Tourist association rooms last evening, the occasion being the meeting called by Alexander Peden, president of the Victoria United club, for the purpose

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of making arrangements to enter the Island league series. While there was not much actual business transacted the proceedings were marked by an optimistic enthusiasm which augurs well for the success of the home eleven in the forthcoming race for the pennant, the winning of which would give the Victoria representatives the right to meet the champions of the mainland in the finals for the premier British Columbia honors. The majority of the local athletic clubs were represented either by delegates fully authorized or by proxies. After some debate it was decided that the association's president, Mr. Peden, should attend the meeting of the Island league which will take place next Sunday at Ladysmith when the schedule will be drafted and other business in connection with the inauguration of the series, attended to. It was decided that no time would be lost in selecting and training a representative aggregation. With this idea in view a list of the names of the exponents of the pastime belonging to the different Victoria associations was prepared and placed at the disposal of the officials. The latter, and in fact all those present expressed confidence, before the adjournment, that Victoria had all the material necessary to form an eleven which would without difficulty be able to successfully cope with those who will be their opponents in the pending competition."

METHODIST CHURCH SABBATH SERVICES.

Morning, 11 a. m.; evening, 7 p. m.;
Sabbath school, 2:30 p. m. Evening
dially invited to attend.
subject, "Temperance." All are cor-
R. WILKINSON, Pastor.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

The Young Men's Club meets to-
night in the Methodist Church at 7
p. m.

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