

ASSESSMENT APPEALS HEARD

BY REVISION COURT.

The members of the court of revision spent yesterday forenoon in considering a number of appeals from the assessment values for 1899, as fixed by the city assessor, J. K. Strachan.

John Elliot's appeals were the first to be considered. He appealed from the assessment values paid upon lots 13, 14 and 15 in block 58, on the corner of Lake and Park streets.

He also appealed from the assessed value put upon lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in block 24, on the corner of Cedar and Carbonate streets.

Messrs. Gamble & O'Reilly, on behalf of S. O. Richards, appealed from the assessed values of lots 21 and 22 in block 66, which has a frontage on Vernon street.

C. A. Waterman & Co. appealed from the values fixed upon the Baker street property held by the Mara and Bernard interest and by R. J. Bealey, as well as against the values placed upon residential property on Victoria and Vernon streets, also held by Mara and Bernard.

The court made some sweeping reductions in the values placed upon lots in block 44. Lot 18 was reduced from \$250 to \$100, and lots 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 were reduced from \$200 to \$75.

C. V. West appealed from the values fixed on lots 9 and 10 in block 6, on the corner of Baker and Hall streets. The corner lot was assessed at \$4500 and the inside at \$3500 for improvements.

Having made these reductions in the value of West's lots, the court then decided to treat lots 8, 7, 6 and 5 in the same block in a like manner, and their values were reduced from \$3500 to \$3000 in each case.

C. W. West, also appealed from the value placed upon the north half of lots 21 and 22 in block 7. The property was valued at \$300 and the improvements at \$800. The court cut \$300 off the improvements and allowed the real estate value to stand.

Messrs. Gamble & O'Reilly also had appeals on behalf of Rankin & Dawson, F. C. Innes, the Humber estate and J. R. Hull against assessment values fixed upon a number of lots in Addition A, but the court declined to make any reduction.

H. Solous appealed from the value placed upon lot 4 in block 3, which fronts on Vernon street. The lot was assessed at \$2000 and a cut of \$400 was allowed by the court.

J. J. Campbell appealed from the assessment of lot 6 in block 3. This is on a corner and was assessed at \$2000. No reduction was allowed.

Similar reductions were made in the assessed values of lots in block 31. Lots 11 and 12, which were assessed at \$200 and \$250 respectively, were reduced to \$100 each, and lots 13 to 17 inclusive were reduced from \$150 to \$75.

W. H. Smith and A. D. Emory appealed from the assessments in block 39. Lot 1 in this block was allowed to remain at \$250, but lots 5, 6 and 7 were reduced from \$225 to \$200 each.

C. W. Whetmore appealed from the values put upon lots 1 and 2 in block 75. The corner lot was reduced from \$300 to \$250 and the inside lot from \$200 to \$175.

Captain Sanderson appealed from the assessment of lots 5, 6 and 7 in block 34. They were reduced from \$300 to \$250 each.

Several other appeals were heard, but no further reductions were made.

The International Athletic Games. LONDON, June 1.—Charles N. Jackson, bursar of Hartford college, Oxford, who will have charge of the Oxford and Cambridge athletic games, which will compete with the team representing Yale and Harvard here next month, said this evening to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "I have the Yale and Harvard provisional acceptance of the Oxford and Cambridge challenge, but I am unable to give out the text of the challenge until the details are settled, as a promise to that effect has been given to the Americans. I may say, however, that the English universities have been assured that a considerable amelioration

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has been effected in America as regards to the reorganization of the athletics there.

The Week's Creation of Officials. VICTORIA, June 1.—The Official Gazette of this week contains notice of the following provincial appointments: Samuel P. Tack of Kaslo, to be sheriff of South Kootenay, vice W. P. Robinson, resigned.

Hon. P. A. E. Irving of Victoria, a judge of the supreme court of British Columbia, to be a special commissioner under the provisions of the Bennett-Atlin Commission Act, 1899. Oscar C. Bass of Victoria, to be official stenographer and clerk to the special commissioner under the provision of the same act.

Allan Forrester of Brooklyn, to be chief license inspector for Slovan licensing district, vice G. D. DesBrisay. Leonard Beer and William C. Spence of Columbia City, to be members of the board of licensing commissioners for that city.

John H. Kerr, B.A., John W. Laing, M.A., and Edward B. Paul, M.A., have been appointed examiners, to act with the superintendent of education at the examination of public school teachers for 1899.

The council of public instruction has altered and re-defined the boundaries of the following districts: Grand Forks, Kettle River, New Denver and Silverton. The minister of mines gives notice that an extension of time has been granted to the first of September, 1899, during which all claims legally held on Swift Current creek and tributaries in the Tete Jaune Cache district are declared laid over.

West Indies May Enter the Dominion. KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 1.—The reciprocity delegation sails for the United States on Tuesday. The scope of the commission is restricted to representing Jamaica's position, and securing the best possible terms, but the delegates have not the power to enter into an agreement owing to the proviso of the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, that the project cannot be entertained should there be an appreciable loss of revenue involved under the new tariff.

Will be Hanged Today. KAMLOOPS, June 1.—The Indian Casimir, who murdered Philip Walker here on April 15th, has today made a confession of his crime, and attributes his present position to whiskey. He advises his comrades on the reservation to keep away from liquor. Radcliffe, the hangman, is here, and all preparations are in readiness for the execution, which will take place at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

The Want Their Hair Home. GOTHA, June 1.—The diet has resolved that prince Arthur of Connaught, her presumptive to the throne of Saxo-Cobourg and Gotha, shall be called as soon as possible to take up his residence in the Duchy, receive a German education, and become personally acquainted with the conditions of his new home.

Hessian Fly Destroys Wheat. GENEVA, New York, June 1.—Already nine-tenths of the wheat crop in this section has been destroyed by the work of the Hessian fly. It is thought that within a week's time a much larger area of the wheat in this section will be entirely laid waste.

Smart, the Landscape Painter, Dead. LONDON, June 1.—John Smart, the landscape painter, is dead. He was born at Edinburgh in 1838, and was an original member of the Royal Scottish Water Color Society. In 1871 he became a member of the Royal Society of Artists.

KOOTENAY MINES AND MINING

Independent Miners Quit Work. Eight men who were working underground at the Granite mine on Eagle creek, six miles southwest of Nelson, quit work yesterday in consequence of the refusal of the management of the Duncan Mines to pay more than \$3 for eight-hour shifts.

The management of the Virginia is very much afraid that any favorable indications in the mine will be made use of to boom the shares unjustifiably. The information given out is nothing. But opinion in Rossland is steadily coming around to the idea that the Virginia is all right.

The difficulty of getting information about the mines in Rossland is very great. The main companies now are not obliged to put their ore in broker's windows to sell stock. The result is that people in Rossland, let alone outsiders, do not realize the immense strides made since last year.

SLOCAN LAKE DISTRICT. A small force has been put to work on the Wills claim, a gold-copper property on Red Mountain. The claim is owned by the Wills Gold Mining Company, of which Frank Watson of Spokane is president.

Development work is going on in the different prospects, the Humboldt and Queen Fraction being among the best. The labor trouble now going on has knocked all talk of the two proposed concentrators, which were to have been built on Four-mile this summer.

NELSON DISTRICT. The Hall Mines made another shipment of lead-silver bullion yesterday to the refinery at Newark, New Jersey. The value of the shipment was given as something over \$7000.

Ymir District. There was considerable excitement in the town this morning when thirty-five men from the Ymir mine came down in a body with teams conveying their blankets, etc. In the party were twenty miners and fifteen outside men.

Baseball Game. The much-talked-of game between the regular line of the Nelson baseball club and the McDonald-Malone combination of semi-professionals will be played this afternoon at the Hall street recreation grounds.

Baseball Games. New York 3, Cincinnati 7. Louisville 7, Brooklyn 8. Boston 12, Cleveland 6. Chicago 1, Philadelphia 7.

Montreal Stock Exchange. MONTREAL, June 1.—Stock market—morning board: War Eagle reported \$3.82@3.81; Payne reported \$3.80@3.80; Montreal and London reported \$5c@5c; Republic reported \$1.32@1.35.

The Transvaal Dynamite Monopoly. BLOEMFONTEIN, June 1.—Among the most important points that president Paul Kruger of the Transvaal republic and sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, and British high commissioner

LOCAL NEWS OF THE TOWNS

ROSSLAND. It is reported that representations at Ottawa for a Federal building in Rossland have been successful and that \$30,000 will appear in the supplementary estimates for that purpose.

KASLO. The tug Hercules is taking the run of the Alberta between Nelson and Bonner's Ferry, and the Marion is laid up in Lardo river for repairs, so that both regular boats plying between Kaslo and Lardo are laid off.

SILVERTON. The Silverton Football Club was formally organized on Tuesday night. William Hunter was elected president; James Bowes and J. A. McKinnon, vice-presidents; R. O. Matheson, captain, and J. A. Kirkpatrick, secretary.

Don't Want Additional Restrictions. THE HAGUE, June 1.—Commission No. 2 has appointed a small commission to settle the details of the method of extending the Geneva convention to maritime warfare.

He is a Novelist's Ideal. PARIS, June 2.—Emily Crawford writing of the arrival of major Marchand in Paris says: "Marchand is here. There is great enthusiasm. Everyone he sees is favorably impressed with him."

More Quibbles and Rumors. VICTORIA, June 1.—Another thorn appears in the path of attorney-general Martin in his effort to secure possession of Deadman's Island for Theodore Ludgate.

One of the Dreyfus Forgers Arrested. PARIS, June 1.—Colonel Du Paty de Clam, seriously implicated by the recent proceedings before the court of cassation, as the probable instigator of some of the forgeries that have figured in the Dreyfus affair, was placed under arrest at half past seven this evening and taken to the military prison.

Will be No Trouble at Rossland. J. Fred Ritchie and John McKane of Rossland arrived in Nelson last night. Mr. Ritchie confirms the report that the new law will not affect the Rossland mines to any great extent, as most of the mines in the camp are being operated on the eight-hour basis.

The Maybrick Rumor Again. LONDON, June 2.—The Daily Chronicle announces that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is likely to be liberated shortly, as the result of the pressure brought to bear by Mr. Choate, United States ambassador, in favor of the reopening of the case.

Lord Kitchener Quarantined. TRIESTE, Austria, June 1.—Lord Kitchener of Khartoum has been detained in quarantine here on board the steamer Seniramus, from Alexandria, where several deaths from the plague have occurred.

THE LAW AND THE LAW COURTS

PHILLIPPS ACQUITTED. John Phillipps, the halfbreed son of M. Phillipps of Tobacco Plains, was acquitted yesterday of the charge of murdering Edward Bawlf, on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, near Elko, on the night of June 4th.

There will be few people who will disagree with the verdict which was rendered by the Nelson jurors. The evidence went to show that on the night in question the prisoner, in company with full-blooded Kootenay Indian, was herding horses for Egan & Co., contractors employed on the construction of the railway.

The prosecution endeavored to prove that Phillipps hit Bawlf with a revolver which he carried. Two witnesses who were with Bawlf testified to this, but Phillipps and the Indian Paul Lane swore positively that the blow was given with Phillipps' hand.

Justice Drake in charging the jury said that if the jurors found that the prisoner struck Bawlf with the revolver they should bring in a verdict of murder. If they found that the blow was administered by Phillipps with his hand it could not be less than manslaughter as there had not been sufficient provocation in a legal sense to set up a verdict of self-defence.

The jury was composed of: James H. Wallace, A. D. Emory, G. A. Hunter, Thomas Lillie, W. J. G. Dickson, W. H. Downing, R. H. Williams, Samuel Neillands, W. Stamer Smith, F. E. Holden, J. R. Graham, and Gilbert Stanley. They were out but five minutes when they returned a verdict of not guilty.

Population and Redistribution. The counties and the population that will be represented by one member under the new redistribution bill in Ontario are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Counties and Population. Includes entries for Dufferin (20,138), Hamilton (23,410), London (29,071), etc.

Those who will have two members are as follows: Brant (34,445), Huron (33,377), Lambton (53,310), Norfolk (30,992), Ontario (45,356), Oxford (45,819).

Those that will have three members are: Bruce (61,064), Grey (71,214), Huron (67,734), Kent (58,019), Middlesex (61,063), Simcoe (58,729), Wellington (59,978), York (61,392).

Those who will have four members are: Toronto (181,929), Ottawa (12 members) (38,192), Hamilton (2 members) (47,215), London (1 member) (45,819).

In each case the population is given according to the census of 1891. Work Commenced on Grand Forks Smelter. The work of grading the site for the proposed Granby smelter on a bench overlooking Kettle river, one mile from Grand Forks, was commenced today.

Going Over the Ocean to Dinner. NEW YORK, June 1.—At the regular monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce held this afternoon an invitation from the London chamber of commerce to the New York chamber, to be guests at a dinner to be given them at some convenient date, probably during the Paris exposition next year, was received and accepted.

