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MUNICIPAL PETITION

STARTED BY THE REVELSTOKE BOARD OF TRADE.

The bill read—Ward separation and property qualification for voters discussed—The motion that passed —Time for selection short if request granted.

The special general meeting of the Revelstoke board of trade called to discuss the advisability of incorporation, and signed by Messrs. H. A. Brown, H. J. Bourne, F. McCarty, J. D. Molson, G. S. McCarter, and T. J. Grahame, took place Wednesday night in the board of trade chambers, with President A. R. B. Hearn in the chair.

Members present: Messrs. Taylor, Sibbald, Phipps, Allen, Crage, Wells, Scott, Brewster, Haig, Brown (H.A.), Brown (W.M.), Tapping, McKechnie, Abrahamson (J.), Abrahamson (C.), Sutherland, Pease, Bourne, McCarter, Molson, Atkins, and C. E. Shaw, secretary.

H. A. Bourne moved, R. Tapping seconded: That this board circulate a petition praying the lieutenant-governor-in-council to set a date for the first election of mayor and aldermen for the city of Revelstoke, under the provisions of the Revelstoke Incorporation Act 1898.

The present bill was then read section by section, and with the exception chiefly of the qualification of voters, and division into wards, no objections were made. Considerable discussion took place on the qualification question and suitability of date for incorporation and it was at length decided to ask for incorporation under the present bill before the end of the year, with polling date on the Thursday following the second Monday in January, thus bringing it into conformity with the governing section of the Municipal Elections Act.

Mr. Brown's motion was then put and carried and a committee—Messrs. McCarter, Scott and Hearn—appointed to draft the petition during a recess of ten minutes. The committee made an alteration in the original motion and it was then formally moved by J. D. Sibbald, seconded by H. A. Brown, and carried.

Following is the draft of the petition as finally approved and circulated:

To THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, Victoria, B. C.

The petition of the undersigned residents of the district described in the schedule to the "Revelstoke Incorporation Act 1898, humbly sheweth:—That at a special general meeting of the Revelstoke board of trade held on the 14th day of December, 1898, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—That this board circulate a petition praying the lieutenant-governor-in-council to issue letters patent for the incorporation of the city of Revelstoke within the present year and suggesting a date in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, Section 16, be set for the nomination and polling for a mayor and council for the said city.

That in the opinion of your petitioners it is desirable that the said district should be incorporated forthwith under the provisions of the said Act, and we hereby express ourselves as being heartily in accord with the said resolution and humbly pray that the said district be forthwith incorporated in the manner suggested by the said resolution.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at Revelstoke, 14th December, 1898.

Moved that Mr. Pease circulate the petition as speedily as possible and that the chairman be instructed to forward it when completed.

In the discussion the MAIL held to views of last week and deprecated haste, believing it better to seek amendment to several sections of the present bill, which it was admitted did not expire with the year. It recognized from points of principle and fact that while incorporation gives undoubted benefits, several amendments were desirable to the present bill, especially in the franchise and property qualification. And though sorry to appear contentious, it must still protest against the anomaly of a request for incorporation signed by residents who are barred from participatin its initiatory election by a clause which will put the voting power thereat in the hands of about one-tenth of the population and give a non-resident property holder more to say than a resident householder or small personal property holder of British nationality and age. However, that has been settled for the present, and the effect of this petition, unless opposed, will very likely be speedy incorporation with polling on January 12th, 1899. The business in hand therefore is to seek out the best men available for office, men who can be looked to to represent something more than personal or sectional interests, men who can be expected to labor in the public good and represent the town as a whole. It is, of course, useless to appeal to the resident public to see to this, as the polling will be limited to the ratepayers and the duty of electing fit and proper persons to control the destinies of this thriving town for the next twelve months is in their hands alone. It is fully expected that they will select men of the proper stamp and put in the supreme office no representative of clique or faction, but find for mayor a man of broad views, good character, determination, business acumen and under the thumb of no corporate influence. Future events in connection with this first election, which is a most important one to Revelstoke as the first council will be empowered to borrow money without submitting it to the electors, will, as the interim between this and election is short, move quickly, and it becomes the ratepayers' duty to take the matter up without delay. Good business sense and judgment, in which the ratepayers of Revelstoke are not wanting, should, with the exercise of fair play and and broadness of view, select a council which will meet with approval from the whole city including those now disfranchised but who if not satisfied with the selection may be relied on to make a practical protest next election when they will all vote.

The year 1899, the last of the century, (Revelstoke might well be called the fin de siecle city) will be fraught with considerable importance and interest to the people of Revelstoke, and with them all the MAIL hopes and expects that everything may work together for their good and benefit.

Alberni Election.

VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—Special—Full returns from Alberni give Neill, government, 36 majority.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

What authority has the Revelstoke Board of Trade to circulate a petition praying for incorporation when the citizens of the place "in public meeting assembled" have requested them not to move in the matter till certain things were settled to their satisfaction and when by their own initiative they have petitioned the lieutenant-governor in setting a date to await their further pleasure. Why is the people's further pleasure not properly sought by public meeting. Are the bankers and their lawyers and the business men afraid of public debate affecting the welfare of the whole town. The proper place for a petition for incorporation to emanate from was a public meeting in my opinion.

RESIDENT HOUSEHOLDER.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

In view of the coming municipal election perhaps it would be advisable that a mass meeting of citizens interested be called to discuss a plan of civic government, whether the city be divided into separate wards or the aldermen be balloted for by all the voters as in the election for mayor. Another question to be considered should be whether the mayor and aldermen shall hold honorary or remunerative positions. The necessary number of permanent officials to conduct the business of the city may also claim attention, it will likely be thought in the present state of Revelstoke the duties of two or more departments can be properly filled by one official. In the matter of a central post office the interests of the citizens have not been considered or their views upon it ascertained therefore it would not be out of place to discuss the necessity of establishing a central post office and a free mail delivery at the same meeting.

MR. STAMPER.

December 16th, 1898.

The Kootenay Rifles.

It is said to be probable that despite delays and uncertainty the uniforms of the Kootenay Rifles will after all be of kharki, as they are much cheaper and more durable than the red coat. The khaiki was the choice of the militiamen themselves, it appears, and Mr. Bostock has been urging it on the militia department. It is also remarked that the rifles are to be issued with uniforms and that they are to be of the new pattern. It is doubtful, however, if the deadly maxim will be given the corps as was first promised, it being strictly considered a rifle corps.

RAILWAY RUMBLINGS.

Items of Interest Gathered Along the Main Line and Branches.

On and after January 1, '99, through traffic from the C. P. R. main line to Nelson, Trail and Rossland will transfer at Nakusp to avoid any danger of a tie-up in the Narrows.

Yardmaster Prescott, of Arrowhead, was taken east Monday morning paralyzed on one side, the result, it was said, of an injury he had received some time ago.

At a meeting held Monday night at Kamloops it was decided to form a railroad men's club. Reading matter will be furnished and lectures and debates on different branches of railroading will be given. The following officers elected: President, R. Marpole; vice-president, L. J. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, J. Ladner; chairman, G. Middleton; welfare committee, Messrs. Hosker, Bloomer, Elson, Risteen, and Dr. Proctor; room committee, Messrs. Boardman, Leighton, Kenwood, Stevens and Wells. A similar movement would be useful in Revelstoke.

The long mail run between Calgary and Vancouver will probably be divided and if so the break will likely be made at Revelstoke.

Fridays No. 1 had a "run off" about one mile and a half this side of Ross Peak and was delayed several hours in consequence.

The Donald correspondent of the East Kootenay Miner notes the removal from that place to Revelstoke of the following families: "Steve" Smith, Jos. McPherson, Newman, Gallicano, Lawson and W. Smith; also Miss McCallum and Dr. Cross.

Louis King, an old-timer in Donald, has been promoted to the passenger run between there and Revelstoke, vice "Tom" Carey who expects shortly to pull the throttle on the Crow's Nest Pass route.—East Kootenay Miner.

Mitchell—Lofsvold.

The MAIL is pleased to announce the wedding on Monday of Mr. C. W. Mitchell, commercial operator at Revelstoke, to Miss Ruth Lofsvold also of this town. The parties were wedded at the home of the bride's parents Second St., by Rev. T. Menzies in the presence of a few personal friends and relatives of the contracting parties. On Tuesday evening a number of the groom's bachelor friends (he was president of the Bachelors Club) called on the newly married couple and presented them with a very pretty china tea set and an appropriate address of congratulation with the spirit of which the MAIL is thoroughly in accord in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell every joy in their united future.

Nelson Gold Commissioner.

On Friday evening Mr. John A. Turner received a telegram announcing his appointment as gold commissioner of the Nelson Mining Division, vice Mr. G. O. Dennis. Mr. Turner has been a prominent business man of Nelson for some years, and is well known throughout the division. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the mayorality last year and has not since endeavored to attain civic honors. As agent for the Hon. J. Fred Hume, Mr. Turner took a leading part in the recent provincial election here and, it must not be omitted, has done good work as secretary of the South Kootenay Board of Trade.—Miner.

W. H. Vickers left Monday evening for the north. He will go to Atlin lake and prospect with the first rush.

An extract from the departmental circular issued to postmasters relative to parcel post packages reads: The attention of postmasters is further called to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bear a customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents and its value, as the acceptance by a postmaster of a parcel addressed to any other country, and not provided with a customs declaration, will result in its being sent to the dead letter office. Postmasters are specially directed not to accept such parcels without the customs declaration.—Signed, Deputy P. M. G.

Christmas services will be held at St. Peters church as follows: Saturday, Xmas Eve., midnight celebration of the Holy Eucharist, commencing at 11:30. Christmas Day: Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11; Choral Evensong, followed by Carol Singing, 7:30. The open collections throughout the day are devoted to the Diocesan Mission Fund. An appeal is made for gifts of flowers to be sent in on Saturday, and for help in decorating the church commencing on Tuesday morning.

THE ATLIN AGENT.

General Endorsement of Mr. Graham's Appointment.

Very rarely has an appointment been so well received as that of Mr. J. D. Graham to the important post of government agent for Northern British Columbia. Following are some of the press remarks from provincial contemporaries.

Visitors to the city from the Kootenay's who are acquainted with the character of Mr. Graham's work at Kaslo and at Revelstoke regard his appointment to the new field as a very happy one. He is described as an eminently efficient officer and thoroughly fearless in the discharge of his duties.—Victoria Times.

This is another appointment which meets with general approval.—Province.

The government appear to have blundered into a good appointment. Mr. J. D. Graham, formerly government agent at Revelstoke, has been appointed agent at the new Atlin fields.—Kamloops Standard.

The Semlin government are to be congratulated on having made such excellent appointments.—Golden Era.

J. D. Graham, who up to December of last year held the position of gold commissioner for North Kootenay has been appointed to a like position in the Atlin lake district. Mr. Graham was a very efficient officer while serving in this district and his many friends here and elsewhere will be pleased to hear of his appointment.—Trout Lake Topic.

The Semlin administration has secured a good officer for the Atlin lake section in the person of Government Agent Graham. Mr. Graham has been in the government service for several years. He was a polite and efficient officer and never contracted the big head. His last appointment was at Revelstoke, where he was gold commissioner, which office he resigned to take the management of the Waverly mine. He resigned the management of the mining company to reenter the civil service.—Nelson Tribune.

Fancy Dress and Masquerade Ball.

The first ball of 1899 will be a masquerade affair given by that jolly crowd "The Bachelors" in the Revelstoke Opera House on Monday, January 2nd. On that night the "boys" hope to entertain the pleasure seekers of Revelstoke and with merry hearts and flying feet greet the New Year, the last of this old century. The hall will be decorated for the occasion, good music will be in attendance, and refreshments will be served, prepared by the bachelors, and the menu will not include bannock. Tickets $1.50.

GRIP AND PASS WORD.

News Items From the Fraternal Orders of Revelstoke.

I. O. O. F.

The new Oddfellow lodge was instituted at Trout Lake City, on Monday the 12th inst. with a membership of 22. Following is a list of the elective officers of the new lodge which will be known as Trout Lake Lodge No. 41: N. G., T. Taylor; V. G., A. M. Craig; R. S., D. R. McLennan; Treas., N. Abrahamson. The Revelstoke and Arrowhead brethren who went in to institute speak very highly of the hospitality and entertainment provided for them by the brethren of Trout Lake and heartily acknowledge the kindness of Mrs. McLennan, of the Windsor, who provided the supper at request of the local lodge.

I. O. F.

A pleasing ceremony took place at the last meeting of the Forester's court, the presentation of appropriate badges to Chief Ranger Scott and Financial Secretary Smith for faithful services to the order during term of office.

Geo. T. Mallery, some time ago manager of the McDowell Atkins, Watson branch at Revelstoke has been elected chief ranger of Court Gold Hills I. O. F., Kamloops.

A. F. AND A. M.

No Mason need be reminded that December 27th is St. John's Day.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Entertainment and Public Examination—Vacation.

The public school entertainment on Thursday evening was a very enjoyable one. The children acquitted themselves splendidly in everything, and the hoop drill was particularly good. The club and bell exercises were well rendered, and Eva Lang and Nettie Forrest did very creditably indeed. The grandmothers drill was laughably droll, and the recitation Cuddle Doon was much noticed, so too was the duet Swing Cradle and the Delsarte attitudes and tableaux. The proceeds will total approximately about $60 or $70 which represents a house of over 250 people. The teachers deserve much credit for the care taken in the drill of the children to make the affair such a success.

The public examinations followed the entertainment next day, Friday, and everything passed off beautifully. About 30 people attended and addresses were delivered by Dr. Jeffs, F. Fraser, J.P., T. J. Graham and Rev. S. J. Thompson. The school vacation lasts till January 3rd and teachers and scholars all expect to enjoy the Xmas holidays.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Tom James left yesterday for Edmonton on a visit.

Get the new imperial postage stamp at the local post offices.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bourne of Nakusp have lost their infant daughter.

Manager Scaife of the French Creek Co. left for Chicago this morning.

Mrs. R. S. Johnston of Arrowhead was a visitor to Revelstoke this week.

J. D. Sibbald is moving into the Vandall residence so as to be nearer to his office.

George Lembke left for Toronto Tuesday having received word of the serious illness of his mother.

A fresh supply of Roger & Gallett's French perfumes just opened at the Canada Drug & Book Co.

Dr. Malloch has written the MAIL saying that he has settled in Toronto and will not return to Revelstoke.

The death occurred Sunday in Victoria of the wife of R. E. Gosnell. The MAIL offers its deepest sympathy.

Silk lined mocha gloves at Coursier's on Mackenzie avenue.

Fred Mountain passed through Wednesday evening en route for Honolulu where he will visit this winter.

Dr. Hall has withdrawn from the field in Cowichan leaving Mr. C. B. Sword in possession as government candidate.

Dr. Mackenzie's English Cough Balsam cures coughs every time.—Geo. F. Curtis, The Druggist, Taylor block, Revelstoke Station.

Miss Flo Nathol of the Harry Lindley Co. is seriously ill at Revelstoke. She recently returned from the east to join the company.—Province.

Ed. Kerr of the C. P. R. left for the east Thursday morning. He will bring his mother and sister here and reside in the Lee cottage near the court house.

Quaint jardiniers small and massive at Morris and Steed's.

The Victoria skating rink opened Wednesday night. Quite a few people attended. The refreshment stall is under the charge of R. M. Smythe this season.

The Canada Drug & Book Co. have this year a nice variety of ladies and gents dressing cases, writing desks, gents military brushes and ladies purses.

Capt. Lindquist it appears was one of the pioneer steamboat men of B. C. He was in charge of the Str. Peerless in 1878. He carried $2,000 insurance in the I. O. F.

If you have never seen the famous King shirt go into Coursier's store on Mackenzie avenue and ask Mr. Jackson to show you one.

Vancouver papers announce that Dan Stearman of Revelstoke is visiting there.

Miss Emily Knowdell returned last week to Revelstoke to visit her sister Mrs. R. Gordon.

Handsome and comfortable fur capes and muffs at Coursier's, on Mackenzie avenue.

"Jim" Edwards is getting his new hotel premises on First St. fixed up and expects to open on Monday.

Rev. Fr. Luzon will preach on Mortal Sin, in the Catholic church at 10.30 Sunday morning. At 7.30 in the evening his subject will be the Holy Eucharist.

Coursier's dressmaking department is in correspondence with Paris fashion makers so that the latest is always assured.

Mr. Morkell, secretary-treasurer of the Kootenay Lumber Co. of Comaplix, has been in town this week engaged in looking over the company's business in Revelstoke with their local agent R. Tapping.

John Skogstrom and Mrs. Carlson of Albert Canyon were both reported so ill Thursday that Dr McLean was called out that night to go up the line to attend them. Mr. Skogstrom was brought down to the Central Hotel last night where he will be attended to.

RAILWAY CHARTERS

PROMISCUOUS PAPER POWERS GIVEN OVER ROUTES.

Result of the system in the past makes attention necessary—Railways are wanted and charter applicants asking powers should be required to build.

The MAIL is not quite sure about just how many railway charters there are covering the Big Bend, route but probably it is correct to say two, the Downie Creek and Revelstoke and Cassiar charters, and now application is being made for two more. This promiscuous charter-giving, this overloading of practical routes with paper powers, has not been generally productive of any special good in the past and now requires some attention. The public would consider one piece of railway construction more useful and practical than a dozen charters, for charters hitherto in this province have not by any means implied construction. If charters are to be granted it appears to the MAIL that they should require construction work completed within reasonable times for building, as if the applicants mean business and intend to use their powers in the public interests they cannot object to such provisions. If they are sought from speculative motives only it would appear to be meaningless to issue them at all from the public point of view.

For that matter, if charter applicants are really anxious to seek power to construct and operate, why should they not be allowed to proceed as under the Tramways Incorporation Act subject to the permission and supervision of the chief commissioner of lands and works, and by which they could commence work within two months of the date of their registration.

Without casting any aspersions on the motives of the applicants in the Big Bend case, but speaking generally the subject is one that should attract some attention from the new government and this opinion is worth weighing when one looks over the number of charters granted in the past that have been unproductive of benefit to the public and thinks of the time spent in their consideration. The legislature has something else to do than to pass meaningless measures like many now to be found in its statutes. It labors in the public as well as the private interest if tradition holds good.

FIRE BRIGADE NO. 1

Gave a Most Enjoyable Ball at the Opera House Last Night.

The credit of giving the first ball in the new opera house belongs to Fire Brigade No. 1 and those who attended it last night fully appreciated all the arrangements made to ensure a good evening's enjoyment. The ball opened with the promenade at 9:30 and with an intermission for supper dancing was kept going till 3 a.m. The programme was very well arranged and met with pretty general praise. The floor, after the wax was put on was really good, and under the direction of J. Guy Barber, and the music of Messrs. Allin, Brown, Reid and Matthews the several items all went smoothly. A few nice extra numbers were played by Miss Lawrence and Mr. Crage.

The hall was most artically dressed and did great credit to the taste of the firemen of No. 1 Co. With bunting, evergreens and pictures the hall was simply transformed and a color effect produced that was very pretty indeed. There were at one time, when counted, 115 people present, a splendid tribute to the popularity of the brigade. It was also remarked that it was one of the first affairs of the kind, given recently at which the ladies were equal in number with the gentlemen, a very agreeable state of things which should make Brigade No. 1 feel very proud indeed. The ladies costumes were very pretty, a few attracting particular attention. The supper was fair and was served by A. N. Smith, the local caterer. Tapping's opera house fills the acknowledged want of a suitable roomy ball range and no doubt many more pleasant affairs like that of Friday night will be given on its floor.

Ensign Fitzpatrick will lead special meetings Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 and 22, at the Salvation Army hall. Thursday night there will be an enrollment of recruits.

Percy Chapman, the energetic manager of the A. Macdonald Co. branch at Revelstoke, left on Saturday for Nelson to which point the MAIL learns he is to be moved. His departure will be deeply regretted by a number of close friends and in business circles generally.

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DEFENDING the government from charges of parsimony in public works the News-Advertiser states that when the legislature meets instead of such charges being true "it will be found that the new government has done more in carrying on public works of utility than its predecessor did" and it offers as an example of this statement's correctness that "it has already arranged to expend a large sum in the protection of the town of Revelstoke from the ravages of the Columbia river, a matter which the late government shirked, although it admitted the serious injury which its vacillation had caused to the people of that flourishing town."

The people of Revelstoke fully appreciate the new government's energy in approaching this river bank with a determination to settle it permanently, and they hope to see the work commenced at an early and favorable date. The light snowfall and clear weather now prevailing offers a splendid opportunity for its commencement.

ACCORDING to the 19th annual report of the B. C. board of trade British Columbia is paying three times as much per capita to the Dominion government as does the next highest province, Manitoba. This should be urged when asking for required improvements. As a rule western towns are not asking for buildings and other artificial expenditures, they are urging the improvement of natural resources and developments of tributary country by means of navigation aids, mail services, surveys and the like.

WOULD it not be in order to forward to Victoria a board of trade resolution asking that the sheriff of North East and North West Kootenay be located with headquarters here. This is the place for him, the commercial and otherwise capital of the North Kootenays. If he must have deputies they can be at Donald and Golden. The present government aims at being a business-like one and the sense of such an arrangement should appeal to them.

OF the proposed Rossland amendments to the mineral act we sympathise most with the proposal to reduce recording fees. Every turn the prospector or mine owner makes concerning a mineral claim he is met with a request for a fee in most cases larger than the clerical work requires. We think it quite possible that if recording and allied fees were lower there would be a larger and better distributed revenue.

A READING class in connection with the university extension movement would be a very useful and entertaining way to fill these long winter evenings and would we believe be well patronized. Mr. Gosnell will find here many eager to join such a class and this is the time to institute it.

ON Sunday the Colonist announced its fortieth birthday. Congratulations! It is now old enough to know better and approaching that time when people reflect and repent. Perhaps it will "turn over a new leaf" on New Year's and support a business-like administration.

WHEN Xmas 1898 introduces us to the practical adoption of the long cherished scheme of Imperial penny postage it will be in order for our neat contemporary to sneer and belittle it for is not the credit of initiating it largely due to "the grit postmaster-general."

SPEAKING of Pacific whales the Vancouver Province says a local company will soon get after their scalps. That's serious enough to make the whales blubber.

THE Colonist, quoting Pope, says a little learning is a disastrous thing. It is indeed!

Hypnotized ?

Julian Durham's new novel Hypnotized? is now in the booksellers hands and already is securing a fair sale. The style is bright and the characters cleverly drawn. The story contains a splendid admixture of romance and science and the pathos is perfect in several scenes. The story altogether is a novel and unusual one and must be read to be appreciated. The readers interest is maintained to the close and leaves one as anxious to hear more of the subject as when they looked at the cover and noted the interrogation mark. The publishers work is excellent and the book is very good value for the 75 cents (paper) and $1.25 (cloth) at which it is sold.

Another Mare's Nest.

"A mountain out of a molehill" is the best way to describe the diatribe which appeared in this morning's Colonist regarding the instructions issued by Hon. Joseph Martin, attorney-general, to the official administrators of of the province. The letter sent to the gentlemen occupying these positions is a very brief one, consisting merely of the information in case of legal assistance being considered necessary by the administrator in winding up an estate, his reasons for so thinking shall be submitted to the department, and instructions will be given as to the employment of such legal advice.

The object is in keeping with the general policy of the government, viz., the conservation of public interests.

The estates which fall into the hands of the official administrators are always small ones, and the employment of professional services often swallows up the whole of the property. To avoid this being done needlessly the attorney-general has issued the instructions mentioned, it being his intention to protect as far as possible the interests of those who have claims against an intestate estate.

This is all there is to it, and he will be a bold man who will say that the improvement upon the old slip-shod method of allowing such things to go without the supervision of the department is not calculated to result beneficially.—Victoria Times.

Amending The Mineral Act.

The question of amending and revising the present provincial mining law was recently discussed at Rossland by a large meeting and the following conclusions were come to.

Upon failure of anyone of several co-owners in a claim to contribute his proportion of the expenditures, the co-owners who have done the work may give the delinquent co-owner notice in writing and file a notice with the recorder for 90 days and if the portion due is not then paid the delinquent's interest shall become the property of those co-owners making the required expenditures.

That in future company licenses should be valid for one year or for fractional parts or periods instead of expiring arbitrarily on the 30th of June as at present.

The [illegible] of the law on [illegible] miners.

That no legislation be passed preventing aliens from becoming free miners.

The [illegible] of [illegible] for [illegible] License for mining brokers [illegible]

To make [illegible] original location a [illegible] whether or not the title was [illegible] was defeated. [illegible] ago was a proposal to making it impossible for a company to be floated with anything but a crown-granted claim.

The Atlin Diggings.

Says the Victoria Times: "Whatever may be thought elsewhere of the prospects of the newly discovered gold-bearing region in the Cassiar district, there is no lack of confidence among the people who have come to Victoria from that quarter. Everybody now in or near the gold fields is busy preparing for the expected influx of prospectors and miners in the spring. Chief among those preparations may be mentioned the White Pass and Yukon Railway company's line, the excellent workmanship of which we mentioned a few days ago. Other persons who have lately arrived in Victoria say that there is not a better laid line of railway in America, and that it is more like a piece of British railway building, it is so solid and carefully finished. The company is composed mainly of Americans, and it may be taken as a good omen for the Atlin prospects that they have thought fit to build a line of railway without regard to expense or trouble; which will stand for many years as a proof of their foresight and business wisdom. By means of this far northerly line of railway the trip from Victoria to Atlin City or Dawson will be shorn of much of its difficulty and danger; the traveller will be able to rush on at full speed from the hour he leaves Victoria until he steps off the steamer at the Klondike capital or the Atlin diggings."

The Spoils System.

We state deliberately that the opposition press or speakers cannot specify one case in which an employee of the government has been dismissed to make room for a political supporter. The dismissals have been made on different grounds. Some employees have been discharged because there was no reason for their engagement and their places have not been and will not be filled. Others have been dismissed because it was notorious that they were incapable of performing the duties which they were supposed to do. In other cases persons have been dismissed for improper conduct on the report of their superior officers. We challenge anyone to deny this or to give a single case of any person being discharged for simply partisan reasons.—News-Advertiser.

Orange Masters.

The Vancouver Orange lodges have elected W. M.'s for 1899 as follows: No. 1589, Bro. Davis; No. 1650, Bro. Fawcett; No. 1615, Bro. T. Cunningham.

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Upon one of my trips to Paris—and I am rather partial to running over there occasionally, as refreshing to both my eye and hand (for I am an artist, a painter of "genre" pictures, my subjects generally in fashionable life)—upon one of these excursions I chanced to be in the neighborhood of Mont St. Genevieve, in a long, narrow lane going down-hill and occupied on both sides of the way by bric-a-brac shops and second-hand furniture dealers.

There were many articles I should have been glad to possess, such as carved cabinets and other furniture of the eighteenth century, which had found their way to these curiosity-mongers from many old houses and chateaux ransacked by the Prussians; but, even could I have given the prices demanded for them I should have found their weight inconvenient and expensive for transit to England. All at once my glance chanced to fall on a lay figure exposed for sale—a very beautiful lay figure, too, a female. It arrested me on the spot. The master and mistress of the shop immediately advanced, inviting me to enter and inspect it, assuring me it was in perfect condition, and if I would take it I should have it at a bargain. "Cent vingt francs!" Five pounds! It was wonderful—a bargain indeed, if unbroken. Why, I had paid five-and-twenty pounds for mine at home, in every respect inferior to this. So I entered the shop and I made a minute examination. The lay figure was tied up to the side wall with a strong cord, and it took some time to unfasten it. The formation was perfect, quite a work of art, for it was a model of a beautiful woman of exquisite proportions cased in a fine elastic silk skin. All the joints worked well in their sockets, as easily as if recently oiled. The head turned gracefully on its slight neck, and its long, soft, black hair was worked into the scalp as only French hands could work it. The face was oval, of a fine enameled surface, painted a pale creamy tint; the eyes were brown and different from any I had ever seen in lay figures, of glass like a doll's.

Here was a chance, a bargain, indeed! I pulled out my purse to examine its contents. Alas! I found it seven francs deficient. I counted it again, and felt in my pockets, the dealer watching me. "N'importe," said the man, smiling with great bonhomie. "Monsieur is artiste peintre; cela suffit; I have a great respect for his profession; he shall have it for his money." Wonderful! A Frenchman to be so liberal! Generally I found them rather difficult to treat with, but here was an exception. Now another obstacle presented itself. If I gave him the whole contents of my purse, how could I pay the fiacre in which I proposed to carry home my purchase? I demurred again. My generous dealer held up both his hands. "Pardon, was it not the duty of the seller to convey his goods to the purchaser? If monsieur would wait two seconds, the boy Henri should wheel it on a truck to monsieur's hotel." Here, then, we came to a settlement at last, and I emptied the contents of my purse into his hand, at which proceeding he smiled and made me a polite bow. The lay figure wore a loose gray linen wrapper; it was now carefully packed up in green baize and placed upon the truck wheeled by Henri, a lad of about fifteen. The dealer took off his cap and bowed to me as we parted; madame made me a French bend, with a sweet "Adieu, monsieur." Alas for the deceitfulness of Parisians! Happening to glance in a looking-glass at the door, I saw reflected therein the dealer winking his eye and madame laughing derisively. Could it possibly be at me? Was I cheated? No. I had minutely examined my purchase; I supposed they were only indulging in a little sneer at "perfide Albion."

I lodged in the Rue de la Paix, so that it was rather a long distance for Henri to wheel the truck, I walking on the footpath, he beside me on the pave; and all went well until we reached the Rue de Rivoli, when, without any previous notice, off rolled the lay figure at the feet of two Sisters of St. Joseph, who were just crossing the road. Of course this caused an obstruction; carriages had to draw up, sergents de ville pounced down upon us, and, amid rather strong language and some laughter, the figure was readjusted and securely tied this time. "Monsieur is taking home his bride!" cried a soldier.

On arriving at the door of my hotel the old concierge appeared horror-stricken; she fancied there had been an accident. She was not much reassured on seeing my purchase unrolled—it was so exactly like a woman. It was unpacked in the yard, as the boy had to take back the baize with him. I ran up to my room to find a few sous, and for these he seemed so grateful that he came up to me whispering confidentially: "Monsieur, excusez—but—keep your studio door locked at night!" and ran away. No fear of having it stolen in London, thought I, but in Paris no doubt it might happen.

I then proceeded to carry my purchase up three flights of stairs to my room, taking it in my arms as I should have done a living person. It was heavy, of course, but so beautiful in its mechanism that it bent easily into a sitting position. I had placed its arms over my shoulders; they felt almost as soft as a woman's; in my imagination they really appeared to press me, as if about to meet around my neck—an absurd fancy, of course. I put it down on the landing-place while I took the key from the lock on opening the door. Now, my impression was that I had placed the figure on its side, and I must confess I felt a little surprised to find it turned over, lying on its back. "If it should be badly balanced and apt to roll over," I thought, "it will not prove such a bargain as I expected." In a day or two I was going home, and, as November days were short, there was little time to lose; therefore I went out again immediately to buy a large packing-case for my purchase. An oblong-shaped box would never do, being too suggestive of a coffin, and likely to cause [illegible] tion. I w[illegible] a loss at the railway station, [illegible] was fortunate enough to find a square one ready labeled "Objets d'Art." As the figure was so flexible, it could be easily doubled in half, and so travel without exciting remark.

It was evening when I returned to my rooms. I had dined, and found the wine unusually good; but I deny having taken too much. As I ascended the stairs I was startled by hearing a smothered laugh—a peculiar laugh, a very unnatural and unpleasant one. I paused to listen. The rooms immediately under mine were occupied by a comtesse—a devote; she had priests and nuns everlastingly coming to see her—a great amount of praying and not much laughter, I should imagine. All remaining quiet, I ascended the next flight, entered the room and lighted the bougies. The lay figure sat exactly the same as I had left it; but let me advise people never to buy one with glass eyes: it really was a most unpleasant sensation to see them shining and glittering in that [illegible] room; they appeared to be following all my movements, and I was silly enough to dislike them so much as to throw the table cover over the head and so shut them out. The following morning the packing-case arrived, the [illegible] coming to assist me in placing the figure within it and to nail down the lid. The silly fellow appeared quite frightened, declaring it seemed half alive; [illegible] people are so superstitious. [illegible] four-and-twenty hours saw me [illegible] Chemin de Fer du Nord, homeward bound, my packing-case in the luggage van. The [illegible] halt was at Amiens, where I alighted for a cup of coffee. Judge of my astonishment, on returning to the train, to find guards, porters and soldiers hauling the contents of the luggage van out upon the platform—boxes, trunks, portmanteaus, pell-mell, one thing upon another—all the assistants talking at once—all in a state of excitement! What was the matter? Was there an accident? I got no answer. After completely emptying the van they examined its interior very carefully; then, amid much swearing, they pitched everything back again in still greater haste, for fear of being behind time. I remember they were particularly abusive to the man who rode in the luggage department, who looked as white as a sheet.

"What's wrong with that man?" I asked; "is he ill?"

"No, monsieur," answered the guard; "he is only a fool. He declares that all the way from Paris there has been a groaning and knocking as if somebody were hidden behind or in one of the boxes. Fool!" Here he slammed to the carriage door, and off we went at great speed to make up for the minute or two that had been lost.

Arriving at Boulogne, I and my luggage went on board the steamer at once; and a very bad, rough passage it was. Of course one does not expect the sea to be like a mill-pond in the month of November. On this occasion it was of leaden-colored hue, with larger waves than I had ever seen in the Channel, and we made very little progress, one or the other of the paddles being always out of the water. "Never seed anything like it," said the steward, "except when we've got a dead body on board." At last we reached Dover, and I do not think I ever felt so ill in my life—so giddy and faint that I determined to stay the night, instead of proceeding to London.

The night was so cold, wet and stormy, that I entered the first haven of rest, the "Lord Warden," or I should have proceeded to an hotel more in accordance with my means. My luggage was placed in a lobby at a side door which opened to a yard beside the railway platform, in readiness for my departure the next morning, and I went to bed and soon fell asleep. I think I must have slept for about four hours, when I was aroused by the sound of many feet running under my window. At first I thought little of it, but presently the occupier of a room adjoining mine threw up his window, and called out to those below, asking what was the matter.

"We think there's a accident on the line, sir," was the answer. Imitating my neighbor's example, I also raised my sash and took a survey of the scene underneath, where much confusion prevailed. It was the yard close to the station, for through an archway I saw the line, where porters and others appeared very busy among the empty carriages with lanterns; men were hurrying to and fro, talking excitedly.

"What is it?" I called out in my turn.

"When the last train came in, sir, we're feared it run over somebody; the crying and groaning is hawful, now and then—There: don't you hear 'im?" replied a servant of the hotel. I listened, the wind every minute blowing in great gusts from the sea. But there were also short spasmodic cries, at no very great distance, as if from some one in pain.

"Here comes the station master!" said the man, as that official, who had been knocked up from his sleep, made his appearance.

"Who is hurt? Where—what is it?" cried he, all on the alert.

"We can't make out, sir," was the reply. "After the last train came in we heard smothered cries like, and we've all been looking on the line with lights, but can't see nothing."

"Just listen, sir," exclaimed another.

"Poor creature—somebody's got 'im med," said the station master, as a long wail was presently heard. "Here—bear a hand—run the carriages down the metals—get the ambulance ready close by—give me a lantern—come with me!" and the good man sprang off the platform on to the line with alacrity. What followed I could not make out, for everybody disappeared, my neighbor grumbled about false alarms and being disturbed, closed his window with a bang, and went to bed again, I presume, as I soon after heard him snoring.

In about half an hour the domestics from the hotel re-entered the yard, and I called out, asking if they had found the poor creature.

"We've not found nobody nor nothing," answered a man. "Blest if any one knows who's hurt!"

"The crying 'an' groaning's stopped now, sir," said another. "You see the night-time is agin' us; we shall find out something dreadful at daybreak, depend on that."

But nothing was found up to the time I left Dover, or afterwards either, so far as I heard, and I looked in the papers diligently to see if any mention of it were made.

The following morning there was much talk in the coffee room about the disturbance of the previous night; all those sleeping on my side of the house had heard it.

"I think some one was playing a trick," said a waiter.

"Then who was the hoaxer?" I asked.

"Well, sir, just as I came in from the [illegible] door to the lobby, where that there luggage of this here gent's is stowed—it was past 2 o'clock in the morning then—I heard a smothered laugh like, as if some one was a-hiding behind the boxes and enjoying of the fun all to theirselves. I didn't see nobody; I was too tired [illegible] I can tell you; but take my word for it it was a hoax."

I reside with my mother in a villa at Kensington, and have a studio built out into the garden, very convenient for the entrance of frame-makers and models and for the carting of my pictures, as it has a door opening on to the road, quite private. At this door I was set down, my lay figure having come in its box on the top of the cab. How I longed to show it off to my brother artists!

"Whatever have you got in that great packing-case, George?" asked my mother, but I would not satisfy her, as I wished to give her a surprise.

What with relating Parisian news to her, and in return hearing the events that had happened in my absence, it was dark when we left the dining room.

"And now, George, I want to see your purchase," said my mother.

I told Jane to bring in hammer and chisel, then entering my studio, I turned up the gas. After something like labor I got the lid off the case, and I lifted out the lay figure.

"Whatever is it?" exclaimed my mother aghast.

"Ah—ah—ah!" screamed Jane.

"Don't be a fool!" I cried. "What are you screaming at?"

"Ah! ah—wha—!" screamed Jane again, backing to the wall and standing with her head, [illegible] eyeballs fixed on the figure. "It's a woman, and she's alive! Look at her eyes!"

"You great silly!" I said, angrily. "Don't you see it's a lay figure, like my old one in the corner there? You were never frightened at that."

"Oh, the old one is an innocent thing to what this is, sir. I'm sure she's alive."

"It's got glass eyes, like a doll, mother," I said, seeing that even she was looking at it askance. "Very unnecessary to put them, but it is a French freak, I suppose. Isn't it a beauty?" and to show off my purchase, I screwed the head round on the neck.

"Ah—ah—a—!" screamed Jane again. "She's a-frowning—frowning awful at you, sir!"

"Jane," said I, sternly, "leave the room this instant."

"What a foolish young woman she is, to be sure!" I observed as she scudded away.

"Well, to say the truth, George," replied my mother, putting on her glasses and peering into my lay figure's cream-colored face, "I do not like the look of it myself. It's too beautifully made, too natural and like a real woman; unnecessarily so, I should say. Let us go away and leave it. See how the eyes seem staring at your old figure there in the corner!"

"I hope they won't fight," I said in joke as we left the room, and I locked the studio door.

In the middle of the night we were aroused by something falling down in the painting room. My mother got up and came to my chamber all of a tremble. "My dear," she said, "I am afraid your new figure has fallen down. I do not think it can be housebreakers."

"All is quiet now, mother," I replied, listening. "I'm afraid that lay figure is not well balanced; it turned over once before. However, I shan't get up in the cold unless I hear more noises. We shall see what it is in the morning."

On entering the studio next day there sat the figure as I had left it—but such a strange thing! my old battered English figure, which I had used for these twelve years past, lay overturned on the floor, stand and all! It really seemed as if the words I had spoken in jest were verified, and that the two figures had quarreled.

My artist friends were all delighted with my purchase, and without exception wanted to borrow it. The joints were twisted and turned about in every conceivable manner. The mechanism and flexibility were pronounced unsurpassable in their workmanship. I promised to lend it to each by turn, and commenced with it myself, attiring it in a black velvet dress and train trimmed with ermine for a picture I was painting of Mary, Queen of Scots.

I do not think I ever executed drapery so well in my life as I did when painting from that figure; the folds fell and clung so beautifully around its graceful form. But neither my mother nor Jane could get over their great dislike to it; indeed, Jane declined to enter the studio at all, and, if obliged to bring me a letter, poked the tray in at the door, with her eyes fixed on the lay figure as if expecting it to pounce upon her. As she was a most excellent servant in other respects, and had been with us some time, we were obliged to humor her whims; so, of course, my studio was not too tidy.

My mother about this time declared she heard footsteps walking about the studio in the small hours of the morning. As for me, I generally slept too soundly to hear anything, unless it were unusually startling.

Now, it is a remarkable fact that, though I painted hour after hour and day after day from that lay figure, I never could see anything repulsive about it as others did. My frame maker, for instance—a worthy, respectable tradesman—was one of those who could not look at it. A young curate occasionally called upon me for local subscriptions; he named it "the witch of Endor." Dr. Hollis, who attended my mother for her neuralgia, examining it, said its anatomy was perfect, and his son, Jack Hollis, declared he should like to dissect it.

In the meantime I had sold my old lay figure to an artist residing at Liverpool, and did not allow myself to become prejudiced by people who know nothing about art against my new one. Having finished the black velvet dress, I removed the figure to a corner of my studio.

Miss Lucy Hollis, daughter of the above mentioned medical gentleman, had kindly given me sittings, for the beautiful and unfortunate queen. She was a lovely, brilliant brunette, and a charming girl as well. When I invited her to sit for my picture I was only very slightly acquainted with her, but after, about seven sittings of two hours each in duration we began to feel as if we had known each other intimately all our lives. In fact, it led to her ultimately accepting an artist husband. But that was later on, and has nothing to do with the history of my Parisian lay figure. On one occasion when Lucy was giving me a sitting I was engaged in taking the measurement of her pretty hand; I was scarcely aware of it, but perhaps I might have held it a trifle longer than was needful, when we were all startled by a deep, long-drawn sigh. "Good gracious!" cried Lucy, starting up, "whatever was that?"

"Was it not you, dear?" said my mother, who was seated near the fire knitting, looking up in surprise.

No, it was neither of us. I looked under the couches and other furniture thinking that perhaps an animal might be asleep beneath one of them. No, there was nothing.

"How I do hate that horrid lay figure!" said my mother, shaking her knitting needles at it.

Now comes a very strange part of my story. Early the next morning, as I was dressing preparatory to going down to breakfast, Jane came to my door, asking me to step into my mother's room, who appeared very ill.

"My dear mother," I cried, "what is the matter?" as I hurried in to her, to find her still in bed, looking very pale, faint and ill.

"Shut the door, dear, and come here." I obeyed her. "My dearest George," she said, taking my hand, "I am sure that you love me, and that there are few things you would refuse me, for I have tried to be a tender parent to you, my dear boy."

"That is true," said I, stooping to kiss her cold brow and remembering her self-denial in my early life, when I would be an artist, and how she, a widow, had so economized that my masters should be of the best. "That is true, dearest mother; there are few things in which I could say you nay."

"I am about to make a serious request; it will entail a sacrifice on your part. I want you to get rid of that dreadful lay figure."

"Get rid of the lay figure? To be sure, easily enough. But why on earth should I get rid of it?" I exclaimed.

"Last night," continued my mother solemnly, "I awoke about 3 o'clock, I should imagine. My night-light was burning as usual on the toilet table, when I saw my door, which you know I always leave ajar, slowly open and your lay figure enter. It advanced and stood at the side of the bed, looking at me in silence; but, oh, George, the dreadful glitter of its eyes! They seemed to have a red flame behind them, and their expression was fiendish—fiendish! I was so overcome that I fainted. Destroy it, George; destroy it. Mark my words, it is a demon!" My mother lay down again, quite overcome and trembling violently. She alarmed me, for ordinarily she was a person of good sense and not given to nervousness. That she had been much frightened was plain; but might she not have dreamt it? I wiped her damp forehead with my handkerchief.

"Dear boy," she continued, holding my hand, "do you remember me shaking my knitting-needles at it yesterday and calling it a horrid thing? Oh, I cannot rest with it in the house! George, did you lock your studio door last night?"

I tried to remember but could not recall whether I had done so or not—my head, you see, was occupied at that time by thinking of Lucy Hollis—so I ran downstairs to see. No. Strange to say I had not locked my studio door; in fact, it was partly open! I hurried into the room, but there was my lay figure in the corner, just as it was yesterday. I examined the black velvet drapery, which I had carefully pinned and arranged to paint from; it appeared to be undisturbed. My mother must have been dreaming. Still, I could not retain the figure if it worried her, that was clear. It was vexatious, however, to part with such an acquisition and be left without any figure at all for my use; it had been foolish of me to sell my old one; it was inconvenient and unpleasant. Yes, the figure must be sent out of the house, as it preyed on my mother's nerves. But I need not sell it at present; I would lend it about to my artist friends who had been so anxious to borrow it. So I wrote a line telling O'Kelly that I would lend it to him first, if he would come and fetch it. O'Kelly was of course an Irishman; he had studied beside me at the academy, and became a friend always good-natured and pleasant, but rather too lively, being partial to playing silly practical jokes. He had private property, and took his profession easily, residing in a handsome apartments in Harley street, Cavendish Square. I had no doubt that if I ultimately made up my mind to sell my lay figure I should find a purchaser in him. He came over to Kensington directly he received my note, only too glad to get the loan of it. "You may as well leave on the black velvet dress, old fellow. I'm painting the last days of Sir Thomas More, and it will do for Margaret Roper."

"Very well," I said, "only please to remember that I've hired that dress of Levi Zerubbabel, and left a ten-pounds deposit on it."

"All right," said O'Kelly. We then rolled the figure up in a damask curtain and he drove away with it in a four-wheeler with great glee.

My poor mother watched the departure from her bedroom window; she thanked me most affectionately for acceding to her request. She had certainly had a great shock in some way or other, though I could not reconcile her story with common sense. At any rate, from that moment she began to get better, and Jane was as brisk as a bee, even asking my permission to give the studio a good clean, which in her reluctance to enter it had not received for some time. Everybody was satisfied except myself, who was left without anything to pose my drapery upon. I even wished for my old

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BORN.

TURMROS—At Revelstoke, on Wednesday, December 7th, the wife of C. Turmros of a son.

GARVEY—At Revelstoke, on Sunday, December 11, the wife of F. C. Garvey of a son.

GORDON—At Revelstoke, on Friday, December 16, the wife of Robt. Gordon of a son.

MARRIED.

MITCHELL-LOFSVOLD—At Revelstoke, on Monday, December 12, by Rev. T. Menzies, Mr. C. W. Mitchell to Miss Ruth Lofsvold.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Miss McKechnie went out on No. 2 Thursday morning.

A number of townspeople are already talking Adlin Lake.

Handsome china sets and pieces of all kinds at Morris and Steed's.

"Jack" Wilson a well known Big Bender leaves shortly for the north.

Jas. O'Reilly had a majority of 18 over S. A. Ramsey for mayor of Calgary.

J. B. Scott left for his home in the east on Thursday. He will remain away about three months.

H. N. Coupser's new store on Mackenzie avenue is open for business.

C. E. Reid, the druggist, has received news that his brother at Cranbrook, is not at all well.

T. Graham and Fred Forrest of Albert Canyon were in town Monday. Mr. Graham says the Tangier is opening up nicely.

Dr. McLean wishes it known that he has moved to near the Cowan Block on Third St. where he can always be found.

Some beautiful designs in perfume atomizers, entirely new at the Canada Drug & Book Co.

Yule Tide, a sort of "yellow journal," has come to town to catch a few stray advertisements from the local papers. It's a petty piece of business.

T. L. Haig and Dr. McKechnie returned Saturday from their Crow's Nest excursion which they attended on behalf of Revelstoke board of trade.

Pretty china pieces with local scenes at Morris and Steed's.

A philharmonic society has been started in Kamloops to give the Pirates of Penzance. Could Revelstoke attempt something of the kind?

You will laugh when you see the real live balky mule among the toys at Morris and Steed's.

Mayor Owens of New Westminster has been re-elected by a 37 majority. As the mayor's name would lead one to expect it was a hot time in the old town during the election.

Don't forget when looking for Christmas toys that the Canada Drug & Book Co. keep a first class line of all kinds, and all new.

The meeting of the L. F. R. & C. C. F. Co. in London on the 15th is expected to influence the resumption of mining operations on several of the company's properties now unworked.

The Revelstoke Dramatic Club has suspended its practice evenings till after the holidays but then rehearsals will recommence and continue till the proposed plays are produced. Look out for announcement later on.

Dr. Mackenzie's English Cough Balsam is worth a trip to California. Geo. F. Curtis, The Druggist, Taylor block, Revelstoke Station.

The excellence of the lines of seasonable goods of all kinds exhibited by local merchants is very noticeable this Xmas and the person who has to go out of town for goods must indeed be hard to please.

Card of Thanks.

SAWYER & MANNING desire to express their thanks to Fire Brigade No. 2, and all citizens who so promptly attended and helped to extinguish the fire at their factory on the 11th inst.

DR. McLEAN

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