

BLOCKADE RAISED.

The Consideration of the Levy for Health Purposes Having Been Postponed.

The Board of Aldermen Pass a Number of the Estimates of Expenditure.

The protracted discussion regarding the levy on improvements was postponed at last night's meeting of the city council. Ald. Marchant moved that the consideration of the levy for health purposes be deferred until the estimates of expenditures were passed, and the majority of the council, evidently having become tired of the discussion, voted for this motion.

Mrs. Scalfie, corresponding secretary of the local Council of Women, acknowledged the receipt of Dr. Bessey's letter dealing with the proposed exportation of young ladies to this province. This letter will be referred to the Council of Women at an early date.

Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley reported that his heifer had been impounded for running at large and that he had to pay the costs before he could secure her release. Of this he did not complain, but called the attention of the council to the fact that other people's cattle and pigs were running at large and seemingly unmolested.

J. Holland and Inspector Northcote, who were appointed to report on the cost of removing certain trees and a porch at St. John's church, estimated the cost at \$125. The report was referred to the finance committee.

The city solicitor reported with reference to certain amendments to the fire by-law recommended by Chief Deasy. The report was referred to the fire warden.

The city solicitor advised the council with reference to Mr. Heisterman's claim on behalf of John Smeaton in the matter of assessment for sewerage.

Ald. Cameron pointed out that the barrister and the solicitor were asked for their advice on a different matter, and they evidently misunderstood the request of the council. At his suggestion the matter was again referred to the barrister and solicitor.

Tenders for supplies for the electric light station were referred to the electric light committee and the purchasing agent.

When the finance committee's report was presented, Ald. Macmillan protested against the wasteful method of purchasing the medicine for the Old Men's Home. He believed that medical supplies should be purchased by tender.

Chief Deasy, of the fire department, in his monthly report recommended that additional hydrants be placed on Bord street, North Peninsula, Gorge road and Belcher street. His report was referred to the fire warden.

The finance committee and the city solicitor reported that the request of J. Boscovitz & Son for a refund of certain trade licenses paid by them could not be entertained. The report was adopted and the information contained therein will be forwarded to the firm interested.

The street committee recommended that concrete gutters on Government and View street be laid by day labor. Their report was received and adopted.

Ald. Cameron wished to know if the new street sprinkler had yet been ordered.

Ald. Wilson replied he was opposed to the purchase of the sprinkler selected by the council, and he did not wish to make the purchase without a resolution of the council.

Ald. Glover thought this an unusual proceeding. The council had at its previous meeting decided to purchase the London sprinkler, and he failed to see any good reason for this delay in ordering it.

Mayor Beaven replied that the city engineer would receive instructions to order the sprinkler at once.

The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the estimates.

Mayor Beaven ruled that Ald. Macmillan's amendment moved at the previous meeting and which was being discussed when the proceedings of the council were terminated for want of a quorum, was out of order, as he moved a previous amendment, which was defeated. The mayor held that no amendment could move a second amendment to a motion in committee. He quoted section 33 of the rules of order to sustain his position.

Ald. Macmillan differed from the ruling of the mayor. He held that although he had moved a previous amendment, he was perfectly in order in order in moving another amendment after some business had been transacted.

Mayor Beaven referred to the minutes to show that no business had been transacted in the interval between Ald. Macmillan moving the first and second amendment.

To remove all doubts in the matter, Ald. Marchant moved that the consideration of one mill on improvements for health purposes be deferred until after the items of expenditure were dealt with. This motion was carried. Alderman Macmillan, Humphrey, Cameron, Marchant and Glover being for the same. The cause for the lengthy debates at the previous meeting was thus removed and the items of expenditure were passed with very little discussion.

The items of expenditure for the Home for the Aged and Infirm were first taken up. They passed as follows: Fuel \$250, provisions \$2,500, clothing \$250, furniture \$250, rent of cottages \$104.

The item \$250 for medicine provided considerable discussion. A number of addresses being read the item was too

large. After several amendments had been offered the council decided that \$100 was sufficient for the purpose. An appropriation of \$100 for sundries was passed.

When the item of \$1,500 for the building of suitable quarters for the caretaker and for infirm and aged women came up for discussion, Ald. Wilson maintained that the council could not afford the amount this year, and that it would be more advantageous to negotiate with the ladies who offered to sit out the French hospital for this purpose. He did not consider the amount sufficient to build suitable quarters.

Ald. Macmillan advocated the erection of the buildings. He maintained it was as much the duty of the council to care for aged and infirm women as for those of the sterner sex. It was too great an undertaking for private individuals.

After further discussion the item was defeated, but the council passed an appropriation of \$500 for the support of aged and infirm women.

The following items of expenditure passed: Public market \$300, sewerage \$600; city hall repairs \$200, market building repairs \$200; fire hall repairs \$200, furniture \$150, electric light station repairs \$500, Agricultural Association buildings and grounds \$200, streets, bridges and sidewalks \$26,500, election expenses \$500, advertising and printing \$1,000, stationery \$750, postage \$350, telegrams and messenger service \$100, telephone service \$1,800, fuel and light \$2,250, hack and express hire \$250, fire insurance \$1,350, legal expenses \$20, celebration Queen's birthday \$1,000, refunds \$300, charitable aid fund \$10,000, commissions on revenue collections \$800, secret service \$250, grant to B. C. Agricultural Association \$1,000, in aid of

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DEFECTS OF THE TELESCOPE.

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The best possible two-lens objective, made from such materials as are at present obtainable in disks of any considerable size, says a writer in the North-American Review, also grievously in not being the light rays of different color or to any single focus, its "achromatism" is far from absolute. In the case of this fault, long the greenish-yellow rays come together at a point nearly six inches nearer to the lens than do the violet; so that the image of a bright star is surrounded by a strong purple halo, which is usually pronounced "perfectly lovely" by a female eye, but is an abomination to the astronomer. It is particularly annoying in spectroscopic or photographic work, and where such work is especially in hand the fact that the spectrum is outside-focus from it, floating rays of every color impartially in the matter of focus, goes far to combine its peculiar weaknesses.

This imperfection of the ordinary object glass is in no respect the fault of the objective, but lies in the material itself. Experiments, instituted by the German government, have been going on at Jena during the last dozen years for the purpose of remedying the evil, with special reference, however, to the improvement of the microscope or photographic work, and in disks of sufficient size to permit the construction of large telescopic object glasses as perfect in their way as the new "apochromatic" microscope objectives are in theirs. It will be a step almost as important as was Dollond's invention of the present achromatic lens. Thus far, however, no great success has been attended with telescopes of any considerable magnitude, though an English firm is now offering to supply three-lens objectives up to twenty inches in diameter, which are advertised as practically perfect in their achromatism. A six-inch lens of this construction has been very favorably reported on by Dr. Roberts, and it is perhaps not impossible that a new era of telescope making may open with the new century.

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The committee rose and reported progress and the council adjourned at 10:15.

None But Ayer's at the World's Fair.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extraordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago. Manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the class of nostrums. It is based on its merits.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been used as a sign manual from the earliest times, yet it is only recently that they have been studied from a scientific point of view, and the evidence accumulated is so far from inconclusive as to enable us to realize their value as a cathartic. Now that a good system of classification has been secured, it is to be hoped that observers will multiply rapidly, and that the truth of matters of our kind will soon be established.

READING FINGER PRINTS.

By a combination of the Bertillon method of measurement with the fingerprint system any prisoner can be identified with almost absolute certainty, and in a very short space of time. Mr. Galton, says the Saturday Review, calculates that the chance of the two finger-prints being identical is less than one in 64,000,000, and when we consider the relatively small numbers of the criminal population, and that other personal evidence would be available in any doubtful case, mistaken identity ought now to be a thing of the past. The method of identifying fingerprints proposed by Mr. Galton is at first somewhat complicated, but with a little practice we are told that about five minutes would suffice for the complete verification of any one of 2,000 sets forming a directory.

A specimen directory of 200 sets has been given, together with numerous finger-prints. The method of obtaining the prints is to press the thumb or finger upon a plate of copper which was previously covered with a very thin film of printer's ink. The inked fingers are then pressed or rolled upon the steel which is kept as a record. Although these prints have been used as a sign manual from the earliest times, yet it is only recently that they have been studied from a scientific point of view, and the evidence accumulated is so far from inconclusive as to enable us to realize their value as a cathartic. Now that a good system of classification has been secured, it is to be hoped that observers will multiply rapidly, and that the truth of matters of our kind will soon be established.

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A PRINCESS ON WHEELS.

Previous to the recent carnival ball at Ipswich there were rumors that the Princess Louise was in a state of quietest rebellion against the authority of her mother. It takes a long time for information to leak out regarding domestic squabbles among royal personages, but the truth in this case seems to be about as follows: One day the Queen learned from an attendant that the Princess had been taking lessons in bicycle riding. A long time previously the court had felt itself embarrassed by similar conduct on the part of Princess Louise, who was promptly ordered to abandon the delights of wheeling. Lately, regrettably ordered, much to the disgust of Louise, who made no secret of her determination to learn the art of steering a bicycle. Her determination caused so particular excitement in court, her parents not believing that she would stick to it. Therefore the Queen was horrified on learning the news that Louise had taken several lessons. Her Majesty hurried to the King who called Louise into his presence and informed her she must stop wheeling. The Princess replied that her father had the annual coronation ball, and she would give, adding that if she couldn't ride a bicycle she wouldn't dance. In view of the King's sternness and threatened by terms, Louise was not to be moved and she was finally given permission to continue to her heart's content in the private exercise of wheeling.

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Calendar for MAY showing days of the month and corresponding page numbers.

JOSHUA DAVIES AUCTIONEER

Room 7, Board of Trade Building. The Daily Times. A TIMELY REBUKE.

The Colonist this morning administered a well merited rebuke to Sir Charles Tupper, Hugh John Macdonald and Mr. Bergeron, the ex-deputy speaker, who as will be seen from the following telegram, have assumed the role of prophets.

Montreal, May 4.—(special to the Colonist)—Sir Charles Tupper, in an interview, said he had no apprehension as to the coming election. Information from the Maritime Provinces goes to show that the government will come back as strong as it was in the last house, and everything indicates that Quebec will not only respond to duty's call. He thought that Ontario would furnish the greatest surprise and would certainly send as strong a government deputation to the next as to the last parliament.

Those Assurances. No man of intelligence need be told that there is a difference between a cabinet minister, who presides over a department, receives a salary of \$7000 a year and reports direct to the Governor-General, and a controller who is head of a sub-department, receives only \$5000 a year and reports to his superior officer, the minister of trade and commerce.

The Result for Office. John R. McDougall, who represented Pictou, N.S., in the late parliament, has been made commissioner of emblems at Ottawa. Mr. McKay, ex-member for Hamilton, has been appointed inspector of customs for Western Ontario. Mr. Jones, ex-member for Gaspe, has been appointed an agent of the marine department, while J. H. McNeill, who represented Kingston, has been given the wardenship of Kingston penitentiary. Mr. McLeod, one of the ex-members for St. John, N.B., goes on the New Brunswick bench, and Mr. Masson, of North West, has taken charge in a county court judgeship.

have dared to vote for that bill if he had intended to go back for re-election. The voters will quickly see in this wholesale stampede of ex-M.P.'s a sure indication that these gentlemen have no expectation of the government's return to power, whatever professions to confidence Sir Charles Tupper may put forward.

Last night's action of the council in deferring consideration of the rate and taking up the estimates of expenditure was commendable. This seems to be the natural course of procedure, and the mayor and Ald. Glover deserve credit for allowing it to be adopted.

As perfect beauty is a passport to good society, so "Glorious" conduct to good appearance.

Communications.

Observer Replies. To the Editor: I sincerely trust that the communication which appeared in this morning's Colonist, signed "A. E. McPhillips," will be very widely read by the editors of Victoria.

The Government's Plea.

To the Editor: The fact that Messrs. Barle and Prior, who at present represent this constituency in the house of commons, have again signified their intention of seeking reelection to the important offices of chief justice and chief justice of the court, is a prima facie evidence that these gentlemen believe—or at least will so inform the public—that their actions during their term of office were justifiable in the interests of the country.



To the Electors of the Electoral District of Victoria.

Gentlemen: We respectfully solicit your votes and support at the general election for the House of Commons, at which we will be candidates in the interest of the Opposition party.

In our opinion the time has arrived when, for the welfare of Canada and to ensure a revival of prosperity in this constituency—and throughout the Dominion, a change in the federal administration is absolutely necessary.

We believe in provincial rights, and will oppose coercion in any form towards the provinces of the Dominion in respect to matters upon which they have been entrusted with the powers to legislate.

We will support a progressive railway policy, and if elected will strongly urge the importance of assisting a trunk line to open up the great country in the northern part of British Columbia, by which a transcontinental line would traverse a rich and yet uninhabited region.

We believe that it is possible to administer public affairs absolutely free from the scandals that have been a marked characteristic of the rule of the present and late administrations, and will support no man or set of men that will shield criminals, whitewash hoodlums, or condone corruption in high places.

We believe in Canada and have faith in her future. Her progress has been retarded by a ruinous tariff and by maladministration in every department of the public service.

Keeping in mind, then, the great issues upon which you will be called to pronounce a verdict—remembering the non-progressive state of the country, the unfair treatment which British Columbia has received, the failure of the protective tariff, the debasement of Canadian industrial life by ministers of the crown, and all minor questions—we respectfully invite you to consider if the time has not come for the electors of Victoria to demand that the old order of things shall be reversed and that a new and a better system of government shall be inaugurated in its stead.

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DALTON M'CARNEY. The Third Party Leader Issues an Address to North Simcoe Electors. He Gives His View of the Political Situation—The Course of the Government.

Dalton M'Carney has issued the following address to his constituents in North Simcoe: Ottawa, 29th April, 1896. To the Free and Independent Electors of the North Riding of Simcoe: Gentlemen,—As I dispatch this address the seventh parliament of Canada is about being dissolved, and you will shortly be called upon to elect a representative to the next parliament, the first session of which must meet on the 1st day of July.

The most remarkable events in the history of the parliament are that during its term six sessions have been held; that four prime ministers have resigned, three of whom died in office, and that its dissolution only occurred by a few hours of the term of its life. With the exception of the investigation into the frauds which, through the connivance of the public works department, had been robbing the taxpayers of Canada, without however in my judgment adequately condemning or properly punishing the participants in them, it has but little, if any, claim to distinction. Its chief legislative work has been a re-adjournment without amendment of the act relating to the remedial bill, and by the open defiance of several of its leading members, including the government, the government against the arrogant dictation of Sir Charles Tupper, who has recently assumed the leadership of the party, very well-wishes, I fear, institutions should be secured to a measure of gratification.

The second question which, at the last election, divided the political parties, has been an issue of national importance, and unrestricted reciprocity with the United States, in which I was unalterably opposed, and which I have since re-echoed to the people of Canada. They have proved themselves to be uncompromisingly hostile to any policy that would sacrifice national independence, in the relationship which exists to the Motherland.

Another matter now engages the almost undivided attention of the electors of Canada, and the course which will be given by the Canadian hierarchy to have Manitoba severed from the Dominion, and the lands therein to be sold to the benefit of the episcopate of Quebec. A decisive vote on the question is the result of the election, and the result of the election will be to determine whether the secular matters, retarded the growth and material development of our country. In the free soil of North America, and the priesthood and the reign of priestcraft, which our fathers successively revolted three centuries ago, can surely find no permanent abiding place.

The present administration, who held a special session to pass the remedial bill at a cost of not far short of a million dollars has made this the supreme issue in the impending contest. Nothing is wanting to their ostentatious display, in securing the re-election of their masters. Their recently chosen leader has heartily declared his willingness to file if necessary in the effort to carry out their wishes. And he attempted to drag our free parliament by a continuous sitting of 120 hours, an unprecedented proceeding, to show his confidence in their dictation; while in his presence, when at length he was obliged to abandon "the attempt to force the measure through parliament, his colleagues, the minister of public works, cheered approvingly by him, announced that the approaching dissolution of the present parliament is to be followed by a frank and candid statement which your confidence in the present government is for, and which my differences with the present Liberal-Conservative leaders imperatively demands at my hands.

with which my course was then endorsed. I should have felt bound to resign my seat had I not asked you for an expression of your view in my re-election or by my rejection in the session following. I submitted my policy on the tariff changes that should be made, in a formal resolution, which I deprecate particularly to bring to your notice, as it substantially states the views which I still entertain. It alleged that since the introduction of the protective system, and the time had elapsed for the establishment and development of such manufacturing industries as under existing conditions would be successfully carried on in Canada; that the existing tariff, defensible only as a protective measure, had proved in many instances oppressive and burdensome to the great mass of the consuming classes, and especially to those engaged in agricultural pursuits; and that it ought to be amended in respect to the matters indicated, and by the substantial reduction of customs duties in favour of the United Kingdom, in which markets all Canadian products are admitted duty free—and all those nations which undertake obligations with Great Britain would be by virtue thereof entitled to the same advantages, graduated, however, so as not unnecessarily to prejudice the business of the country.

This, I should point out, would require a change in the tariff, which while leaving it unaltered so far as the United States and countries that maintain a high scale of duties against us are concerned, would require of the United Kingdom, in which markets all Canadian products are admitted duty free—and all those nations which undertake obligations with Great Britain would be by virtue thereof entitled to the same advantages, graduated, however, so as not unnecessarily to prejudice the business of the country.

On the question of the public debt and the annual expenditure I would add a short word at the hazard of offending in the length of an address already so long. It is not only we are adding to our debt by leaps and bounds, but our expenditure has increased and is increasing while revenue is being to the condition of the country it ought to be diminished, but that dishonesty is rampant in the great spending departments, in spite of the audit act and every check we have so far been devised to prevent it. It is most especially in the public works department that under the late administration of Sir Hector Langevin public robbery was rife, and to an extent which has not been checked, but that the railway department, under the guidance of another minister, has succeeded in the disreputable position that was hitherto occupied by the department of public works. Scarcely has the audit act been introduced, and the audit act is being to the condition of the country it ought to be diminished, but that dishonesty is rampant in the great spending departments, in spite of the audit act and every check we have so far been devised to prevent it.

Under these circumstances I need hardly add that I have no confidence in the present administration of our affairs, and I cannot help thinking that any change must be for the better. I am not conversant to state with as much fullness as practicable my position on the various questions which I think are of interest at the present juncture, and it is for you to say whether my course is those which you desire your representative to adopt. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

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EUROPE'S GROWTH IN TEN YEARS. According to the European Economist the increase between 1886 and 1896 in the population of Europe was less than 23,000,000. These figures are absurdly precise, in view of the fact that several of the most populous countries of that continent have taken no census since 1891. Russia, we think, has made no complete enumeration of her people in many decades. However, it is safe to treat the vital statistics of most European countries and the west of Asia as reliable. The population is decreasing and comparatively fixed, that the increase in all Europe may be considered quite negligible for the last ten years.

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METCHOSIN.

Metchosin, May 5.—Walter Langley, from up country, is visiting friends in Metchozin.
Mrs. Chas. Doering, who has been visiting friends here, has just gone home to Vancouver.
A most eloquent and polished discourse was delivered by Mr. Ellison last Sunday on the subject of "Charity." It is to be hoped that the conception of Christianity, or the religion of love, as he called it, which he endeavored to make clear, may become the conception of his auditors.
Dr. McNaughton Jones, of William Head, died very suddenly yesterday of heart trouble. His death was a great shock to his friends, for he was to all appearance a healthy man, and he was of a warm and genial disposition.
At a meeting held in the public hall on Saturday evening, 2nd inst., for the purpose of selecting the days on which to have the bi-weekly mail run, it was decided by a majority vote to have the stage go up Tuesday and back Wednesday, and make the round trip on Saturday. The chair was occupied by Mr. Hayward. After the mail matter had been settled the question of having a farmers' association or club of some kind, was discussed, and Mr. Hayward, with Mr. Ellison, Mr. Field and Mr. Smart, were elected a committee to formulate a working basis for the club.

VANCOUVER.

House's lumber factory and kiln at Hastings were destroyed by fire on Monday. The mill was saved. The insurance companies interested are the Phoenix, Hartford, \$1,500; National, of Island, \$1,500; North American, \$500. The loss is estimated at \$6,000.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Wholesale liquor licenses are to be increased to \$150, and it will be optional with a wholesale dealer whether he takes out a shop license. It is estimated that shop licenses permitting the sale of liquor in small quantities be increased from \$100 to \$300.

Hotels in Chilliwack, calling themselves clubs, have been selling champagne to members and conducting card games. In an effort to close these so-called clubs complaints have been laid on Saturday. William Venard, of the Queen's hotel, was charged with keeping a gaming house and fined \$25. The coroner's jury have returned a verdict of "drowned" in the case of Thomas Job, whose body was found after a long search by the provincial police. The government had offered a reward of \$100 for the finding of the body, as murder was suspected. The coroner's jury have decided otherwise. The spring salmon run is important. A carload of fresh fish was sent west by the Texas Lake Ice Company on Saturday.

PORT STEELE.

Port Steele Prospector. Work has commenced on the bridge. It will take about five weeks to complete the draw.
The Banks brothers are down from the Danubies. They report the mine in good shape, and the lead increasing in width.
The result of Mr. R. O. Jennings' visit to Spokane was the forming of a company to work the Deane and the All-Order. The company has plenty of capital, and will commence work as soon as the necessary preparations can be made.
It is reported that there is a whiskey den, close to the line at Tobacco Plains, in full blast. The attention of the Montana authorities is called to it, in hopes that an effort will be made to close it up, as well as a demoralizing tendency, and will cause trouble.
It is reported that fact that Associated capitalists from Spokane will visit Port Steele during the coming season to look over the situation, and to invest in mining property. At the present time there are three American companies interested in this section.
An offer of \$35,000 has recently been made for the Sullivan group by an English syndicate. The terms are 10 per cent down, the balance in three payments of \$10,000 each. Should the proprietors decide to accept the offer, an expert will at once be sent out to examine and arrange for development work. This property is situated on the same belt of mineral as the North Star.
We have been informed that there are many men on their way to Port Steele in search of employment. This is no place for men in search of work, as there is nothing for them to do, and at least two men for every job that turns up here at present time. Men that wish to prospect and have funds should be away from here through the spring season. It is just the right time to come to, as we have a mineral country that has not been prospected to any great extent; but for mechanics and laborers there is absolutely nothing for them to do.

REVELSTOCK.

Kootenay Mail.
Charlie Norlin came down from the Hidden Treasure, on Gold Stream, last Saturday. He had 70 lbs of placer gold with him.
Mr. Baltegaard has sold his house and lot on Front street to Messrs. Vandell & Norton for a consideration of \$10,000. Terms one third down, balance in six months.
H. S. Howard Letendre and Ed. Bloom are down from the Big Hole claim on Gold Stream. They have put in an enormous piece of work, having now 500 feet of tunnel, 20 feet wide at the mouth, and averaging 12 feet in width throughout. They put this all in by hand, using whip saws and round timbers.
A site has been chosen for a ledge to cross the Hecelwatsat river, which, with a trail, will give access to the North Fork camp. In this camp there are several properties on which work to the extent of \$1,800 has been done, and three carry-over grants. All that has held it back was access to railroad.
Mr. McCallum, of the Round Hill claim, in Hecelwatsat, will now get out 100 tons of ore.
Four claims have been located at Arrowhead already.
Three claims have been located by Glendinning and partner between Ping-

ston and Foxall Creeks, on the west shore of Arrow Lake.
A rich lead, two feet wide, of gold ore has been located by Charles Holland on Fish Creek. It will be worked this year.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, May 5.—The Conservatives of this district have called a convention to be held in this city on Friday, May 15th, when Mr. Haslam will again be a candidate for re-election. The party perceive the chances are getting desperate, or they would have followed their old selfish methods of nominating their candidate from this city. They appear somewhat piqued over the little editorial in Sunday's Colonist eulogizing Mr. J. Haggart, and claim it was premature. It is believed Mr. Haggart will remain in the field in spite of the convention. The Conservative clique here are trying to ignore the fact that the seat will be contested by a Liberal candidate, and they will find to their disappointment that he is no mean opponent.
Langley & Co., of Victoria have taken possession of A. Patten's store at Wellington under a chattel mortgage.
The spring assizes opened here this morning. The docket is as follows: Regina v. G. E. Drake, theft; Regina v. Ballo, unlawful concealment of birth; Regina v. Kaantosh, attempted murder.
The writ for the election in this constituency was received by Marshall Gray yesterday.
C. H. B. Potts made application before Judge Harrison yesterday for the dissolution of the Citizens' Building Society of Nanaimo. The hearing is set for next Monday.
Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent Presbyterian and merchant of Goshen, Va., has this to say on the subject of rheumatism: "I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, as I know from personal experience that it will do all that is claimed for it. A year ago this spring my brother was laid up in bed with inflammatory rheumatism and suffered intensely. The first application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm eased the pain and the second bottle completely cured him. For sale by all druggists." Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

A PORT TO DEFEND LONDON.
The veritable bottle of Dorking is to be seriously anticipated after all. It is many months now since we heard that the line of the Surrey Downs was to be provided with fortifications for the defence of London, and most of us were of the opinion that the scheme had been shelved at all events for the present. But such is not the case. The strategical advantages of Box Hill have been considered to be more important than the matter then its numerous possibilities for menickers. During the past few weeks some five acres on the top of the well-known bluff that looks down upon Dorking have been cleared of their trees and brushwood as a preliminary to the construction of a powerful fort. Happily in England we do not fuss about our military defences to the extent of keeping the public at a respectful distance away from them. Book holders will still be able to enjoy the views from Box Hill, and will still have excellent fellows for picnic purposes. And it may be that the strenuous on so peaceful a site may be a useful object lesson for us as well.—The Mail Gazette.

DODGING THE CUSTOMS.
Clever Tricks of an Expert Diamond Smuggler.
Col. Dudley F. Phelps, head of the Law Division of the New York Customs House, is responsible for the following. A few years ago word was received from the United States minister in Paris that a man, who was given, would try to evade the officers with a large amount of diamonds. On the arrival of the French importer, Phelps was immediately notified, and drawing him into a private office, stripped him, looked down his throat, and manfully held him thoroughly to see that he was not possessed of an elastic skin. They placed every microscopic particle of his clothing with fine needles, went through his hair, and the bedding of his stateroom like destroying angels, and found nothing. The tourist was indignant. He stormed and hurled all kinds of strong language, and swore by the beads of those of his ancestors who were beads that he should never return to America should he once reach home. The officers were completely stamped. The victim did start for home on the return trip of the same steamer, and a short time thereafter the east was flooded with cheap diamonds. How did he do it? The detectives thought deeply, but without result. Months afterwards an anonymous letter was received at the Customs House stating that this same man might be expected to arrive on a certain steamer. Concealed in a porous plaster which he would be wearing upon his back, supposed for health, would be 20 diamonds of Oriental magnitude. He would be recognized by a partner in crime, who would travel as his physician. Well, the same evening the man in the plaster was seized, and he was imprisoned. He was so indignantly failed before. The officers met the steamer at quarantine, and searched him in the same manner as they searched the man in the plaster. He was found with his alleged physician, with a small quantity they carried him on, fastened to his person with collars, ears, and feet for that porous plaster, although the physician declared that to remove it would cause the patient's death.

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Under the terms of the anonymous note, and looked on further. They looked at him as so many sons to the delighted officials, who, under the jaw, were entitled to one-fourth of the value of the goods seized. The grinding victim, who remained his only hope to be seen in an insupportable manner, again, was sentenced to "return," and the ship which he reached the port, ostensibly stripped of all his ill-gotten spoils. When the seized jewels were returned from the office of the expert the following day, they were labelled purchase worth about twenty-five cents apiece. The real jewels were in another place, and as subsequent disclosures proved, the seized victim had written that anonymous letter himself and forwarded it assured of its effect and of the outcome. Another attempt he was captured, and it was then revealed how he had acted in the first two cases. In the porous plaster case the real diamonds were concealed in a ske of soap, which had been carefully separated from the soap in the center, the diamonds were placed in the receptacle thus created. The halves closely fitted together once more, and the missing half was there put in an ordinary soap box, such as four in one. In the first instance the parcel was given to the intimate, who reached consular headquarters in Paris. Then, on the steamer, he engaged his return passage, securing by this the same stateroom for both voyages. He selected one for his power, and once on board he opened the box, fastened securely to a string, at the top of the upper end of that same string, he placed the diamonds in a small bag, which he fastened to his person, and he put the parcel in over with great which he had brought with him to reach the interior flights of the room. When he got ready to return to France, his wife attended him to the ship to see him off. They went together to his stateroom, and there he received

the little bag of valuables, turning it over to her, she laid him down with weary solicitude for his safe return, and stepped ashore in safety, for people are not looked after when leaving out-of-bound steamers.
A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring may be the means of keeping you well and hearty all summer.
The other day a young man from London arrived in a northern city, and wishing to let his friends in the south know of his safe arrival, he went to a telegraph office (not the chief one) and inquired if he could send a telegram direct from the office, and how long it would take. The young lady was inclined to be snubbing, and she short his inquiries with, "I am not paid to answer silly questions." Her face blushed wonderfully when she found herself compelled to wire the following message: "Arrived safe; girls here ugly and had temper."—Liverpool Pictorial.

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