

Provincial Legislature

Adjourned Debate on Provincial Elections Bill—Second Reading Passed.

Bureau of Mines Bill Amended in Committee—Mr. Hall's Maiden Speech.

engine-houses, and machinery for hoisting... should be erected at a distance of at least 50 feet from the mouth of the shaft.

February 14th, 1899. Saint Valentine, patron of surprises, presided over the affair in the House to-day and there was a huge surprise in store for the members of the opposition.

There was an air of excitement apparent in the chamber directly the House opened, and the members, particularly those to the left of Mr. Speaker, were like the proverbial dogs attending a fair, for they could not keep still a moment.

As soon as there was the remotest possibility of news being received from Nelson first one and then another left his seat and made his way to the telegraph operator's room with the question on his lips: "What is the news?"

The time of the House was again largely taken up with a discussion of the Provincial Elections Bill and some excellent speeches were made.

Mr. Neill (Alberta, government) introduced amendments to his Bureau of Mines Bill in committee, and as some of the members wished to see the amendments in print, the committee rose and reported progress to give them an opportunity of further discussing it.

Mr. McPhillips (Victoria, opposition) had two notices on the paper, one to ask leave to introduce a bill intitled "An Act to Amend the Placer Mining Act."

that the hon. member withdraw the motion at this time and bring it up again in two or three days, when the government would be better prepared to give the required information.

Mr. Helmecken moved that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the provincial government, or any member thereof, and the Dominion government, relative to the Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1898, together with a copy of the report of the Hon. the Attorney-General on said act.

Mr. Helmecken said that there were no correspondence between the Dominion government and the province, and suggested that the motion had better be withdrawn, as when there was no correspondence none could be brought down.

Mr. Turner moved that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the House a copy of all correspondence, or any memoranda, that has passed between this government and the Dominion of Canada, or any other party, in relation to the Quebec Conference of 1898.

Mr. Helmecken moved: "That the attention of the provincial government be directed to the fact that a World's Fair will be held in Paris, France, in the year 1904."

Mr. Helmecken desired to debate with Mr. Speaker on the subject, but was not allowed to do so.

Mr. Helmecken (Cariboo, gov't) said the soldiers and sailors had been the strongest auxiliary of the late government, and he understood that at election times the Naval Yard was actually swimming in lager beer and whiskey.

Each employee of the Provincial Treasurer... Each employee of the Department of Agriculture, including the board of horticulture, the clerks, and the inspectors of fruit posts and of animals.

Each employee of the hospital for the insane, including the medical superintendent, the head of the hospital, the seven clerks, clerks in the department offices, etc.

Each employee of the hospitals at New Westminster, Victoria, Cariboo, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Vancouver, Golden, Nelson, Union, Fort Simpson, Vernon, and the Refugio House, Victoria.

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Referenc had been made in a veiled manner by members of the opposition in regard to political tricks and contrivances, but it fell to the members of that party to bring charges of that nature.

Mr. MacPherson made a very strong appeal to the members of the opposition and Mr. Speaker called him to order for going beyond the limits of the subject defined by the bill.

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that purpose would be that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, and this course was adopted.

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HARDRESS CLARKE. CORNER OF YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

HUGGED TO DEATH. THE ATLIN RAILWAY. A Deputation of Victoria and Vancouver Business Men Waits on the Government.

Carl Joel, who some time ago left his home in New York, was hugging to death by a Yukon bear on the banks of Indian river. Mr. Browning's narrative of the tragedy is as follows: Joel was tramping suddenly came face to face with a big Yukon bear.

ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL. Usual Monthly Meeting of Directors. Mr. Higgins's Commission of Inquiry. The monthly meeting of the above board of directors met in the Board of Trade rooms last evening.

THE MUTUAL LIFE. Statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1898. The annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, showing the business transacted by that company for the year ending 1898, shows an amazing growth.

BACHELORS' BALL. A Good Attendance and an Enjoyable Evening. The bachelors of Victoria gave a fancy dress invitation ball in the Assembly Rooms on Monday evening last.

LAW INTELLIGENCE. Mr. Justice Walker yesterday handed down his written judgment in Beaven vs. Teague, and under it the defendant comes out \$120 ahead.

REST OF REASON. Young Bride—'I didn't accept Tom the first time he proposed. Miss Ryval—'slightly jealous—I know you didn't.' Young Bride—'How do you know?' Miss Ryval—'You weren't there.—Boston Traveller.'

County Court sits to-morrow. Lawn mowers and garden tools in variety at R. A. Brown & Co's, 50 Douglas street. A magic lantern service illustrating the life of our Lord will be held in St. Saviour's School room this evening at 8 o'clock by W. Wadlis, R. N.

On the programme for Friday evening's concert in the South Park school, among the special features will be vocal quartettes by male voices and also mixed vocal quartettes; simple solo exercises by the school children, etc. An enjoyable evening is assured.

Two of the city hack drivers, W. S. Bowman and T. Saunders, were summoned in the police court this morning for infracting the street by-law. Their offence was that of driving over the Point Ellice bridge at a pace faster than a walk.

John Hall, ex-chairman of the park committee, wears a funeral expression today, for yesterday a hold, bad dog visited the lakes at the Hill and destroyed eight of the swans. There were tears in Mr. Hall's voice this morning as he told a Times reporter of the city's loss, dwelling particularly upon the death of the black swan.

The "Pearl of Pekin" is yet to have another run, this time at Nanaimo. Arrangements have been made with the management of the opera house there, and the residents of the place can anticipate two very enjoyable evenings, on Friday and Saturday next.

A meeting of the Natural History Society was held at their rooms, in the school of mines building, on Monday evening, Ashdown Green, president, as the chair. After the usual routine business had been disposed of an excellent lecture was given by Napier Denison, of the meteorological office.

One of the most interesting entertainments ever given in Victoria will be presented at A. O. U. W. Hall, Madame Jarley's wax works have always proved an attraction for the public, whether young or old, and from the sale of tickets this one appears to be no exception.

The members of the Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge held a very successful entertainment in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas street, last evening, when quite a large number of friends were regaled with a musical treat.

There is a movement on foot to incorporate what will be known as the British Columbia Wholesale Grocers' Exchange. Although known by different names in various business centres there are similar associations in all large cities.

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OWN Your Own Hot Springs. To victims of La Grippe, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Nervous and other complaints: If you are seeking for a rational cure we advise you to call for literature descriptive of the means for curing yourself in your own home.

C. H. BOWES CHEMIST. 100 Government St. Near Yates St. STILL WINDY. Daily Forecast Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 15-5 a.m.—The extensive low barometer area which has been travelling eastward across the Rockies, now covers the Territories, where a moderate thaw has set in. A high pressure area, which appeared off California yesterday, is moving towards Vancouver Island, accompanied by fair weather. The winds are moderating off the coast, though still high throughout the province.

Forecast For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and Vicinity.—Northwest and west winds, gradually in force; partly fair; stationary or lower temperature.

City News in Brief. Boycott non-union cigars. Use Blue Ribbon Baking Powder. Many articles suitable for miners cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co's, 50 Douglas street.

The Methodists mission will take a trip to Chinatown this evening, when a missionary social will be held in the Chinese mission, Fisgard street, at eight o'clock sharp.

Although Architect Tinkers threatens, Ald. Langley with prosecution in the courts for sitting and voting in the city council without, as he alleges, the proper property qualification, the representative from the South Ward has no intention of relinquishing his seat.

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Along the Waterfront. Since yesterday three big sailing vessels have come into the Royal Roads. Yesterday after the American bark Snow and Burgess, Capt. Mortensen, was brought in by the tug Tye, the German ship Maipo was towed in, and this morning, taking advantage of the fair breeze, another big windjammer sailed into port.

