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LONDON'S LATEST.

THE FURY OF THE LATE STORM AND ITS DAMAGES.

The Republicans at Lisbon are Advocating an Alliance with America—Manager of the Mail Committed for Trial—A Number of Heavy Fires in Montreal.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Gradually the severity of the recent storm is being realized in the daily additions which are being made to the list of deaths from its fury, and the accumulating evidence of heavy damages to, or the total destruction of shipping, and the widespread injury to property along the island track of the gale. Great hardships and distress are entailed upon the keepers of the various lighthouses, who not only have not been relieved from duty for fifteen days, but have not been supplied with provisions within that time, owing to the impossibility of sending boats to them.

Passengers who arrived at Dover today on the channel steamer Paris, give a thrilling account of their two day's voyage from Dieppe. The vessel is in a terribly battered condition and the passengers suffered extremely from cold, hunger, and exposure.

Cuttings of the Manchester Canal have been very greatly damaged by the flooding to which the ditch was subjected by the heavy rain falls and backing of water into it by the hurricane, and much of the work will have to be gone over again.

The steamer Manitoban, from Boston for Glasgow, has arrived at Greenock severely damaged throughout by heavy seas and gales. Her after deck was carried away and the saloon flooded. Three hundred cattle were lost.

The British ship, Loch Maddart, Capt. Andrew, is ashore at Callantsog, Holland. Thirty of her crew were washed overboard after she struck and all perished.

The British ship, Janet Cowan, Capt. Livingstone, before reported as having returned to Plymouth in distress, lost a number of hands when off the Isle of Wight last Thursday. Five of her crew were lost and although the ship was almost dismasted, the remainder of the crew succeeded in navigating her to Plymouth.

Notices have been issued by Lord Salisbury and W. H. Smith to supporters of the government in the House of Commons, that their attendance at the opening of the session and the estimates is absolutely necessary following. It is imperatively necessary in order to protect the interests of the ministry in the important questions which are to be submitted. It is surmised that the Government is seeking to fortify itself against the mediated attacks of Mr. Labouchere about the West End Scandals and to combat any adversely which may be made in behalf of Parnell challenging the government to prove that any connection of his supporters was not behind Capt. Oates.

A new colliery promising a greater yield than any mine yet developed in that district has been opened at Esso. It is estimated that this will give employment from 500 to 700 men, and greatly relieve the distress prevalent among those who have lately endured idleness.

Thomas Dakin, well known among the upper classes, has been arrested for carrying on a system of fraud, by which he has succeeded in swindling persons in high circles out of large sums of money.

The British steamer Newmarket, which arrived at Liverpool today from Boston, had a narrow escape from destruction on Jan. 13th. She ran into an inlet, but fortunately, escaped with no other injury that some damage to her bow. The Suevia, from New York, Dec. 28th, for Hamburg, arrived at Southampton today with her shaft cracked.

The *Times* says the extradition treaty between England and America does not go as back beyond the previous necessity of political evidence, and leaves room for doubt as to whether the pirates and murderers of Lipski and Cornish would not be safe under the protection from penalties for ordinary murderers.

Subscriptions were opened by Lord Mayor Isaac today for a fund to erect a monument to the memory of Lord Napier, of Magdala. The amount subscribed today amounts to $1300.

A correspondent from Lisbon says that the republican element is aroused to serious anger and is strongly advocating an alliance with America. This feeling is due to the publication of a report that Senor Sagasta, in answer to the Spanish Cortes that Spain did not desire to offend England for the sake of Portugal.

Montreal Fires.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—A fire broke out Friday in the premises of the George Bishop Engraving Company and damage to the amount of $35,000 was done—partially insured.

The foundry of Moore Parkyn was damaged by the fire to the extent of $2000.

Belmoral Hotel burned partially; loss $12,000.

Creighton Committed.

TORONTO, Jan. 27.—Creighton, manager of the *Sporting*, was committed for trial this morning by Magistrate Denison, on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by Bunting, of the Mail. The second charge preferred by Foster against him and Keddie was adjourned till tomorrow. His bail was accepted for $2000.

"Solar Disasters."

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal *Star* says: "The Agricultural Hall has been crushed to the ground, by the weight of snow, and is a total wreck. Great fears are also entertained for the safety of the new bridge across the Courtenay River. There is an enormous amount of snow, and settlers are afraid the weight will be beyond the capacity of the structure. The locomotive that went over the bank last week is badly damaged, and will require several weeks work to place her in running order."

The New Enterprise.

The new iron works to be established in this city promise to be not only a credit to New Westminster but to the whole Mainland. The company is composed of some of the best men in the country and from a financial point of view will have plenty of backing. They ordered the following machinery recently and it is to be delivered here by April 1st: One 36-inch drill; one lathe 6 feet swing; one small lathe; one 25 horse power engine and boiler; one 36 x 36-inch planer; bolt cutter; one 2500 pound hammer; one hydraulic riveter and one compound puncher. Tenders will be called for in a day or two for the erection of the company's plant, which will be at some spot close by the rivers. They intend giving special attention to the manufacture of heavy machinery and steamboat outfits. This concern is, in one sense, a branch of a large eastern firm aided by Westminster capital. The company will probably apply for incorporation this week.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Citizens Abroad—A Prize Drawing—Improving the Schools.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 27.—Messrs. R. G. Tatlow, J. M. Spinks, C. G. Johnson, S. Twigg and M. H. Hinchberg returned by the Premier on Saturday evening from a trip to Seattle, Tacoma and the Sound. They found business very brisk in those places, the streets being thronged with people, and real estate had reached prices unheard of elsewhere. At Anacortes, where only a dozen rough houses had yet been built, corner lots sold at $1500 a foot, with $800 for inside property. Mr. Nelson Bennett, of the Westminster Southern, told Mr. Johnson that before they stopped building they would reach Vancouver.

The Garrick Club amateur theatrical performance in aid of the Vancouver Free Reading Room and Library.

Mrs. and Miss McLeod, wife and daughter of Rev. J. M. McLeod, arrived on the Pacific express today.

Rev. J. B. Kennedy preached his farewell sermon in the Baptist Church last evening on the Future Policy of Vancouver. He urged a spirit of free intercourse with all nations and the extending of a free welcome to whatever people might choose to come.

The drawing for lot 16, block 20, subdivision 184, a corner lot in the eastern part of the city, in connection with the St. Joseph's Society, was held on Saturday evening in their rooms in the Westham Block. The lot was valued at $300 and 500 tickets were sold. R. K. Winters held the lucky ticket, No. 714.

Mrs. Moore, the I. O. G. T. lecturer, will not lecture tonight as announced but will lecture tomorrow evening in the Baptist Church, Hamilton Street, at 8 o'clock.

The School Board has decided that 18 lots be purchased adjoining the Mount Pleasant school, that a two-story building be erected capable of additions being added and that a male vice principal be engaged; in the East End that an eight-room building be erected and that the play-ground be increased in size; in the Central that more ground be purchased, a new high school building erected and an assistant to the principal secured, and in the West End that owing to the wet state of the ground another block be purchased. The Mayor, W. Brown, and A. H. B. Macgowan were appointed to wait upon the Minister of Education and impress upon him the necessity of placing in the estimates a sufficient sum to meet the requirements of Vancouver's schools. It was also considered that the salaries of Vancouver teachers should be at the same rate of those in Victoria.

PROVINCIAL JOTTINGS.

Notes Clipped from Our Exchanges Since Yesterday.

The lowest thermometer at Revelstoke was 21 below.

They had it 15 degrees below at Donald last week.

The residents of Hot Springs have petitioned the Government for railway charters.

Capt. John Irving is yet very ill at Victoria, but nothing serious is apprehended.

G. V. Cornwall, postmaster at Donald, has gone to England for a few months' vacation.

"Johnny the Dude" started from Revelstoke for Big Bend last Monday with a dog train, carrying the mail.

Pheasant poachers are reported to be operating on the Coverdale and contingent property out from Victoria.

The thermometer at Kamloops registered zero and below for six days last week. The lowest was 22.5 below zero.

Rev. W. Miller, of Nanaimo, B. C., has taken charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Regina for three months.

Mr. J. A. Thompson and Mr. J. Williams, of Wellington, have leased for a long term the Central Hotel, on Commercial Street, Nanaimo.

It transpires that there was no truth in the report that Victoria parties had purchased the Bell-Irving Bedford wine at Yale Mountain.

At Yale, on the 21st, George Sterling was fined $100 or four months in the New Westminster jail, for selling liquor to an Indian woman at North Bend. He didn't pay the fine and was sent down.

Sandy McRae made a trip from Revelstoke last week on snow shoes to the Fish Creek mine. The ore vein had just been struck at 30 feet, in the lower drift, and made a good showing of carbonates and lead glance.

Mr. Henry Abbott, Superintendent of the Pacific Division of the C. P. R., says the preliminary survey for the Columbia & Kootenay Railway is now complete, and work will be pushed on without delay, as soon as the necessary legislation in regard to the road is accomplished.

An Opposition Steamer.

Capt. Frank White, it is reported, at one time in command of the Premier, will go south on the Wells Walks on his next trip to San Diego, where he will purchase a steamer for Capt. H. Brocker, which will go into the Fort Townsend, Seattle and Vancouver trade in opposition to the Premier. The steamer will also take in San Juan and Orcas Islands, and as these latter are becoming thickly settled a good trade will probably be worked up.

No Nonsense About Her.

"Hello, central!"

"Hello!"

"Give me Vancouver central, please."

"Engaged."

"Oh, you're always engaged."

"Not so; on the contrary; I'm open for engagement."

"Will you accept me, then?"

"Ring, please!"

AMERICAN NEWS

THE CHINESE MINISTER IN THE THE UNITED STATES SAYS

The Action of Congress in Passing the Law of 1888 is an Incitation to China to Terminate all Diplomatic and Commercial Relations—He Wants the Wrongs of His Countrymen Righted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—In reply to a resolution of the Senate of the 8th inst., the President today sent a report to the Secretary of State with accompanying documents, in relation to the acts of Congress approved May 6th, 1882 and October 1st, 1888, concerning the Chinese. The Secretary of State forwards all correspondence which has taken place between the State Department and the Chinese Government on this subject. Under date of October 10th, the Chinese minister complained that a number of Chinese laborers, holding return certificates, have been refused permission to land at San Francisco, and the State Department forwarded to the Chinese minister a copy of the law of October 1st, 1888, under which they were excluded, and under date of January 20th, 1889, the Chinese minister complained at some length that this law is in violation of the treaty of 1880.

Mr. Bayard says in explanation of the President's signing the Scott bill that the news of the rejection of the treaty between the United States and China came from Great Britain, and gave "impetus to the popular belief that influences external to the two nations had been at work," under this condition of affairs the Scott bill "was suddenly and without notice brought forward in Congress and passed with an unanimity in both houses which palpably rendered an interposition by the veto of the executive wholly futile."

In a letter written July 8th, 1889, to Mr. Blaine, the Chinese Minister says the Supreme Court has decided that the act of October, 1888, is in contravention of the express stipulations of the treaty, but it is done in exercise of the sovereign power vested in Congress, and must be respected as a supreme law of the land. The minister continues: "I am forced to the conviction that in the three years that I have resided in this country, I have not been able fully and correctly to comprehend the principles and system of your great government. In my country we have acted upon the conviction that when two nations deliberately and solemnly entered upon treaty stipulations, they thereby formed a sacred compact from which they could not be honorably discharged except through friendly negotiations and a new agreement." He then asks Mr. Blaine to interpose with the president to have the wrongs of the Chinese righted. He calls attention to fact that: (1) The existing treaty relations were brought about at the express solicitation of the United States. (2) The action of Congress is not justified by its conduct toward the other nation, nor by any action of the Chinese Government. (3) The action of congress is virtually a denunciation of all existing treaties and invitation to China to terminate all diplomatic and commercial relations. (4) The action of Congress must be held to be an affront to the government of China. (5) The government of the United States must accept accountability for all injuries and damages resulting from the enforcement of the act of Congress. These five points the minister elaborates and argues at some length. In conclusion he says that he trusts some way will be found whereby the hasty and unprovoked action of Congress may be undone.

Under date of October 16th, 1889, the new minister, Tsu Kwo Yen, complained to Mr. Blaine that new regulations had been adopted which worked great hardships on the Chinese. This regulation required the deposit by Chinese in transit, of a bond of $500. The principal inconvenience worked is to the Chinese in Cuba, who find it convenient to pass through the United States en route to China. The minister questioned the legality of the regulation established by the Secretary of the Treasury, and quoted from an opinion of the Attorney General in support of his position. In a letter to Secretary of State defining his position on this matter Secretary Windom wrote, November 30th, 1889, explaining the establishment of this regulation, and saying: "It will be observed that it is in the case of laborers only that regulated transit is prescribed by this department."

In forwarding these communications the Secretary of State writes that it is the intention of the Secretary of the Treasury to modify the regulations so that transportation companies may give general bonds for the transportation of Chinese laborers. The Chinese minister writes on December 16th that this modification does not in any manner remove his objections, and says: "Neither the Chinese government or its representatives in the United States have any control or influence over the transportation companies in this country, and it is understood that those companies centering at the port of New York, through which the Chinese residents of Cuba principally pass, are unwilling to give any bond for the traffic." Further, the minister says that the passage of the act of October 1st, 1888, manifested an open disregard of the treaty obligations on the part of the legislative department of the Government of the United States. "If anything should occur," he says, "to make it appear that a similar spirit influenced the conduct of any of the executive department of that Government, its effect would create upon my Government, I fear, a most unfavorable impression."

THE EXTRADITION TREATY.

Forty Five Persons can Escape—Some of the Crimes Mentioned in the Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The new extradition treaty negotiated by Secretary Blaine with Great Britain now pending in the Senate "leaked" from the official reservoir and is published today. Secretary Blaine and Sir Julian Pauncefote have agreed upon the following crimes in addition to those already included in the present agreements as extraditable: manslaughter, counterfeiting of money, embezzlement of money or other valuable articles, fraud by a bailee, banker or agent or officers of a similar character, perjury or subornation of perjury, rape, abduction, child-stealing, kidnapping, burglary, housebreaking or shopbreaking, piracy, revolt or conspiracy to revolt on shipboard at sea. Political crimes are not extraditable. No person surrendered can be tried for crimes of a political character. No person surrendered shall be tried for any other crime committed before extradition except the one extradited for until he has his chance to return to the country extradited from. All articles seized in possession of the person extradited shall be given up when the extradition takes place, unless a competent authority of the state becomes custodian. If several states demand the extradition of the same person, the state making application first will have priority. A fugitive convicted of an extraditable crime and who escapes after conviction, is to be surrendered on evidence of the Court of Record of the conviction. The present convention does not apply to the crimes specified which shall have been committed or conviction pronounced prior to the date at which the convention shall have come into force. Accompanying the treaty is a long letter from Secretary Blaine to the President recommending its ratification and explanation, and calling attention to the great necessity of providing an extradition authority for a large number of crimes for which the perpetrators now find an easy refuge in the territory of Great Britain and the United States.

Considerable surprise and dissatisfaction was expressed at the British Legation today over the publication of the Extradition Treaty. It is of course an unusual thing for so important a treaty to be made public before it has been discussed or ratified by the Senate, and the Secretary of the Legation said today that he could not imagine how it had gotten out.

Starving to Death.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A Huron, S.D., special to the *Herald* says: There are hundreds of people sitting in their farm houses on the snow covered plains going mad from want. A correspondent visited a number of farmers near Huron, and reports that there is a pressing need for relief, as starvation is staring hundreds of people in the face. One farmer who expressed belief that he was much better off than many others, said: "We have something to eat, some hominy and a little pork. It won't last long; and we have to be very careful of coal; but the worst is that we have not get a thing to feed horses and cattle, and we can't sell them." Another said: "Do you know the only help we have had is from the railroad, the Northwestern; they brought coal for us for $2 a ton free of freight, and have done it all winter. Even at that price we have to economize on coal, and if it had not been for the railroad company thousands of people would have frozen to death last month." J. S. Oliver, Superintendent of the Dakota division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Huron, said: "It is all true that you have heard. People are undoubtedly suffering for necessaries, but this road will see that no one freezes. This is in the interest of the company. I believe you will find things still worse farther west of here."

TO HELP THE SUFFERERS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 27.—Governor Mellette, of South Dakota, and a delegation of members of the Legislature arrived here today for the purpose of making arrangements with Minneapolis millers and commission men to supply destitute farmers in South Dakota with seed wheat. Governor Mellette proposes to indemnify those who advance seed grain to settlers by having the Legislature of South Dakota pass a bill permitting counties in the drouth and frost district to issue bonds for the value of the wheat.

America's Navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Senate committee on naval affairs at its meeting on Friday morning submitted a favorable report of the naval establishment. The committee considered and approved of the recommendations of the policy board of the navy, which are as follows: That there shall be constructed ten first-class battleships, $56,000,000; three third-class battleships $11,000,000; eight first-class battleships, limited ordnance, $20,800,000; twelve second-class battleships, limited ordnance, $32,200,000; five third-class battleships, limited ordnance, $13,000,000; six harbor monitors, $25,000,000; one crossing monitor, $1,000,000; eleven rams, $19,500,000; nine ships armored cruisers, $28,800,000; four first class protected cruisers, $15,300,000; ten first-class protected cruisers, $28,000,000; twelve second-class protected cruisers, $22,500,000; six third-class protected cruisers $5,500,000; ten gun vessels and dispatch boats $45,000,000; sixteen torpedo cruisers, including the Vesuvius, $7,500,000; three torpedo depot artificer ships $6,500,000; 101 torpedo boats $6,565,000; total 227 vessels, at a total cost of $349,515,000. This includes $67,965,000 already expended or authorized. The report was not unanimous. Senators Chandler and McPherson will submit a minority report. They favor the construction of fast cruisers, torpedo boats, etc., instead of the line of battleships at the present time, while the majority of the Commissioners favor the immediate construction of heavy battleships. Senator Stanford also is understood to be only partly in accord with the majority.

Not a Prosperous Year.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—The annual report of the Montreal Board of Trade says the year of 1889 cannot on the whole be recorded as having been a prosperous one for the Dominion. This state of affairs is attributed to the poor crops in Ontario in 1888, and the disappointingly small yield of cereals in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba last year, coupled with low prices for grain and the falling off in the demand from the United States for Canadian barley.

Copyright Convention.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—The Imperial authorities have asked to give one year's notice to release Canada from the provision of the Berne copyright convention. The Dominion Government forwarded a strong statement of Canada's contention in favor of Home Rule in the copyright.

The Fairview Lot.

The committee appointed at the public meeting on Friday night last will meet at the City Hall tonight to arrange details. Those desirous of having their names placed on the voters' list should attend. Col. McGregor and Mr. Ross have been appointed to see that all such persons have their names properly recorded.

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CLUB RATES.—The weekly edition will be mailed to clubs of not less than 5 for $1 a year each, the names to be sent in at one time.

REGULAR ADVERTISEMENTS will be inserted in the daily edition at the following monthly rates, payable on 1st day of each month: Per inch down the column $2, position advertisements $3.50. In the weekly at $1.50 an inch per month. No patent medicine advertisements inserted in either edition.

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LOCAL NOTICES 25 cents a line, contract rate 10 cents a line, each insertion in daily. Weekly rate 25 cents a line each insertion.

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RAILWAYS AND RAILWAYS.

If one were to judge of the amount of railway construction about to take place in this province by the number of applications being made for charters, the prospects would appear to be extremely bright. And if one were to add to the number of applications the rumor of "projected" roads, it would be manifest that in a very short time British Columbia must be one expansive net of railway systems. But no one dreams that all these roads will be made in the near future, or at all. Let us sanguinely hope that some two, three or four of them will be accomplished facts within the next couple of years. If only that much be accomplished, there will be facilities afforded which are badly needed for a wide development of the resources of the Province. Without railways a good deal of the wealth of British Columbia cannot be touched, and the progress in that one would be mainly on the coast and those other parts which may be reached by navigable streams. It is an assured fact that New Westminster and the country contiguous to it will, before many months, have ample railway facilities north and south, as well as east and west. She will have her Southern Railway crossing the boundary line and plunging into the populous districts of Washington, and getting a connecting link with the great transcontinental lines in the neighboring republic. New Westminster will also have the Mission extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and what is sure yet to come, a branch of the Northern Pacific, such as was indicated in our Sunday edition.

But it is the opening of the great country in the interior of British Columbia that the people are most concerned about, and it is to that matter that our Provincial Government should apply themselves most assiduously. It may be taken as a good indication that so many charters are being applied for in the interior. But there is a serious danger in this also. These applications for charters are invariably accompanied by a request for extensive land grants or for bonuses of money from the Government. To a fair grant of land or money there can be no exception, provided that precautions are taken that the interests of the country are properly subsidized. It is well known that many of the charters from Parliament are obtained by men who have no means to build a railway even with such a liberal grant as it would be possible to make to help it along. The applicants may have no intention whatever of building the road themselves. They are simply seeking a charter to dispose of to others who may have money to invest in railways, and out of which sale they expect to make some profit. They get the land grant or the money bonus made as large as possible in order to be able to dispose of it to the best advantage. Nor would it be a safe rule always to refuse charters which it was clear enough were being sought with this end in view. The efforts of those men to dispose of such a charter to men who have money to build roads may be successful, and in that way—although the "charter monger," as he is sometimes termed, may reap a rich reward—the country gets its railway. But there is great room for the play of the "flating up" faculty on the part of the Government in determining who should and who should not have speculative charters of the kind referred to. There is danger on every hand. These charters are usually granted on condition that the road shall be begun and completed at a specified time, and during that time the charter holders have complete control. It may happen that people may come up willing to build such a road, but are unwilling to pay the price the speculators ask for the charter. It has thus happened a good many times in the history of Canada that whole sections of country have been most seriously retarded on account of these charters being in existence. The Government, therefore, cannot well be too careful about the hands they allow provincial railway charters to fall into. And it is especially unwise to grant a charter where there is no probability that a road will be built. It was seriously discussed at Ottawa, (and the rule in a number of cases has been adopted) that a charter should only be granted where there was a substantial deposit to guarantee the performance of the terms of the charter.

CHILLIWACK FINANCES.

The Auditor's Report Presented—The Issue of Debentures.

CHILLIWACK, B. C., Jan. 15.—The report of the Municipal Auditor of Chilliwack shows the following: "I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Clerk, Assessor and Collector, and Treasurer of this municipality, for 1889, and find them correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last audit	$ 724 92
Taxes collected since last audit	3643 24
Trade Licenses	200 00
Government grant	1400 00
	$5968 16

EXPENDITURE.

Orders issued on Treasury	$5267 25
Balance in Treasury	652 91
	$5968 16

ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury	$652 91
Taxes of 1889 not collected	259 26
	$912 17

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid orders on Treasury	$189 79
Due on F. H. Irwin's contract	200 00
Cookman road appropriation	22 65
Total Liabilities	$412 34
Item of legal advice not to hand	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	$643 37
	$912 17

ANNUAL ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Roads and Bridges	$1848 97
Indemnity to Reeve and Council	150 00
Legal expenses	217 [illegible]
Printing, stationery and stationery	271 [illegible]
Taxes Refunded	1 00
Salaries	250 00
Pauper	15 00
Road supervisor	12 00
Hail tree pest	12 00
24th May Celebration	20 00
Cheifdom	1 00
Ballot box	4 00
Balance in Treasury	652 91
	$3968 16
Tax	$3968 16
Current Expenses	100 00

Yours very truly,
H. M. WILSON, Auditor.

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The Loan By-Law passed by the Municipal Council of Chilliwack, June 8th, 1889, authorizing a loan of $3000 to purchase land and grounds.

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	$2925 00

S. A. CRAWLEY, SECRETARY.

CHILLIWACK WANTS

A Number of our Provincial Laws to be Amended.

CHILLIWACK, B.C., Jan. 15.—After the adjournment of the municipal election on Monday, the 13th inst., a public meeting was called in the Henderson Hall, Centreville. Mr. G. E. Aldwell was called to the chair. After the reading of the auditor's report on the accounts of the municipality the councillors elect, and the would-be reeve and councillors addressed the meeting, stating briefly what course they would pursue during the coming year in the expenditure of the municipal revenue. After the several candidates had delivered themselves as to municipal matters, the following resolutions were brought forward and carried unanimously:

Moved by Mr. McGillivray, seconded by A. Davison, that, Whereas, the Province of British Columbia has outgrown that part of the "Constitution Act, 1872," which deals with the subdivision of it into electoral districts for the purpose of electing representatives to the Legislature, inasmuch as the population and general development have materially increased in some districts much faster than in others, which causes a great deal of injustice and dissatisfaction in those particular districts.

And whereas, in the opinion of this meeting, it is expedient and compatible with the best interests of British Columbia as a whole, that our Legislature at its next session, which it is about to convene, should introduce and enact an amendment to the "Constitution Act, 1872," providing for a general reconstruction of the whole electoral system of the Province, and that the only safe, just, and equitable basis to be followed is representation by population;

And whereas, in our opinion, the time has arrived that the number of representatives should not be less than thirty; and that no new district should have more than two members;

Therefore be it resolved, that this meeting respectfully request the representatives of this district to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the reasonable request of the foregoing resolution at the next session of the Legislature, so that at the next general election the next House of Assembly may be elected under its provisions.

Moved by McGillivray, seconded by Kitchen, that our representatives be requested to introduce, at the next session, an amendment to section 292 of the "Municipalities Act, 1889," so that if Chilliwack or any other rural municipality pay an annual salary of $100 or more, to a Police Magistrate, and maintain a police officer, or officers, may have the same privileges as cities that pay $500.

Moved by S. Knight, seconded by J. Armstrong, that our representatives be requested to call the attention of the government to the impassable condition of the trunk road in the upper portion of this municipality, and that ample provision be made in the estimates at next session to place the road in a proper state of repair.

Moved by Mr. Lickman, seconded by W. Ford, that our representatives be requested to call the attention of the government to the fact that the Vedder Creek is still without a bridge on the trunk road, which fact is a great disadvantage to the residents of this municipality.

The "Mail's" Libel Suit.

Our telegraph columns the other day intimated that Manager Creighton, of the Toronto *Empire*, had been arrested on a charge of criminal libel preferred by the manager of the Toronto *Mail*. The alleged libel is contained in a despatch from Washington, which bears the following sensational headlines:

"The Plot Exposed," "A Desperate and Unholy Annexation Alliance," "The *Mail* Deep in the Plot," "A Commissioner of the *Empire* fully Investigates the Case," "Evidence Collected in American Cities," "Conclusive Evidence that the Toronto *Mail* has Entered into an Alliance with United States Senators to Deliver Canada into the Union, "How the Traitorous Work is Being Carried Out; the *Mail's* Emissary Visits Washington; Secret Conferences with the Senate Committee; Confidential Information Furnished by the *Mail*; the Committee Will Have Annexation or Nothing; How the Plot Was Discovered; the Most Atrocious Piece of National Rascality that ever Marred Canadian History."

The article itself furnishes little that is new in the matter save the following short interview with Mr. Wilmot on the subject: "You may say for me that I am strongly of the opinion that I have thoroughly satisfied myself that not only did Mr. Farrar, as representing the Toronto *Mail*, furnish the Senate committee secretly with a mass of information, all tending to strengthen the annexation theory, but that he impressed upon them the fact that if Congress would refuse all overtures of reciprocity, Canada would quickly be glad to annex herself to the Union."

The *Empire* accompanies the article with an editorial headed "Treason Laid Bare," which concludes:

"That a Canadian journal should thus be proven guilty of being secretly in league with the foreign enemies of our country and sending its emissary to assist them in plotting to sever Canada from the empire and annex it to the United States, reveals the most startling piece of traitorous work that has ever come to light in the Dominion, and the exposure of the dastardly conspiracy will be a revelation to our citizens. Now that their eyes are opened to what is going on they will make it known in unmistakable terms that Canada has no room for such traitors and that a journal which seeks annexation may remove its office of publication to the foreign country it evidently longs for, but the British Empire will still continue to claim their loyal allegiance despite domestic traitors and foreign conspirators."

The Mission Branch.

Mr. Henry Abbott is reported as saying that nothing at present is being done in regard to the Mission branch, as the C.P.R. is awaiting the action of the American roads most interested, and who have the most track to lay. When those roads move in the matter of building the C.P.R. will complete their portion of the line at once.

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"What is the real good?"
I asked in musing mood.

Order, said the law court;
Knowledge, said the school;
Truth, said the wise man;
Pleasure, said the fool;
Love, said the maiden;
Beauty, said the page;
Freedom, said the dreamer;
Home, said the sage;
Fame, said the soldier;
Equity, the seer;—

Spoke my heart full sadly:
"The answer is not here."

Then within my bosom
Softly this I heard:
"Each heart holds the secret:
Kindness is the word."

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

A NOBLE FAILURE.

From an open window in a small, neat cottage, there came, one summer evening, a melody played by no unskillful hand. It was so soft and mournful that a few hearers, who had stopped just outside the fence, stood very still as if afraid of missing a note; and they spoke in whisper only:

"Poor Ted! He's very sad to-night."

"Yes; sadder than usual."

"Poor lad! It's such a pity."

One of them who had seemed more deeply touched by the sweet tones than the others, stood very thoughtful for a little, then left the group and opened the gate. No sooner had the latch clicked than the music ceased, and as he walked to the open door his hands were tightly clasped between two others, and a soft voice exclaimed:

"Oh, it's you, Hal. I'm so glad."

"How did you know that it was I, Ted?" asked Hal, laying a hand affectionately on the other's shoulder.

"My ears are very quick. I know you by the way you opened the gate, and your step. It is such a kind provision that when we lose one sense the others grow sharper. Lead me to the window, Hal; I've something to tell you."

The blind boy spoke the last words very sadly, and the other, knowing by it that he was to hear some serious trouble, led him, with compassionate tenderness, to an easy chair by the window.

Two years before, by an accidental explosion of powder, an impenetrable veil of darkness had been drawn between Ted's eyes and the manifold beauties of earth, blotting out bright hopes and fair prospects of a happy and successful future. The blow was dreadful to such a lad as he—so merry, so active, so promising.

Hal Goodwin was just Ted's age—seventeen—a healthy, strong-limbed fellow with a heart as big as his body. The two had been fast friends, but when Ted became a helpless object of pity Hal's friendship rose to a strong, controlling affection. He could not be reconciled to his friend's "hard luck," as he called it.

"Now, what is it?" asked Hal, as they were seated by the window.

"Maybe I worry you, or tire you, Hal, with my complaining," responded the blind boy, feeling about for his friend's hand.

"Worry me," exclaimed Hal, closely grasping the groping hand. "Don't talk like that. I would be worried if I thought you didn't tell me all your troubles. What am I good for if not to straighten out your difficulties, and try to be eyes for you? Dear knows, they're poor enough. Never be afraid of worrying me or asking me too much."

"You're so kind, Hal."

"Nonsense. I wish I was."

"Why, Hal," began Ted, "since father was discharged, with the other men at the shop, it has gone pretty hard with us. You know we bought the organ on instalments. It's about half paid for, but father wasn't able to pay the last instalment, and the man kindly gave him time. But now another one is due next Saturday, and we cannot ask him to wait any longer."

"How much is due?" asked Hal, with evident wessing.

But Ted detected it and hastened to say:

"No, no, Hal, you mustn't pay for it, for you've done more already for me than you ought, and besides, you told me your father had cut down your spending money. I've made up my mind what to do. I want you to write to the man to come for the organ."

"Part with the organ," cried Hal in astonishment. "Why, what in the world would you do without it, Ted?"

"Please write the letter for me, Hal," said Ted, laying his head on his friend's arm. "I tried to write it—for I don't want father or Lucy to know what I'm doing—but I lifted the pen and couldn't find the place again, and had to give it up. No, don't try to change my mind, Hal. I've thought it all out, and it'll hurt me if you don't write it. I can learn to knit or make baskets, or plait cane for chairs, or something, which will be better than playing the organ. I think I can—I can learn to do without it, Hal, so please write the letter."

Knowing how completely lost Ted would be without the organ; how it was his only companion in his solitude and how great a help it had been since the accident, Hal gently endeavored to dissuade him, but finding it only pained him he sat down to the table to write. He could not restrain the tears as he saw there Ted's pathetic attempt to write—all blurred and unreadable.

"What day shall I tell him to come for it?" asked Hal, taking up the pen.

"Thursday," replied Ted. "No, Friday, Hal. I'd—I'd like to have two days with it, Hal."

"That's right," said Ted, approvingly. "Now, please mail it to night and promise me you won't say anything about it to father and Lucy."

Hal hesitated a moment, then promised.

"Now tell me about your bicycle race," said Ted. "When you are going and all about it."

This was opening a subject absorbingly interesting to Hal. He was proud of his "wheel," and unflagging in his zeal to sustain the reputation he had justly acquired of being the most expert rider in the village.

"We are going to the city on Friday. From there we'll race back to the village, the first one riding the fifteen miles from there here being the winner. Three of the best city riders are going to try our strength. There are some tough hills coming this way, and some of the fellows here say I am afraid with those city men, for fear I lose my record. It would be pretty hard on me if I failed, but I won't back down and I intend to win. One of the city riders brags so that I want to outride him in particular. It'll be a great race, and will decide a long rivalry."

"How I should like to see you come in the winner," said Ted, sadly. "I remember how I used to like to watch you riding."

"And I'd give worlds, Ted, to see you riding again," responded Hal, sorrowfully.

"Ah! that'll never be. But it's a little comfort to sit and picture to myself how you look, so strong and graceful, and to think what a pleasure riding is to you. Do try and win the race, Hal."

When he left Mr. Audon followed him to the gate, and sorrowfully told him they must let Ted's organ go.

He was deeply grieved at the prospect of telling his afflicted son of it, and Hal, seeing how well this accorded with Ted's plans, told him he would relieve him of the sad task. The old man, with tears running down his face, earnestly thanked him and hurried into the house.

The question arose the very next day in Ted's school as to when they should have their annual picnic, and Hal argued so strongly in favor of the following Friday that it was settled.

This picnic was a great affair in the village, both old and young being invited, and there was always a royal time.

It may seem strange that Hal should want it on the day of the bicycle race, unless one might think that, as the route of the race lay through the picnic woods, he desired to show off to the crowd, as he would go spinning by far in advance of his competitors; but we will not believe that of Hal, for, indeed, he had a far nobler motive. He thoughtfully saw that if Ted could be taken to the picnic on Friday he would be spared the pain of being at home when the organ was taken away.

When he went to Ted's house the next morning Ted was so absorbed in music that Hal's entrance was unnoticed, and he sat down quietly so as not to interrupt him. He was playing his farewell piece, and it was so mournful and manifested so clearly the unspeakable pain of parting with the instrument, that he could scarcely restrain the impulse to exclaim: "Ted, it must not be; I must spare you this loss." But presently the blind lad stopped—ran his fingers lovingly across the keys without sounding them; then softly, sadly and resolutely, he closed the lid, and with a sigh arose to leave the room.

Hal sprang up, grasping his hand and exclaimed:

"Ted, I'm so sorry; but maybe we can save it yet. I'll try."

"No, no, Hal," responded Ted, "you must not. Let it go now. I've—I've made up my mind to part from it."

Just then Lucy entered, saying it was time to go to the station, and they tenderly led Ted from the room. Hal was to accompany them to the train that was to take them to the picnic.

"I'll sit all the afternoon by the road where the race is to be, and Lucy will tell me how far you are ahead of the others, Hal," said Ted, his face lighting up with pleasant anticipations. "I want you to win so much."

Lucy looked gratefully at Hal, with glistening eyes, as if to say, "You are so kind to provide this pleasure;" then thinking he might not understand her, said with a blush: "Don't fail in the race; Ted has set heart so on your winning."

And Hal, with a troubled look on his face, merely replied, "I'll do my best,' and hurried away.

That afternoon Lucy found a pleasant, shady seat under a large tree by the road in the woods, and there she and Ted waited for the bicycle race. Many others had come there also. On one side of the road were Hal's admirers; on the other those of his rivals; many biting words and satirical expressions shot back and forth, and much feverish expectancy was apparent.

At length the cry, "Here they come!" arose, and, sure enough, away down on the white road, glimmering in the sunlight, was seen a cloud of dust, from which darted twinkling gleams of polished steel. Nearer it came, and the dust obscured the advance rider from the eagerly peering eyes. Nearer still it came, and, like a flash, the first competitor wheeled by, his bright wheel glittering like a shower of meteors.

The expected cheer, the signal of victory, did not arise. There was surprised silence, for the rider wore the uniform of the city club.

But here came another cloud of dust, surely gaining on the first.

"This must be Goodwin," murmured Hal's followers.

"This must be Banks," muttered the others.

But the glittering steel flew quietly but swiftly by, and it was neither.

Then they waited in breathless dread and shame for Hal. Could he be so far behind? What was wrong? But the yellow dust soon slowly settled down on the sultry road and he did not come.

"Where's your great champion now?" sneered Banks' friends.

"He's flunked; the baby," was the sullen reply.

"He's fallen and hurt himself," said Ted, apprehensively.

"I hope not," said Lucy, and she felt that she was pale, and was half glad for once that Ted could not see.

Keenly disappointed at Hal's failure, Ted returned from the picnic, to take up the burden of his loss, and he felt, somehow, that he could have borne it better had Hal only won the race. Lucy tried to cheer him, but with little success, for her own heart ached too sorely for him.

Their mother met them at the door, and, at her greeting, the poor lad's brave struggle to appear cheerful and resigned to his own loss was touchingly apparent.

Continued Tomorrow.

Bluffed on a Sure Thing.

There were two of the men in our gang of Pennsylvania oil well drillers and blasters who were constantly fooling with the nitro-glycerine. They would take chances to make your hair stand on end, and the trouble was they imperiled the safety of many others. One of their favorite pastimes was to get out after noonday lunch and toss a two pound can of stuff as far as they could heave it. I more than once saw them stand fifty feet apart, and on three or four occasions saw the can miss their clutch and fall to the earth. Our foreman and all the other men did a great deal of swearing over this foolishness, and once the men were discharged for it, but they were taken back after a time, and as we grew more used to the stuff we took more chances.

One day the men got out with their can, and as the fun was about to begin our foreman said:

"Boys, that nonsense will be the death of you yet."

"Bet you ten to five it won't," replied one of them.

"Yes, and I'll bet ten to one it won't," bluffed the other, as he shook his wallet at the foreman.

The latter failed to cover, and as he sauntered off down the hill I followed him. We had walked about 200 feet when we were suddenly lifted up and thrown flat to the earth, and then followed a crash which seemed to have rocked the continent. As soon as we could get up we ran back to the derrick, or where the derrick was. It had disappeared, as well as our shanty, and on the site was a hole into which you could have dumped a cottage. Not the slightest scrap of the two can tossers could be found, and the foreman and I stood for several minutes staring into the cavity. Then he suddenly slapped his leg, waved his hand in disgust and growled:

"What a two story fool I was not to take those bets!"—New York Sun.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for an act to incorporate a company to be called "The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company," for the purpose of acquiring the shares in the capital, and the business, property and privileges, and also of assuming the liabilities of the Royal City Planing Mills Company, Limited, and the Hastings Saw Mill Company, Limited, respectively, and to provide for the said Companies being merged therein and extinguished; and

To operate and carry on the business of the aforesaid Mills;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, build and operate, equip and maintain, mills, factories and machine shops of any description, steam vessels and other vessels of any description, railways, tramways, canals and ferries, and to dispose of the same, or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, and construct roads, dams, bridges, aqueducts, flumes, etc., and to dispose of the same, or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, leases of timber and other lands and timber privileges, and to dispose of the same or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold lands, and dispose of the same, or any interest therein, by sale or otherwise;

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, gold, silver and other ores and minerals, logs, timber, lumber and merchandise of any description, bills of lading, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and securities for money, and to dispose of the same;

To exercise and carry on the business of millowners (saw, grist or other mills), timber and lumber merchants, manufacturers, wharfingers, and carriers, and to conduct and carry on a shipping, towing and general trading business;

To undertake agencies and conduct financial business of any kind other than that of banking or insurance;

To perform all such acts, matters and things as the Company may deem incidental or otherwise conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects, or to the conversion or disposition of any security or property held by the Company.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated 4th December, 1895, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, as Coal and Wood merchants and draymen has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to W. E. DICKINSON and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said W. E. DICKINSON by whom the same will be settled, and by whom the business will be carried on in future.

Dated at New Westminster this 22nd day of January, A.D. 1896.

Witness, JAMES D. MILLER. | W. E. DICKINSON. THOS. BINNIE.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate, and maintain a system of electric lighting and motor power within the City of New Westminster, and to acquire lands and do all things necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

THOMAS R. McINNES
A. M. HERRING,
For selves and others.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1895.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next sitting, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of reclaiming and acquiring certain lands under and adjacent to Burnaby Lake, and other lands in the District of New Westminster, in said Province.

CHARLES WILSON,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22, 1896. 1pp gbt

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THE CITY COUNCIL

WHAT WAS DONE AT THE SESSION LAST NIGHT.

Contract for Building the New Fire Hall Let to Archibald Bros.—The Debentures Disposed of at a Good Figure—Re-Appointment of the Civic Officials.

One by one the City Fathers dropped into the Council Chamber last night, and, of course, discussed that ever available topic—the weather. The breaking up of the ice, too, came up for consideration and the effect of Sunday night's Chinook in disposing of the snow reminded some of the weather they had some fifteen odd years ago.

At 8 o'clock Mayor Brown called the members to order. Those present were Ald. Batchelor, Hoy, Johnston, Sinclair, Lyal and McPhaden. After the reading of minutes the following communications were presented:

From Messrs. Corbould, McColl & Jeune, accepting the offer of the City Council re position of City Solicitor. Received and filed.

From the Lieut.-Governor announcing that the appointment of two license commissioners was under consideration by the Executive Council.

From Chief Pierce, calling attention to the fact that a number of street lamps have been broken, and suggesting that all the lamps be cleaned occasionally. Referred to the Fire Committee.

From David Birmingham, of the Farmer's Home, applying for appointment as collector of votes. Received.

From F. O. Bideleau, asking for the street grade at the corner of Blackie and Douglas Streets. Referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

From Col. McGregor, enclosing secretary's report of the public meeting held in the City Hall on Friday night last. Received.

From the Vancouver foundry, asking that a written order be given for the man required to repair the fire steamer. Received, and the chairman of the Fire committee was instructed to send the necessary order.

The City Clerk presented the deeds for a lane in rear of St. Mary's Hospital. As the acceptance of these deeds necessitated the closing up of another lane, Ald. Hoy asked if the Council had power to close up any street or lane.

Ald. Smither thought it necessary to obtain a bill from the Local Legislature empowering them to close up the lane.

Ald. McPhaden moved that the matter be referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

Ald. Sinclair seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The Finance Committee presented a report recommending that the offer of R. W. Smith to purchase $200,000 worth of debentures at 101½ be accepted.

On motion of Ald. Hoy, seconded by Ald. McPhaden, the report was adopted.

The special committee on water frontage reported that they could not interfere with what had been done by the old Council in the matter of Mr. Wise, who now holds his wharf lot as a monthly tenant. Received and adopted.

The Board of Works recommended the laying of 250 feet of sidewalk on Ellis street. This committee also recommended that the tender of Archibald Bros. be accepted for the construction of the new fire hall on Front street, the price to be $1670. The report was adopted.

Ald. Johnston made a verbal report on behalf of the Fire Committee regarding the purchase of a chemical engine. He had received letters from Toronto and Winnipeg, and expected further information on the subject within a few days. He asked for more time for further consideration of the matter, which was granted.

The Mayor then read the following letter from the chairman of the Vancouver Mainland Association, which he had just received: "Owing to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th inst., and have great pleasure in stating that our committee fully agree with the sentiment expressed by your letter and the resolution passed at the meeting held in your city, and I am requested to add that we hope to hear from you at an early date that arrangements have been made that delegates from this city may meet you to discuss matters."

It was decided to call a meeting for 8 o'clock tonight of the committee appointed at last Friday's public meeting to organize and arrange for work.

It was moved by Ald. Sinclair, seconded by Ald. McPhaden, that H. G. Ross and C. C. McGregor be appointed to look up rates, and they to under the supervision of the Fire committee. Carried.

The Civic Officers By-Law, 1890, was introduced by Ald. Smither.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the by-law, with Ald. Batchelor in the chair. It was read clause by clause and Mr. Hobson was reappointed at a salary of $125 per month.

Ald. McPhaden said that he thought $100 a month was too much for Cuddeby and he moved that it be reduced by $10, which would be a saving of nearly $2.07 per week to the city. Carried, however, seconded the resolution and Mr. Cuddeby will receive the same salary as last year.

Mr. Curtis was reappointed city engineer at a salary of $125 per month.

Mr. T. C. Atkinson was appointed police magistrate at a salary of $50 per month, and J. Sturtz auditor at $20 per month. The by-law was adopted.

Ald. Johnston gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would introduce a by-law to fix the salary of the Mayor for the present year.

The Council then adjourned.

THE BLOCKADE RAISED.

Smashing up of the Ice in the River Yesterday—Narrow Escape of Four Men Who Were on it When the Crash Came.

What a wonderful alterative cold is! Not even on this earth and everything on it and in it. Eons of ages ago its breath poured down upon it and was bottled up in the rank vegetation of those far distant days, to be used in the nineteenth century for the thousand and one affairs for which coal is an absolute necessity. His influence with that of the moon in piling up the waves of the ocean is well known, and the tides ebb and flow subject to their influence. The ice which for weeks past blocked the harbor, gave way yesterday to his influence, and although everyone attributed its breaking up to the tides, few realized the fact that the sun and moon were at the height of their MIGHT at high water yesterday morning the ice appeared as firm as it did a week ago. Of course there were patches of water over it, the result of the thaw of Sunday night. Before noon the ice was moving up stream and before 10 o'clock up river between Brighton and Brownsville was practically clear.

Shortly before this ice began moving two men started from Brownsville to cross to the city. All went well until they had made about two-thirds of the distance. Then they saw the ice breaking up in every direction and they ran. A crowd thronged out to watch them, expecting to see them go down. When about opposite the woollen mills the ice along shore broke free and with a crash ground against the docks and raised itself high up against the piles. The men made a dash for the shore and managed to gain a foothold on a log which was just beginning to move. Willing hands assisted them ashore and glad enough were they to get there, for a minute later the ice broke up into a confused mass right where they had landed. But hardly had the excitement subsided when a boat was noticed fast in the pack and about opposite the railway station and with the aid of a telescope the occupants could be seen bailing the water out and then getting on the ice trying to drag the boat into open water. But their efforts proved vain and at last they appeared to lose heart and entering the boat sat down to wait for the inevitable. Then fresh efforts would be made and they would try to drag it up on the ice again. Slowly the ice kept moving up stream and it was evident to those on shore that the men were in a very dangerous position. Their boat was too heavy for them to lift and all they could do was to keep the small ice pans from crowding into it. A couple of gentlemen got a small flat bottomed boat, intending to start over the ice to their rescue, when they noticed one of the men start for shore. Scores of people watched him as he made his way across and as he drew near he was recognized as Roderick Martin. Hardly had he landed than his companion taking an oar in his hand started for shore, and was fortunate to reach it in safety. His name was George Lowe, watchman at the B. C. Cannery. The two men had started for the city but the heavy wind blew them into the ice and they could not get out again.

Later in the afternoon two other men were seen on the ice with a canoe about opposite the penitentiary. They were in no danger, however, and made their way to shore without much apparent difficulty.

With the turn of the tide some of the ice came down stream last night. A few days more and it will all be gone.

Fatter of Chemical Engines.

A fire started in a Seattle warehouse the other night and on an alarm being turned in, the chemical engine was the first on the scene, and before any of the other apparatus had arrived the fire was almost extinguished. The fire caught on the floor in front of the store and had burned through the flooring and timbers and when the chemical company arrived was roaring like a furnace, the draft coming up from under the wharf on which the building is located, causing the flames to leap clear to the ceiling. Smoke was issuing from every window, and it looked as though the whole building was on fire. The flames were extinguished with one 60 gallon tank from the chemical. This incident shows what a serviceable adjunct to a fire department a chemical engine would be.

Hotel Arrivals.

At the Colonial—H. G. Shatteuck, San Francisco; G. Cross, M. Costello and wife, E. B. Spaulding, Vancouver; L. Walling, W. H. Lindsay, Lulu Island; A. D. Hastings, Kennedaw; J. Carr, Port Haney; L. A. Agnew, Agassiz.

At the Queen's—J. C. Baker, Victoria; J. H. Plaxin, Nanaimo; M. J. Morrison, Kamloops; E. S. Barron, Seattle; G. T. Armstrong, Harrison.

At the Central—G. Lemon, Mission; W. F. Montgomery, Port Townsend; D. Cummings, Nanaimo; T. Conley, State River.

C. P. R. Building Contracts.

Information has come to the ears of a Truth reporter that the building contracts of Vancouver got either last Friday and interviewed Mr. Brown, of the Canadian Pacific Railway. They reminded Mr. Brown of the fact that in the past all the C.P.R. buildings put up in Vancouver had been erected by men employed by the Company. The contractors expressed their belief that if they were allowed to tender for the C. P. R. buildings that it is proposed to put up this year, it would result in the Company affording a considerable saving, the character of the buildings might be improved, and the local contractors would have a chance to make some money for themselves. Mr. Brown, it is said, expressed himself very favorably disposed towards letting the Company's buildings out by contract, and as much as promised that that would be done. Asked as to the amount of building the Company had in view, he replied that it might run up to two or three millions. The local contractors are accordingly in a pleasant frame of mind over the prospects.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The Switzera sails for England this morning.

Mr. D. Chisholm was much improved yesterday.

Mr. Agnew came in on yesterday afternoon's train.

Mrs. Deane died at Victoria yesterday morning.

The Dunsmuir is expected in from Vancouver some time today.

Four piles at the C. P. N. dock were carried away by the ice yesterday.

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Mr. Charles McDonough expects to be able to return to business in a few days.

Mr. Branson was much better yesterday and his friends have strong hopes of his ultimate recovery.

Dr. Fagan is recovering from his attack of la grippe. Mr. will be round again in the course of a few days.

N. Underwood, real estate agent of Portland, brother of H. D. Underwood, of Victoria, died suddenly on Saturday night.

Mr. Ogle, of the firm Ogle, Campbell & Freeman, left on the mid-day train yesterday for a two-month trip in the Eastern provinces.

Our city says that not one man in ten will use the point in that telephone conversation, and that there isn't one girl in ten who wont use it.

The barometer was rising slowly last night, and at midnight stood at 29.02 inches. A rising barometer usually indicates the approach of fair weather.

Another commercial traveler, R. H. Bryce, is up before the beak at Victoria, for non payment of license. He will appeal if the fine is imposed.

The aldermen deny the soft impeachment that they sent for the Sardoways to break up the ice in the river. They all knew it was going out yesterday morning.

Brother McCutcheon, of the Kamloops Sentinel, comes out first best on that bachelor breeks. It is another exhibition of the truth of "appearances to the contrary."

The New River Dagger Committee met at Mr. F. Peebles office last night, and completed a draft of the constitution and by-laws to be presented at the meeting on Thursday night next.

Rev. Thomas Baldwin preached his farewell sermon in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening last. There was a big congregation. He has accepted the call to the Baptist Church in Seattle.

Mr. Cross, of Cross & Pringlebury, went down to the North Arm last night to attend a meeting. He says the ice has all left there, but from what he heard he expects the bridge to go with the ice as it comes down from above the city.

The C.P.R. station at Hatzic is nearing completion. The structure is of rustic design, and will be a very novel and beautiful building when finished. A freight, express and baggage shed, also of rustic design, with a dwelling overhead, is also being erected and will be connected with the station by a covered way. A large amount of money is being expended in the building.

British Columbia number of the News Advertiser now ready and on sale at D. Lyal & Co's bookstore. 121-31

The members of the committee of the New Westminster Mainland Association are requested by chairman Brown to meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the City Hall. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of the committee.

The train from the east yesterday was delayed about half an hour by a mud slide, a few miles east of the Junction. Picks and shovels were brought into requisition, and the passengers enjoyed a lively scene for a little while.

The contract has been awarded to Mr. Rittenmont, of Nanaimo, by the Dominion Government for the erection of a lighthouse at Yellow Rock, near the entrance to Boyson Sound, Comox. This will be a leading light for vessels going to and from the Union Colliery loading wharves.

From Ocean to Ocean.

As stated on Sunday telegraphic communication over one continuous wire was held on Sunday from points on this coast clear through to Halifax over the newly completed line of the Canadian Pacific. In reply to a message from Tuckw to Mr. W. Dennis, of the Halifax *Herald*, we received the following:

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For a short time also communication was had between Victoria and Halifax, but the line from Nanaimo to the capital went down after a few words had been sent, causing much regret to the number of people who were awaiting to send free complimentary messages to their friends on the Atlantic. It is something marvellous to follow along in one's mind mile after mile the immense stretch of wire that thus crosses a continent without a break.

Extraordinary Rare.

The supply of fresh eggs on this coast is at present extremely limited and the price has climbed away up to 60 cents a dozen. This fact, Tuckw is informed, became known in the east. Two dealers down there, one in Ontario and the other in Minnesota, learned it about the same time and each decided to get a couple of carloads into British Columbia as speedily as possible. It was not until both had proceeded a long way in their purchases that each became acquainted with the other's intentions. They are now understood to be running a race over the prairies to see which will get there first. Four carloads will glut the market with his fruit, making it dirt cheap, while only half that quantity would, it is said, just comfortably stock the local dealers. The importance of getting into the market first will, therefore, be seen. But it looks as if the coast, in any case, would be pretty freely supplied with eggs before long.

Their Swell Hotel.

E. M. Johnson, secretary of the Canada Western Hotel Co., of Victoria, that arrangements have been completed for the immediate construction of the new hotel on the site originally selected—the block bounded by Government, Courtenay and Wharf Streets. It is understood that Messrs. Rudin & Hartnagle have joined forces with the Canada Western Hotel Co., taking $50,000 stock. The new Driard will therefore not be proceeded with. The architect has already been instructed to prepare plans for a building costing, it is said, about $200,000, composed of brick, stone, and iron, which, when completed, will be one of the handsomest and best appointed first-class hotels on the Pacific coast. The erection of the new hotel will be proceeded with just as soon as the details can be arranged.

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