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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

FOREIGN PORTS. (BY TELEGRAPH.) San Francisco, Feb. 3-Sailed-Bk Aureola, Sea-beck.

BIRTHS.

At the villa adjoining No. 29th ult., the wife of A. Osterlund, Esq., of a son.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer IDAHO, for San Francisco-Victoria-Nisus Emma L Spring, Miss Charlotte Spring, Charles Spring, Rev S. McGregor, Mrs. McGregor and 2 children.

DEATHS.

In this city, at 1 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, 9th Feb., August, infant son of Jacob and Elizabeth Schell, aged 11 months.

THIRD PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9.

PETITION.

Mr. Ferguson presented a petition from John Adair, jr., and Joseph Hunter, praying that certain privileges be granted them for mining purposes on the South Fork of Quensel river.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. Smith presented a report from A. B. Gray relative to the official map of 1880, alleging that after the map was filed at the office of Lands and Works an alteration was made in such map.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Hon. Mr. Beaven presented the public accounts for the 31st Dec., 1880.

REPORTS.

Mr. Galbraith presented a report from the Committee on the Bill to amend the Gold Mining and Mineral Acts, suggesting several amendments.

RAILWAY.

Mr. Ash moved that this House approve of the agreement for the building of the Canada Pacific Railway made between the Dominion government and the Syndicate, to confirm which a Bill is now before the Dominion Parliament; and further, expresses its entire confidence that the present Dominion government will fulfil, as far as is practicable, all the obligations of the Dominion to the Province for railway construction.

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shown a disposition from the first to fulfil the bargain, and the House should express confidence in their good intentions. There was a great difference, however, in the claims we may have upon the Dominion Government for construction and the claims we may have upon them in compensation for delays. The two were distinct questions and should be considered by this House thus early in the session.

Seconded by Mr. Bennett. Hon. Mr. Walkem said he did not intend to enter into a lengthy discussion on this question; but the hon. gentleman was peculiarly unfortunate in his resolution, he having formed one of a ministry that had strongly protested against the default of Canada in this regard.

Mr. Ash.—What I said was that the Carnarvon terms bound the Mackenzie Government. Hon. Mr. Walkem said he was referring to the hon. gentleman's extraordinary course in this matter, he having stated that the Dominion Government was not bound to build the road, and having previously maintained that we had a claim on that government. Two years ago the hon. gentleman had endeavored to raise the Island Railway reserve and he (Mr. Walkem) was surprised at the course he proposed to take to-day. He wanted to thank the Dominion Government for what? Nothing. It reminded him of the celebrated "O be Joyful" telegram which the hon. gentleman sent to Mr. Mackenzie in 1875. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ash.—That was Mr. Beaven's telegram. Hon. Mr. Walkem.—I was not aware that John Ash, whose name was signed to the telegram, intended to do so. He had styled "O be Joyful," was synonymous with the name of Robert Beaven. (Laughter.) He now wishes to thank the Dominion Government for nothing, as he did in the "O be Joyful" telegram. (Laughter.) Without the least intelligence except telegraphic scraps before us, when we don't know whether the bill has even passed, we are asked to thank the Dominion Government for nothing. Papers were promised and they would be brought down in time for discussion and action this session. The papers were to be dealt with in a proper way and would decide definitely this session that they would not be put off any longer with promises that might never be intended to be fulfilled. The Dominion had dealt with this railway matter as if the Province was no party to the agreement. He had been a party to no breaking of the terms. He had protested from year to year and that hon. gentleman had been one of the protesting parties—his voice had been loud in denunciation of Canada's default. When the papers came down the House would be asked to discuss the question. Those papers would be laid before the House and the opinion of the House would be asked upon them. The Syndicate measure had just crossed the threshold of the Senate, the grave of the Island railway bill. He viewed this resolution as one fraught with the greatest danger to the country at large and he now moved the previous question.

Mr. Smith said that that motion would not prevent a discussion of the motion for previous question. He was quite with the leader of the government on this matter, but he would like to see the rights of the House under a motion for the previous question settled now and forever. He quoted from the rules of order and referred to British parliamentary practice on the subject.

Mr. Ash rose to speak. The Speaker—There is no debate or amendment on this motion. Mr. Ash insisted that if the previous question was in order it would have been moved in the British House of Commons the other day when the Irish obstructives were blocking legislation.

Hon. Mr. Walkem said the rule was so plain that he could not see how there could be any mistake. Mr. Ash said the leader of the government did not wish the question discussed, he wished it shelved; but if the previous question was put the vote must be taken "aye" or "no."

Hon. Mr. Walkem said that the previous question precluded all discussion of the main question and all debate. Mr. Smith contended that clause 17, rules of order, made it clear to him that debate was allowable on the motion for previous question.

After some further discussion the question was then negatived almost unanimously. Mr. Ash—Then the motion is open for discussion.

Mr. Speaker—No. I refer the hon. gentleman to rule 80. Dr. Ash gave notice he would move a substantive resolution on Friday.

Mr. Drummond moved that a select committee be appointed by this House to visit the Royal Hospital, Public Schools, and Gaol, and report to this House; the committee to consist of Messrs. Abrams, Cowan, E. Brown, McGillivray, and the mover. Carried.

DRY DOCK. Mr. Wilson moved that a committee be appointed to inspect the Dry Dock now under construction at Esquimalt, and report to this House.

The hon. mover said this was the most important work now in hand in the province and it was necessary the House should watch its progress. The committee to consist of Messrs. Helgesen, Galbraith, E. Brown, Abrams and the mover. Mr. Helgesen seconded.

Mr. Smith thought the hon. member for Esquimalt (Mr. Helgesen) knew all about the dock. Why not give a member outside of the district a chance of a ride. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wilson.—The committee will probably walk. (Laughter.) Mr. Abrams suggested that the whole House should visit the dock. (Laughter.) Mr. Marn.—A committee is to be sent to walk, let Mr. Smith be added. (Laughter.) He hoped the Minister of Finance and Agriculture would see that no cash bills were paid.

AGRICULTURE. Mr. Pimbury asked, is it the intention of the Minister of Agriculture to submit to this House a report on agriculture during the present session?

Hon. Mr. Beaven said that information had been collected, but that its publication had not been decided upon by the government.

THIRD READING. Firemen's Exemption Bill and Documentary Evidence Bill were read a third time and passed.

MARKING CATTLE. Mr. Harris moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the marking of cattle. House went into committee, Mr. Abrams in the chair.

House adjourned till 2 o'clock on Thursday.

NOTICES OF MOTION. Dr. Ash—On Friday to review his railway resolution.

Mr. Drummond—For alteration and reconstruction of Royal Hospital Committee.

Hon. Mr. Walkem—Act respecting the Supreme Court of Canada; Act to amend the School Tax Act; Act to carry out objects of the Order in Council, Administration of Justice and Judicature Act, 1875; and the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Gaol Delivery and of Assize and Nisi Prius.

Marking Cattle.

The following is the text of a bill relating to the marking of cattle, which passed the House yesterday:

"1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the 'Cattle Ordinance, 1869,' or the 'Cattle Marking Act, 1875,' brands for branding cattle and marking cattle may be transferred, from time to time, by the person in whose name they are recorded or registered, to any other person: Provided always, that no such transfer shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing signed by the party making such transfer, and filed with the officer appointed under the said Ordinance and Act to record and register cattle brands and marks, who, upon such transfer being filed with him, shall register the same by making a memorandum of such transfer in his record or register of cattle brands or cattle marks."

"2. Upon registering such transfer such officer shall cancel the prior registration or record of such brand or mark by writing thereupon the word 'cancelled,' and shall also write thereupon a memorandum naming the person to whom such brand or mark has been transferred, and showing the folio of the record or register where such transfer has been recorded or registered."

The Fire in Chase River Mine. A few days ago the fire in the Chase river coal mine broke out afresh and raged with much greater fury than it had done since its discovery. Tremendous efforts were at once made to prevent the fire from reaching the Douglas workings. These efforts were fortunately crowned with success. All the available resources of the company and city fire department with their engine were brought to bear on its extinguishment. Gradually the fire was circumscribed and prevented further spread, and a telegram received here by the general manager, Mr. Bate, Esq., who came down last evening, states that it is now entirely under control and in a fair way of being speedily conquered. A large number of men are at work in relays, night and day. Their efforts will not be relaxed until every spark of fire is put out. Mr. Bate speaks in high terms of the courage, industry and indomitable perseverance displayed by the miners and all concerned in fighting the fire fiend under the greatest possible difficulties. All the resources of the Wellington colliery were placed at the disposal of the manager of the Vancouver company, but fortunately, beyond a powerful pump, which did splendid service, they were not required.

The Public Accounts. The statement of the Public Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1881, was laid before the House yesterday. The total receipts for the half-year were \$186,632.06, and the total expenditures, \$170,522.27—showing the sum of about \$16,000 to the good of the province, which reduces the deficit of \$64,000 from six months to \$48,000. The chief source of revenue was from the Dominion government subsidy, \$104,009.50; road tolls, \$25,455.14; licenses, \$12,787.50; land sales, \$11,334.07; miners' certificates, \$4720; school tax, \$8,769; real property tax, \$2,250; and registry fees, \$2,539. The smallness of the school tax collected is a pitiful exhibition of the ineptitude of the government arrangements. The Allen claim has shrunk from \$3000 to \$30.83. The total indebtedness after deducting all good assets is \$708,887.58.

THEATRE ROYAL.—This evening the Victoria Amateur Dramatic Society will present "Heads and Tails" and "Breaking the Spell" at Theatre Royal. As the proceeds are to go in aid of the Royal Hospital it is scarcely necessary for us to advise the public to attend. The entertainment will be the best of the kind yet given here. We were present at a dress rehearsal last evening and speak with confidence.

MIDNIGHT ORGIES.—Two white men, one a comparative youth, were found on the streets about two o'clock yesterday morning too far gone with alcoholic stimulants to take care of themselves or find their homes. They were accordingly locked up and appeared at 11 a. m. to answer for their conduct. Pleading guilty they were both fined the usual five shillings or the six hours' confinement in goal.

AN OLD FRIEND.—Mrs. Schultz, formerly Madame Anna Bishop, who made her first appearance in public as a concert singer 44 years ago, and afterwards achieved success on the operatic stage, visiting Victoria in 1873 singing at the inst. to a third generation of New York auditors. The event is still more noticeable from the announcement that she sings with much power and sweetness, albeit she is 66 years of age.

SEATTLE.—Mr. James McNaught, late president of the Seattle Gas Co., has sold out his stock like a sensible man, as he is. D. Horton and W. Renton were the buyers. A mortgage for \$8,000,000 from the Oregon Improvement Company, in favor of the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company of New York, has been filed for record in the King County Auditor's office.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Princess Louise arrived yesterday afternoon from the river. Fifty-five head of beef cattle, five or six tons of hay and about eight tons of turnips were landed at Cadboro Bay. The Fraser is open as far as Chilliwack and the river fishermen are making casual trips to that place.

A VICTORIA GIRL IN CHICAGO.—A dispatch from Chicago dated Saturday 21st says: "Annie Pixley, the actress performing 'Miss' at the Masonic Theatre, Nashville, was the recipient of a testimonial from the citizens in the shape of a rich set of jewelry. There was a formal presentation on the stage during the performance."

The Chicago merchants have resolved not to sell oleomargarine, butterine or any other villainous compound of that class.

ROMBERG.—That Oronodonk & Co. are about to build a line of river steamboats to ply between the Thompson and Yale routes from Victoria.

ORONODONK.—A span of Eugene City bridge fell on the 8th, involving a loss of \$10,000.

WANTED.—Fifty laboring men to work on the Drydock immediately.

Presentation of Testimonials to Rev. S. McGregor, M. A.

A large audience, many of whom were ladies, assembled yesterday afternoon in Braughton Street Hall on the occasion of a presentation of addresses and testimonials to the Rev. S. McGregor, M. A., who with his estimable lady and family will be faring to our shores to-day. All the elders of St. Andrew's Church and nearly every member of the Managing Committee were on the platform. Robert Wallace, Esq., read the following ADDRESS.

St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, B.C., 9th Feb., 1881. The Rev. S. McGregor, M. A.

REVEREND AND VERY DEAR SIR:—In the near prospect of your departure from this province, in pursuance of the intimation you gave us several months ago, and which we had hoped might terminate differently, we, the office-bearers of this church, desire to express on behalf of the congregation their and our own warm feelings of respect and attachment to you, as well as our sincere regret at parting with you and our sense of the very great loss in many ways which the absence of your matured experience must necessarily be, not only to this church and congregation, but also to the Presbytery and the whole mission, which have been so long to you objects of the deepest interest and solicitude.

After the long and intimate relationship of pastor and people that has subsisted between you and us during eleven years past, we cannot refrain from bearing our hearty testimony to your unvarying courtesy; friendly, genial spirit; Christian, gentlemanly bearing; high exemplary character; consistent walk and conversation; steadfast devotion to right principle; patient, practical, business-like attention to details, and sound discretion in the conduct of church affairs—qualities all admirably combined in you; and by the proper exercise of which throughout that long and, in many respects, trying period (during the larger half of which you were the only minister in the province representing the Presbyterianism of the Church of Scotland) you have been enabled, standing alone as it were, to discharge the onerous, arduous duties and to uphold in a becoming manner the dignity of your office. In so doing, you have also, we are glad to know, and we will carry with you, the respect of all good men with whom you have come in contact.

Those years of changes have witnessed many meetings and partings among us, scenes of happiness and of sorrow, prosperity and adversity, with the recollection of which your name and kindly acts must ever be pleasantly associated in our memories. Nor can we cease to remember with gratitude how readily responsive you have been to sympathize with any of us on such occasions; to minister to the needy or distressed in mind, body, or estate; ever willing to spend and be spent for the good of all at whatever cost and inconvenience to yourself, and never deterred by discouragements from striving to promote the extension and usefulness of the Church of Scotland's work in this new country.

With this we beg your acceptance of the accompanying small testimonial, which, though of little value in itself, may serve occasionally as a token (if such were necessary, which we are sure it cannot be) to remind you of our attachment and your own connection with us here.

Cordially offering, in conclusion, the expression of our warmest regards to Mrs. McGregor and your dear children, we pray that wherever in God's good providence it may please Him to appoint your future lot, you and yours may be abundantly favored with health, prosperity, peace and the truest happiness for time and eternity.

We remain, reverend and dear sir, your faithful friends,

ROBERT WALLACE, ALEX. MUNRO, JOHN FINLAYSON, JOHN SINCLAIR, Elders.

THOS. RUSSELL, A. B. GRAY, JAMES CRAN, H. F. HERSTERMAN, R. B. MCKICKING, R. P. RHETT, W. M. SPRING, W. G. REID, J. L. LAWSON, JAMES BURNS, R. W. BURTON, JOHN DOLMAN, Managers.

Mr. Wallace here presented Mr. McGregor with a very valuable gold watch, suitably inscribed.

Rev. Mr. McGregor delivered the following REPLY:

St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, 9th Feb. 1881. To the elders and managers of St. Andrew's Church.

MY DEAR BRETHREN.—Allow me to thank you very heartily for the most kind, but too flattering address and the very beautiful and valuable testimonial which you have just presented, and through you, the congregation of St. Andrew's church, which you so warmly and so graciously presented to me.

I need scarcely assure you that after the long and cordial intimacy which has existed between us as people and pastor and to which you so kindly refer, nothing but a strong sense of duty could induce me to break the ties which bind us together and to hand over to my successor the spiritual oversight of St. Andrew's church and my seat in the presbytery of British Columbia. Reasons, however, which I have already intimated to you, and particularly my feeling that a change of work has become for a time at least absolutely necessary have induced me to take those steps which have resulted in the present separation. When I came among you eleven years ago I did not intend to make my home in British Columbia for a longer period than three years and then, with the consent of the colonial committee, return to the parent country. Yet such has been the fascination of your beautiful Victoria, your own kindness and the courtesy of your citizens generally to mine and to me that our sojourn has been prolonged until now. You refer truly to the fact that for several years I occupied the position of being the solitary representative of the ministry of the church of Scotland in the province, and justly characterize that period of my labors here as a "trying" one. Yet I cannot forget, and more particularly at such a moment as this, that mainly, and in the first instance, to you, the office bearers and members of St. Andrew's church, I owe my deliverance from that isolated and trying position. I cannot forget the generous manner in which you responded to my suggestion and enabled me to visit Scotland for the purpose of inducing other ministers of the church to cast in their lot with us here in the west, nor your great pleasure in learning that the colonial committee of the dear old church of our father-

land had with extraordinary liberality cordially agreed to send four additional laborers to the field. I cannot forget the fact that to you so many of our countrymen throughout the province are at this moment greatly indebted for the means of grace now so fortunately within their reach. It is furthermore a matter of much satisfaction and a cause of very much gratitude to remember that had I followed out my original intention and left British Columbia at the end of the first three years of my ministry I would have left it with only a single elderman to represent the Scotch church. Whereas now in the good Providence of God the cause that we all love so deeply is left in the hands of a Presbytery and of able and zealous ministers of the church, through whose wise and devoted labors it shall grow with the growth of the country and through the blessing of the Great King and head of the church be crowned with abundant success.

In conclusion, it is unnecessary for me to say that whatever our future lot may be, it is wholly impossible that we should ever forget British Columbia or cease to take a lively interest in her prosperity. She shall always remain associated in our memories with scenes of social joys and alas! of social sorrows of the living who are now around us and of those who have gone from our midst, of cheerful happy meetings and of sorrowful partings. It is the birth place of all the members of our little family and the last resting place of one of their number, and it is the home of some of the kindest and truest friends that ever cheered and strengthened their fellowmen with the genial sunshine of their presence. Your kind address and very beautiful and valuable testimonial form additional links to that claim which already binds us to you and the country—a claim which time cannot destroy nor distance sever.

For your kindly wishes for Mrs. McGregor and our little ones, accept my very sincere thanks. I cherish the hope that the children may never do any act to disgrace the place of their nativity, and my wish for them is that their lot may be cast in a community where they shall meet with such genuine kindness and secure as many friends as they have done among you in Victoria.

That Almighty God may bless you all, as individuals, as a congregation and a community is our most sincere and earnest prayer.

Faithfully yours, S. Mcgregor.

Thos. Russell, Esq., from the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, then read the following address on behalf of that body:

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9, 1881. To the Rev. Simon McGregor, M. A.

VERY DEAR SIR,—We, the office-bearers and members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society beg to express our sincere regret at your early departure from this Province, as intimated in your letter of resignation of the 4th inst. For the long period of eleven years you have been one of the Society's most active and zealous members, and for the greater portion of that time you have held the office of chaplain, a position in a society whose chief aim is to assist the indigent and helpless, there is no office of more importance. You have at all times discharged the duties pertaining to your office in a most efficient manner and much to the satisfaction of your brother members and "brithr Scots." Many a case of want and destitution has been brought by you to the knowledge of the directors and temporarily assisted by the limited means at their disposal, which but for your benevolent attention might never have been known to the Society. There have been cases, also, where through your active exertions the Society has been enabled to send the unfortunate and needy to their friends in Scotland, and other distant lands.

It affords us much pleasure to recite the above simple facts, and also to bear testimony to the interest taken by you generally in the affairs of the Society; the regularity with which you have attended all meetings whether for ordinary business or those of a more social nature, and where your business tact and kindly and urban manners won the regard and esteem of all who had the pleasure of meeting you. Your loss will be much felt by the Society, and your place will not be easily filled.

On parting with you we beg leave to present you with a slight token of our esteem, and wish you and your family under the Providence of God all prosperity, health and happiness.

THOS. RUSSELL, President. A. ALLAN, Secretary.

At the close of this address Mr. Russell remarked that the testimonial (a large and beautiful silver salver suitably inscribed) was of little value in itself, but in the future the reverend gentleman and his children would look upon it with feelings of satisfaction, knowing that it was the gift of sincere friends who appreciated the labors for the benefit of the Society and the advancement of the benevolent objects it had in view.

Mr. McGregor, in reply, said he found it very difficult to express his feelings of regard and thankfulness for the address just presented and the beautiful and valuable gift which accompanied it. The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society had always occupied a high place in his estimation. It was always a pleasure to attend its regular meetings and annual gatherings, and to seek out and assist in helping their fellow countrymen in need. He felt that he had been very fortunate in being able to thank the Society for their kind expressions of regard, and if in the future he and his family should have the satisfaction of seeing any of the members on the other side of the water he need scarcely say that they would meet with a most cordial welcome. He was convinced that his children would look upon their handsome and valuable present as a precious heirloom and would refer to it with pride as coming from the beautiful land of their birth where their youthful days were spent.

AN EARLY VISIT.—Yesterday morning between one and two o'clock, Sup't. O'Connell and a posse of constables made a search in a Chinese house on Cormorant street well known to the police where stolen property was supposed to be concealed, but nothing of any consequence was found. The police in plain clothes are watching suspicious characters and their houses with much vigilance. The result of the plain clothes system are likely to be very satisfactory.

YALE.—A petition favoring the retention of Mr. McMillan as postmaster is being numerously signed. The Sentinel, stemming rifles, overcoming ice-jams and breaking up obstructions, came to hand last evening. The damage by the recent explosion of giant powder is fixed at \$500.

The Sunday School Treat at St. John's.

Last evening about 150 of the children belonging to St. John's Church Sunday school, together with a large number of their parents, friends and relatives, young and old, assembled at the school house where an admirably arranged treat awaited them. After being regaled with all the good eatables and drinkables abundantly provided, the machinery of the powerful oxygenated magic lantern was arranged. The first series of slides was illustrative of scenery on the route from England to California, and comprised beautiful views of Gibraltar, Malta, Constantinople, the Isthmus of Suez, California, &c. These were illustrated and explained by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in a most interesting and attractive manner, frequently eliciting hearty applause. The mechanical work was excellently done by the Rev. P. J. Jones, the rector of the church. The second set of slides illustrated in a very humorous and laughable manner a nursery version of a "Tale of a Tub," the recitation being by Mr. Eustace Jenns. A number of amusing pictures were then thrown on the canvas, which both young and old appreciated. To the young people, perhaps, the most interesting portion of the programme was the stripping of a mammoth Christmas tree loaded with prizes of all descriptions. The entertainment was interspersed with music at intervals, and before the prizes were distributed Miss Arthur, of Esquimalt, a charming,