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MARY—(The persecuted better half):—"Well, John, it's just this: You expect me to get dinner ready with a stove that won't bake, and nothing can be done with it.
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MARY—(With a light heart, all trouble disappearing) "Why, John, of course it is. Go down and make arrangements for one to be sent right away before dinner.

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City and District.

Haliburton Street Sons of Temperance No 14, on the evening of New Years day, will give a concert in the church.

Rev W A Gunton's subject for Sunday evening next will be: "Was Rev T W Hall's statement true? And the kind of dancing Baptists condemn."

From inquiries we understand that Ex-Mayor Quennell is making good progress toward recovery, and we hope soon to see his genial face once more upon our streets.

Large congregations welcomed Rev. W. B. Cummings, in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Mr. Cummings will, no doubt, appreciate the welcome accorded him on his first appearance.

A certain musical young gentleman has been noticed of late making numerous excursions to the neighbourhood of the Five Acre Lots. We hope that nothing serious will happen to him before the business is DUNN.

The meeting of the supporters of Mayor Davison which was advertised to take place tonight in the building on Skinner street, has been postponed until Saturday evening, when all interested in making the choice of the People's Party complete should attend.

The ladies of St. Albans Church are arranging for "The Fair of the Season," to be held in St. Albans hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, December the 22nd and 23rd when they will offer all kinds of seasonable articles for sale. Further announcement will be made.

Mr. H. Reynolds, who has been with with Orr and Rendell for a number of years, left on Sunday morning for Vancouver, en route to Honolulu, where he intends opening out in business if the prospects are favorable. Best wishes, friend Harry, for your success, and may your shadow never grow less.

The city carriers of the MAIL have to get a hustle on these days, on account of the increased, and still increasing, circulation of the people's paper. Now that the election is drawing near, we expect to have numerous new subscribers, and can promise them that the MAIL will be able to keep them posted on all matters municipal. Send in your name if you are not already a subscriber,

The Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, accompanied by Senator McInnes, W W B McInnes, M P and Mr J F Bethune arrived in the city this noon by special train from Victoria. They were met at the station by Mayor Davison, and a large number of the Aldermen and citizens. Carriages were on hand and the party drove at once to the Court House where Mayor Davison read the civic address. Mr Daveis made a lengthy reply which we will publish in our next issue. This afternoon a luncheon was held at the Wilson House.

Last week we published a communication from Mr. E. C. Cook, bearing on his relations to the Baptist Church. Parties in the church opposed to Mr Cook have furnished us with the following statement of their side of the case: Mr. Cook caused the Baptist Church a great deal of trouble during the last seven or eight months, and after doing all in their power to settle matters, and after giving all concerned every opportunity to explain, prove, etc., they have found it necessary to exclude from membership Mr. Ephiram Cook, hence his letter. We are told that any action taken was by the whole church and not by the gentlemen named in Mr Cook's letter.

Provincial News.

A new Methodist church has been opened at Chemainus and services are now held every Sunday by the minister from Duncans.

The Quadra arrived at Victoria on Saturday from Seattle, having on board the Hon H, L. Davies, Hon Mr Blair and Col Domville are now in the Kootenay distri t.

Judge Walkem has confirmed judgment in the case of Harris vs Dunsmuir awarding Harris $19.000 for commission in putting the Wellington coal mine on the market.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the Council on Monday evening there were present: Mayor Davison, Ald. Bradley, Westwood, Planta, Wilson, Morton, McDonald and Foreman.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Tully Boyce, auditor, stating that he had audited the city books, and found them correct, and in good order. Received and fyled.

A communication was read from Rev. W. A. Gunton, enclosing the sum of $10 collected at the Union Thanksgiving service of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches held in the Baptist church, which they wished to be used to assist any poor and needy cases which might come to the notice of the Council, Received and fyled and the Clerk be instructed to send a reply expressing the thanks of the Council.

From J. Guffallo calling attention to the dangerous state of the sidewalk in front of the Italian Hotel on Haliburton street, and asking that something be done to make it safe, as at present it was a serious manace to the safety of the residents in that district. On motion of Ald. Bradley and McDonald it was resolved to leave it in the hands of the Street Committee.

From Geo. Cavalsky, Sec. to the fire company, calling attention to the state of the sidewalk and roadway near the Fire Hall, and asking that the matter should be attended to; also stating that the Council donete to the active members of the company the amount of their taxes. Received and to come up for discussion.

From Ralph Smith, Cor. Sec. of the Liberal Association, thanking the Mayor and Council for their hospitality to Hon J. J. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, and party on their recent visit to Nanimo. Received and fyled.

REPORTS.

From the road foreman, stating that the men had been engaged cleaning crossings, hauling gravel, and building sidewalk on Victoria Crescent. Received and fyled.

Ald. Foreman gave a verbal report of the Street Committee stating that he had examined the work done on the drain on Comox road, and thought the drain would be of benefit to the city, and suggested that the city put in an 8 inch tile drain whilst the drain was open. He thought it would take about 150 feet. He moved that the work be done.

Ald. Planta asked if it was the intention to carry the drain down to take the water from Kennedy street. If so, he would second the motion.

Ald. Westwood thought the drain was badly needed, and he would like to see it done. It would be better to do it now than next spring, as there were some duck ponds in that vicinity which were dangerous to the public health.

Ald. Morton advised that the drain be continued down the Comox road instead of crossing the street.

Ald. Wilson moved that an amount sufficient be taken from the unexpended loan to continue this drain, and that it be left to the Street Committee to carry out the work, This sectionhad cause of complaint re drainage, and it would be better to do it at once.

Ald. McDonald would second the amendment if it was made an open box drain.

Ald. Foreman advised that a tile drain be put in where the excavation was deep—he thought it was 5 or 6 feet—and a box drain on the other portion. Amendment carried.

DEFERRED BUSINESS.

Re communication from the Fire Company, the first part was left to the Street Committee with power to act. With respect to the second part of the communication, Ald. Morton said the Fire Company had not been very expensive, and it was only right to donate the amount asked for to the active members, and he would move that the Council donete the amount to those who had paid their taxes, and those who had not paid, to receive a receipt. Ald. Bradley seconded and it was carried.

Ald. Morton on behalf of the Finance Committee asked for further time re the Beaumont property, which on motion was granted.

NEW BUSINESS.

Ald. Wilson mentioned the fact that Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries was expected in the city tomorrow, and he thought it only right and proper that the Council make some recognition of his presence, and would move that a committee be appointed, in conjunction with the Mayor, to receive and entertain the Hon. gentleman.

Ald. Bradley suggested that the whole Council be the Committee, as the time was so short it would be better for them all to be the Committee.

Ald Morton seconded.

Ald Wilson and Planta withdrew their motion, the amendment then became the orginal motion and was carried.

The Mayor reported that some time ago two strangers who were cripples had applied to him for permission to solicit subscription for the purpose of paying their way to Victoria, and on motion the action of the Mayor was endorsed.

Ald Morton said it was close upon the end of the year, and it would be necessary to make some arrangements for the election, and he would move that W. K. Leighton be appointed returning officer, and that the nomination be on the 11th January 1897. from 12 to 2 p.m. at the City Hall, and the poll be on the 14th of January, the hours to be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ald. Westwood seconded and it was carried.

On motion of Ald. Planta and Morton the Council resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the reception to Hon Mr. Davies. Carried.

Ald. Planta suggested that all the city, Provincial and Dominion officials be invited, so that none could then feel slighted.

Ald Wilson suggested that the list be limited to fifty. And he moved that small sub-committees be appointed to arrange matters, all details to be left with each sub-committee, This was seconded and carried.

The Mayor appointed Ald Foreman, McDonald and Westwood as the committee to arrange for the luncheon, and the list of invitations Ald; Planta, Morton and Bradley to prepare the address, the Mayor being ex-officio member of both committees.

On motion the committee rose, and the Council then adjourned.

Y. M. C. A. Concert.

The hall was crowded last Saturday evening to witness an entertainment given by the Athletic Club. Mr. Thos. Keith acted as chairman, and in a few appropriate remarks introduced the program. Mr. Chas. Banford fairly carried the house by his rendering of the "Golden Wedding" in character, which was followed by a burlesque of the same song by Mr. J. Carroll. Mr. Banford also gave several other selections during the evening which were greatly enjoyed by the audience, and he had to respond several times to the hearty applause. Mr. Wm. Jones appeared in full regimentals as a Fusilier, and gave a patriotic song, "The 7th Royal Fusiliers."

Then followed a couple of wrestling matches (catch-as-catch-can) by Messrs. J. Swanson and H. McKinnon, and a humorous wrestling exhibition by J. McKinley and G. Gray.

Mr. Herbert Stewart gave an excellent exhibition of club swinging; Mr. S. Mottishaw, a song; and a trio by the "Scavenger's Brigade" were also well received.

Prof. Spear played the accompaniments in his usual effective style. We congratulate the Club upon their efforts and feel sure that, should they favor the public with another entertainment, there will be a bumper house.

W. C. T. U.

The monthly Gospel Temperance meeting of the above was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Sunday evening. Considering the state of the weather, there was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Mrs. L. Manson, and Mrs. J. H. Cocking presided at the piano. After the usual devotional exercises, Rev W. A. Gunton was called upon to address the meeting. He paid a high tribute to the Nanaimo Union, and said he had heard it stated in a large convention that it was noted for aggresive work. Instead of the usual stereotyped temperance address, Mr. Gunton took the subject of "Our boys and girls."

He beleived there were many children in Nanaimo who were to-day suffering from bad home influences, where the habits of the parents were detrimental to their moral good. Children, to him, were of more importance than men and women, because they have all the possibilities of life before them, and were in an impressionable state, we can make what we liked with them. He had once seen a potter at work making earthenware and was much interested in watching the ease in which he could mould the clay in any desired shape, as it was in a condition suitable for the work.

So it is with the boys and girls, they are in such a condition that it is easy for us to make of them men and women who will be a blessing to the world.

Mr. Gunton said he felt intensely for the children—the boys and the girls of Nanaimo who had no proper home influences, he knew of circumstances which had come under his own observation which would astound any one Father's using language before children not fit to be repeated. How can we, he asked, expect to have good citizens under such home training? Mr. Gunton also made some stirring remarks on the importance of enforcing the law in sending children to school, and also on parents not making the house as attractive as they might for their children. He would allow the children the best parlor if necessary, and would rather lose all the furniture than lose the souls of the children.

He hoped that the day would never come when religion would be taught in our day schools, but he was in favor of teaching the children strict morality. He was also in favor of having a curfew law forbidding children being on streets after 8 o'clock, except under the charge of proper guardians. He also referred to the case of the two boys found drunk near the cemetery, and who were pledged not to tell where they got the liquor from. With emotion Mr. Gunton declared he would have those men publically whipped, which was received with applause.

Mr. Gunton also referred to the necessity of something being done to suppress the practice of profanity on the public thoroughfares, he was not speaking to them as a minister, but as a private citizen, and he intended taking action the first chance he had of proving profane or obscene language on a public place. He felt it was of intense importance that this disseminating moral decay and disease should be stopped.

Mr. Gunton was listened to throughout with marked attention, and was frequently applauded.

Mr. Gideon Hicks, of Vancouver, then sang, "Where is my wandering boy tonight," and the meeting closed with the benediction.

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Lost—lost—from out our earthly home
A childish presence rare,
It brightened every darksome place
And lightened every care.

Lost—from around our family board,
Where loving kindred meet,
A face. O, Lord, how dear it was?
So sunny, fair and sweet.

Lost—from amid the grass and flowers
That graced the summer days,
A pair of little feet and hands
That, restless, stirred always.

Lost—lost—from garden, house and hill
A joyous, thrilling voice;
O, for the sound that made our hearts
Triumphantly rejoice.

If we could find these treasures rare
We'd render up our all.
Our life itself we'd not hold dear
Nor riches great or small.

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Found—in the realms of Paridise
A childish presence bright,
Rejoicing in each added joy
With ever new delight.

Found—in the kingdom of our God
A face with love-lit eyes,
Set like a star to beckon us
Through gloomy, midnight skies.

Found—by the river of water of life
Walking the golden street,
Plucking the never-fading flowers,
Two little hands and feet.

Found—in the choirs of heavenly song
A childish voice, to miss
Which heaven itself would surely lose
A portion of its bliss.

These treasures all He'll safely keep
And surely will restore,
When face to face, and eye to eye,
You'll see him evermore.

ANON.

The Selfish in British Columbia.

Round me, before me, behind me,
In every place I know,
I meet and touch with the Chinese,
Wherever I may go.
Then I think of the lassies and men,
When I glance in their heathen face,
Who might be saved from ruin and woe,
If they only had their place,
I know that the day has been dark enough,
Because of a selfish few,
Their hearts must be hard as adament
Or they would be stirred for you.

And then I wish you God speed
When I look in your weary face,
They are not men—but monsters
Who punish their own race.
We will work for the one good purpose,
Our hearts are loyal and stout,
We can look for a better future,
When we drive the heathen out
What though we know not each other,
We are white folks one and all
And God will judge the selfish,
When the shades of evening fall.

Llewellyn.

A Conjugal Difference.

(Concluded.)

'Went away,?' inquired Mr. Winkington, in some surprise. 'Where has your mistress gone then?'

'If you please, sir.' answered the maid, 'I don't know. But Missis said as how that letter would explain everything.'

'Oh!' replied Mr. Winkington, slightly contracting his brows, as his manner was when perplexed. 'Thank you.'

Then, causing the maid intense disappointment by neither addressing any further inquiries to her nor opening the letter on the spot, he betook himself to the library and shut the door; for he had a presentiment that the communication was of a startling nature, and he preferred to be alone when he acquainted himself with it.

His presentiment was not at fault. The contents of the letter were decidedly startling—even more so than he had expected. They ran precisely as follows:—

Mr. Winkington,—As I told you this afternoon, there are limits to wifely endurance; and the limits of mine have at last been reached. Had you expressed the slightest regret for your unkindness and unfaithfulness to me, when I reproached you with them, I would have freely forgiven you. But, seeing that you have met all my appeals with a callous, brutal indifference, and have boldly stated your intention of continuing your open, shameless, liason with another, my self-respect—to say nothing of my peace of mind—leaves only one course open to me. I have left you—never again to return. Nothing that you can say or do will alter my determination. And now, thank Heaven! there is no compelling me to live with you. For the present—since my own roof is no longer a fitting shelter for me—I am forced to take rooms at the Alexandra. If this sets the Eastborough people talking, and speculating on the reasons which have driven me to leave you, I cannot help it. As I told you this afternoon, whatever happens in that way you have only yourself to thank for.

Your wife—but only in the strictest letter of the law—

ARABELLA WINKINGTON.

'So, ho!' he ejaculated to himself, when he had carefully read the above letter through twice. 'That's the game—is it? She's coming Mrs. Jackson over me! . . . 'Nothing you can say or do will alter my determination.' Who the dickens wants to alter it? Does the woman fancy that I shall go to her with prayers and tears, and entreat her to come back to me? Not I. I'm glad enough to be rid of her. What I am afraid of (with a hard, unpleasant laugh) 'is that she should alter her determination of her own accord—and not stick to her expressed intention 'never more to return.'

After delivering himslf of this soliloquy, he remained silent for some time—viciously biting his nails, and wearing an expression on his face which suggested that for once in a way, his usual equilibrium of temper was in serious danger of being upset. The truth was, that relieved though he really felt at being thus ridded of his wife, whose society had now for a long time been irksome to him, he yet (in the strange inconsistency of human nature) was decidedly annoyed with her for having dared to take this step. And while distinctly pleased at her absence, and perfectly genuine in his hope that it would be permanent, he, nevertheless, was in that frame of mind in which he felt a vicious and spiteful desire to punish her for daring to openly defy his marital authority. It annoyed him all the more that he was entirely helpless to touch her in any way whatsoever. For her money was absolutely settled on herself; and, as for her person, that, by the Lord Chancellor's recent judgment, was wholly free from marital control.

'I'm glad she's gone,' he said, at last, putting his thought into words; 'and yet I should immensely like to make her smart for going.' Then, as an afterthought, he added, 'Yes, and if I could revenge myself in such a manner as to widen the gulf between us, and make her separation from me really permanent—why, *tant mieux, ma chere Arabella;*'

With this particularly amiable and husband-liks sentiment exercising his mind, he partook of his solitary dinner, and spent all the evening trying to devise some plan for 'making his wife smart,' as he had phrased it. But rack his brain as he might, he could not hit upon any device. Indeed, the more he thought of it, the more it seemed to him that his wife occupied a quite unassailable position. And just in proportion as his power of punishing her appeared more remote, did his intense longing to do so increase. However, finding himself unable to catch a feasible idea, he at length gave it up as a bad job, and retired to bed—enjoying a more complete rest than had fallen to his lot now for many a night. For his wife, likeMrs. Caudle of immortal memory, was a past-grand-mistress in the art of curtain-lecturing.

Next morning, when he came down to breakfast, Mr. Winkington found, besides his own correspondence, several letters lying on the table addressed to his wife. These he turned carelessly over, and among them discovered a post-card, which he picked up and read. It was from Madame Corsetti et Cie., advising Mrs. Winkington that her dress had been dispatched to Eastborough by passenger-train on the previous afternoon.

'Ha!' he commented, 'I suppose that is the gown which Mrs. W. has ordered for the Lavorton garden-party; and which she has done nothing but talk about for the last fortnight. I really believe' (with a sarcastic laugh) 'that she quite expects to make an impression on the Prince. Well' (spitefully) 'I only hope that the gown won't fit, or will suit her badly, or something of that sort. That would 'rile her some,' as the Yankees say, after she had been counting upon it it so. . . . Ah!' (an idea suddenly striking him, which brought the color to his cheeks, and made him strike the table with his clenched hand, emphatically). 'Ereka, by Jove! The very thing—the very thing.

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It was the afternoon of the grand function at Laverton Castle, and the guests were assembling upon the great terrace. His Royal Highness was out there, a young man scarcely thirty years old, faultlessly dressed in the regulation costume of fashionable masherdom, and looking not much unlike a tailor's dummy. The eye-glass which he kept fixing in his eye, and through which he critically surveyed the faces of the various lady guests, lent no additional air of wisdom to a countenance which at its best was not intellectual. But, apparently, the divinity which hedges in Royal personages, or some such cause, threw a roseate glamour over him in the eyes of the assembled company; for he was the central object of many admiring looks. And not a few of she more fascinating ladies present, knowing his Royal Highness's extreme susceptibility of female charms, did their best (in a strictly decorous and unostentatious way, of course) to attract his Princely attention.

Among these was Mrs. Winkington. That lady had nearly cried her eyes out the day previously, owing to a telegram which she had received from London, to the effect that her gown could not possibly be finished in time. But by this afternoon those important features had quite recovered their usual lustre, and she was making use of them vigorously for the especial captivation of the eminent guest.

It was not long before she had the satisfaction of observing that she had attracted his notice; for, glancing up at him demurely several times in succession, she found the Royal eye-glass focussed upon herself. Her heart began to beat fast with exultation, and a thrill of incipient triumph to steal over her frame. And these sensations increased two-fold when she saw the Prince whisper something to Lady Leighton, who stood at his side, and nod his head in her direction.

Yes. There could be no mistake on the subject. The fondest dream of her heart was about to be realized. His Royal Highness had singled out her—her, Mrs. Winkington—for the inestimable honor of an introduction.

As the Countess and her illustrious guest approached, Mrs. Winkington kept her eyes fixed upon the grass, and tried to brace herself up for the ceremony of presentation, which, much as she longed for it, bid fair to overwhelm her. Indeed, by the time the Prince was close up to her, her heart seemed to stop beating altogether, from the intensity of her subdued excitement.

But this excitement was quickly succeeded by another, and a far less welcome, feeling. To her intense mortification and chagrin, the Prince and his hostess did not stop when they reached her, but passed on, without taking any notice of her at all.

Nor was that the worst. For hearing a familiar, and particularly hateful, simper close behind her, Mrs. Winkington turned round just in time to see His Royal Highness bowing and taking off his hat to—Mrs. Sturford-Meade!

The widow, whose face was radiant with smiles, certainly looked quite her best. Her gown, a very smart one, suited her to perfection. Mrs. Winkington could not repress a start as her eyes fell upon it. It was of precisely the same shades of color as that which she had ordered for herself from Madame Corsetti. Nay, it was of the same material, and made upon precisely the same lines. What did it mean? A terrible suspicion began to steal over her. And just at that moment she caught her husband's eye closely watching her from a spot near at hand.

His look of spiteful, malicious triumph awoke her to the full truth as clearly as any words could have done. And she realized (with what feelings may be better imagined than described) that the telegram from Madame Corsetti had been nothing but a cruel hoax—that her hated rival was creating a regular sensation in her gown!

Rossland, B.C.—The Ottawa, in the south belt, adjoining the St. Marys, is the scene of the latest strike. At a depth of forty feet a body of $46 ore four feet wide has been encountered in a crosscut. This mine is owned in Toronto. An interesting discovery has been made on the Kohinoor group on Lookout mountain, near the site of old Fort Sheppard. An old ruined tunnel has been found supposed to be the work of some old Hudson Bay men many years ago. The mouth of the tunnel is badly caved in, but it will be reopened to ascertain if any ore body was opened by it.

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Montreal, Dec. 1.—All the civic employes, including members of the police force and the various civic departments were to-day given notice that their services would not be required after Dec. 31. This has been done merely with the object of shifting about, and possibly a slight weeding from the departments. In view of the straitened condition of the city's finance a slight curtailment of the numerical strength of the department may perhaps be made. The step is not a new one, having often been taken in American and other large cities for a similar purpose.

Arrested For Misappropriation

Vancouver, Dec. 4.—Citizens were shocked to-day by the announcement that P. N. Smith, late manager of the Consolidated Light & Tram Co. here, had been arrested for the missappropriation of funds. It appears that on Tuesday evening the tram company gave instructions to have Mr. Smith kept under police surveillance as he contemplated sailing for England. The chief of police, however, arrested Mr. Smith on a charge preferred by the company, but bail was immediately obtained, and so quiet was the matter kept that Mr. Smith's most intimate friends knew nothing about his difficulty The matter, however, was brought into the police court today. The charges are that on several occasions an overcharge was made for supplies for the company and the difference between tho actual amount paid for the supplies for the company and the amount of the order made upon the company was appropriated by Mr. Smith. The case was in progress all afternoon in the in the police court, an adjournment being granted the defence until Saturday morning.

Official Investigation.

Cobourg, Dec. 4.—The investigation into the charge that Geo. Guillet, M.P., and Daniel M. Collister induced C. E. Ewing, collector of customs, to resign by promising him an annuity has been postponed indefinitely, Ewing being too ill. The investigation into the transfer of the postmastership here from William Sykes to Mr. Guillett at the last general election, has been concluded. The commissioners will report at an early date,

Imported Votes.

Last week a number of residents of Buffalo and naturalized citizens of the United States who immigrated here from Canada, were subpoenaed before Wm. Johnson at the office of Attorneys Rogers, Locke & Milburn, to give testimony why they recrossed the border and voted in the Dominion at the last election. It is alleged that they voted for the Conservative candidate, Mr. Henry, in the county of Brant, whose election is being contested. Charges of corruption and bribery are made against the agents of Mr. Henry. It is charged that voters were taken to Brant by the wholesale, men's railroad fare paid to Brantford and other places for the purpose of defeating Mr. Paterson; that men were imported to personate absent voters and dead men. All sorts of charges are made. The defeated candidate charged that many Buffalo men were imported to vote; that Canadians living in Buffalo were paid to cross into the county of Brant to vote the Tory ticket and that Buffalo men were hired to go from booth to booth to vote in the names of other voters. It was necessary to prove these facts, however, as the Buffalo men would no go over to Canada to testify other means had to be taken. A commission was ordered by the court to compel Buffalo witnesses to testify before the commissioners. The reluctance with which the Buffalonians testified, who were called this morning make further proceedings necessary. Getting information from them is like pulling teeth. Barrister Lew Hayd, of Toronto, represents the Liberals at the inquiry.

Winter Married to Spring.

The police court at Windsor, Ont. was crowded last Thursday, to hear the sensational case of Willie Jordan alias Howard, a sixty year old colored man charged with purgery. The perjury consisted in swearing falsely to obtain a certificate to marry Josephine Steel, that she was of legal age. The child wife was placed on the stand and swore that she was only twelve years of age. She said that when Howard was refused a certificate by the magistrate he took her to the house of Jane Edmunds, who pinned window curtens beneath her dress, and then put on a long skirt to make her appear older. A veil was added to make the deception complete, and thus disguised, Howard obtained a certificate from Elder Davidson after taking the necessary oath. Josephine when in court today wore a dress reaching a little below her knees, and her hair was loose on her back. She looked a pretty innocent child, and there was a feeling of indignation that she should have been induced to marry the big hulking negro.

The case was adjourned to enable the prisoner to get a lawyer.

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News of the Day.

The Liberals of Moosemin are arranging a banquet for the Hon. C. Sifton.

The trial of the Marquette election, fixed for December 16, has been changed to January 15, 1897.

William Gaynor, a Dominion City farmer, was caught in a blizzard last week with his brother. They found shelter near a stack but were three days without food and both are badly frozen.

The opera house block at Chatham was wrecked by fire and water Thursday morning. Many stores were burned, and the fine Odd Fellows hall on the top flat was destroyed. The losses are between $10,000 and $15,000, covered by insurance.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Daily Mail says that under the pretext of revenging an old grievance, 1,000 Kurds raided the province of Mamoure-ul-Azis, where they burned and pillaged the village and massacred the inhabitants.

British Bark Drumrock has cleared the Sound for Liverpool with the following cargo: 76,667 bags of wheat, valued at $154,157; 3,446 bags of bran, valued at $1,343; total value of cargo, $155,500. She carries the second largest grain cargo loaded on the South this season.

A cyclone, accompanied by heavy floods, has swept the eastern West Indies, causing great loss of life. The St Vincent and Montreal estates have been completely wiped out. The Islands of Trinidad and Barbadoes have also been flooded causing immense damage but no loss of life has been reported.

A Fort William dispatch says that Henry Richardson, a champion long distance walker, passed through there en route to Toronto. Richardson claims to have walked from New York to San Francisco and is now returning via the C.P.R. track. He was in Winnipeg about two weeks ago.

The wreck of the steam collier San Benito was sold to San Francisco as it lies, Captain T. P. H. Whitelaw being the only bidder. He give $120 for all that he can save of a vessel worth $300,000; and pays $10 in addition for the 3,000 tons of coal forming the cargo on the Benito's last fateful voyage.

The government of the colony has purchased all the rights and property of the New Foundland Railway Company for $1,775,000, payment will be made in government debentures bearing interest at 3 per cent. The road is to come under government control at New Years. The colony has abandoned all suits against the company. The arrangement is of the nature of a compromise, and is regarded as satisfactory.

A couple of persons who have mysteriously disappeared lately from Sydney N.S.W., are believed to have been decoyed into the bush under the pretence of prospecting gold, and, it is feared, have been murdered and that others have met the same fate. One body having been unearthed at Linden suspicion fell on a man who is now on his way to San Francisco. The detectives are following him and he will be arrested on his arrival there.

Fire last week did $325,000 to $400,000, damage in the central part of Ottawa. It broke out shortly after midnight in the basement of Mr. Turner's confectionery store on Sparks street. The firemen were unable to cope with the blaze, and the fire spread to Macdonald Bros'. gents' outfitters, next door, Holbrook's tailoring store and Ross & Co.'s dry goods store; one of the largest in the city. The Ross building was gutted from roof to the basement, portion of the walls only being left standing. The total insurance on the buildings and stock is $175,000. Traffic on the main thoroughfares till the middle of the forenoon. was at a standstill. The Masonic hall and Scottish Rite rooms were included in the eleven buildings destroyed. The valuable Masonic library was intirely lost. All the insurance companies having local agents are affected by the fire.

Unseated by the Courts.

Henry, the Conservative, who defeated the Hon. Mr. Patterson, in Brantford, has been unseated. Henry's election was secured, so it was alleged, by the importation of men from the States who voted for dead men and absentees. A commission was appointed to take evidence in Buffalo, but very little information could be obtained from those who had hired themselves to the Tories. There was sufficient, however, to unseat the member.

Judge Desnoyers has ordered Captain Delisle, of the steamer Tiber, which sank the schooner Maggie, by which thirteen persons were drowned to be taken back to Newfoundland for trial.

Any present subscriber to the MAIL can have the Weekly Globe from now to the end of 1897 for 65 cents.

Provincial News.

Rev. G. Donckele, principal of the Kuper Island Industrial school, has arrived home from a visit to his native land, Belgium.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly, now a resident of Rossland, is the latest addition to the ranks of British Columbia's notaries public.

At the residence of Mr. Edward Chance, First street, Victoria, Rev. W. L. Clay, last Thursday united in marriage Mr. John Cowan, of Alexandria, and Mrs. Maggie Smith, of Nanaimo.

The crafty, light-fingered gent who not long since tapped a couple of Kaslo tills, and later on did a nice job at Nelson, is showing no partiality. Tuesday night he "touched" Sardon to the tune of $80 or $100, though he was forced to combine the contents of four or five tills to secure that amount.

The new Municipal League of Vancouver have got down to organization business by the appointment of ward committees. Meetings will be held in the different wards, and it is expected a strong fight will be made to give effect in the new council to the tenets of the league.

J. Bates, well known along the Cariboo road, having driven teams for A. C. McDonald, went out to Lillooet last week to work on the road gang and had only put in one day when he got his toes frozen, and had to be taken to Lillooet, where the citizens collected $50 and sent him to Ashcroft to receive medical attendance.

The death occurred on Friday of Mr. Thomas W. Lawrence, of Mount Pleasant, at the advanced age of 77 years. Mr. Lawrence came to the city some years ago from Guelph, Ontario, and has been ill for a long time. The deceased leaves a son and daughter to mourn his loss, Mr. Lawrence, jr., being travelling representative for Mr. W. Skene.

Wm. Thompson, C. E., formerly government mineralogist of Queensland and late president of the Coolgardie chamber of mines, is paying British Columbia a brief visit. He is at the present time the chief owner and managing director of the Morning Chronicle, the Western Australian Goldfield Courier, and the Coolgardie Golden Age.

J. D. Prentice, of the Canada Western Ranching Co., lately drove to a new feeding ground at Perry's ranch near Dog creek, Lillooet, one of the largest cattle herds ever yet transferred at one time in British Columbia. The cattle thus driven numbered 862 beef steers. Twenty-five cowboys and forty saddle-horses were engaged in the drive.

Promptness is a characteristic of the new Liberal Government, in their appointments, as in other matters. On the 15th of last month, the position of warden of the Provincial penitentiary, was vacated by the lamented death of the late Wm Moresby. On wednesday last, Mr. J C. Whyte, of Westminster, received a telegram from Douglas Stewart, Inspector of Penitentiaries, at Ottawa, apprising him of his appointment to the vacant position.

General regret is expressed in Vancouver that Mr. Norman Caple is reported to be very ill with a threatened attack of typhoid. Coming at this season of the year when business in his line is particularly brisk and after the long siege of family sickness with which Mr. Caple has been visited this is particularly unfortunate. Hopes are expressed that the illness may not be so serious as present indications would suggest.

Objection is taken in certain quarters to the idea of a public banquet being tendered to Hon. Messrs Davies and Blair on their visit to Vancouver by the board of trade, on the ground that such a thing is outside the province of the board, which is intended only for business and not political purposes. It is pointed out that there are no precedents for such a course of action, and that on previous occasions of a similar nature anything that might savor of political expression has been carefully avoided.

The police commissioners of Westminster are taking prompt and vigorous steps to put an end to the threatened epidemic of burglaries and three special constables having been appointed for patrol duty at night. This is giving satisfaction, as after the daring attempt by an armed man to burglarize the dwelling of Mr. T. L. Briggs, a not unnatural feeling of uneasiness was gaining ground in the city. Mr. Broad's butcher shop and also the Orange hall have been entered during the last few nights and a considerable amount of booty taken.

A case of supplying liquor to Indians was investigated and dismised in the Victoria city police court last week in which one of the witnesses, a woman, swore positively that she was in the house of the accused and received liquor from him when as a matter of fact she was in the city lockup under arrest. The combination was about as novel a one as could well be imagined—the police producing a witness to prove a point of time and place, and the defendant having it in his power to disprove this witness' testimony by calling the city jailer.

Provincial News.

Last week Prof. Nason, of the South Creek Hydraulic Company, with J.D. Boyd, Sid Painter, Andrew Carlson and three others started out for Revelstoke from South Creek. They followed the river for seven miles then took the trail. On the first day out Carlson and another broke through the ice, got wet, and as a result got their feet frozen. The party reached Boyd's Saturday night and started for Revelstoke Monday, arriving Wednesday after a most trying trip, every foot of which the frozen-footed men had to make. Carlson is more severely frozen than his companion, and it will be seveal weeks before he will be well again.

The Kootenay country promises to be well supplied with water and light very shortly, for already there are no fewer than fourteen companies in the field seeking incorporation by private bill to cater to the Kootenayans in this particular. Among the latest are A. M. Johnson and others, who propose to establish an electric power, heating and lighting company in West Kootenav; a company repre ented by McPhillips, Wotton & Barnard, who aim to supply power and light to certain towns in Yale and in West Kootenay, and C. W. McAnn and his associates, who intend furnishing power and light to Kaslo City. As in all other respects the lighting outlook is bright for Kootenay.

Messrs. W. Templeton and W. McCraney returned last week from a trip to Chilliwack, which pointed they endeavored to make from Abbotford by wagon owing to the obstruction of river navigation. They report many hairbreadth escapes, as owing to the piled up ice the track was nearly all a matter of guess work, bridges had been washed away, and the travellers finally lost their way. Six hours and a half exposed to the inclemency of such weather as prevailed during the trip would prove too much for many young men, and Mr. McCraney, who is no longer young, had to walk a considerable portion of the distance to keep up circulation.

The recent almost unprecentedly early severe frost caused for several days last week an almost complete suspension of navigation on the lower Fraser, which exemplified the urgent need of railway bridge and line buildings to connect Vancouver and Westminster by quick transport routes with Fraser river points. Meanwhile the ice in the upper Fraser has frozen solid at Soda creek, thus suspending for the season, much earlier than usual, navigation in this part of British Columbia's great river. The floods, which have done much damage to railroad and other bridges about Bonner's Ferry, have resulted from a sudden Chinook thaw following very severe frost. The upper Kootenay rose 25 feet in a few hours.

The police of Westminster had an exciting chase after the man supposed, with good ground, to be the much wanted burglar. That he is well acquainted with the locality is evident by the celerity with which he made good his escape. Two hold-ups, the victims in both cases being ladies, are reported and it would appear that the burglar and the footpad are one and the same person. There is some talk of the citizen's committee being formed to assist the police in capturing the man, and as during his presence in this city there has been no case either of burglary or highway robbery in the Terminal City, it is evident that the same man will be much wanted in Vancouver. The coolness of the burglar is evidenced by the manner in which he made use of the facilities afforded in the Reid & Currie Ironworks to make or repair some of his tools.

Very Neatly Done.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 4.—George E. Gail, a jeweler, and official time inspector of the Illinois Centra Railway, was swindle out of $10,000 worth of diamonds by three Italian strangers. One formed the acquaintance of Mr. Gail eight days ago, and said he wished to buy $10,000 worth of diamonds to present to the Pope to secure from him permission to release his sister from a convent. Gail was thoroughly convicted of the sincerity of the Italian and secured the diamonds from New York.

The Italian brought a friend along with him to make the deal. They had a box to put the jewels in. The jewels and the $10,000 were placed in a box before Mr. Gail's eyes and he was asked to keep the box until they returned. An hour later, Mr. Gail took the box in which he had just seen the money and diamonds placed. It had been securely locked in his presence. Three hours later, Mr. Gail, becoming suspicious, broke open the box and found a two dollar bill and a silk handkerchief.

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Provincial Politics.

The rough draft of a platform for the proposed British Columbia Liberal party, by W. Marchant, published in our last issue, deserves more than passing notice. Personally we must confess to a sense of dissappointment at the absence of, to our mind, the most essential plank for the platform of a reform party, one calling for direct legislation through the initiative and referendum. If we could be assured that the new party would be composed of men, all highminded, honest, just, wise and unselfish; in every respect above the common order of politicians and legislators as we find them, we might reconcile ourselves to the omission. Especially necessary is the referendum to protect the interest of the people when we take into consideration the fact that parliments and legislators have their lobey representing trusts and combinations, buying special privileges for corporations, and otherwise influening and corrupting members. We have no doubt but that Mr. Marchant's ideal is a pure democracy, but a moments thought will convince the most skeptical that such a consumation is impossible under the representative system where the citizens snrrenders sovereignity for stated periods to elected representatives and officials. Under the referendum the veto power would be in possession of the citizen; the members of the executive or Government would be reduced to their proper sphere—public servants; the lobby-member would find his occupation gone; the corrupt legislator might get elected to the legislature, but his power for evil would be nil. Direct legislation would do more, it would abolish the law-making monopoly with its train of attendant evils, class legislation, ring rule, jobbery, the spoils system, in a word the trading professional politican would be a thing of the past. There is nothing new in the principal of direct legislation, it has been adopted and carried out for years by all the principal trade-unions, and the individual members of such would never think of relinquishing the privilege. The justice of the referendem is practically admitted by Premier Laurier in the proposed plebescite on the prohibition question, and the British Columbia legislature addopts it in the "act" governing municipalities in so far as no money borrowing by-law can be passed by the council and become law unless first introduced by and voted on by the rate-payers. If this law is necessary to conserve and protect the interests of the property owners in municipalities —which is conceded—how much more necessary is such a law in the wider field of provincial and national legislation? The answer is obvious. If the people of British Columbia had the privilege of the referendum in the years gone by, the Statute books would not now be disgraced by such legislation as the E. & N. Railway steal, the Nakusp & Slocan and kindred railway construction jobbery in which the people were bare-facedly robbed. Neither would we be hampered with the additional million dollar debt incurred in the construction of that monument of folley in Victoria known as the new parliament buildings. Our hopes of political reform rests more on the people than with the politicans, therefore we trust that the new party will adopt as a cardinal principle "direct Legislation."

COMMUNICATIONS.

This column is open to the public and we heartily invite the citizens to make use of it for discussing public questions.

We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

[illegible]—As you invite your space. The subject I have in [illegible] mind may be considered by some to be a delicate one, yet that is no reason why the truth should not be known.

I am reliably informed that the inmates of the notorious dens on Fraser street have lately been up before Police Magistrate Simpson, not for a violation of the "public morals by-law," but to make a declaration that they are true British subjects, and otherwise qualified to vote at the forthcoming municipal election. Has it come to this that these abandoned creatures can have a voice and vote in who should compose our city government? Is it not possible that in a close contest the votes of these women would decide who should be our next Mayor, the alderman for the ward in which they are located, and our school trustees. I think, Mr. Editor, that you will agree with me that the line should be drawn on who should have a vote and who should not. I should favor drawing the line at moral depravity.

OBSERVER.

[We do not endorse the sentiments expressed by our correspondent in the manner suggested; will treat the subject editorially in our next issue.]—Ed.

Mr. McRae Heard From.

His letter was delayed on the way as our readers will see by the date affixed.

EDITOR MAIL:—In the issue of the Free Press of the 30th ult., a most false, malicious and slanderous attack upon my motives and conduct in connection with the recent police investigation, was made by that journal.

Permit me, at the outset, to state that I most decidedly refuse to be dragged down into the polluted arena of personal vituperation and slander with the editor of the Free Press. I am confident that no good, but much evil, can come from such a contest, however defensible by me. The truth is the eternal fountain of all good. The truth is mighty and will prevail. It has survived hostile attacks in the past, it is destined to conquer in the future. Being persuaded of this, I desire nothing but the truth, the whole truth, in the present discussion. Before I proceed to the examination of the atrocious charge, let me first disclaim all responsibility of the existence of the expenses which constitute the subject matter now under consideration. From the very inception of the investigation, I met with violent opposition from the police magistrate. He showered the most shameful abuse upon me when I asked him if he would not attend the meeting of the Police Commissioners. He balked, burked, and shelved the proceedings whenever he could. I urged upon the commissioners my anxiety to give my evidence before leaving for the south, in order to avoid the necessity of again returning so far. The law provided for such emergencies was cited and acknowledged, but of no avail. I must not be permitted to give evidence. The commissioners voted that I must not give evidence—the Mayor dissenting. The commissioners who voted me to silence at that time are responsible, not I, for the expenses. It was only because I felt that I must appear as an honorable man to push the charges I had made that I went north. I knew what the enemy would say should I have failed to appear. So much for the responsibility of expenses.

In order that this question of expense may be properly understood it is necessary, in my humble opinion, to answer two questions.

First:—Am I entitled to any expenses at all?

Second:—If I am, to what extent?

In answer to the first question, let me frankly state that if I am not legally and morally entitled to expenses, then I consider it my duty, as an honest man, to return the money received. This I shall most gladly do, whenever it has been determined that my expenses should not have been paid. But I contend that my expenses should be paid, as they actually were, for two good reasons. In the first place, the commissioners assumed the whole responsibility of the investigation and with it the expense, when I refused to proceed with the investigation unless they did. Mayor Davison is absolutely correct when he says the commissioners assumed the expenses. This can easily be proved. In the second place, I said the expenses of other men were paid. Why not mine?

In answer to the second question to what extent should my expenses be paid, I reply by saying, to the full extent. I base this answer also upon two good reasons. 1st—The commissioners assumed all responsibility of expenses when they decided there was ground for an investigation and began proceedings. The question then ceased to be a private, and became a public one. The public should pay for the services rendered. 2nd—Mr. Taylor and Mr. Alexander were paid full expenses in open court. The court ruled that they must be paid in order to secure their evidence. I should like very much to know, if you, Mr. Editor, think they were overpaid when they received either [illegible] dollars for a short time [illegible] in the Y. M. C. A. Where would my bill terminate if I had been paid at the same rate? The Mayor, in his most commendable desire to see the truth brought to light, paid these men then and there. I put in a bill of expense, not a full bill, as I shall prove most conclusively in the proper time and place, and surely mine also should be paid. Why not?

Proceeding on the ground that my expense—my whole expense—connected with the trip north, should be paid, I shall now examine the false assumptions and the damaging conclusions which the Free Press feigns to draw from them.

1. It infers I had half-fare permits on all the roads over which I travelled. It based this conclusion on the fact that it knew I had half-fare permits in two instances. Surely it is not so obtuse as to conclude that, because I had half-fare permits in two cases, therefore, I must have had half-fare permits in every case. A school child can see the fallacy of such a conclusion. The Free Press betrays too great anxiety to convict me. This is not the first attempt to injure me, but it will prove just as abortive as all preceding ones. The fact is, I did not have half-fare permits over all the lines over which I travelled. To say I had, is to utter a falsehood. Mr. Norris cannot prove it. I challenge him to do so.

2. The Free Press assumed that I attempted to conceal the fact that I had half-fare permits, and thus tried to deceive the public. Standing on this false assumption, it produced twelve fictitious ministers to prove its fallacious position. One falsehood can never prove that another falsehood is true, although a dozen ministers should swear to it. It is false, infinitely false, that I ever, in any way, directly or indirectly, attempted to conceal the fact of having half-fare permits when I happened to have them. The reverse is true; I have always taken considerable pride in publicly and privately acknowledging the kindness and generosity of those companies who granted me such permits. I repeat with emphasis that the assumption is false. I challenge the Free Press to show by competent witnesses that it is not. This it cannot do.

3. In the discussion of the half-fare permits, it proceeds on the assumption that the difference between a full fare and a half fare in the point should go to the city of Nanaimo and not to me. If I understand the form of its argument, it is this: Mr. McRae received half-fare; he charged the city full fare; therefore he robbed the city of the difference. That this conclusion may be true, it must be first clearly proved that the city has an absolute right to the difference of the fares. Until this question is settled fairly and justly, there can be no just judgment passed upon the conduct of any man in the circumstances.

Let one now analyze the assumption that the city, and not I, has an absolute right to the money which constitutes the difference between the full and half fares granted to me by the various companies. Who has the prime right to grant half-fare permits to me, the city, or any other party? The railway companies, and they alone, of course. Any person or persons who hold such half-fare permits must have got them from the railway companies. If I have such half-fare permits, I must have received them from the railway companies. Now, in the case under consideration, could the city of Nanaimo get half-fare permits for any one from all the railway companies over whose roads I travelled to and from Nanaimo? If the city could do this, it was able to do what I could not do, and neglected its duty in not doing so, and has no right to impose that duty upon me without my consent. If the city could not get half-fare permits, I ask why? The only logical answer is because the companies would not grant such half-fares to the city. That ends the contention for the city. But, the editor of the Free Press being a philanthropist, comes to the rescue of the city and practically says: The railway companies refused to grant half-fare permits to the city, but I know that they have granted such permits to Mr. McRae, and I am going to attack and assail him with vituperation and slander, and compell him to surrender to the city the money presented him by the railway companies through half-fare permits, which money these companies have already by implication refused to grant the city, they have given you. It does not belong to you, it belongs to the city. I answer: The money does belong to me. The companies gave it to me. I have a right to do with it what I please. If the city had secured half-fare permits over all the roads which I travelled and given them to me, then the city most certainly would be entitled to the difference of fares. In that case the different companies would have granted the difference between a full fare and a half fare to the city and not to me. What right could I have to demand the city to give me the money granted to it by railway companies, and, failing to get it, charged the city with deceit and robbery. On the other hand, what right would the city have to charge me with deceit and robbery in case I had received half fare and refused to give it to the city. The city of Nanaimo may be larger than I am, but its rights are no more sacred and unassailable. But the Free Press would turn me into a servant for the city of Nanaimo. It would have me go to the trouble and expense of exercising my influence as a clergyman, of signing papers of responsibility, to secure half-fare permits, and then give the benefits of the permits to the city. Nay, it would compel me at the risk of my honor, to make the donation. I most emphatically refuse to act the part of a servant for your city, or any other city, contrary to my will, or be coerced to give away that which legitimately belongs to me. I most emphaticatically refuse to be used as a machine to take money out of the pockets of any railway companies and give it to other parties contrary to my will. The option is with me alone. On this principle I had a right a perfect right to do what I pleased with the benefits bestowed upon me by any railway company, I have always acted during my entire ministerial life, without ever imagining for one moment that I was robbing any one, Whenever I have been stationed as a minister, if the congregation were well able to pay full travelling expenses, I charged them the full fare and used the money constituting the difference between a full fare and a half fare as I use my life in service of my master. On the other hand whenever the people were not able in my opinion to pay the full fare, I often refunded not only the half, but the entire fare as a contribution to the church. Of what use in this wide world would a permit be to me if other parties, not I, were to reap the benefits.

The principle upon which I have always acted is fully sustained by the action of the Canadian House of Commons. During the last session of the Conservative Administration at Ottawa, a motion was submitted to the House, and overwhelmingly voted down upon a division, to make it illegal for members to accept permits and passes from railway companies and at the same time collect travelling expenses from the Canadian people. The vast majority of these members among whom I noticed the names of some of the members from B. C., voted against the motion, and defeated it. I think they did so without imperilling honor and integrity. If I have acted contrary to law in exercising my option with the benefits granted me by railway companies, I have done so unknowingly I am persuaded that I have not acted contrary to my moral judgment; but, Sir, while zealously guarding my right to do what I please with the benefits conferred on me by railway companies through their kind permits. The question still remains, what did I actually do with the benefits received through these permits on my trip to and from Nanaimo? I exercised my option by giving them to your city. It is not true that I charged the city more than my actual cash outlay directly connected with my last trip to and from the investigation. The Free Press says I did. It published to the world that I did. It is now its duty to prove its statement or retract and apologoze. The first it cannot do, the last I do not expect it will do. Let me here and now state that I can prove, I am prepared to prove, I shall prove, at the proper time and place, by the most infallible evidence, that my actual cash sacrifice during my last trip to Nanaimo in connection with the investigation, after having made due allowance for all half fares received after having travelled more economically than on previous occasions over the same road considerably exceeds the bill $173,20, so anxious am I to prove this, that I here and now state publicaly, that that I am prepared at a telegraphic notice, to leave for your city, taking with me all necessary vouchers in connection with my expenses. Can any honest fair minded citizen ask for more. Of course I am anxious to take another twelve days pleasure triy. You will observe that heretofore I never made mention of expenses and loss of time connected with the preceeding meetings of the commissoners.

In conclusion, I desire to make brief reference to the bill upon which the Free Press made such a shameful attack. The circumstances under which I wrote the bill rendered it absolutely impossible for me to write a full correct itemized account. I had yet to return home. I had no return tickets. I had not half-fare permits over all the roads. To secure half-fare from the companies over whose roads I did not have half-fare permits, it would be necessary to see the general passenger agents. I had failed on previous occasions in travelling over the same roads to see the general passenger agents and had to pay the full fare. This was likely to take place again. It did actually take place in no less than two instances on my return and I had to pay full fare. Again I did not know what my actual sacrifice of income would be during my absence. Any one can see that I could not write out a full itemized account under such circumstances. The only thing then to be done was to write out a bill, the lump sum of which would not exceed, but come below the actual expenses. This I did. The fact is that there are large items of actual cash sacrifice not mentioned in the bill at all. All this can be easily proved by reference to railway Companies, Church managers etc.

Did I choose to take my stand on my sacred right to do what I please with the difference between a full fare and a half fare as already demonstrated, I could proceed to increase the bill, and make it very much larger than it now is. I have a right, a perfect right, if I choose to increase the fare from Victoria to Nanaimo from $3,00 to $3,30. The statement in the Free Press about this $3,00 is simply rediculous. How could I purchase my ticket and not know what it cost? The fare was raised from $3,00 to $3,30 before I left Nanaimo, as I knew by experience I have a right, a perfect right, if I will to increase the fare from Nanaimo to Vancouver from 75c. to $1,50 etc. If the Free Press do not think so, it may consult Mr. Hunter general passenger agent of the E&N. who so kindly and generously without solicitation (the only such instance in my experience) sent me the permit. If he chooses, he will tell what he meant me to do with the difference between the full fare and the half fare. He will tell whether he intended me to put the difference "freezingly into my pocket or give it to the city of Nanaimo. But I do not need to take my stand on this unassailable right of doing what I please with my own. I can prove as already so often repeated by reference to railway tickets, to hotels where I lodged, to church managers, that my actual cash outlay considerably exceeds the bill. Again the Free Press states as follows—"This $90,50 is over and above his regular expense" I have no words to express my strong denial and utter abhorrence of this low vile charge. If the ecitor of the Free Press will look up the St. Matt, 23. 33 it will have a faint conception of what I think of a man who is capable of making such a charge without the most unimpeachable evidence. I ask the honest citizens of Nanaimo who are working hard for social moral and civil reform not to allow this question to divert their attention from the main issue. I am now contending not for money but for principle. All that I desire to prove is that the assumptions and conclusions of the editor of the Free Press are utterly and absolutely without the faintest shadow of foundation in fact. If the contention be that I am not legally entitled to my expenses let it be so stated. Then as far as I am concerned, I give the City Fathers the privilege to draw on me in sight at the Bank of B C in Vancouver for the sum of $173,20 and notify John A McRae of that city accordingly. As far as I am concerned my enemies may have the money but they cannot have my integrity and my honor. No effort is too great, no sacrifice so dear, that I will not make to maintain my character. I am prepared at a moments notice to appear in your city in my own defence and in your support and by the grace of God all the devils in hell cannot prove that I ever took one vile nickel out of the treasury of Nanaimo. As I have directed the attention of the editor of the Free Press to a passage of the inspired record so would I also now direct your attention to another and different passage as contained in 1st Cor 16-13.

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