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### MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in certain Mortgages duly registered in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., and numbered 16107 D in charge book, volume 12, and 134 D in charge book, volume 13., the following valuable property is offered for sale by tender, viz: Lot 19 on the plan of Lewis' Subdivision of Section 14, in Comox District, together with the hotel thereon, known as the Courtenay House. Tenders for the purchase of the above land and premises will be received by William Lewis, Courtenay, near Comox, B. C., up to the 20th of August, 1898.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria to noon of Monday, August 15th, 1898, for the construction of a public school building at Union. Plans and specifications may be seen at the government office Cumberland, and blank form of tenders obtained from the undersigned. All tenders to be made upon the private forms supplied for the purpose.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. B. ANDERSON,  
Government Agent.  
Cumberland, B. C., Aug. 4, 1898.

### NOTICE.

I, William Gleason, of the City of Cumberland in the Province of British Columbia, hereby give notice that I intend to apply at the next regular sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners in and for the City of Cumberland to be held on the second Wednesday in September 1898, for a license to sell by retail, wines, spirits, beer and other fermented or intoxicating liquors on my premises known as the "New England Restaurant" situate on Dunsmuir Avenue, upon Lot 3, Block III, City of Cumberland aforesaid.

Dated at City of Cumberland, August 5th, 1898.

WILLIAM GLEASON.

### NOTICE

During my temporary absence Mr. Kenneth Grant will conduct for me the undertaking business. Orders left at my residence on Maryport Avenue will receive prompt attention. P.O. Box No 5 Cumberland, Jan. 29. 98. Alex. Grant

## SEMLIN to Form a Cabinet.

## PEACE AT LAST Between U. S. and Spain

Russia and England Antagonists

Nanaimo in the Dark—Claus Attempts Suicide.

### China's Offensive Alliance.

London, Aug. 13.—The morning papers express the growing indignation of the country at the position of affairs in China. The Daily Graphic says if this state of things continues the guns will go off themselves. A correspondent of the Daily Mail, who proposes to divulge the terms of the long existing treaty between China and Russia, says it is not less than an offensive alliance. China undertakes to regard Russia as having a preponderating influence in all questions of commercial and international policies, and Russia is to support China against all open door demands, and finance international developments. China also grants preferential rates within certain areas, in which railways are to be built in joint interests of the two countries. The Journal says England is now seeking an arrangement with Russia, but that an understanding is impossible unless Russia remains mistress of the north and England is assured of her influence on the Yangtse Kiang river. In short the line of sections are beginning to be marked along the line of the disruption that will occur whenever China falls to pieces. Clearly neither France, Germany, or Japan could hold aloof. France in the event of war will support Russia.

### Protocol Signed.

Washington, Aug. 13.—President McKinley is receiving compliments from all parts of the country on the successful termination of the war. The peace protocol is signed and the war at an end.

### Court Martialed and Shot.

Marinetta, Aug. 13.—Word has been received from Ponce that private La Luke of 2d, Wisconsin regiment, who shot and killed private Stafford during a quarrel in a saloon at Ponce was court martialed on Aug. 3d, found guilty, and shot on the morning of the 4th of Aug.

### Forming a Cabinet.

Victoria, Aug. 13.—Hon. Robert Beaven has declined the task of forming a Cabinet and the Lieutenant-Governor has called upon Mr. Charles Semlin, M.P. to form a ministry, and Mr. Semlin has accepted the task.

LATER.—Mr. Semlin will not be able to make a statement until Monday.

### Claus Tries to Cheat the Gallows.

There was quite a sensation when it became known that Joseph Claus, who will suffer the penalty of death on Wednesday, Aug. 17, for the murder of Hendrickson and Burnes, had attempted to take his life by strychnine. He is very ill, but the doctor in charge thinks he can pull him through. It has not been disclosed how he got the poison.

### Nanaimo in Darkness.

Nanaimo—One of the boilers of the electric light plant here burst Friday evening at 10 o'clock, tearing part of the roof of the building off. Fortunately no one was near enough to be injured. The city as a result will likely be in darkness for a week.

## McPHEE & MOORE

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## General

## Merchandise.

Cumberland, and Courtenay, B. C.

### THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

EDITOR OF NEWS:—

Allow me briefly to sum up the "Liquor Traffic," as the case is to come before the electors of Canada—the grand jury that is to decide the matter.

On behalf of the liquor it is claimed that good men have spoken in its favor, have even drunk a little of it without any apparent injury; that it adds seven million dollars a year to our revenue, and helps some men to keep comfortable accommodations for travelers and makes an easy living for themselves and their families. It also makes those who drink it feel quite jolly for a short time. This is all I have ever seen or heard in its favor during 60 years of careful inquiry and intelligent observation.

The first and greatest objection to the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is that it is in direct opposition to the grand principle on which the Almighty governs the universe and the foundation of every righteous law on earth: the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of individuals extending over the longest period of duration.

The second charge is that it ruins its victims; morally, mentally, socially, physically and financially; destroys them soul and body for time and for eternity.

The next objection is that two-thirds of the crime and nine-tenths of the pauperism in Canada are caused by the liquor traffic.

As a revenue producer it is a failure; taking two million dollars more out of the treasury every year than it puts into it. It likewise sends vast sums of money which is needed to carry on business at home, to Spain and France, and other foreign countries, much of it never to return. When a man spends his money for almost anything else, he gives useful employment to his fellow citizens, and has something valuable in return; but what does the drunkard get from his enemy? A ruined character and a broken constitution. It is well known that the use of liquor creates for itself an abnormal, insatiable, and accelerated appetite, which becomes hereditary, and ruins the posterity of the poor degraded victim.

If this sad traffic is to be continued for the next 40 years we must take the children who are now in the home, the day school, and the Sabbath school, to fill the places of the present victims. If I vote to continue this evil I render myself accountable for my share of all the crime and misery that shall ensue. Whatever does more harm than good ought to be prohibited. We are a law abiding people, and a law, extending over the whole Dominion could be easily enforced. Let

us all then as patriots, as citizens, as philanthropists, as Christians, do our duty and vote to free our country of this deadly foe.

S. F. CRAWFORD.

### NEW CABINET.

Vancouver Gets the Lion's Share

Victoria, Aug. 16.—Three members of the new government were sworn in Monday afternoon. They are Charles Semlin, Minister of Lands & Works, Premier; Joseph Martin, Attorney-General; F. C. Coiton, Minister of Finance. The other members are not yet decided upon. Much dissatisfaction is expressed here at two being taken from Vancouver.

Joseph Claus, the murderer, died in his cell at 10.40 Saturday night.

### Indian Mound Exhumed.

Prof. Holland J. Smith, of American Museum of Anatomy, with his wife, are camped on the beach at Comox Bay. Mr. Smith has several men at work for him in securing ancient remains. Among other things they are opening up Indian mounds, and are said to be quite successful in finding many objects of interest.

### THE LOCAL PROTEST.

A copy of a Petition filed against the return of the election of James Dunsmuir member for Comox Electoral District in the Provincial Legislature, has been forwarded to John Baird, Esq; Returning Officer of this district. Mr. Douglas Grant of Comox is the petitioner, and his agent is David S. Walbridge whose address is Room 7, McKinnon Block, Vancouver.

### CONDITION OF TRUNK ROAD.

The lower part of the Comox Trunk road—Comox end—is completed with the exception of a few bridges over small streams. These are now being built. Probably in four weeks they will be completed. The party working up from Nanaimo end have about two and a half miles of new road to make, and should not be long in finishing that. For a new road it will be, it is said, in good condition.

### THE THISTLE CLAIM.

Anthony Watson writes on Aug. 3d. from Alberni that the company with which he is connected, has bonded the Thistle for \$1,500 cash down. They intend, he says, to drive two tunnels and are building a temporary trail.

