n the 11th of May Ernest of such proceeds, a note of $150 and a note of J. I. On the 16th of May, out he paid $7,000, on account a house fronting on the Quebec.

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day, 11th July, Ernest ch p oceeds, paid a note himself, endorsed by the ercier and others, dated ue August 4th. On the ch proceeds, he paid to Langelier $3,000. On the Ernest Pacaud withdrew k the sum of $25,000."

hat a large sum of money provincial treasury in the orrupt bargain, as to a ent, some directly to the retire notes for which he ber of the Government nd some to pay for a Mr. Pacaud, the nego- ement between the Gov- w company.

Governor finds that his accused, on responsible rted in a way to leave no eir perfect truth, of being beneficiary of a fraudu e provincial funds. The ovince of Quebec is ac- he beneficiary of a theft t is his duty to defend, Governor of Quebec asks to assist in procuring an circumstances that will e that it is a straightfor- quiry. The Lieutenant- g this, is guarding the o less than the public's

A MAD WOLF.

Hidden in a New Mexican House.

Globe-Democrat.

the end of a long hall. I n every crook and turn d didn't need a light, so om and closed the door. hen to take a smoke, so dark and found a cigar h to light it. The next could have knocked me r. Away down in the bed two fiery eyes shone als just for that brief atch was burning, and Before I had time to was upon me and was throat, the most savage met. I felt rather than The creature was a wolf

afflicted with hydropho- in the neighborhood dur- months. There is no dable then a wolf when it I knew with what I had to struggle with a large ark room, and that the m its sharp teeth meant ble death to me. As it threw out my hands, and me happened to strike its my hands about its throat ld it away from my face, I could do.

suppose, and the wolf an it would have been rcumstances. The froth its mouth and flew into gled. It was the most of my life just to hold eep it from my face and constantly leaped in the er. All the time, from sprang at me first, I had outing at the top of my very little hope of doing s the servants were too room was on the opposite om their quarters, but chance.

ent that I couldn't let go tant. It was just as evi- t hold out this way long, p came after a while my entually give way and the throat, as it was strug- And how long do you up? For two hours—for by the clock—I stood my life with the savage for help most of the time. thought my strength was arm would surely sink the next moment, and ged to hold him off a little

was in complete despair, was aroused by my con- nd came running with his I managed to hold the a light, and then I held put the muzzle of his lf's head and killed him And then I went to my ad a spell of something een hysterics if I had eing a man it was nothing us prostration.

MBER DAYS.

's misty grass, furrowed ground, y cricket sound; ted, browning trees pples fall.

nd dusty winds, he roadside weeds, nd thistle seeds y, hazy air lue jays call.

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the summer's woof, mber weaves, crumpled leaves, g flight from trees hrough the sky.

showy wings, asters white, in their flight, mmer flowers assing by.

dies' Home Journal.

(From THE DAILY COLONIST, Sept. 29.)

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

In Chambers.

Hereafter a judge of the Supreme Court of B. C. will sit in Chambers, on Tuesdays and Fridays only of each week. The new order takes effect this morning.

Adjourned for a Week.

The committee having in charge the establishment of a university in Victoria, held another meeting in the City Hall, yesterday evening, at which several preliminaries were discussed. An adjournment took place for a week.

Standing Room Refused.

So great was the crush at The Dazzler, last night, that three or four hundred were turned away, and standing room also was refused to a large number. Kate Castleton, who is an English girl by birth, draws like a magnet.

To be Launched This Week.

The new steamer, which Mr. Stevens has lately built, will be launched some evening this week. She has had her shaft and propeller put in place, and the remainder of her machinery will be put in immediately after the launch. She will be used for towing purposes.

Cyclists' Turn Out.

Every member of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club is, weather and road permitting, expected to be at the Club meeting place, Trounce avenue, at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning, for parade to the agricultural grounds, where the bicycle races take place. Full uniform is ordered.

Buckley at Winnipeg.

"Boss" Buckley, of San Francisco, passed through Winnipeg on Sunday *en route* for Montreal, in company with Messrs. Rainey and Randolph. An interviewer boarded the train for a chat with the fallen leader, but he locked himself up in the stateroom of the sleeper and refused to come forth.

Made a Match.

A match was made yesterday by W. Deasy of this city, and Angus Bell, who swept all the prizes at the Duncan's fair Saturday into his pockets, for a pole jumping contest for $25 a side. The match is to be decided at the Agricultural Society's grounds on Thursday morning.

The Order of Things Reversed.

Chinese chicken thieves are no novelty, and white men here have frequently suffered from their fondness for fowls. Yesterday the order was reversed, Thomas Connor, a true son of Erin, being convicted in the police court of stealing chickens from a Chinaman, and sentenced to one month, with hard labor on the side.

Only Two More to Come.

The sealing schooners Teresa and Beatrice reached port, Sunday, neither having done any sealing in Behring's Sea, their catch having been secured on the Russian side. The Teresa has a total of about 1,000 for the season, and the Beatrice in the neighborhood of 900. The Penelope and the Mascot are now the only Victoria schooners out.

Two Excursions.

Arrangements have been completed for the excursion to the Tacoma exposition, from this city, on October 10th. It will be under the patronage of the Board of Trade and City Council, and the fare for the round trip, including admission to the grounds, will be only $2. The Olympian has been secured for the I. O. F. excursion to Victoria on Thursday of this week.

Worthy of the Great Order.

A committee of members of the local lodges of the I.O.O.F. is interviewing the relatives of deceased brethren, whose graves have never been marked by headstones or monuments, the order contemplating the expenditure of a portion of the surplus funds in bank, in the placing of suitable monuments for all departed Oddfellows in Ross Bay cemetery. The project is worthy of the great order.

An Appetizing Spread.

The ladies of St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral deserve credit for a good stroke of business, in providing, during the tournament days, a first-class lunch and an equally good dinner, for a modest amount. Their tables, spread in Philharmonic Hall, were well patronized, yesterday, despite the rain, and, no doubt, will be again today. The ladies themselves attend to the wants of their patrons, and this assures prompt and satisfactory attention, a great thing for business men who cannot afford much time for lunch.

Unpleasantly Close.

One of the conductors on the Esquimalt tramway line had an unpleasantly close call, Sunday, while collecting fares on an open car. He was swinging himself from seat to seat, but, unfortunately, forgetful of the poles, which are too close to the track for safety. His head struck one of the sentinels by the roadside, but he retained his hold upon the rail, and was thus dragged several yards. The car was then brought to a standstill, and he got aboard, and was brought back to the city. His injuries are not at all serious.

Got The Money Back.

No trace of the young man Pearce, who took French leave of officer Redgrave on the Kingston, Saturday, has as yet been obtained, and the belief has become general that he threw himself over the side to avoid trial and imprisonment. The greater part of the stolen money was recovered when the policeman had had a talk with Pearce at Port Townsend. The erring bartender, who was at one time a circus acrobat of continental fame, acknowledged himself a thief, and said that as soon as he came to his right senses he determined to give himself up to the Victoria police. He came back willingly, and made no attempt to leave the officer until he so strangely disappeared, the steamer being at the time about four miles off the outer wharf. In charity it is said that Pearce was slightly demented.

Court Robert Dunsmuir.

The above court of the Ancient Order of Foresters, No. 7,854, was opened at Wellington on Saturday evening last, with most promising prospects for its success. A large party of Victoria members, including the District Chief Ranger, W. Trickey; District Sub Chief R. Godding, acting District Treasurer H. L. Salmon, District Secretary J. R. McKenzie, and a number of past officers of the local courts, went up to Wellington for the purpose of inaugurating the new court and installing its officers. After the business was concluded the visiting brethren were entertained in a right royal manner by the new court, which starts in with a membership of 40, a great many eligible men having also expressed their intention to join. Court Robert Dunsmuir's officers are follow: C.R., J. W. Lewis; S.C.R., A. Bryden; Sec., H. R. Gilbert; S.W., Thomas Richards; J. W., David Thomas; S.B., James Colter; J. B., R. Dodwell; Surgeon, D. W. Eberts.

Off for Alberni.

Steamer Maude left last evening for Barclay Sound on her regular monthly trip. She had a large cargo of general merchandise and several passengers, among whom were Mr. H. Carmichael and party, who went up in the interests of the new paper mill, which is to be built on Somas River, Alberni.

Bunting Versus Electricity.

At two or three points where bunting crossed the streets, last night, the wind wrapped the wet flags round the Tramway Company's wire, totally burning out the parts touched, and leaving the New York Hotel, the Turner block, and other buildings in total darkness. The inconvenience was only temporary.

Very Improbable.

Col. Holmes, D.A.G., does not credit the rumor that a detachment of British regulars is to be quartered at Victoria. He thinks it is merely a revival of a very old piece of gossip, set afloat again perhaps by the departure of Eastern recruits for "C" battery. These men are expected about the first of next week.

Fell From a Loft.

A stable loft is not exactly the place that the majority of people would choose for an afternoon siesta, but it suited Wm. Lytton, who took possession of Mr. Mason's barn on Yates street yesterday for a short nap. His peaceful sleep was disturbed by a tumble to the ground floor, which broke his right leg. The injured limb was set in the Jubilee hospital, where the patient was taken immediately after the accident.

The Seizure of the Otto.

The seizure of the sealing schooner Otto is likely to cause some trouble. Collector Milne has carried his investigation as far as present circumstances will permit, and the evidence so far collected has been forwarded to Admiral Hotham. Some one has blundered, and blundered badly. The arrival of the Nymphe is anxiously looked for, as it is expected that she will be able to throw some more light on the subject.

The Line Broken.

The cable line between Valdez island and the mainland broke in one of the worst spots about noon yesterday, and the operator on Valdez island was too ill to attempt to make repairs. Upon learning of the break, Mr. Wm. Christie, manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. in Victoria, telegraphed to the operator at Nanaimo to at once charter a steamer, proceed to the scene of the break, and spare no expense in again getting the cable in working order.

The Princess Louise.

The steamer Princess Louise, Captain McCulloch, arrived in port on Sunday, with 8,000 cases of salmon, consigned to Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brody, from The Rivers Inlet canneries. The passage was made in four days, during which splendid weather was experienced. The Louise had on board but two white passengers—Mr. C. F. Morrison, one of the overseers of the canneries, and W. H. Langley, foreman. She had also ten Indians returning from the fisheries. Of the cargo 5,000 cases were yesterday put on board the Callao at the outer wharf, for London, England. The Louise brought no late news.

Coal Mining in Comox.

It is announced that on Saturday a deputation of three representative farmers, of Comox, waited on Mr. S. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, on the subject of certain bonds given to him and associates upon lands supposed to contain coal. The farmers, who were represented by the deputation, were anxious to ascertain the prospects for their properties, and hence the interview. It is announced that, there being some uncertainty as to operations being undertaken at an early period, it was arranged that the bond should lapse, but the prospects are that it will not be long before the matter will be taken up again.

Harvest Home.

In Christ Church Cathedral, this evening, the annual harvest home services will be held, the body of the sacred edifice, as well as the chancel, having been prettily decorated for the occasion. The musical programme, prepared under the direction of Mr. Herbert Kent, choir master, and Mr. Pauline, organist, is unusually attractive, as will be noted by the appended

Opening Voluntary—Sing unto God.....Judas Maccabeus

Processional Hymn, 382—
"Come ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of Harvest Home."
Special Psalms 65 and 147—
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Ebdon in C.
Anthem—Genesis viii. 22. Psalms lxvi. 1; lxv., 10-1; lxviii., 32. B. Tours—
"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease," etc.
Hymn, 383—
"We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land."
Sermon—By Rev. S. O. Schofield.
Anthem—Isaiah lv., 12; St. John iv., 35; Joel iii., 13; Isaiah xxxii., 20; L. 19, J. Barnby—
"Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace," etc.
Offertory Hymn, 381—
"Praise, O praise our God and King,
Hymns of adoration sing."
Solo—"Abide with Me." (bass).....Ashford
Amen. (7 fold).....E. Bunnett
Recessional Hymn, 393—
"Rejoice ye pure in heart;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing."
Closing Voluntary.....Handel
(a) Hallelujah Chorus.....
(b) Offertoire.....Batiste
(c) Offertoire.....Wely

FIRST OF THE FLEET.

The Serica Clears for London With a Valuable Salmon Cargo.

The British bark Serica, Capt. Smyth, cleared for London, yesterday, with a full salmon cargo, shipped by Findlay, Durham & Brodie, to order of the consignees. Appended are the details of the outward manifest:

Cases.	Shippers.	Marks.	Value.
3,000—	R. Ward & Co.,	H.J.G.	$15,000
2,000—	" "	H.	10,000
1,000—	" "	H.	5,500
5,116—	Findlay, D. & B.,	Windsor Can'y.	28,138
551—	" "	S.	2,480
2,000—	" "	U.S.	11,000
2,017—	" "	Win. Cy. (flats).	12,102
604—	" "	S.	3,024
1,076—	" "	D.C.S.L.	6,453
4,700—	" "	River's Inl. Bd.	25,850
2,000—R	P. Rithet & Co.,	Stan'rd. P. Co..	10,000
2,000—	" "	Wannuck	10,000
1,000—	" "	Lowe Inlet	5,000
1,000—	J. H. Todd & Son,	T. & L.	6,000
3,000—	" "	Horseshoe B'd.	15,000
3,500—	Anglo-B.C. P. Co.,	B. A. P. Co.	14,000
1,500—	" "	Phœnix Brand.	6,000
2,000—	" "	Trident Brand.	8,000
739—	Findlay, D. & B.,	Viceroy Brand.	4,175
			$200,722
Sundries			1,100
Total			$201,822

Montreal Civic Improvements.

MONTREAL, Sept. 29.—The city council has agreed to the finance committee's recommendation to issue additional city debentures to the amount of $2,000,000, the same to be expended on permanent improvements.

CAPTAIN STEPHENS' DEATH.

Are the Circumstances Suspicious?—The Burial Certificate Incomplete.

The Cause of Death not Mentioned—Should There be an Inquiry?

Sunday morning the obituary column of the COLONIST contained a notice of the death of "Cap. James Stephens, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, aged 45 years."

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, from Hayward's undertaking parlors, and friends were invited to attend. In response to this invitation a goodly number of seafaring men and old timers formed in solemn procession, and followed to the grave all that was mortal of "Capt. Jim," as he was popularly known. The death was so altogether unexpected, and it being found that it was necessary to raise a subscription to defray funeral expenses, enquiries were instituted as to the cause of death and means he possessed with anything but satisfactory results. The deceased, who was scarcely 24 hours in St. Joseph's Hospital ere death put an end to his sufferings, was the possessor of at least a couple of hundred dollars a few days previously. On the 15th instant he was paid off from the schooner City of San Diego, of which vessel he was first officer, receiving $224.25. A shipmate, Francis Curran, alleges that deceased had a good round sum in hand before pay day, and is at a loss to know how the money disappeared. Curran was seen by a COLONIST reporter, yesterday, and introduced the subject by saying: "Poor fellow, it is very sad. I can't understand it. I was just about to ask if you gentlemen of the press would publish this for us!" and so saying he handed the reporter the following:

THE LATE CAPTAIN JAMES STEPHEN.

In behalf of the late Captain we wish to thank the general public of Victoria, and the seafaring men especially, for their kind contributions towards the expense of the funeral. Everywhere that application was made subscriptions were generously given. In one instance only was it refused, and that where it should have been most generous. The late Captain was loved and respected by all who knew him, and his sudden death was a cause of much sorrow and regret among his many friends. He leaves a family in Glasgow, Scotland, and an effort will be made to relieve them from want, now that the husband and father is laid to rest so far from them. Thanking the people of Victoria for their kind contributions, and the Captain's many friends for their help in the matter, we remain

GEO. F. FRENCH.
FRANCIS CURRAN.

"He was paid off on the 15th September," continued Curran, "and what he did with his money I don't know. He had been drinking a little, but he could not have spent all that way—he was not a man of that sort. He said he was robbed, and I believe it. He was at the Standard theatre, the other night, and he had not his money afterwards. He was not twenty-four hours in the hospital when he died. I believe he must have been drugged."

Dr. J. D. Helmcken was next seen. He said he had seen the man at the hospital, but would not say more

Dr. McNaughton Jones was then visited, and proved more communicative. His statement is as follows: "About eleven o'clock, on Thursday night I was called by telephone, and went over to the Exchange. There I saw the late Captain Stephens, who was very ill at the time. With the assistance of two other men I took him over to the Pritchard House, and he was put to bed."

"Do you know who those men were?" was asked.

"I know one of them," said the doctor. "He is a Mr. Donald Smith from Nanaimo. The case appeared to me to be a very suspicious one, as the man complained of severe internal pain, and vomited a great deal."

"Did you notice anything peculiar about the vomit?"

"I did. I examined it and found no traces of whiskey or alcohol in it. It did not smell of these. It was liquid matter, and peculiar looking. I left the man in bed, and went over to Teague's drug store, where I got some medicine for him—a little laudanum, but not much. I then left, but I had grave doubts as to the case. I had to leave, having another case to attend to, and when they telephoned over to say that the draught I had given him did not remain on his stomach, I was going out to my other call, and told them they should get another doctor. I don't know what doctor they got, and this is the first I have heard of the man's death. When I saw him he was prostrate and unable to stir."

"Did he show symptoms of poisoning?"

"Well there might have been. He vomited a good deal, and was in great pain. The draught I gave was to relieve him."

The Bank Exchange was called upon, but little information could be gleaned here, beyond the mere fact that the deceased had taken ill on the premises and was removed to the Pritchard House.

At the Pritchard House it was ascertained that deceased was a guest there, that he was very ill on Thursday night and the following morning, and that by the advice of Dr. Watt he was removed to hospital.

At the St. Joseph's Hospital it was learned that Capt. Stephen's was admitted on Friday afternoon, about three o'clock, and died the following morning about four.

"What doctor attended him?" asked the COLONIST man.

"He was seen by Dr. Helmcken about five o'clock the same evening.

"Did the doctor see him afterwards?"

"No," replied the lady spoken to, "he died next morning."

"What is the cause of death set out in the register?"

"I don't think it is mentioned, but he was treated for inflammation of the bowels.

Undertaker Hayward was also interviewed on the point, and in reply to a query said, "The cause of death did not appear on the certificate. This is not an unusual thing. We often get just the name of the dead person, and the doctors fill in the details afterwards.

Ex-Chief of Police Bloomfield, who assisted in taking deceased from the Bank Exchange to the Pritchard House, said that Stephens was an old friend of his. "I met him on Thursday evening, at Harrison & McNill ter's, on Johnson street," said the ex-chief. "This was about half-past 10 o'clock. Donald Smith was with me. We left there, and, passing the Exchange, Stephens complained of not feeling well. We took him inside, and tried to induce him to take a little brandy, but he would not take it. We brought him into a back room. His hands at the time were clammy, but the perspiration was steaming from him. He complained of great pain in the pit of his stomach. We sent for a doctor. Dr. Jones came, and said it would be well to put the man into bed. We assisted him over to the Pritchard House and put him to bed. The doctor prescribed for him, and said he would be all right in an hour or so. I left some time afterwards, but there were two others in charge of him then. I am told that Dr. Milne was sent for during the night and ordered his removal to hospital. I believe the doctor said it was a case of whiskey."

"When you met him, was he drunk?"

"He was not. He was perfectly sober, and would not even take a little brandy when we asked him, to relieve the pain. I believe he had had an attack of inflammation of the bowels before."

A call was made at Dr. Milne's office, but he said it was his partner, Dr. Watt, who had seen the deceased. The man was treated for inflammation of the bowels.

Thus the case stands. Is there anything in it?

Generally Discredited.

The report that a Nova Scotia syndicate is preparing to send a fleet of 30 sealing schooners to British Columbia is generally laughed at by sealing men here. They say the industry would not stand it, and no capitalists would be so insane as to take such a step at the present time, when sealer's rights are the subject of international arbitration. It is thought the rumor was started in some way by the arrival of Capt. McCann to wind up the affairs of the C. H. Tupper, two shareholders in this schooner having died. Capt. McLeod has now gone East for one new sealer for a Victoria company, and another is being brought round by the father of the Sea Lion's commander.

"Does your wife talk in her sleep?" "No; but she frequently does in mine."—[Puck.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Sept. 30.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Placed on the Market.

The Water Works debentures of the city of Vancouver have been placed at 97½ with the London banking firm of Hanson & Co. They bear 4 per cent. interest.

Committed for Trial.

In the Vancouver Police Court, Monday morning, Sam Greer was committed for trial on the charge of shooting Sheriff Armstrong, with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Greer claims that the gun went off accidentally.

Fallen Through.

It is understood that the project to provide Victoria with a first class hotel, which looked so hopeful a short time ago, has practically fallen through; the promoters of the new scheme having met a double deadlock, which effectively bars further advance.

In a New Location.

Robt. G. Howell & Co., art dealers, have removed to 62 Government street, the premises formerly occupied by Hastie & Erskine, where they will continue to show a fair line of choice pictures of all kinds, and also to attend promptly to orders for framing and mounting.

A Forged Check.

C. Vincent, a deaf and dumb young man, who was for some time employed at the outer wharf, is wanted on a charge of forging the name of R. P. Rithet to a check for a small amount, which was cashed without question at a local bank. Vincent was seen in Seattle, yesterday.

Capt. Stephens' Death.

Further enquiries made, yesterday, bear out the account already given in the COLONIST of the circumstances attending the death of Capt. James Stephens. The particulars have been reported to the authorities, but they have not thought proper to further investigate the matter. Thus the case stands.

Looking for Laurels.

Two crews of the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club left Victoria, last night, for Portland, Oregon, taking with them one racing shell. It is their intention to compete in several races of the Willamette Rowing Association, a meeting of which body begins in that city on 3rd October. The crews expect to return home on the 8th.

Rain Needed.

Mr. C. A. Semlin, M.P.P., for Yale, who is in town for the exhibition, says that for twelve months his district has not been visited by a rain storm that deserves the name. In consequence of the prolonged drought, hardly sufficient water for irrigation purposes has been obtainable, but notwithstanding this difficulty a fair average crop has been harvested.

In an Office of His Own.

W. H. Langley, barrister-at-law, son of Mr. A. J. Langley, has opened an office on Langley street. Mr. Langley is already well-known here, having served his articles in the old established firm of Drake, Jackson and Helmcken, and passed his examination as a barrister and solicitor over a year ago. He has lately returned from England, where he completed his legal studies.

Machinery for the Paper Mill.

As was stated yesterday, Mr. Carmichael, secretary of the B. C. Paper Mills Co., has gone to Alberni with a party of men to clear and prepare the site of the proposed manufactory. At the same time, the manager, Mr. Hewartson, left for England to purchase the necessary machinery. It is intended to have the mill turning out paper of every grade within a year.

Will Be Rowed Here.

Hanlan and O'Connor, the representative oarsmen of Canada, were in town, yesterday, on their way to Portland, "Ned" finding many old friends here whom he had not seen since his former visit. He is in very good condition, and quite ready for his skiff race with McLean, which will be rowed over Victoria harbor course, on the 17th of October—a purse of $500 having been offered. The event is sure to draw many visitors to the city.

Only Two Take a Speedy Trial.

Seven prisoners awaiting trial at the Fall Assizes were brought before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday to say whether they would have their cases summarily disposed of by a judge, or wait for a jury trial. Only two choose the former course, Julius Vehart and John Lee, charged with issuing a counterfeit coin. The charge against them will be heard on Monday next at 11 a.m. Jury trials were asked for by Thomas H. Ross, James Sako, John Morris, Aiex. Carmichael and Capt. Bill.

Might Have Been Worse.

The collier, Valley Forge, is the only vessel so far reported as having been damaged by the severe weather of Monday night. She had part of her rigging carried away in the Straits, but succeeded in reaching Royal Roads. Being unable to choose her anchorage owing to rough weather, she let go where her anchor could not take hold, and the result was that she drifted on the rocks below Macaulay Point. With the rising of the tide the Lorne and Pilot succeeded in releasing her, and she proceeded to Nanaimo, in tow, to load coal for San Francisco.

In Chambers.

Mr. Justice Drake, sitting in Chambers, yesterday, disposed of a large number of interesting summonses. Wilson & Wootton for the plaintiff, in Davies v. McMillan, obtained an order, proving the bond filed on appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Helmcken appeared for the defendant. In Metcalf v. Pegg, an appeal for judgment was adjourned for 14 days, Mr. Helmcken representing the defendant. In Harper v. Cameron, Mr. Lindley Crease for plaintiff, obtained an order for the examination of R. P. Rithet, *de bene esse*. Bodwell & Irving for the plaintiff, in Punch v. New Westminster Southern Railway, secured an injunction restraining the railway from crossing Mr. Punch's lands. Mr. S. P. Mills was, by order, appointed solicitor for Greer, in his suit against the Queen.

AINSWORTH IS PROSPEROUS.

New Finds on Nash Creek—A Lunatic in Luck—Sales and Transfers.

An unusually large number of rich finds have been made during the past three months in the rich mining country tributary to Ainsworth, B. C.

This is the report brought by Mr. A. D. Wheeler, who arrived down last evening. Continuing, he says that only very recently at Nash Creek, 12 miles above Ainsworth, a large vein of high grade ore was brought to light. On it are located two separate camps, the one having lead and silver and the other copper and silver, both rich, to work upon. Over 100 locations have been made within a month, and five new townships have sprung into existence. The discoveries during the past few weeks greatly help out the town site of Nash placed on the market last winter, and which then fell flat. It now appears to have been laid out just in the right place, and 200 lots have been sold in three weeks. The Government at the present time is building two trails into the new town.

The Skyline has been cross cut at a depth of 200 feet, to tap a rich vein of ore body 12 feet wide. The Neesha changed hands recently for $40,000, a 40 foot shaft being the only improvement upon the property. At least a dozen other claims have been sold or bonded within a month for $1,000 to $5,000 each, and on the whole Ainsworth and the mines around it are all booming.

GAY WITH FLOWERS.

The Christ Church Harvest Festival—A Large Attendance at the Cathedral.

Christ Church Cathedral was crowded last night with a large attendance of members of the church, and many people from the other churches in the city were also present to listen to the excellent service, a programme of which was printed in yesterday's COLONIST. The interior of the building, even on ordinary occasions, is attractive and pretty, and last night, thanks to the young ladies of the congregation, it looked beautiful. As is the custom in Christ Church when a special festival is in progress, an appropriate series of scripture quotations is hung over the aisles from wall to wall in bright red lettering. On this occasion they bore the words, "All Thy works praise Thee; Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." The perfunie of great masses of sweet scented flowers filled the building. Around the altar rails and steps were bunched strings of young ivy mingled with asters of great beauty. At the side of the altar and round the pillars of the aisles were hung large sheaves of wheat, oats and rye, having intermingled with them in a tasty manner, enormous pods of beans, and other well favored vegetable products. The font, as usual, was the germ of the points of decoration, and on this spot no less than eight ladies had spent their artistic efforts. Lillies, asters, chrysanthemums, entwined around and among beautiful tendrils and leaves of the Virginia creeper, surrounded the top of the font, the whole of this exquisite combination being hazily seen through clusters of maiden hair fern and pepper plant. Bunched about the foot, and forming a fairy bank of blossom, were flowers of the deepest red colors, and hanging in sprays over these were long clusters of beautiful creeping white jasmine.

The effect not only about the font, but of the whole interior, was eminently befitting the occasion, and the spirit of the abundant harvest seemed to breathe and speak out of every flower and plant.

The services were rendered beautifully, the different solos and anthems being listened to by the large congregation with great interest. Under direction of Mr. H. Kent, the choir essayed several new and difficult pieces, and two fresh solo voices were tried with great success. The organist, Mr. Pauline, deserves credit for his effective playing.

GREER SENT UP FOR TRIAL.

Deputy Sheriff Armstrong's Evidence at the Preliminary Examination.

The Vancouver World of Monday says: As early as 9 o'clock this morning a large crowd had gathered at the court house, to attend the trial of Sam Greer on a charge of assault with intent to murder. It was 10:30 o'clock, however, before Mr. A. M. Maclean, J.P., arrived, and ten minutes more were spent in consultation. When he ascended the bench, Mr. Gideon Robertson, J.P., who was present, was asked to occupy a seat. There were present, besides, Mr. Hamersley, as private prosecuting attorney, and Mr. Blake for the defence. The court room was so crowded that standing room was at a premium. Mr. Greer was brought up from the lock-up by Officer McLeod. He looked anxious, but was not by any means nervous, and watched the progress of the case throughout with intense interest, frequently consulting with his counsel, Mr. Blake.

The first witness called was Thomas Joseph Armstrong, who on being sworn, said: I am the deputy sheriff of Westminster district and live in the city of Westminster. On Saturday morning, in pursuance of a writ addressed to me, which writ I now produce, I proceeded to the premises occupied by Greer on English Bay. We went there with an engine and box car, supplied by the C.P.R. Along with me there were Provincial Officers Patterson, Shirley and Calbeck. When we got up to the premises, to which the track is laid, I saw Greer standing alongside the track. He was alone. When we reached there three or four of the men sent down by the company got out of the car. Greer did not pay any attention to them. I then started to get out and as soon as Greer caught sight of me he started to run for the house. I ordered two of my men to run towards the house and I followed them myself. Greer got there before any of them. When Greer got there I was near enough to see and hear what was going on. I saw him come to the front door with a gun in his hand. He slammed the door.

Continuing his evidence, Mr. Armstrong said that he believed Greer got the gun inside the house. Heard him exclaim: "Get out of here, or I will make it hot for you;" saw only Mrs. Greer. When Greer was running to the house, he was shouting: "Lock the doors, close the doors, lock the doors." On reaching the house I did not go to the front door, but went to the back door, which was closed; knocked on it with my knuckles; was standing with my left side to the door, said to Greer, "Open the door." This I repeated a second time, adding, "I want to speak to you." Heard no reply. The first thing I heard was the shot coming through the door and striking me on the side of my face and body. (Here the witness produced a part of his garment which showed where the shot had pierced him; the buttons were also off.) After being shot I came back to the city and had Dr. Wilson dress my face and head. Did not see Greer fire the shot; it came through the door. (Here the door was also produced). Saw the door taken off its hinges, and it was then in the same condition as it was when taken off; it is put in for identification. Was on the premises about five years ago to serve a similar process on the prisoner. I knew him quite well; I was out on the place again about three years ago to dispossess him.

Several other witnesses having been examined at length, the court adjourned.

After the adjournment, counsel addressed the court, after which the prisoner was committed for trial. An application will be made for bail before Mr. Justice McCreight at New Westminster.

Before Greer was committed for trial he made a statement to the effect that though the gun was in his hand at the time, yet it was discharged accidentally. He said that when his place was raided three years ago, his gun was taken away, and that this time he wanted to be sure they did not get it and that was the reason why, in his excitement, he made a grab for it.

BOARD OF TRADE BUSINESS.

Preparations for the British Columbia Day at Tacoma's Exhibition.

Competitive Plans for the New Building Attracting the Attention of Architects.

The sixth meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade for the present quarter—a special one—was held, yesterday morning, with an attendance of seven members—President Hall, Vice-President A. C. Flumerfelt, and Messrs. A. B. Gray, Thomas Earle, W. H. Ellis, W. F. Bullen and E. A. McQuade.

Mr. George M. Stanton, special agent of the Tacoma exposition, was introduced by letter from the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club, also of Tacoma. The object of his visit was briefly explained by President Hall. Mr. Stanton is arranging for the excursion to the Tacoma exposition, the managers of which have decided to set apart a day for British Columbia.

After some discussion, the appended resolution was passed by the Council: "That this Council having considered the communications addressed to the Board from the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club of Tacoma, and, having further considered the communications addressed to our citizens through Mayor Grant, inviting the presence of British Columbians on a special day, to be called the British Columbia day, at the Northwestern Industrial Exposition, now being held at Tacoma, heartily endorses the suggested idea, and requests the president to co-operate with the mayor to take such steps as will tend toward a large number of our people visiting the exposition at Tacoma, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mayor Grant."

The Immigration, Improvement and Investment Co., recently organized in this city for the purpose of handling excursions to the great fair at Chicago, and presenting Victoria's advantages to the thousands who will attend that World's Exposition, requested the endorsation of the Board. The matter of Victoria's representation at the Chicago fair, it will be remembered, was touched upon at a general board meeting in April, when representations were made to the Provincial Government. After further discussion, yesterday, the following motion was introduced: "That the letter from the Board of Aldermen, in regard to the scheme of the Immigration, Improvement and Investment Company, be acknowledged; and that the Board of Trade suggest that the Council place themselves in communication with the Provincial Government, this Board having already done so in the interest of a provincial exhibit at the World's Fair, to be held in Chicago in 1893."

No further business being before the Council, an adjournment was taken. The quarterly meeting of the Board should be held on Friday, of this week, but acting on the precedent of last year, so as not to conflict with the Agricultural Show, it was decided to postpone the meeting for one week. Notices of special business to be brought forward at the general meeting should be handed to the secretary at once. The new by-laws provide for ten day's notice, but on the present occasion the strict letter of the regulations will not be enforced.

City architects are taking considerable interest in the competition for the Board building. Seven have already applied for particulars of the contest, which are contained in a type-written circular prepared by the Board. All designs must represent a building capable of being executed for $25,000, exclusive of the cost of excavation, lighting plant, heating apparatus, elevator and motive power; and the building committee reserve to themselves the right to employ a competent person to estimate if the designs can be carried out for the amount named. The proposed building is to be of brick on stone foundations, and is to have a frontage of 42 feet. The proposal is to erect a building of four stories and basement, the latter to accomodate a grill room, kitchen, etc., and also to contain space for an engine, electric lighting plant, heater and elevator, and possibly storage warehouse. On the ground floor it is suggested to have a Merchant's Exchange; suites of offices, roomy and well arranged for professional men, to occupy the front. The second and third floors are to be arranged in suites of offices suitable for professional men, and the fourth is to be occupied by the Board of Trade, a large room for general meetings, committee and council rooms, secretary's office, etc., being provided. The architect whose plan is accepted will be given the supervision of construction, with the usual 5 per cent commission, while for the second best plan, a premium of $100 will be paid.

DANGERS OF HYPNOTISM.

Many a medical man could tell of alarming conditions resulting from improper attempts at hypnotising by the unskilled amateur. One such case has quite recently been reported by Dr. Solon. An amateur at a friend's house volunteered to hypnotise another visitor, and after two trials succeeded so well that the subject became extremely excited, lost the power of speech, and then passed into the condition of catalepsy; subsequently he had severe convulsions. He had simply been hypnotised by being made to look at a diamond ring, and afterwards the sight of anything glistening threw him into a state of violent excitement. The floor of the room in which the physician discovered him was covered with cushions as he frequently threw himself from the sofa on to the floor and was in a condition of grave hysteria with maniacal excitement. He was treated with full doses of sedatives, chloral, sulphonal, bromides, and morphine, but at first showed no improvement. After ten days the convulsive attacks were replaced by periods during which he sang persistently; he would sing every song he knew without stopping. After a fortnight of this he had a high temperature for several days, and altogether was very ill for three weeks. Such cases are not so uncommon as is generally supposed.—[Hospital.

The Mercier Commission.

MONTREAL, Sept. 29.—No definite announcement has yet been made as to whether the members of the Royal Commission have signified their acceptance or not, although from a dispatch from Quebec it is generally understood there that they have.

Obit.

LONDON, Ont., Sept. 29.—W. G. Moncrieff, a well-known and respected resident of this city, is dead, aged 78. He was father of the member for East Lambton, in the House of Commons.

THE WHALEBACK VESSELS.

New Cargo Ships are Revolutionizing the Trade.

Pittsburg Dispatch.

The now celebrated whaleback steamship Charles W. Wetmore has just arrived in New York on her return voyage from England, and is expected to be in Wilmington in a short time. This is the first whaleback that ever crossed the Atlantic, and notice has been drawn to her not only on account of the sensation she created among the Liverpool and Glasgow shippers, but on account of the death of her skipper, Captain C. W. Saunders, just as the vessel was about to set out on her return voyage to New York.

The whaleback or "pig" is a development of the familiar lake barge—in fact, it is the barge built of steel instead of wood, and on different lines. The latest whaleback is the barge combined with the steamer that used to be necessary to tug her. It was all very well to tug grain or coal laden barges over the great lakes in smooth water, but in storms they often had to be cut adrift, and then they were lost, because they were without sail power. The first move made was to correct the lines of the