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EDITORIALS

Attorney General Bowser apparently resents the straight talk of the Chief Justice of the Province when he refused to let Bower's legal firm represent both the Crown and a criminal in a recent case. The Chief Justice as much as said that the Attorney General was tampering with justice. At a recent ward meeting in Vancouver the Attorney General took the matter up and the public would have expected him to clear himself. From the report given of the meeting it appears that he decided to lie under the charge of the Chief Justice, and satisfied himself by retaliating in kind. Chief Justice Hunter has too strong a hold on the confidence of the Province to feel disturbed by the charges of a politician of the Bowser stamp. The fact, however, that the Attorney General is not able to clear himself from this serious charge of the Court is important. If we have a crook at the head of our Department of Justice the matter is real serious and the evidence seems very clear that we have.

A few days ago The News reported the failure of the new city scow, in that it was incapable of being dumped. The chairman of the sanitary committee at once contradicted

this and said the scow was never tried out. There seems to be something wrong with the scow, however, when it is tied up to the wharf, while the old one does the work. Rumors, too, continue to come to the surface that confirm the report given to The News. It is a most unusual state of affairs that the city should rush to completion an expensive scow and then decide to let it stand idle and go back to the old one.

As a matter of fact, it would almost be a miracle if the new scow would work. It is built in such a way that it is intended to dump through the bottom. There are several compartments into which the scow is divided, the top of them being about fifteen feet across, while both sides incline at an angle, making the bottom only about two feet wide, where a dump hatch is arranged. It doesn't seem reasonable that a large scow would empty through such a small opening. Indeed, it would be a miracle if it did work. The whole affair illustrates the incapacity of the men at the head of the city's business. How long will it take at this rate to put the city into the hands of a receiver.

The ignominy that has sur-



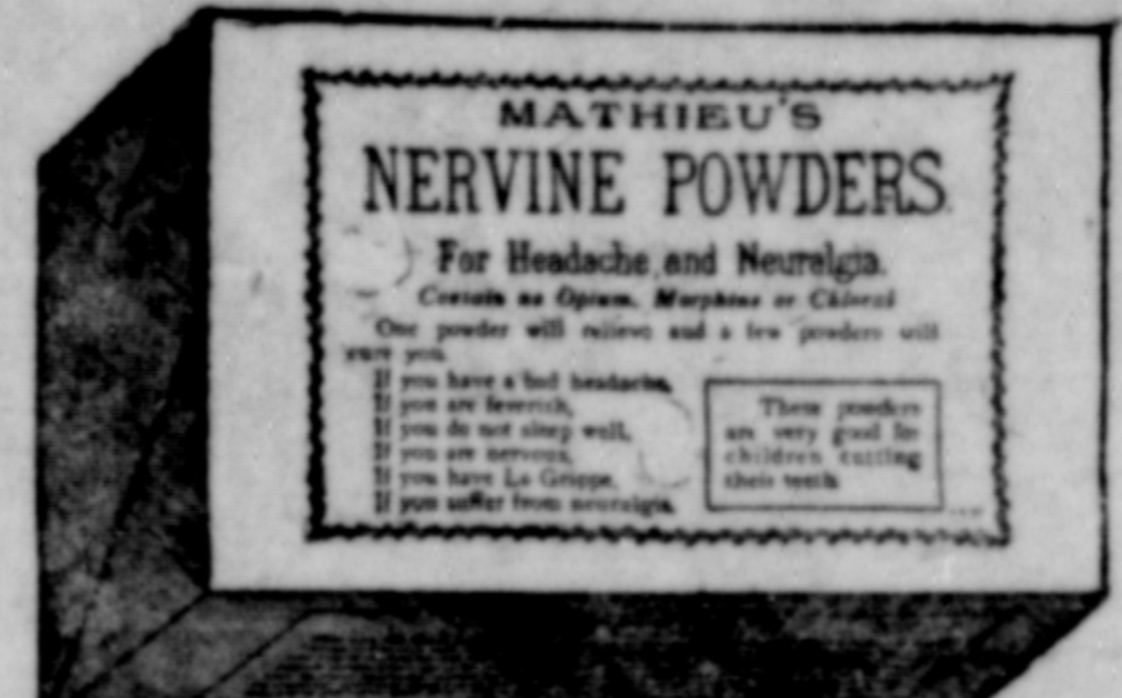
rounded the City Council during the greater part of the city's history has made it impossible to secure the services of the required number of good men. The majority of the men who have been elected to office seek the job, not because of their fitness, but because they want a share of the "loaves and fishes." The aldermen are paid at the rate of \$400 per year, or a little over \$7.50 for every meeting of the Council during the year. The News suggested some time ago that the aldermen for next year volunteer their services free, and there is no reason why the mayor should not do likewise. The call of the "loaves and fishes," however, is still paramount.

KAISER STILL TALKS.

German Emperor and Commanding Generals Went to Church New Year's Day.

Berlin, via The Hague to London, Jan. 11.—Instead of the customary New Year's reception the Emperor received the commanding generals, with whom he attended divine service. He then received the congratulations of the court at field headquarters. Addressing the correspondents, he said, among other things: "I hope you will be able in the new year to report many thousand fine things. We shall not lay down our arms until we have gained a complete victory."

Some of the fellows who demand sympathy are more deserving of a good kick.



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"During the past two and a half months I have been through a most remarkable country, full of opportunities awaiting both capital and labor. Eleven years prospecting around the mining camps of Alaska and the Yukon left me with an everlasting impression of the wonderful possibilities afforded to those ready to come and settle in the great north-western section of the American continent, but what I saw in those days will not stand comparison with the country I have just returned from. The Peace River country abounds in nature's wonders. Its natural resources are immense. Millions of acres of arable land, intersected with rivers, lakes and streams which make irrigation totally unnecessary, await settlement. A greater part of this area is practically open and ready for the plow. Peavine, vetches, redtop and a variety of other natural grasses grow in the wildest profusion, and the few settlers who have gone in ahead of the railroad speak of the whole country through which I passed as being particularly adapted to stock raising. One thing which should be permanently advantageous and conducive to rapid settlement is the unlimited supply of game, fish and wild fruits which can be taken with the greatest possible ease.

"Throughout the timbered portions of the whole country, moose deer, bear and antelope roam the woods. They are so numerous and almost tame in certain places that it will not tax the marksmanship of anyone who has learned to handle a rifle to provide all the meat required for the table. The country has almost become overrun with rabbit of a very delicious flavor. The streams abound in wild duck and geese of different varieties, but at frequent intervals I ran into coveys of

grouse and prairie chicken. "Fishing is another form of supply for the necessities of life. Whitefish, pike and pickerel of the finest quality, averaging five pounds in weight, can be secured in almost any quantity by using a net in the lakes, while salmon trout, speckled trout, greyling and numerous other varieties of game fish can be taken in any of the streams with the use of either fly or bait.

"Another very valuable asset is the remarkable quantity of furbearing animals. Many settlers and the native Indians have relied on these as a means of livelihood for many years past. I was very surprised to find such a large number of valuable foxes roving the woods. In the Pouce Coupe district a fox ranch has already been established on a profit earning basis. Mink, martin, otter and beaver are also plentiful, and from these trappers also find a most useful source of income. In addition to all these splendid resources awaiting the coming of the settler capitalists will soon realize that hundreds of profit earning investments are calling for capital, not only to develop the agricultural possibilities, but to open up mineral wealth.

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"Leaving Vancouver the last week in July, I first went into the Albertan oil fields. The rush and excitement that followed the finding of oil in the Discovery well near Okotoks had somewhat fallen off, but some drilling was being done.

"After leaving the Albertan fields I spent seven weeks on foot and raft in the vicinity northwest of Edmonton, covering a distance of about fifteen hundred miles, going in via Grand Prairie, by way of Edson, through Pouce Coupe, Nose Mountain, Pine River Pass, on to Fort St John and Peace River Landing, down to Grouard, at the head of Lesser Slave Lake, thence into Edmonton. Throughout the trip I took every opportunity of taking detours off the main route. The natural resources in that territory are really surprising. Like many other parts awaiting settlement, the only thing lacking is transportation, but this is practically an assured fact. The lines of no fewer than four companies coming from the east have already been surveyed and partly constructed, while communication with British Columbia is promised as soon as details have been completed in connection with the line which will eventually run from Bella Coola through Pine (Continued on Page Three.)

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