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ACCEPT PLANS FOR NEW CITY BUILDING

Council Decide on Those Drawn Up by Wm. Nicholas For Fire Hall and Meeting Chamber

Poundkeeper Appointed--Chief of Fire Department Sends in His Resignation

The plan for the new fire hall and council chamber were presented at the city council meeting last night by Mr. William Nicholas, who had drawn them up. The plans provide for a fire hall downstairs with two police cells, a bed room for the man in charge, also a lavatory. Upstairs is devoted to a council chamber, 35 feet long and 23 feet broad. He proposed that the entrance for the fire hall should face towards Roberts street, the hall being placed back on the lot from the street. The building could be put up quite substantially for about $1,200.

The plans were accepted and Mr. Nicholas was requested to get out specifications.

The electric light bylaw to ask the people for authority to put in a plant for street lighting will be brought in next week by Ald. Haworth.

Pannell & Plaskett's water turbine was brought up again by the Mayor, who said the firm had turned the water on the street once more. The council decided that the city take action against them forthwith. Ald. Blair suggested that the lawyers and others would get $40 or $50 out of this, and that would pay for a drain.

The Mayor said the question was one of principle, whether the bylaw could be enforced. His Worship also referred to the subject of a drain on First Avenue. He believed that the people interested would agree to pay their share for one if it were put in. He suggested that the city should find out the cost. The Mayor was granted permission to get the information.

Chief Morrison, of the fire department, handed in his resignation. On motion of Ald. Beveridge it was decided to call for tenders, the present chief being asked to retain the position till his successor was appointed.

The Mayor reported that he had got Mr. John Illiddic to give the estimate of the sewer crossing the E. & N. track near the foot of Roberts street for $10. The Mayor was given a further extension of a week to procure the information.

Ald. Blair brought up the question of the cemetery. Something had to be done to provide tools and proper material for digging graves. There should be a house built for the tools.

Ald. Matthieson agreed with this, and Ald. Blair moved that the cemetery committee be authorized to build the house. This was carried.

As John McLean was willing to act as grave digger he was appointed to the position.

Ald. Nicholson said that it should be seen to that the graves were finished before a funeral took place. It was a most annoying thing to have such an occurrence.

The cemetery bylaw was put through the committee stage and third reading, an amendment being made fixing the price for digging children's graves at $3, instead of $2.50.

The revenue bylaw was affirmed.

Ald. Nicholson gave notice of a bylaw along the lines of the provincial regulations governing the sale of milk which had been forwarded to the council by Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health.

When the Wards bylaw came up Ald. Nicholson said he favored the measure, but there were a number of people objected to it. He would like to see it referred to a public meeting.

Ald. Beveridge did not believe in peddling a bylaw round this way. Let them settle it in the council. If it was not satisfactory let some alderman bring in another bylaw, or if the next council did not care for its provisions they could change it.

Ald. Matthieson was satisfied with the bylaw. If there was any way to get a vote until an assessment roll was prepared.

The Mayor said if the majority of the property holders wanted the wards divided up differently, they had a right to have it so. The vote, however, would not be binding, but could only be considered as an intimation to the council. Ald. Nicholson moved that the bylaw be laid over for a week, and this was done.

The Wash-house bylaw was introduced and read a first and second time.

John McLean was duly appointed pound-keeper and will proceed to gather into the pound the waifs and strays.

Elizabeth Rickard, of High street, wrote asking that the alleyway behind her house be cleared of stumps, dition. "No funds," will be the answer of the Council.

as it was useless in its present con-

The Council were informed that the hose cart recently ordered in Portland had been shipped.

Next came a complaint by R. H. Richard of the condition of the corner of Esplanade and Baden-Powell streets, where a drain was needed. This was filed.

letter from A. W. Harvey, the surveyor who took the street levels, states that he had heard from Mr. Bell, who stated that the profiles were not to be included in the agreement for the levels of the city. This came to $110 more, but he had pared down the other account to $178.65, making in all $288.65.

The Mayor had the city clerk read a draft of a letter to Mr. Harvey, saying that in the agreement with Mr. Bell, it was specified to have the profile.

Ald. Matthieson said such was the agreement made with Mr. Bell in his presence.

The Mayor remarked that Mr. Bell may have been too low in his estimate. If Mr. Harvey would admit this and leave the matter to the council they would see what could be done. There were 75 yards of profile and the job was very well done.

The Mayor's letter was considered satisfactory and the matter dropped.

Accounts aggregating $107.47 were passed over to the finance committee. School salaries of $520 were passed and also $51.90 for small school supplies.

MANY RUSSIANS AGAINST WAR

New York, Nov. 8.—A Berlin despatch to the Times says: A circular widely distriquted in the Russian army despite the strict control, has reached here, It contains the following' "No one going to the war returns. It is better to defend our rights than to shed blood unnecessarily. We workmen cannot look on with indifferecace while our comrades perish." As a result of these circulars further riots are reported at Kaner, where several persons were killed and wounded. At Rodomask in a clash between reservists and police several men were killed.

C. H. BARKER HURT.

Mr. C. H. Barker is lying at the Nanaimo hospital seriously hurt as the result of falling over a bluff while out hunting near Wellington. His skull is fractured, his jaw and several ribs and one finger broken, besides there are a number of cuts and bruises on his body. It seems that while walking with a deer's carcase on his shoulders Mr. Barker in the darkness fell over a high bank on Sunday night. Mr. J. Teague, who was with him, stayed all night with the injured man and yesterday morning secured help to take him to Nanaimo.

UNITED STATES ELECTIONS IN PROGRESS

Vote Is Expected to be Heavy According to Reports Received

Men Arrested For Personating Row in New York

New York, Nov. 8.—Almost perfect weather conditions prevailed in Greater New York and early conditions pointed to a heavy vote in today's election. From the moment the polls opeaed at six o'clock the booths in many election districts were filled and lines of men stood waiting their turn to deposit a ballot. While perfect order prevails in most sections of the city, trouble began in some quarters almost at the start and arrests for alleged ill legal voting began almost simultaneously with the opening of the polls. In some cases the arrests were accompanied by disorderly demonstrations and at least two persons, a policeman and a citizen, were injured before voting had been in progress 20 minutes.

VOTERS TURN OUT WELL.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 8.—Indications of the polling of an unusually large vote throughout Massachusetts appeared in the early part of election morning. The weather was a trifle colder. In Boston and the suburbs early reports told of a heavy polling. Opinions of Democratic leaders offered upon today's election concede the state for President Roosevelt by perhaps 60,000, but claimed the election of Wm. L. Douglas for Governor Predictions were made that the vote in Massachusetts would reach 425,000. Democrats estimate that Douglas will carry the city of Boston by over 20,000 and Judge Parker about 18,000.

A HEAVY FEELING.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 8.—The vote in this city was very heavy during the early hours of the day, probably owing to the new Ohio law closing the polls at four o'clock.

THE TEETOTAL STATE.

Poetland, Maine, Nov. 8.—Maine voters were called up early today to ballot only for presidential electors, but the prevalance of desirable weather, it was estimated, would bring about a large vote. The state is claimed by the Republicans by about 25,000 for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

JAM AT THE POLLS.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 8.—Clear, crisp weather was reported from all parts of Connecticut. In this city scores af voters were on hand to cast their ballots when the polls opened. The crush of voters was unprecedented. In one ward one hundred men were in line before daylight.

FINE IN INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 8.—Election day in Indiana opened with fine weather. Both parties have made elaborate arrangements to get out the full vote. Republican managers are claiming the state by 30,000, with a gain of two congressmen and a majority in the legislature.

LOOKS DRY IN ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Ills., Nov.8.—Optimism over election prospects prevails in the councils of the prohibition party. Oliver W. Stewart, chairman of the prohibition national committee, says he is confident Silas C. Swallow will receive 300,000 of the votes cast today, which is an advance of 90,000 over the ballot given John G. Woolty in 1900. A. E. Wilson, chairman of the state committee, expresses his belief that Arthur Gourley would receive enough prohibition votes to send him to the house of representatines from the sixth district, and is also hopeful that several prohibition membees of the legislature will be chosen in Chicago and down state districts.

Oyster Bay, Nov. 8.—President Roosevelt with his party arrived here at 9.41 a.m. today on special train and the president was driven directly from the station to the polling station in the fifth precinct of Oyster Bay, where he cast his ballot. As he drew away from the polling place the crowd, which had gathered to see him, cheered enthusiastirally.

HOW DID HE VOTE?

Kingston, New York, Nov. 8.—Judge Parker voted here, having driven over from Esopius accompanied by his private secretary to cast his ballot.

OFFERS TERMS TO RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

Rank and File of Port Arthur Defenders Sick and Weary of Prolonging Useless Struggle

General Nogi Sends Them a Letter Offering Humane Treatment to Those Who Surrender

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Che Foo, Nov. 8.—(5.30 p.m.) The Japanese besieging Port Arthur, ignoring Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, the commander of the Russian military forces there, have offered terms of surrender to the Russian soldiers. according to advices leaving Port Dalny yesterday. In the meanwhile the ceaseless activity of picks and shovels gradually advancing, spells inexorable fate to the watching Russians.

A Russian prisoner captured Oct. 26, said the soldiers composing the garrison of Port Arthur, in want and dispirited, saw the hopelessness of the struggle. Despairing of relief with food scarce and medicine and hospital supplies insufficient, it was admitted by the Russians that a Japanese victory was ultimately inevitable. The soldiers according to the prisoner, see no reason to prolong the resistance which brings glory to their officers but chiefly hardship and death to them. Upon hearing the prisoner.s story, General Nogi drafted a letter to be distributed among the soldiers themselves, the prisoner having promised to deliver it in mercy to his comrades. The letter related Gen. Kuropatkin's retreats and his inability to make an impression on the army of Field Marshal Oyama, to say nothing of breaking through his forces and relieving Port Arthur.

The letter also pointed out that the second Russian fleet had just started on its slow voyage. Continuing, it called attention to the resistless advance of the Japanese trenches, making it a matter of weeks when the Japanese would walk into the Russian strongholds. In conclusion the letter offered humane treatment to all who surrendered, saying it was in the interests of humanity to prevent further, useless slaughter.

Several copies of the letter written in Russian, were given to the prisoner, who regained the Russian lines unobserved by his officers.

That night the Russian returned, saying his comrades would answer within a few days. He said the temper of the men seemed to show that while they were mutinous towards fate, they also did not like the idea of an unofficial surrender, The letter, did much, however,, to dispel among the Russian troops the imptession fostered by their officers, that a massacre would follow a Japanese victory. The company to which the prisoner belonged originally numbered 800 and now totals thirty men.

Unofficial news received from Port Arthur since Saturday reporting of the progress made by the besiegers, indicates that the Japanese operations are peoceeding satisfactorily, though slowly, limestone fortifications and rocky ground interfering with the sapping. It is now considered that the capture of Rihlung mountain and East Keekwan mountain without Atz and Etz mountains is not sufficient to enforce the Russians to abandon the city proper.

STILL TOUCHING.

Tokio, Nov. 8.—Reports from the Shakhe river state that both armies are still strengthening their positions along the river and are busily preparing for another great battle. The scouts are constantly in touch and frequent outpost skirmishes occur but there is no likelihood of a general engagement for the present. Reinforcements of Russian troops, guns and supplies are constantly arriving at the front filling the gaps caused by the crushing losses at the battle of Shakhe river.

JAPANESE LOAN.

London, Nov. 8.—The prospectus of the new Japanese loan of $60,000,000 will be issued tomorrow or Thursday; half of the amount will be offered in New York and half in London.

Mukden, via Pekin, Nov. 8.—Artillery firing was continuous all along the lines on Monday and intermittent this morning. A battle might commence at any hour. It will be a question of many days if not weeks to decide the position, which is the most interesting since the commencement of the war. Each side is waiting for the other to attack.

JAP WARSHIP SUNK.

Shanghai, Nov. 8.—It is reported in British naval circles that a Japanese man-af-war has been sunk by a mine off Port Arthur.

The officers and crew of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitelni which the Japanese cut out of the harbor at Che Foo on Aug 12, have arrived here on the Manjur, with the exception of their commander who escaped at Wosong. He is probably now homeward bound on a German mail steamer.

SHOT BY HER BROTHER

Catharine Emilis, the 12-year old daughter of Frederick David, was shot at Mayne Island, under peculiar circumstances.

About 9 o'clock on Saturday morning an otter was seen on the beach. The David children had noticed it, and the eldest, a boy about 14 years of age, ran to the house near by for his rifle. He took aim at the animal from behind a small building and in the excitement of the moment had not noticed a younger brother, who was getting in the range of the weapon. This little fellow Catharine had gone to rescue, when she received the bullet in her own body. Her approach had been unobserved because of a building standing between her and the place where her brother was taking aim.

The bullet passed through her abdomen, and a remarkable feature about the sad affair is the fact that the same shot killed the otter.

As soon as possible, the father of the wounded girl placed her in a boat and rowed four miles until the steamer Otter was met. She was then transferred to the steamer and taken to Victoria where she died in the hospital.

WOMEN FIGHT DEADLY DUEL

Wife of Wyoming Farmer Kills Another With Revolver Shot

Evanston, Wyo., Nov. 8.—Mrs. Leon Demars shot in a duel by her neighbor, Mrs. Nancy Richards, is dead. Several times the women had come to blows, and each had warned the other the next encounter would be with guns. Mrs. Demars went to Mrs. Richard's ranch near Fort Bridger and upon being ordered away, displayed a big revolver. Mrs. Richards had been carrying a weapon in expectation of meeting Mrs. Demars. Mrs. Richards says Mrs. Demars fired first, but there were no other witnesses. At the second shot Mrs. Demars fell with a bullet in her breats, but kept on firing, emptying her revolver. Mrs. Richards also fired six shots. Both are wives of ranchers. They are thirty years old. Mrs. Richards was arrested.

FOUND DROWNED.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 8.—The body of Thomas Kinlven was brought to the surface in Thunder bay, Port Arthur, last evening. He had been missing a month, but it had been reported he had gone east.

THE KAISER'S DIGNITY HURT

Small Boy Locked Up Because He Was Not Respectful

New York, Nov. 8.—A Berlin despatch to the Times says: At Lissa, province of Posen, a 13-year old boy, Adelbert Grsek, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment for lese-majeste. While at school in conversation with other boys he condemned the neutrality of Germany in the present war and also made derogatory remarks about the Kaiser.

MAY RE-OPEN MILLS.

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 8.— The Cotton manufacturers of this city, whose mills have been idle since July on account of a strike of 25,000 operatives over 12 per cent. reduction in wages, today voted to open their plants to such help as desired to resume work under the reduced wages.

An effort was made in France this summer to revive the old fair at Beaucaire, which was so famous at the end of the 18th century. In 1730 40,000,000 francs' worth of business was transacted there, but the fair gradually lost its importance, until the railway finally came along and spoiled it all.

QU'APPELLE GOES LIBERAL

Winnipeg, Nov. 8.—Levi Thompson, Liberal, has been elected in Qu'Appelle by twelve majority. Roche, Conservative, has fifty majority in Marquette, Manitoba. Bole's official majority in Winnipeg is 276.

Montreal, Que., Gov. 8.—It is reported that Col. Sam Hughes, member elect for Victoria, Ont., has expressed willingness, if the consent of his electors is obtained to resign in favor of R. L. Borden. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has also intimated that if the Conservatives will consent to the return by acclamation of Aylesworth in Gaspe, Liberals will not oppose the return for any constituency which may be opened for Borden.

BRAZIL'S NAVY.

New York, Nov. 8.—A Rio Janeiro sepcial to the Herald says: A bill for the increase of the the ar...y and chamber of deputies and is pending navy which has been approved by the in the senate, provides for several ernment will order three cruisers of war vessels during 1905. The gov-12,000 tons each and ten torpedo boats of 36 knots.

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POLITICAL EXPERIMENT.

There is all the charm of novelty about the plan proposed by the Conservative leaders in the province of Quebec, to allow all the seats in the legislature to go to the Liberals by default, as a protest against the Parent government appealing to the country on the crest of the same wave of popularity that has carried the Laurier government safely into harbor. The Conservatives take the ground that while the life of the legislature has still a year to run, it is not in the inteeests of the country that an unnecessary election should be brought on at this juncture by the Liberals for party purposes. There is a good deal in this plea, no doubt. A government has the right as long as it retains the confidence of the house, which is practically the same as the first minister retaining the confidence of the Crown in the person of the Lieutenant Governor, to appeal to the country at any time it is considered necessary for the people to pronounce a verdict on its policy; qut it is not well to abuse this privilege by too frequent elections, one of the reasons for the term of the life of the house being limited to four years being an intimation of the average length that under one administration the legislature should sit. At the same time it has universally been admitted that it is quite constitutional, and good politics also, for a prime minister to gauge the most favorable opportunity for his government to go before the people, and to advise the Lieutenant Governor or Governor General at the case may be, that such an appeal is desired. To refuse it would mean that the Prime Minister had lost the confidence of the Crown as an advisor, and some one else would have to be called in, which would mean an election in any event. The nearest approach we remember to the decision of the Conservatives of Quebec to leave the field entirely to their opponents was the fight in the legislature in this province over the Redistribution bill while the Turner government was in power. After sitting all night, the Opposition, led by Mr. Semlin, walked out of the house, (with the exception of Mr. Kellie of West Kootenay) and allowed the government to put through a large protion of the bill before returning. This famous sitting lasted from 2 o'clock one afternoon until 3 o'clock the next day, twenty-five hours in all. What will be the effect of the Quebec house being manned entirely by Liberals it is difficult to imagine. Every member will want his share of the appropriations for his own district, the government will have just so many more members to keep in good temper, and as it will be found impossible without some common foe to fight, to keep the whole body in line, there are sure to spring up factions and an internecine war that might cause dfections and rows, ending in splitting the Liberals into two parties in the legislature. It will be a very pretty experiment to watch, for it has the elements of some peculiar political combinations.

STRANGE CITY OF AFRICA.

France's growing influence in the Sahara has just been illustrated in a remarkable manner. The inhabitants of the famous town of Arauan sent their leading men to the French, voluntarily offering to place their town under the government of France They asked that officials be sent there to establish French rule.

The French had not been within many miles of the place. Only two white men had ever seen it. One of them was Major Laing, who passed through Arauan in 1820, and a day or two later was murdered near the toen.

The other was the Austrian explorer Lenz, who visited Arauan in 1880, and wrote the only description of it that we possess. He found that the Sheik who ruled Arauan, had in his possession the papers and other property of the murdered Laing but would not part with them. There is little doubt that France will now secure them and that the mystery of the later adventures of this daring explorer will be cleared up.

There is no other town in the Sahara like Arauan. It cannot be called an oasis, for it is in the midst of the wildest sand waste in the great desert, and scarcely a blade of grass grows there.

There is enough vegetation to feed a few sheep and camels, but the people seldom have any fodder to sell, and yee there is good reason why about a hundred houses have stood here for generations among the great sand dunes that tower around them.

From the flat roofs of the houses, nothing can be seen but the pale yellow sandhills. It would be inconceivable that human beings could live in such a place if we did not know that the town has an extraordinarily large quantity of water.

Arauan occupies a depression in the desert, and though water is obtained only by digging very deep The town is on the caravan route wells, it is an inexhaustible supply. from Timbukto, and at Arauan one branch of the road leads to Algeria and the other to Morocco.

No caravan is so large that it cannot be supplied there with all the water it needs. It is the one commodity of the place. The inhabitants make their living by selling it.

There are two reasons why the people have not been able, even with boundless water resources, to create an island of verdue in the midst of the frightful sand waste. In the first place the wacer is drawn only from wells, which make it impossible to cultivate any large area.

Then the sand is very deep, and only in a few small areas can soil be reached on which crops can be grown Water will not make grass and olive trees grow where their roots would penetrate no kind of earth except minute fragments of quartz.

So the supplies for the people of Arauan have always been brought from Timbuktu, a hundred and twenty miles to the south. Water pays for everything they possess except the clay of which their houses are built, and this they obtain when they dig deep wells for the excavations extend through the sand surface to claybeds.

The fact that the people would starve if Timbuktu were not their granary doubtless explains the voluntary submission of this desert folk to the French. Timbuktu is now the capital of a large district in the French Western Soudan. The natives have water, but the only source of their food supply ate in the hands of white men.

This is the reason why these isolated and fanatical people have gone to the whites to beg for friendship and protection.

ASLEEP THREE WEEKS.

James Burns, of Gardner, Illinois, has been asleep three weeks. He went to church three weeks ago, walked part of the way up the aisle, stopped, and, after staring into vacancy for a few minutes, retraced his steps, and, going to the hotel, lay down on a sofa in the office and fell asleep. He has slept continuously since, despite numerous efforts to rouse him. Occasionally he opens his eyes, but closes them in a few moments. Burns was released from the asylum at Kankakee a few months ago as cured of a mental trouble.

PETS IN WARSHIPS.

The privilege of keeping pets is very much appreciated by blue-jackets, who lavish their spare time and cash on some very strange animals. The Centurion once had a monkey that used to eat with a spoon from a plate and drink from a glass, with the dinner napkin tucked under his chin the while. The Caesar had a pet goose some time back. Cats and dogs, of course, are common on board ship. The French warship Marseau had a bantam cock named Boulanger as a pet, which crowed whenever the guns were fired. The German Prins Wilhelm had a grey stork, and the United States Chicago had a pig. Doves, pigeons, blackbirds and peacocks are popular with Italian seamen, and the unfortunate Almirante Oquendo of Spain, had a pair of cassowaries as pets.

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CRUISE OF THE NEPTUNE

Cape Sabine, in South Sound was the northermost point reached by the expeditionary steamer Neptune, which returned from the Arctic Archipelago a couple of weeks ago. Official reticence of the objects and attainments of the expedition has led to continuous misrepresentation of both. It has been stated frequently during the past year, that the expedition, under Mr. A. P. Low, was instructed by the Dominion government to claim sovereignty over the region by formal annexation. Such, of course, was not its object, as the regions north of Hudson Bay were in possession of Great Britain two hundred years before the conquest of Quebec, and possession of them has never been disputed. In order that there might be no doubt of their transference to Canada by the Act of Confederation, an imperial order in Council was passed in September, 1880, annexing to Canada all the British possessions in North America, excepting Newfoundland, including the Arctic Archipelago. For the expedition under Mr. Low to have done any annexing would have been to proclaim that any islands not so annexed did not belong to Canada, and had been accordingly open to acquisition by other countries.

Mr. Low and his party found several reminders of the past. At Beachy Island there were remains of the ill-fated Franklin expedition, and two graves marked by wooden slabs told their own story. Besiaes them was a marble slab given by Americans and taken up by McClintock, but as there was nothing to make a foundation for it, it was laid alongside the graves. Mr Low suggested that some future expedition should take up material and set the stone properly. Some interesting relics were brought home. One is a cart that was probably taken out by one of the Franklin relief expeditions. The wrecks of two boats, one a mahogany lifeboat, and another a sloop, were found. Picture frames were made from pieces of these as souvenirs of the expedition. Mr. Low also got an interesting souvenir of Peray's expedition in the shape of a picture of the Windward, taken from Peary's cabin, which itself was made from the cabin of the Windward. At Beachy Island, an important record was found of the ship Gjoa of the Swedish magnetic polar expedition. It was dated April 27, 1903. It is said that the ship and party had gone down Peel Sound to winter as near the magnetic pole as possible. Mr. Low brought away the record which he has handed to the government. A copy will be sent to the Swedish government as the ship is still in the Arctic regions.

Mr. Low took a census of the Eskimo population in that district and found that these people in Baffin Land and Labrador together will number 2,500 souls. Mr. Low declares emphatically that Fort Churchill is the only good port on Hudson Bay. Through it, however, an enormous portion of the transatlantic traffic to and from Western Canada could be shipped during three and a half months of each year. The strait between Hudson Bay and the open Atlantic is open for at least that length of time each year, and by using this route the distance between the western wheatfields and the markets of the Old Country would be shortened by a thousand miles. The Neptune's course along the coast of Hudson Bay showed that the rivers emptying into the great inland sea are filled with salmon of better quality than are found on our British Columbia coast.

Leaving Cumberland Sound on July 25, the Neptune proceeded north through Baffin Bay to Cape Sabine, noted as the headquarters of so many polar and polar relief expeditions. It was there that fourteen out of twenty men of Greely's expedition perished of starvation. Beachy Island, the headquartees of Sir John Franklin-s party, and where also the Franklin relief expedition in 1858 passed its first winter, was visited, and many interesting relics of the ill-fated Franklin expedition were found.

Only one American whaling vessel and four Dundee whalers were met with in Hudson and Baffin Bays. The American whaler belongs to a company which has its headquarters in Hudson Bay. There is no disposition whatever to resent or resist Canadian jurisdiction in those waters. On the contrary, it is welcomed as affording security and protection, and the American ship will enter alongside the Dominion steamer Arctic, Captain Bernier's vessel, at Cape Fullerton, on the northwest coast of Hudson Bay.

The whale fishery seems to be pretty well depleted, as only three or four were taken during the cruise of the Neptune. Mr. Low is satisfied that for three and a half months in the year the Hudson Strait is navigable for commercial purposes, during which it will be conceded an immense amount of grain could be shipped to Europe via Hudson Bay route, were the long-projected railway constructed from Manitoba and the Territories to the west coast of that great inland sea.

"Old boots, ironwork and provisions left by the different Franklin expeditions have been lying on Beachy Island for fifty years, and have apparently not been interfered with. The natives around Pound Island are very sickly. I saw several suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, and I was informed by sealers at Pond Inlet that no liquor is ever given to natives. One of the missionaries at Blacklead told me that the traders give the natives rum after severe work or exposure. Though the sun was shining twenty-four hours a day new ice was forming off Cape Sabine. Cumberland Sound was packed full of ice where last year it was clear. Also at Cape Haven where we saw no ice last year we were unable this year to get the vessel into the harbor. Off Eclipse Sound the salmon-trout were plentiful. Two of the Neptune's boats went out at that place and in two hours caught about a thousand fish, they averaging six pounds in weight. Cod were plentiful at Burwell. Off Cape Alexander, in South Sound, I saw hundreds of walrus.

"In a report on a trip to Repulse Bay in July and August, Staff Sergeant Dee writes of troubles with mosquitoes, fog, rain, snowflurries and pack-ice, practically altogether. The mosquitoes are very bad for six weeks; so bad, in fact, as to drive the deer to the salt water to the banks of snow and ice, where they are easily killed by the natives. These Arctic deer are small, ranging from seventy-five to a hundred and fifteen pounds when dressed."

The prevailing disease among the natives was a form of dysentery, which carries them off quickly. The Eskimos are also subject to consumption. The Natchlicks, who live at Repulse Bay, are a very numerous inland tribe, nomadic in their habits, and without guns. They use the spear, bow and arrow. The meat they eat raw. The musk-ox, deer, fresh-water seal, and salmon trout, provide them with food, clothing and fuel.

DOCTORS AND DUELLING

The Congress of doctors at Oxford were provided with a thoroughly interesting and novel entertainment in the gardens of Wadham College, where the ceaseless energy of Mr. Doyne, the famous oculist, had provided a fencing match between Oxford and Cambridge veterans, with the object of demonstrating the speed of the human retina in moments of peril, and the number of fatal wounds a man might receive before he succumbed. With twenty-two punctures in various parts of their anatomies, the Dark Blue team were obliged to confess their inferiority to the Cambridge men, who, weakened as they were by sixteen more or less mortal thrusts were able to stagger off the ground to the conversazione given in the museum after dinner. The prize for endurance was unanimously awarded to Mr. Allen, of Oxford, who submitted himself in the interests of science to no less than six separate and distinct subcutaneous abrasures of varying depth; Adams and Carter sacrificed themselves three times, Hancock four and Hutton twice. Newton Robinson, of Cambridge, refused to allow more than two hits to be made upon him, but, though Will; was content with a single perforation, he was able to prevail on his comrade, A. Ross, to provide four interesting examples of puncture in the trunk and lower limbs; while Clay, Derigan and Ogilvie were hit three times Henry Balfour presided over these interesting experiments. — London Telegraph.

The vicar of Little Hutton, England, does not like makers of tombstones to cut their names on the stones, but allows them to do so on stones placed in his graveyard if they pay $2.50 for the advertisement.ment.

The number of visitors to the Shakespeare house at Stratford-on-Avon this year has broken the record, having been at the rate of 30,000, per annum. American visitors have become so numerous that a special register of their names is now kept.

A number of young men in London have organized a club for the encouragement of a revival of stockings and breeches for men's wear instead of trousers. Fifty of these pioneers have arranged for a dinner at the Carlton hotel, when all will wear knee breeches.

The Daughter—No, mother, dear, I could not marry Mr. Smith; he squints.

The mother—My dear, a man who has $100,000 a year may be affected with a slight optical indecision—but a squint, never!—Tatler.

Slykyns—Gayboy has a new typewriter.

Flykyns—Did he break the old one?

Slykyns — No, she broke him.—Town Topics.

"Does your coachman have any perquisites?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.

"He had one once," replied her hostess, "but the doctor said it was brought on by bein' out too long in the hot sun. My! I don't know what I'd do with a person around me that had them regularly."—New York Herald.

Eminent German professors are becoming proverbial for their longevity. The latest to celebrate his seventieth birthday is Ewald Hering of the German university at Prague. Like Helmholtz, Brucke, Dubois, Fechner and others, he has done original work in several branches of science, but perhaps his most important discoveries relate to the physiology of memory.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Ralph Smith returned today from Victoria to Nanaimo, and will leave to-morrow on an election trip to the Kootenay country.

The city is now in possession of the plan of the city and the profiles of levels taken by Mr. Harvey, the engineer who has had the work in charge. The profile is longer than a women's franchise petition to the legislature, for it measures no less than seventy-five yards and is quite a weight.

Bob Sims and his partner brought in two deer and eight birds as the result of a day's shooting on Sunday.

An event to which the young people will look forward with pleasant anticipation is the Masquerade Ball under the ausdices of the Ladysmith City Band on Wednesday, Nov. 23. It is to be held in the Opera House, and as an additional attraction, prizes will be given for the best characters. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of the new uniforms for the band.

CENSUS GUESSES.

The count of the cards filled out by a Ledger canvasser showing the number of people living in Ladysmith, men, women and children, is now being made, and as the guesses are all in the result, as previously stated, will be made known about the 15th. While no one as yet knows the actual number of people residing here, there are not as many as has been generally believed. As to the guesses, they are sealed up and will only be opened by a committee, but quite a number of the envelopes have the guess marked on the outside and in many such cases the figures are much too high. However, near or far off, as the case may be, someone will get the $20, $10.00 and $5.00, as the first, second and third prize winners.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES.

Jeffries in the role of an actor is not a new one for the champion, for he had a very successful season in "The Man From the West," in which he appeared at the leading theatres in the east and as "Davy Crockett" in the play of the same name he is credited with giving a thoroughly natural and attractive rendition of the part of the famous backwoodsman. Jeffries did not act on his own volition in undertaking the revival of the standard American romance of the frontier, but was prompted by no less an authority that Charles Frohman, the famous theatrical manager of New York, who, after witnessing the champion's portrayal of the leading role in "The Man From the West" said: "Jeffries, you will make fame and fortune for yourself if you will revive 'Davy Crockett.'" Jeffries jumped at the suggestion for he had seen Frank Mayo in the play during his boyhood days and was then enamored of the heroic backwoodsman. He took up the study of the play and decided on mounting it in first class style and making a tour of the country. The fact that he had decided to do so was regarded as a wise step and as a result the champion is booked to appear during the season at the leading theatres in the United States for the managers admit that Jeffries fills the role to perfection. He will close his tour in New York City, where he will appera at the leading Broadway house early in the spring. His initial appearance in the role at a number of Pacific coast cities has demonstrated his ability to make good, and being supported by a good company of players and the production beautifully mounted, the champion is bound to cut quite a figure in the world of theatrical attractions during the present season. One of the features of his appearance is the physical culture demonstration at the close of the performance in which with his sparring partner Joseph Kennedy, he gives an illustration of scientific boxing in three rounds. He appears in Nanaimo Opera house on next Saturday evening.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT.

Tonight the first city league basketball games will be played at the opera house, a double event, Shamrocks vs. Crescent and Red Devils vs. B. and A. All the teams are now arrayed in fine new uniforms. The Shamrocks look very natty in green, with a Shamrock embroidered on the jersey; the Crescents are gay in blue with the Turkish symbol on their breasts; the Red Devils look gorgeous in their fiery red and the B. & A. appear quite slick in black satin breeches, white jerseys and the name in black on their chests. The throw-up is at 7.30 with the Cres-

NO SWEDE.

Quoth the Nanaimo Free Press:—"The sporting editor of the News-Advertiser had better keep out of the way of Robert Swanson, when that doughty wrestler arrives in Vancouver to meet McLeod unless in the meantime he wires a rush apology for referring to the local man as a Swede. There is nothing but good Scotch blood in the veins of the Swanson boys."

MARINE

Tug Albion is in port with the Alexander in tow to load coal.

Collier Wellington arrived last evening from San Francisco after a very favorable trip, the wind being astern all the way up the coast. The Wellington docked here 79 hours after leaving San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 8.—One of the longest passages of the year from Australia has been made by the French bark Notre Dame D'Arvora, arriving today, 103 days from Newcastle with a cargo of coal. For some days past the vessel, which has always heretofore shown good speed, has been posted at the merchants exchange as overdue, and a rate of 15 per cent. for re-insurance has been quoted.

That no blame attaches to the ship Celtic Monarch on account of the collision between the tug Sea Lion, which had her in tow, and the steam ship Mainlander, on October 27th, is the decision handed down by Judge Hanford yesterday in the United States district court, says the Post-Intelligencer. The Celtic Monarch was by the decision discharged from the libel that the Pacific Coast Co., owner of the Mainlander, filed against her. The Pacific Coast Company immediately filed notice of appeal, and the Celtic Monarch came back by filing a libel against the Sea Lion for demurrage in the sum of $6,000. The Sea Lion is now between two fires as the Pacific Coast Company also has libeled her. In filing the libel against the Sea Lion the owner of the Celtic Monarch states that she has a cargo on board composed of wheat, valued at $110,000. The ship company alleges it is costing $120 per day for demurrage, and as far as can be ascertained, the amount sued for is as exact a loss as can be determined at this time.

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