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8 tins Good Jam	1.00	24
8 boxes Best Figs	1.00	20
17lbs Best Sago	1.00	12
1 box Yellow Soap	2.25	50
2 bars White Castile	1.00	12
7 packets Pearline	1.00	25
8 bars Sapolio	1.00	25
1 tin Coal Oil	1.50	30
7 tins Milk	1.00	21
4lbs Green Coffee, extra	1.00	08
6lbs Chicory, Best English	1.00	24
17lbs Pearl Barley	1.00	15
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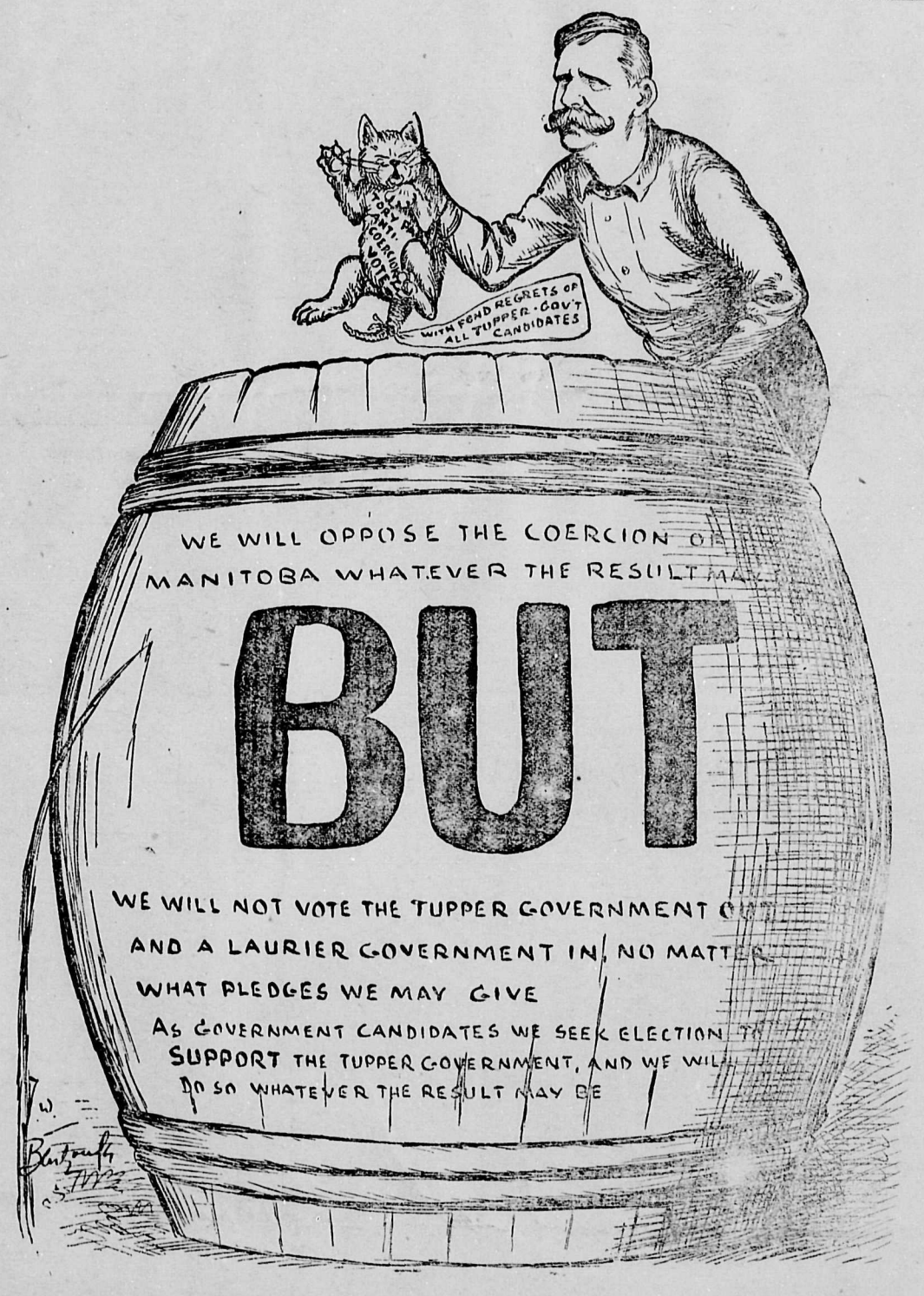

The Kitten is Going to be Drowned in the BUT.

Presentation to Rev. R. R. Maitland.

The schoolroom of the Wallace street Methodist was filled to overflowing on Monday evening last by the church members and others for the purpose of bidding good-bye to the Rev. Mr. Maitland and his estimable wife, who are leaving Nanaimo to assume a new field of labor at Mount Pleasant, Vancouver. Alderman A. Wilson being called to the chair, a good and varied programme of music, addresses and readings was successfully carried out and listened to with pleasure by the audience.

First on the programme was a duet rendered by Mrs. W. and Mrs. C. Westwood, solos by Miss L. Dobeson and Mrs. D. Renwick, reading by Mrs. R. Smith. Addresses were given by Revs. Manuel and Sutherland, Mr. Dempster and R. Smith, all of whom spoke highly of Mr. Maitland's ability as a speaker and lecturer.

Mr. R. Smith, on behalf of the managers and trustees of the church, presented an address, accompanied by a well-filled purse of the yellow metal on behalf of the congregation, taking the reverend gentleman completely by surprise.

Mr. Maitland eloquently and feelingly replied for the kind expressions contained in the address and thanked them for the handsome present—not for its intrinsic value, but more especially for the good wishes accompanying it—concluding by expressing the wish that the congregation would extend to their new pastor, Mr. Hall, a hearty reception, in whom they would find a good man.

The audience then betook themselves to the plentiful supply of cake, coffee and tea—Mrs. Dobeson and Mrs. Wellwood kindly supplying the cream—the ladies of the congregation vieing with each other in their attendance.

Ye reporter withdrew unwillingly from the delicious cake and coffee and joining with the others bade Mr. and Mrs. Maitland good-bye.

At the regular meeting of the Fire Department Tuesday evening the secretary was instructed to have the recently received exempt certificates filled out and delivered to those entitled t[illegible]

Has the National Policy [illegible]

Aldermanic Irregularities.

Editor Mail: A short time ago Ald. Planta moved that the license question be left to the Police Magistrate for advice. If he will study clause 209 of the Municipal Act, he will find that they acted more indiscreetly than Mayor Davison in his action re Constable Thompson. Clause 209 reads:

No police magistrate, and no partner or clerk of any police magistrate, shall act as solicitor, agent or counsel in any cause, matter, prosecution or proceeding of a criminal nature; nor shall such police magistrate, partner or clerk act as aforesaid in any case which by law may be investigated or tried before a magistrate or a justice of the peace.

Now, had the aldermen who voted in favor of Mr. Planta's motion been aware of the above clause, in all fairness to them I will say that it would never have carried.

One thing more: I would like to have explained to me how Mr. Westwood voted—in March, I think—on the sidewalk question in front of the Hirst estate, of which he is receiver at a salary of five dollars a day. If I am correctly informed, it is not yet too late to have Mr. Westwood come forward with the fine which the law provides for this breach of municipal laws. Bokoline.

Average School Attendance.

Following are the average attendances at the public schools for May:

CENTRAL SCHOOL.	
1st Division—J. Shaw, principal	43.05
2d Division—J. Galloway	38.26
3d Division—Miss Lawson	42.68
4th Division—Miss Mebius	46.63
5th Division—Miss Hartt	46.57
6th Division—Miss Haarer	50.21
7th Division—Miss Muir	68.05
8th Division—Miss Woodman	85.57
SOUTH WARD.	
1st Division—Miss Marshall	45.78
2d Division—Miss LeFeuvre	75.77
NORTH WARD.	
1st Division—Miss Dobeson	43.78
2d Division—Miss Edwards	53.00

Customs and Inland Revenue.

Following are the customs returns for the month of May:

Duty collected	$4,289.08
Miscellaneous	499 34
Total	$4,788.42
IMPORTS.	
Goods imported free	$ 4,011.00
Dutiable	10,367.00
Total	$14,378.00

Revenue collected in Nanaimo for the [illegible]

San Francisco Coal Report.

A circular for Australia says: "There are only three vessels now en route from Newcastle aggregating about 10,000 tons capacity, and three from Sydney of about 9000 tons. As these six vessels are all that can arrive here wtih colonial coal before August and possibly September, this means a market at that time almost entirely bare of these coals. This has naturally led to a marked advance of price—in fact, owners will not name a price for any Australian now afloat. Of course no coal famine need be apprehended as we have sources to draw from on our northern coast, which will always guard us against a coal famine. With a sparse supply of English and Australian en route and in stock the owners of our coast mines will assuredly feel justified in gradually advancing their figures and increasing their shipments. The cessation of Newcastle shipments has been caused by the continuation of the strike which commenced about one month ago and yet continues. Its further duration is a matter of guesswork, as the feeling existing between owners and operatives is very bitter. As there must now be fully 75 steamers and sailing vessels at anchor in Newcastle awaiting their loading turns, it can be readily imagined what a serious embargo is being placed on the commerce of the colonies."

Baseball.

Tacoma won from Seattle yesterday by a score of 18 to 9; and Porland won from Victoria—13 to 4.

The standing of the league is now as follows:

	won.	lost.	percentage
Portland	13	7	.650
Victoria	12	12	.500
Tacoma	12	14	.461
Seattle	10	14	.417

The English Derby.

The Prince of Wales' bay colt Persimmon, second favorite, won the Derby stakes yesterday by a neck. The favorite, Leopold de Rothschild's St. Frusquin, defeated J. H. Platt's Earwig for second place by two lengths. Time, 2:42.

Next Saturday evening Oliver Lodge, Daughters of St. George, will give a social entertainment in honor of the visit of the Daughters from Victoria, who will accompany District Deputy Sister Penketh. The latter comes to install the officers of Oliver Lodge, which has extended an invitation to Inkerman Lodge, Sons of St. George, to be present. An enjoyable time is expected, as the ladies are noted for their good spreads.

Mr. M. Bate left yesterday morning for Nelson, whither he was called by the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Heathcote.

Drive Out the impurities from your blood and build up your system by creating an appetite and toning the stomach with Hood's Sarsaparilla, if you would keep yourself well.

COWICHAN CONVERTED.

Large Meeting at Duncan's—Mr. McInnes Endorsed.

The opposition candidate, accompanied by Mr. G. F. Cane, returned from a canvass of Cowichan last Tuesday. While there they made a personal canvass of a large number of the settlers, and took occasion on Monday evening to publicly address the electors in the hall at Duncan's. The hall was packed when Mr. J. C. Harris was voted to the chair and the meeting opened. The chairman, in a few complimentary remarks introduced their "future member."

Mr. McInnes was well received, and throughout his remarks was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause which showed that he had the approval of the large gathering. He confined himself principally to the school question, corruption of the government, the decline of the Conservative party, and the unjust treatment given this district. His positions were defined on all these matters in clear, forcible language, which won for him many new supporters.

Mr. Cane addressed the meeting on the trade question and clearly explained to those present the Liberal policy, and warned them against the malicious, misleading distortions being flaunted before the farmers as the Liberal policy. In this he was very happy and evidently satisfied the farmers present of the advantages of the policy he advocated.

Mr. Duncan also spoke on behalf of the candidate.

After several questions were put to the candidate and promptly and satisfactorily answered, the meeting adjourned after unanimously passing the following resolution:—

Moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Herd, "That this meeting express its confidence in Mr. McInnes, and its approval of the principles he has advocated."

The meeting is agreed to be the best political campaign meeting ever held in Duncan's, and from its success and the pledges of support everywhere so freely given, it seems certain that North Cowichan will record a strong vote against coercion and corruption.

WHAT THE BUILDER SAYS.

Interview With President McMullen of the San Francisco Bridge Co.

The San Francisco Chronicle of Wednesday last has an interview with John McMullen, of the San Francisco Bridge Company, who built the Point Ellice bridge. "It does not surprise me," he said, "to learn that the bridge went into the Gorge under the weight of a heavily loaded car. The bridge was never built to carry cars. It is what is known in mechanical engineering as a combination structure, in which the compression members are of timber, and the tension members iron and steel. The floor was about twenty-five feet above the water at low tide, and the water, to the best of my recollection, is thirty or forty feet deep.

"Having seen thirteen years of service the bridge ought to have been long ago condemned, and something more substantial built in its place. When new it was scarcely strong enough to carry cars. Those English tram cars, as they call them, are very heavy affairs, almost twice as large and heavy as the Mission street cars, and are intended to carry comfortably about sixty people.

"My conscience is perfectly clear in the matter. Why, I had occasion to visit Victoria in 1891, and found they were running heavy cars over the bridge. I went to Surveyor-General Gore of the provincial government and said to him that it was a great abuse of the bridge to run cars over it, and that it was unsafe. His reply, according to my recollection, was that the engineer of the electric tramway had examined into the matter carefully and was satisfied that it was perfectly safe. I dropped the subject then and have given it very little thought since."

Mr. Gore was shown the interview, but said he had no recollection of Mr. McMullin having called on him in 1891.

A mass meeting of the M. & M. L. P. A. will be held in the Opera House Saturday next at 10 a. m. Important business will come up for consideration.

J. Graham, lately of this city, is down from Rossland as representative of Rossland Lodge, No. 21, to the Grand Lodge, [illegible]

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THURSDAY MORNING, - - - JUNE 4, 1896

Saturday Night's Meeting.

The political meeting held in the Opera House last Saturday night is admitted to have been, barring the reception accorded Mr. Laurier and his colleagues, the best ever held in Nanaimo. The house was crowded; the boxes filled, and a large number of ladies were seated in the first gallery. The body of the house was occupied by what may be termed Nanaimo's solid citizens. Mr. Haslam and Mr. Haggart, the Government candidates, were both invited to the meeting. Mr. Haslam responded and was invited to a seat on the platform. Dr. McKechnie occupied the chair, and with a few preliminary remarks introduced the Liberal candidate, Mr. McInnes, to the audience.

This was the first occasion on which Mr. McInnes had ever spoken to a Nanaimo audience on the issues of the day, and it may fairly be stated that the eloquent flow of language and the ringing voice of the young Liberal champion as he laid the whole history of the Manitoba school question before them was a complete surprise to those who hitherto had had no opportunity of hearing him. Round after round of applause broke forth as the speaker scored telling points against the blundering and bull-headed manner in which the present Government had handled the question. Conclusively and clearly he showed that the judgment of the highest court in the empire, the Privy Council of Great Britain, had decided that the Roman Catholic minority of Manitoba had no rights in regard to separate schools embodied in the Constitution; that the Manitoba School Act of 1890 abolishing separate schools was constitutional, and that the state schools established by that act were not Protestant schools, quoting the judgments of Lords Herschel and Watson to that effect. Mr. McInnes was repeatedly applauded as he turned the X rays of his analysis on the "able representation of this district" by Mr. Haslam. Mr. McInnes held the keen attention of his audience for nearly two hours, and sat down amid great applause.

The chairman then invited Mr. Haslam to reply, assuring him of being allowed all the time he wished. Mr. Haslam was said to have spoken better on this occasion than he was ever known to have spoken before, but—well, comparisons are odious. Mr. Haslam was given a courteous but strictly cold-storage reception. As he attempted to defend his position on the school question and his declaration on the floor of the House that he represented the sentiment of his district he was met with profound silence. Toward the close, however, he made a Biblical quotation, whereat three dear old ladies and a Sunday-school teacher in the gallery broke into vigorous applause. Unfortunately, Mr. Haslam referred to the Golden Rule, "Do unto others what ye would they should do unto you." Mr. Haslam admitted that, as a citizen of British Columbia, he would not like to see separate schools forced on this province by the Dominion Government at the instigation of the Quebec hierarchy; but he is quite prepared to stand by Sir Charles Tupper, "the Bishop's man," in his attempt to coerce Manitoba. Mr. Haslam must have found some new way of applying the Golden Rule. Mr. Haslam did not attempt to answer Mr. McInnes' arraignment of the Haggart ditch scandal, but switched off on a discussion of the quality of the masonry in the Soo canal. Mr. Haslam having finished what he had to say by accusing Mr. McInnes of setting up his opinion against that of the Privy Council, hurriedly left the platform and was not seen during the rest of the evening.

The chairman again called upon Mr. Haggart to come forward and speak if present, but there was no response.

The chairman then called upon Mr. Cane. Mr. Cane is well and favorably known in our city, but, like Mr. McInnes, has hitherto been unknown as a public speaker. He has a fine presence, a sonorous voice and a manner that at once puts him in touch with his audience. Mr. Cane very neatly "showed up" Mr. Haslam's assertion that Mr. McInnes had set himself above the Privy Council on the school question. It was Mr. Haslam and his party, the speaker said, who had done this. The Privy Council had declared the Roman Catholics had no constitutional rights to separate schools: Mr. Haslam said they had. The Privy Council had declared the state schools of Manitoba were not Protestant schools: Mr. Haslam said they were. Mr. Cane detailed some of the scandalous dealings and thievish acts of the present Government, and read the resolution of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Montreal calling on the electors to purge the country of the corrupt politicians who now held the reins of power. Mr. Cane concluded with a witty story showing the difference between adroit statesmanship as exhibited by Mr. Laurier and the awkward, bullying methods adopted by Sir Charles Tupper in regard to the school question.

The next speaker, Mr. Ralph Smith, announced that, as it was approaching midnight and many of the audience would have to retire, he would reserve what he had to say for a future occasion, contenting himself by stating that Mr. McInnes was in the field as the nominee of a representative Liberal convention, as he himself had been on a former occasion.

The meeting broke up about midnight with cheers for Laurier and the Liberal candidate. Its influence is already strongly felt throughout the town, and the vast majority of our citizens feel that in Mr. McInnes they will have a member capable and determined to enforce attention to the needs of the city and district and worthily represent them in the Canadian House of Commons.

The Catholic Manifesto.

The collective mandement regarding the Manitoba school question is signed only by the bishops of the ecclesiastical provinces of Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa, but it assumes authority over the entire Catholic vote of the Dominion, which it virtually commands to be cast in favor of Conservatives and coercion, the sum and substance of the document being contained in the following words:

Therefore all Catholics should only vote for candidates who will formally and solemnly engage themselves to vote in Parliament in favor of the legislation giving to the Catholics of Manitoba the school laws which were recognized to them by the Privy Council of England. This grave duty imposes itself on all good Catholics, and you would not be justifiable neither before your spiritual guides nor before God himself to set aside this obligation.

The mandement is accompanied by a circular commanding the clergy to read it from the pulpit without comment on Sunday, May 17, and also on the Sunday before election.

Among liberal-minded men generally there will be a feeling of regret that the bishops of Quebec have seen fit to invade the political field with their spiritual weapons. The influence of the mandement cannot be confined to Quebec, and will have the effect in other provinces of renewing irritations and antipathies that those who entertained them were becoming ashamed to avow. The issue thus raised is plain enough. If the Quebec hierarchy can come back from participating in a general election with a majority in Parliament pledged to do its will and gained by a coercive marshaling of the hosts of the church at the polls, it would have to be recognized that the supremacy of the civil power of Canada is a mere phrase, having no correspondence with actual facts. We have hope, however, that a proportion of their people will resent the dictation thus attempted and will decide from the citizens' standpoint what their course as citizens should be. The question has now developed into one, not whether Parliament should or should not pass the remedial bill, but whether the Dominion shall be governed by ecclesiastical proclamations.

Sir Charles Tupper and his colleagues had it in their power to save the country from the danger and humiliation of the launching of this document. A word from them would have been sufficient to avert it. They have chosen, on the other hand, to invoke it, and must abide the results. For Liberals of whatever sect or Province there are not two choices. The introduction of spiritual rewards or punishments as an element in the strife at the ballot boxes must be resented without reference to what the effects on the fortunes of political parties may be. It is an anachronism that must be relegated to the ages to which it belongs, and no question can be more important to the people of Canada than that involved in the issue the Bishops of Quebec have raised.

A living lie is the Arena magazine. It preaches reform and hires rat printers. It is a hypocrite whose acquaintance will do you no good. Keep it out of your home.—Seattle Labor Gazette.

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Effect of the Mandement on the Catholic Church.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Misrepresents the Liberal Party in England. J. A. Macdonnell Gets His Reward.

Ottawa, June 1.—Rev. F. Taylor, superintendent of French missions in the province of Quebec, preached in Grace church last evening. He said the Roman Catholic faith was losing many adherents in the Province of Quebec. This, he said, was principally due at the present time to the action of the hierarchy in its inordinate desire to extend its power in political matters in the interests of the present government. Within the past four weeks he said that no less than four French priests had asked for admission into the English church.

J. A. Macdonnell, who came to Sir Charles Tupper's defence when charged with having said that he had "no confidence in the breed," has been appointed by the premier to defend the claim of George Goodwin for $73,000 in the Soulanges case in the exchequer court. This was the claim the Liberals prevented being paid last session.

Tory heelers are giving currency to rumors of what they say is a big scandal which will shortly be exposed and in which leading Liberals are said to be implicated. This is so purely an election dodge that it needs no explanation.

In their desperation at the desertion of leading manufacturers and prominent men all over the country from the Conservative ranks, the managers of the party cling eagerly to the smallest hope. It is now said that "James Yeo, a former Prince Edward Island member, has seceded from the Liberals, and will run as an Independent.' The truth is that James Yeo, the former member for Prince Edward Island, is now running as a Liberal candidate in East Prince's, P. E. I. The other James Yeo, whom the Tories parade, is a Conservative, and always has been, who has come out to split the Tory vote with the "straight" Tory candidate in West Prince's.

Winnipeg, June 1.—J. Macdonnell, Liberal, has decided to remain in the field at Selkirk. Mr. McCarthy passed through for Toronto last night.

Moosomin, June 1.—Mr. McDonald will fight to a finish in Eastern Assiniboia. A public meeting will be held here next Tuesday, when the speakers will be Mr. McDonald, Senator Perley, Mr. J. Hawkes and ex-Ald Moore, of Toronto.

Killarney, June 1.—The Patrons of Industry held a meeting here to-day and decided to advise James Morrow, Patron candidate for Lisgar, to withdraw from the field.

London, Eng., June 1.—The St. James' Gazette this afternoon publishes a long interview with Sir Mackenzie Bowell on the Pacific cable conference and Canadian politics. He is quoted as saying that he had no doubt the Conservatives will be successful in the elections, unless the school question takes a stronger hold on the people than the premier thinks it will. Sir Mackenzie Bowell is also quoted as saying that the Liberals were willing to accept reciprocity with the United States, coupled with discrimination against England, but the Conservatives refused to accept that proposition.

Collingwood, May 29.—The Grand Orange lodge has compromised the differences between Clarke Wallace and his followers, and the straight ministerialists or supporters of Birmingham, by re-electing both the Grand Master die pier of Eade's bridge and broken in and the secretary.

The anti-remedialists, however, claim to have the best of it, inasmuch as Mr. Wallace was re-elected by acclamation, none of his opponents caring to contest the office with him, while Mr. Birmingham had to fight for his life, and only succeeded in securing a majority of twenty-one in a total of 250 delgates.

Toronto, May 29.—The result of Clark Wallace's opposition to the government, as shown in the meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge at Collingwood, will, in the opinion of the government supporters in West York undoubtedly result in the placing of a candidate in the field to oppose him. It was decided to let Mr. Wallace's conduct in the Grand Lodge be a test of the belligerent stand he took towards Birmingham and the interests he represented. The question is now settled and the nomination of Dr Orr or some other straight ministerialist is now certain. In fact the agitation to put forward a straight Tupper candidate in opposition to Mr. Wallace has been going on for some weeks. The Liberals have decided to place one candidate in the field in West Toronto, where there are two seats. The McCarthyites have called a convention for Monday and will likely run one man. Mr. McCarthy is expected here next week. Should the McCarthyites run two men, however, the Liberals will likely run none. If the McCarthyites run none the Liberals will likely run two, so as not to split the votes.

It is understood the Liberals of South Lanark will support the McCarthyite candidate, Ferguson, of Kingston.

Ottawa, May 30.—D. McElroy, of Richmond, McCarthyite, has been nominated in North Lanark against Mr. Rosamond. Mr. Millar is the joint Liberal and Patron candidate, and is likely to be elected.

Certain Dominion lots at Revelstoke have been set apart for cemetery purposes.

Mr. McEachern, chief inspector of cattle quarantines, left for British Columbia and the Territories to-night to visit the quarantines.

The Canada Gazette to-morrow will contain the announcement of F. E. Meyer, of Vernon, having being appointed a sub-collector of customs.

Professor Wiggins has again emerged from his retreat, this time to propound his theory of the St. Louis disaster. He claims that the storm was attracted to that point by the net work of telegraph and electric light wires.

Winnipeg, May 30.—Archbishop Langevin and Sir Charles Tupper both forward telegraphic denials of the story published by the Winnipeg Tribune, as to a telegram from Ottawa, stating that Sir Charles had asked the blessing of Archbishop Langevin before leaving Ottawa. Both say they have not seen one another since Sir Charles was sworn in as premier.

Sir Charles Wilson and Lady Wilson are travelling over the Grand Trunk system in a magnificent new private car. To a reporter Sir Charles said the Grand Trunk would be absolutely neutral in the impending elections.

The latest name mentioned in connection with the political contest in West Toronto is Lyman M. Jones, ex-treasurer of Manitoba, and at present manager of the Massey-Harris works.

The flour mill of James Macpherson & Co., at Kingsville, one of the most complete mills of Western Ontario, was destroyed by fire last night; loss $22,000; insurance $6000.

Owen Sound, May 30.—Hon. G. W. Ross and J. S. Willison, editor of the Globe, spoke here yesterday for the Liberal candidate.

Montreal, May 30.—The Rumor that Mr. Laurier will not run for Saskatchewan is entirely unfounded. He has definitely accepted the nomination and will be the Liberal candidate there as well as in Quebec East.

Montreal, June 1.—Bishop Gravel, of Nicolet, now on his pastoral tour, spoke from the pulpit on Sunday at Doucet's Landing on the school question. He said he did not wish to interfere in any way with the present contest, and he did not come to tell the electors to vote in favor of one party rather than the other; they were free in that connection. The only request he had to make was that the electors would exact from every candidate a promise to work for the re-establishment of separate schools. He made no allusion to the remedial bill.

The Panic in Moscow.

Moscow, May 30.—A terrible panic resulting from the great crush of people at the popular fetes here to-day, in honor of the coronation of the Czar, caused the tramping to death of many people.

In anticipation of the grand holiday and popular banquet on Hodynsky plain, tens of thousands of people began trooping towards Petrovsky palace, in front of which the plain is situated, during the earlier hours this morning. In fact so much interest was taken in the open air banquet that thousands reached the grounds yesterday evening and camped there or in the immediate vicinity all night in order to be certain of obtaining a good position to-day. On Hodynsky, or Khodiknskoje plain were long lines of rough tables, flanked by rougher benches. They were at first arranged to accommodate 40,0000 persons, but in view of the immense crowd assembled in and about the city for the coronation fetes, extra tables and benches were hastily erected and every effort made to provide seating room for 500,000 souls. Twice that number were desirous of taking part in the feast, but the authorities decided there must be a limit to the number to be entertained, so he figure was fixed at 500,000. To feed this multitude a small army of cooks and waiters were gathered together. The military bake houses were taxed to their utmost capacity, and 500,000 mugs each bearing portraits of the Czar and Czarina, were ordered and manufactured for presentation to the people taking part in the banquet. The police did everything possible to keep back the crowd, but suddenly the masses, impelled by some inexplicable influence, and impatient to get the food, pressed forward and swept everything before them, overturned the tables and benches as if they were made of grass, trampling hundreds under foot, and crushing the life out of a great number of people, the old and weak naturally suffering the most. One poor woman gave birth to a child during the excitement, and was trampled to death. The fate of the infant is not known, but it is believed that it shared the same fate as its mother.

The police and military authorities eventually succeeded in restoring order, carted away the dead and injured and preparations were made to proceed with the banquet as if nothing unusual had happened. The Czar and Czarina were informed of the disaster, were much distressed, sent additional physicians to the scene to care for the injured, issued instructions that a full report of the tragedy be made, and gave orders that the distressed families be relieved.

As this is the first serious accident since the festivities commenced, it attracted much attention and cast quite a gloom over the city. The French ambassador, Comte de Montebello, was scheduled to give a ball at the French embassy this evening, but it is reported that this feature of the celebration may be abandoned although a very large sum of money has been spent upon preparations, France being greatly desirous of testifying her friendship for Russia by making upon this occasion a display which should pass into history.

A Murderer Pursued.

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 1.—It is believed that the Rev. Francis Hermann has been located. G. M. Nolan, an employe of the California Wire Co., declares that he met Hermann in his recent travels and was on a train with him for two days. From the description given he is certain that he made no mistake in the man. For the purpose of recovering the reward Nolan left the city last night accompanied by two officials to make the arrest. He will not say positively to what point he is going, but it is believed to be at some place in the wilds of Idaho. He says that Hermann can be found at a point seventy miles from railroad or telegraph communication.

Presbyterians Condemn Bicycles.

Birmingham, Ala., June 1.—The general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church finally concluded its labors on Saturday, and adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday in May, 1897, in Chicago. At to-day's session the report of the Pan-Presbyterian alliance of the reformed church, recommending general conference co-operation and the appointment of Dr. Peters, of Marshall, Mo., as a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian alliance, was adopted.

The committee on Sabbath observance gave bicycles a black eye by declaring that "the bicycle is becoming a foe to observance. We deprecate the misuse of a good thing." This part of the report caused considerable debate, but it was adopted.

HISTORY OF THE CYCLONE.

Fearful Loss of Life and Property in St. Louis and Elsewhere.

St. Louis, May 28.—At 7:15 a.m. the loss of life in St. Louis and East St. Louis was conservatively estimated at between 400 and 500, but the death list is constantly growing, as additional details of the horror come to hand. Over 200 persons are known to have perished in this city, at least that number lost their lives across the river, and the number injured will reach into the thousands. The south side of St. Louis near the river suffered most. In East St. Louis, following the line of the river, buildings were razed by thousands, trains wrecked, boats sunk, telegraph wire crippled in every direction, in fact everything in the cyclone's path was laid waste. The course of the storm was from the southwest to the northeast. There is no means at this hour of estimating the loss of life on the river, but a number of excursion steamers were sunk, and it is probable that hundreds of passengers went down with them. It is impossible to get reports from the police stations, where many of the dead and injured have been taken, consequently any statements in this regard up to the present time are the merest conjectures. There is no doubt, however, that the loss of life is greater than anything the country has known since the disaster at Johnstown.

One thing which aided the storm in its course of destruction was the valley which separates North and South St. Louis, along which the railroads entering the city from the east and west have tracks and yards. This depression is forty or fifty feet deep, a regular valley in fact, and had the tornado confined itself to this channel the loss of life would not have been so great. But at this point there is a slope, thus affording a means of egress for the great destroyer. It is evident that the tornado pursued the track for many miles, as the reports from the various railroad stations show that no news has been received from any point west of here as far as Moberly. Scattered information shows that between Moberly and here various small towns were wiped out and many persons killed.

At first it was thought that scores had been killed at the fair ground in the western part of the city where the station was blown off while the last race was being run, but it is now known that the people saw the storm coming and took refuge in the adjacent fields. The city bears the appearance of having been shelled by an enemy. In some places the structures have been entirely destroyed, while in others high, jagged walls stand, a constant menace to passers-by. There must be a great number of people imprisoned in the destroyed buildings who cannot be released for hours, although thousands of citizens have offered their aid to the police department to help in the work of rescue. Every hospital in the city is filled with victims, but there is a lack of nurses, physicians and medicines. The bodies are being brought in every minute.

One thing which hindered the work of taking out the dead and rescuing the injured was the prevailing darkness. This even prevented communication between the various parts of the city. To add to the dismal situation, the rain which fell shortly after the tornado passed began again about 7:30 o'clock and came down in torrents for hours.

As to the loss of life on the river, it is reported that the magnificent steamer Grand Republic was sunk with all on board. The steamer D. H Pink, with thirty passengers on board, bound up the river for Peoria, was blown bottom up. The steamer Dauphin, containing twenty women passengers and a crew of six men, was blown against the midtwo. In some manner the women and two of the crew managed to cling to the stonework of the bridge and were afterwards rescued. The steamer Libbie Gonger, of the "Diamond Joe" line, with Capt. Seaman, his wife and a crew of six, was sunk in the middle of the river. Apart from the number of lives lost here and on the east side of the river, the number drowned in the Mississippi will aggregate hundreds. Excursion boats lying at the levee, as well as those running up and down the river, were sunk almost immediately, those on board having absolutely no opportunity to escape.

The storm was circular, the day having been very hot with clouds in the west, and no wind. About 4 o'clock the massing clouds one upon another on the western horizon, gave some warning of what was coming. No one has been found who apprehended at that time anything worse than a hard thunder storm. Suddenly out of the cloud bank came a whirling funnel which dipped to the earth. The storm was then east of Clayton, a short distance from St. Louis, and five minutes later had traversed the distance from the western limits of the city to the heart, and there it raged. The high buildings served to confine it, and until they were destroyed there was no chance of escape. The river was literally raised from its bed with the hundreds of boats plying up and down it, or moored at the wharves. Where the crossing is made to East St. Louis the river is about a mile in width. But a leap was taken with all the fury which the cyclone struck the city proper. Once over, immense destruction of the railroad property began. Cars went one way and depots another, while valuable cars of freight were scattered beyond the possibility of recovery of them.

South St. Louis is littered with the bodies of the dead. East St. Louis is a gigantic cemetery under debris. It is a most disastrous storm from every point of view. The elements did little damage in the business and northern portion of the city, save along the river front, where the loss cannot be estimated. Just how many gave up their lives in the waters of the Mississippi when the tornado came down and tore the boats in the harbor from their moorings, will never be known. The channel is full of wreckage. In South St. Louis the storm spent its force. All the way from Papin street to Carondelett there is an impression that will not be effaced for years. Strong buildings fell before the wind like houses made of cards. Out in the southwestern suburbs, factory after factory went down and piles of bricks and timbers mark the spot on which stood business houses, flattened so that there was no chance of escape for the occupants. Thousands of families in South St. Louis are practically houseless, and temporary hospitals hold hundreds.

St. Louis, Mo., May 29.—Specials to the Republic from various storm swept towns of Illinois and Missouri furnish the following totals of dead and injured: Dead—At New Baden, Ill., 10; Breckridge, Ill., 29; Audrien County, Mo., 5; Jefferson City, Ill., 6.

Local papers tell of the sympathy offered by the whole county of St. Louis in its present sate of woe. Offers have come to Mayor Walbridge from commercial organizations all over the United States, from the mayors of cities, large and small, to extend financial aid as the situation demands. Chicago was the first to extend offers of assistance, the citizens being represented by the Union League club, the Commercial club and Mayor Swift. It is not likely that Mayor Walbridge will accept these kindly offers, for while the loss is stupendous, local citizens are going down in their pockets and have already established a large sized fund for sufferers.

Ambler, Pa., May 29.—The tornado which swept through the lower end of Montgomery county yesterday, carried death and destruction with it. Three lives were lost and many persons more or less injured. Thousands of dollars worth of damage was done to property. At Jarrettown great damage was done. Four men took refuge in a stone barn. The wind struck the building with cyclonic force, burying Alfred Moffitt. At Langhorn Geo. W. Wentor was killed in a barn in which he had taken shelter.

Washington, D. C., May 29.—Washington experienced a cyclonic storm yesterday. For twenty minutes the wind swept the city and the rain beat down with a violence suggestive of the St. Louis horror, the wind blowing seventy miles an hour and blowing from the southwest. About 3:30 o'clock it swept the roofs from a number of buildings, including the Lutheran Memorial church, uprooting scores of trees all over the city, and doing other injury. Much damage was done to the splendid foliage in the Executive Mansion grounds, two of the finest and largest of the old trees being torn up by the roots, making four lost in the week from storms. At the Capitol the storm caused a temporary suspension from business. Mr. Dingley, of Maine, who occupied the chair, was for several minutes almost the sole occupant of the house.

St. Louis, May 30.—The situation in St. Louis this morning, viewed from the Republic's standpoint, is as follows: St. Louis identified dead, 136; unknown dead, 18; missing, 32; fatally injured, 19; seriously injured, in the hospitals, 401; estimated injured outside of the hospitals, 1000; property loss, estimated $20,000,000. East St. Louis, identified dead, 110; unknown dead, 6; dying, 6; missing, 10; seriously injured, in the hospitals, 200; estimated injured, outside of the hospitals, 2000; property loss, $5,000,000; total dead and dying, 295.

It is expected that workmen, linemen, electricians, ground men, and even laborers will have to be imported from the neighboring cities in large numbers to re-construct the broken telegraph, telephone and electric light lines. Carloads of telegraph poles, wiring and lamps and various electrical apparatus are arriving, and with the stocks constantly carried by the various companies, will furnish material for thousands of workmen. The Bell company's wires along the course of the storm are a total loss. The company carries a heavy supply, however, and were enabled to start 500 men to work yesterday morning. Conservative estimates of the Bell Telephone Company's loss place it at $75,000. The Postal Telegraph Company may get off with a loss of $400, their loss being of such a nature as to be easily repaired. The Western Union has 300 men in East St. Louis untangling the wreckage preparatory to repairing the losses, the extent of which the officials cannot estimate. Another gang of workmen are on the line of the Missouri Pacific, where the loss is great. The company had some temporary circuits working last night, but it will be fully a month before the damage is permanently repaired.

Two companies of the Illinois state militia from Greenville and Belleville, in all about 100 men, patrolled the levee district of East St. Louis last night, and dead lines were established, which no one was allowed to pass without a permit. The effect of these stringent measures was soon seen to-day in the greatly decreased numbers of people in the devastated districts. Over sixty suspects have already been arrested and sent out of town or locked up. Several pickpockets and confidence men have also been arrested.

The railroad yards are gradually being cleared of debris, rendering the moving of trains once more possible, though it will be weeks before anything like order will be restored. At least 400 freight cars were over turned and either wholly or partially demolished.

Desolation still reigns supreme in the tornado-stricken districts of East St. Louis and this city. To-day opened clear and calm, with everywhere gangs of men delving in the rubbish for buried victims, clearing the streets of dismantled poles, wires and general debris, repairing damage done to the thousands of buildings, and relieving the injured and homeless. As time goes on it becomes more and more evident that the tornado was the worst that ever visited this or any other city of the United States. The horrors multiply every hour and the list of dead is appalling. More than 130 bodies have been recovered in St. Louis, and over 400 persons are known to have been injured. The mangled bodies found in innumerable places along the path of the storm are being taken to improvised morgues in different portions of the destroyed districts. It will be weeks before a complete list of those dead can be made, but the list is coming to the 200 mark.

Only mere guess work can be made as to the property loss on both sides of the river, but the mercantile agencies say it may reach $50,000,000 in this city alone, while in East St. Louis there will be several millions of dollars.

In East St. Louis the disaster is complete, the west section of that railway town being one vast charnel house. The only dwelling left standing is on what is called "The Island." Six hundred families are homeless. The First Missouri Regiment has gone on duty for patrol service and the police commissioners will add 150 men to the force. Manfully have the business men of St. Louis taken up the work of relief, for although there are thousands who can pull themselves out of the trouble, there are also thousands who have lost all and must be helped. A partial resumption of the street car service has been effected, and a partial restoration of the electric light system is promised in forty-eight hours, but it will be a couple of weeks before all the circuits are in order.

THE CREE INDIANS OBJECT

To Being Deported Unless Pardoned for the Riel Rebellion.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 29.—A special from Great Falls, Mont., to the Journal says two troops of cavalry have been ordered from Fort Custer to round up the Cree Indians so that they may be deported to Canada in accordance with recent federal legislation. The Crees say they will not go unless Canada proclaims an amnesty for their participation in the Riel rebellion. They fear death sentences if they return to Canada, and prefer the alternative of fleeing to the mountains and becoming "bad Indians."

Toronto, May 30.—Minister Montague was in town yesterday and numerous party leaders called on him. Among the rumors circulated in connection with him is one to the effect that an exchange will be effected immediately between Mr. Montague and Mr. Kirkpatrick, the latter entering the cabinet and being succeeded as Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Montague.

Brian O'Lynn had no boots to wear,
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For he sells the cheapest," says Brian O'Lynn.

He stepped a little west of Albert street;
He saw Whitfield's sign—sure 'twas a treat;
He opened the door and George stood within—
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He bought him his boots, which of course were
He paid down his money, for we sell only for
To the public he says: "Be not taken in, [cash.
Buy only from Whitfield," says Brian O'Lynn

"If there's a leak in the toe or side of your shoe,
Just take it to Whitfield, that's all you need do;
He will peg it or patch just while you are in,
And the charge seems like nothing," says Brian O'Lynn.

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*Donald	Monday	22nd June

*Special Assize.

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BRIDGE CONTRACT LET.

The Dallas Square Sidewalk Provokes Opposition.

Police to Be Uniformed in Metropolitan Style—Bicycles as an Attraction of Y. M. C. A. Claim Settled.

At the regular meeting of the Council Monday evening all members were present except Ald. Bradley, Martell and Wilson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was read from W. J. Dowler, City Clerk of Victoria, gratefully acknowledging, on behalf of the Mayor and Council of that city, the expressions of sympathy from the Mayor and Council of Nanaimo for those bereft by the bridge disaster. Received and filed.

A communication from Thompson & Scoville complained of the unsafe condition of the water tank in front of their premises and asked that an official examination be made of the same. Ald. McDonald moved that it be referred to the Street committee for report. At the suggestion of the Mayor, the motion was made to include all tanks in the city, and carried as amended.

Y. M. C. A. AND BICYCLES.

The following communication was read from Mr. Ralph Smith, president of the managing board of the Y. M. C. A.:

GENTLEMEN—In answer to yours of the 20th inst., I beg to say that the matter referred to in your note (re the Y. M. C. A. secretary and the hiring of bicycles) has been considered by us (the officers of the above institution), and after due thought, we beg leave to make the following explanation: It is not on account of monetary considerations that Mr. Freure keeps bicycles at the rooms, because he has had an offer of a place on Front street—premises equally convenient and far more centrally located—but on account of the benefits accruing to the institution. It need only be pointed out to you that, by having the machines at the rooms, he is enabled to give his whole time to the association, and by it the young men are attracted to the place. I would remind you or inform you that last year the secretary was not able to get more than half of his stipulated salary of $900, and this year he has received only $125. Every effort put forward for the collection of finances has been put into the reading-room, library and general expenses, which are all paid up, our ambition being to equip the rooms to meet the necessities of the city and to make it compare favorably with the literary provision in other cities which furnish free reading rooms at a cost of from $2000 to $5000 out of their city funds. Now, if the managing committee of our association can make this provision for this city at a cost of $240 per year, should it not be allowed free use of the rooms to make up the balance and at the same time to conduct such business as advances the best interests of the association and of the city. In the history and experience of association work the great difficulty has been to keep the young men in touch with the rooms during the summer months. Now any thinking man can readily see that the interest taken by young men in bicycling ought to be associated with the best possible influences, and we claim that the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. can furnish these influences to the mental and moral benefit of the young men. After this explanation, if the Council still think it unfair or inconsistent for the bicycles to remain at the rooms, then the board will see to it that they remove to other quarters.

Ald. Morton said that, with all due respect to the association, he did not think it fair that the rooms, which they received rent free, should be used for business purposes. The renting and selling of bicycles had nothing to do with the objects of the Y. M. C. A., and the business should be removed to other premises.

Ald. Planta did not see why the privilege should be denied, inasmuch as it was shown the secretary would have to neglect his duties by removing the bicycles, and that they were an attraction to young men.

Ald. Morton protested that the secretary was not the only one carrying on the business, but outsiders were connected with him.

Ald. McDonald said that, as the business gave the secretary an opportunity to make up his salary, he would move that Mr. Freure be allowed to continue the business.

Ald. Westwood seconded the motion, as he thought it was the duty of the city to support that institution by all means in its power, but he did not think that others should receive the free benefit of the rooms.

The motion then carried, Ald. Morton voting no.

POLICE UNIFORMS.

Ald. Sinclair, chairman of the committee to whom was referred the matter of purchasing uniforms for the police, reported they had awarded the contract to McLeod at $30 per suit; and also recommended that helmet hats be provided for the force. The report was received and the recommendation adopted, the style of helmet to be chosen by the same committee.

A. J. SMITH'S CLAIM.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of A. J. Smith reported that the advertising board which caused the damage was erected on city property, and that the damages, for which the city was liable, amounted to $52.50. The report was received, and on motion of Ald. Planta, it was ordered that Mr. Smith be awarded damages in the amount stated.

THE DALLAS SQUARE SIDEWALK.

The road foreman's report was read detailing work done since last report, including the laying of a new sidewalk opposite the postoffice.

Ald. Planta asked by whose authority the sidewalk opposite the postoffice was laid and what explanation there was to go with it.

Ald. Foreman, as chairman of the Street committee, replied that it had not been the intention to lay a new sidewalk—merely to move the old one back to the present line; but upon taking up the old planks, they were found to be so rotten they could do nothing with them, and a new sidewalk became necessary.

Ald. Planta said a motion for a new sidewalk at this place had been voted down three weeks ago, and he objected to this proceeding, not so much because the work was not necessary, as that other work had been put aside, and it should have taken its proper turn. The excuse offered should not be taken at all. He thought the chairman of the Street committee had overstepped his bounds; it was not necessary to remove the sidewalk, and the explanation, he added, "won't go at all." The rock surface of the ground was perhaps better than the sidewalk. Ten men had been elected to look after the affairs of the city; the street foreman had no right to assume the authority he had, and his manner of doing business should be stopped. It was high-handed business. It appeared to be a one-man government, and no member had a right to act independently of the Council.

Ald. McDonald thought Ald. Foreman had gone too far, but now the work was done it could not very well be undone, and he would move that the report be received and filed.

Mayor Davison said he was also instrumental with Ald. Foreman in causing the new sidewalk to be laid. The old sidewalk was in a dangerous condition, and in the event of a runaway during the celebration, with the sidewalk crowded with people, a serious accident was likely to happen, and when the lives of citizens were in danger the cost should not be considered; besides, the cost did not exceed the amount the committee was authorized to expend.

Ald. Westwood objected to the proceeding, but he admitted the sidewalk was better situated than before, though it did not agree with his idea as to improving and beautifying the square.

Ald. Morton contended then when a motion passed the Council, it should be complied with, regardless of how urgent a matter might be considered. The sidewalk had stood for five or six 24ths, and no doubt could have stood this one. He agreed the sidewalk was in a better position, although not agreeing with his idea of what it should be.

Ald. Foreman resented the charge of Ald. Planta in reference to a one-man government, and claimed it was only a matter of opposition on his part. The matter of improving and beautifying the square, as had been suggested, had been considered, but there was no money for such a purpose; besides, people would object to walking round the square to reach the postoffice. After starting on the job, it became necessary to lay a new sidewalk at once in view of the approaching celebration. The rock ground was not as represented by Ald. Planta, but was in a bad and unsafe condition, and the sidewalk had been very little expense.

Ald. Sinclair claimed Ald. Foreman had told him he intended laying a new sidewalk before the old one had been removed, and that he (S.) had advised him not to do so.

Ald. Westwood thought they should all abide by a majority vote, and the action of Ald. Foreman was unfair to those who had voted against the motion. He thought it was about time this party business was dropped [although there had been no reference made to parties] and the affairs of the city conducted properly.

Ald. Morton claimed the corporation workmen carted good soil to the ravine that could be utilized on the square to good advantage.

Ald. Westwood seconded Ald. McDonald's motion to receive and file the report, which carried.

THE MILLSTREAM BRIDGE.

The following bids for repairing the Millstream bridge were read: W. Nightingale, $217; W. A. Nettle, $300; G. & A. Sage, $205. On motion of Ald. Morton, the contract was awarded to Mr. Nightingale; and on motion of Ald. Sinclair, Mr. James Kelly was appointed to superintend the work until completed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ald. Morton obtained permission to bring in a by-law fixing the rates to be levied for 1896.

The Mayor stated that a Belgian woman residing on Haliburton street, whose husband died a few weeks ago, was in a destitute condition, with five children, the eldest being 9 years of age. The matter was left in the hands of the Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

The funeral of the late W. P. Brannan took place Sunday afternoon in the presence of a number of sympathizing friends, Rev. Father Verbeke officiating. The pall-bearers were Ralph Smith, Jas. Bradley, Arthur Wilson, Wm. Snider, Henry Devlin and Robert McMurdro.

THE CHINESE QUESTION

A Serious Matter That Demands Legislative Attention.

Of Vital Interest to Working Classes and Citizens Generally—The Increasing Evils of Chinese Competition.

One will look in vain through Mr. Haslam's and Mr. Haggart's addresses to the electors for a reference to this all-important Chinese question. If they have an opinion on the question at all, they have so far thought best to keep it to themselves. On page 26 of Mr. McInnes' address to the electors, however, will be found the following paragraph:

"I may say that I am fully conscious of the baneful effects exerted on our labor market by the large immigration of coolie slaves. Their presence amongst us has caused a competition that is both unnatural and unjust, and has been productive of disastrous results to the mercantile and laboring classes alike. The entry tax of $50 per head, which was imposed some years ago, has proven utterly inadequate to remedy the evil and should be made practically prohibitive."

This question is undoubtedly one of the most serious problems with which our representatives will have to deal, directly affecting as it does our working classes and indirectly the whole community. It has been a hindrance to the fast settlement and development of our province, is to-day a greater evil than ever, and in the future, unless strong and radical measures are taken in regard to it, bids fair to reduce the condition of our laborers to one little better than that of the coolies themselves. Capital will always buy labor, like everything else, in the cheapest market. That is an economical axiom. The Chinese coolies work for bare living wages. That is a fact. The Chinese are now in the country in large numbers, and every year adds considerably to that number. That is another fact. The Chinese are gradually learning the ways of skilled labor and finding employment in factories. That is a third fact. Now, given these premises, it requires no great skill in political economy to forsee the lowering of wages and reduction of the standard of living for the white laborers to that of their Chinese competitors, or something very near akin thereto. The only alternative will be that the best and finest element of our workingmen, the backbone of the country, will be compelled to seek a living elsewhere in some land where they will not be subject to what Mr. McInnes has termed "an unjust and unnatural competition." Attempts have been made to remedy the evil by means of Provincial legislation. Such legislation as there is, however, has been enacted, perhaps purposely, in a clumsy and impracticable manner. Moreover, no attempt is being made by the Provincial Government to try and have these laws enforced or amended so as to be practicable. That Government is apparently too cowardly or too venal to enforce any legislation that would curtail the privileges of certain local capitalists who have so long been the power behind the throne at Victoria. In our opinion, the main relief must be sought from the Dominion Parliament. The Dominion Government have already conceded the principle of a discriminating tax against the Chinese. That is one very important point gained. It is the precedent, the foundation upon which to build up and perfect the doctrine of protection to our working classes against undesirable foreign elements coolies, serfs and peasants bred and born for centuries to conditions that make them little better than slaves, looking for little beyond a bare living, content to live in a manner that at present self-respecting workingmen of our own race would not tolerate. This point having been gained, the principle of the discriminating tax recognized, let our representatives in future strive to have that tax fixed at an amount that will be, to use Mr. McInnes' phrase, "practically prohibitive." As to the abstract justice of such discrimination, we are not now concerned. Clerical assemblies and missionary associations have, we believe, in Eastern Canada passed strong resolutions against the imposition of this tax on Chinese entering the country. But our good brethren of the east look at the matter from an entirely theoretic and comfortable standpoint. They do not see the practical evils of Chinese competition around them; they do not see their own people walking the streets idle because Chinese hold their positions at starvation wages; the sleek city cleric with his fine spun theories of justice and his salary of three thousand is beyond the range of pulpit competition with a converted Chinaman at two hundred a year. Theoretically, all who are born into the world may have an equal right to live and compete for a living in any part of the world, just as all who are thrown into the sea have an equal right to swim for the first plank in sight. But there is no doubt about it, those who get to the plank first will not allow others to come on and overcrowd it to the detriment of all concerned. And it would make very little difference if some pious individuals on the shore should shout to them about the principles of natural justice. Self-protection is the first law of nature and preeminently the rock bottom principle governing the relations of one race or country with another. It is for the purpose of protecting our own people, of retaining our own province and resources for ourselves and our children, for the purpose of maintaining our own standard of living and civilization that we demand action on the part of the Dominion authorities to stay and thwart the increasing tide of Chinese immigration and the increasing evils of Chinese competition.

John Alexander, a miner, residing at Northfield, was killed in No. 5 shaft, Wellington collieries, Tuesday afternoon from a fall of coal. Deceased leaves a wife and three children. Coroner Davis empaneled a jury the same evening, and the inquest was adjourned until next Monday.

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Alberni	"	28
Nanaimo City	"	30
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Comox	"	3
Union	"	4
Cedar	"	6
Somenos	"	8
McPherson's	"	9
Royal Oaks	"	10
Sooke	"	12
Gabriola Island	"	15
Nanaimo City	"	16
Nanoose	"	17
Wellington	"	18
Northfield	"	19

At the above named meetings Mr. McInnes will be assisted by other eminent speakers. The co-operation of all opposed to the present government are cordially invited.

The government candidate or candidates, or anyone on their behalf, are invited to be present and will be given ample opportunity to take part in the discussion.

A. D. McKENZIE, Secretary. G. F. CANE, Chairman of Executive.

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