The Assessor Is Endorsed.

Reductions of But Forty-Five Hundred Dollars in Three Days.

Yesterday's Session of the Court of Revision an Uninteresting One.

The third day's session of the municipal court of revision and equalization proved as uneventful and devoid of interest as a five-hour reading from the assessment roll. Mayor Redfern with Aldermen Humphrey, MacGregor, Kinsman and Brydon formed the court, and the morning was almost entirely given to the consideration of Heisterman & Co.'s appeal for their clients, Mrs. Huggins, Mrs. Jackson and the Tiedemann estate. To-day Mr. A. W. Jones will be heard in the appeals for property of which he is the agent or trustee, and to-morrow Mr. H. M. Grahame's numerous cases will be taken up. Yesterday's session resulted in the reduction of improvement valuations by but $600, and the reduction of realty assessments by $1,850. The record for the day is here appended:

H. F. Heisterman & Co. (by Mr. Foreman) appealed on behalf of the Tiedemann estate, their several appeals being disposed of as follows:

Lots 3-4 of 1888-92, etc., block 64, to stand as assessed at $1,900; lot 6, same block, confirmed at $950, with improvements at $800; lot 7, same block, to stand as assessed at $1,200, with improvements at $800; lot 8, same block, reduced from $850 to $800; lots 12-13 and 16-17, same block, reduced from $1,600 to $1,400; lots 14-15, same block, to stand as assessed at $1,700.

J. Johnston appealed against the assessment on lot 1060, block 7, which was ordered to stand at $1,200; the improvements assessment was ordered reduced from $900 to $800.

J. Coigdarippe appealed against the assessment on the improvements on lot (part) 451, which was ordered reduced from $2,500 to $2,000.

H. F. Heisterman & Co. appealed on behalf of Mrs. Huggins, these several appeals being disposed of as hereunder:

Lots 40-41, Hillside extension, reduced from $800 to $700; lots 193-4, ordered to stand as assessed at $600; lots 15-17, block 15, Hillside Extension B., ordered to stand as assessed, at $900; lot 7, block 17, Hillside Extension B., confirmed at $500; block 30, Hillside Farm, to stand as assessed at $7,000; block 36, Hillside Estate, ordered reduced from $7,370 to $6,700; lots 320-1, block 19, Hillside Extension C., reduced from $240 to $200; lots 322-3, Hillside Extension C., to stand as assessed at $360; lots 334-340, Hillside Extension C., confirmed at $840; lot 341, Hillside Extension C., confirmed at $160; lots 352-9, block 21, Hillside Extension C., to stand as assessed at $780; lots 365-8, Hillside Extension C., to stand as assessed, at $420; lot 384, Hillside Extension C., to stand as assessed at $280; lot 385, Hillside Extension C., reduced from $260 to $230; lot 386, Hillside Extension C., reduced from $280 to $260; lots 387-8, Hillside Extension C., to stand as assessed at $400; lots 389-94, Hillside Extension C., reduced from $1,080 to $1,050; lot 396, Hillside Extension C., to stand as assessed at $200; lots 397-400, reduced from $800 to $750; lots 401-2, Hillside Extension C., to stand, as assessed, at $240; lots 403-6, Hillside Extension C., to stand as assessed, at $600; block 11, section 4, confirmed at $2,550.

H. F. Heisterman & Co. appealed on behalf of Mrs. Jackson, these several appeals being disposed of as follows:

Lot part 13-15, block V, Work Estate, to stand as assessed at $1,200; lots 171-4, block 9, Hillside Extension, to stand as assessed at $2,000, and improvements thereon confirmed at $800; lot 2, block 16, Hillside Extension B., to stand as assessed at $500; lots 19-21, block 16, Hillside Extension B., to stand as assessed at $900; block 29, Hillside Farm, to stand as assessed at $4,800, and improvements at $5,500; lots 3-11 and 16-25, block 31, Hillside Farm, reduced from $5,700 to $5,225; lot 26, block 31, Hillside Farm, reduced from $350 to $325; part block 2, section 4, reduced from $2,360 to $2,200; part block 10, section 4, to stand as assessed, at $1,350.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ONLY.

Transfers Granted by the City Licensing Commissioners—Mr. T. B. Hall Retires.

It took the board of licensing commissioners just one hour yesterday afternoon to dispose of the accumulated business of the quarter, transfers only being listed for consideration. The board was composed of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Stewart (who took his seat for the first time at a regular quarterly meeting), and Mr. T. B. Hall, who by Hon. Mr. Martin's general order retires on the 30th of the current month, although it appears to be the general view of both political parties that no better commissioner can anywhere be found. The licenses interested in yesterday's meeting were as outlined below:

Telegraph Hotel—Temporary permission for transfer from Charles de la Haye and Fred Sturm to Fred Sturm, raitfied and further extended until the next quarterly sitting of the commission.

Empire Hotel—Temporary permission for transfer from A. P. Briggs to R. G. Walker, and from E. G. Walker to Alfred Lipsky, ratified and extended until the next quarterly sitting of the commission.

Mirror Saloon (now Manhattan)—Transfer granted from E. E. Leason to Alfred H. Tyson.

Commercial Hotel—Transfer granted from Edward Nash to William Field.

Everett's Exchange—Transfer granted from Frederick Smith to Joseph Ball.

Rock Bay Hotel—Transfer granted from F. J. Brock to G. B. Harrison.

Colonist Hotel—Transfer granted from "Denver" Edward Smith to Alfred Wood.

Hotel Victoria—Transfer granted from J. C. Voss to J. C. Voss and E. E. Leason.

New York Hotel—Transfer granted from (Mrs.) Margaret White to John Michel.

Jubilee Saloon—Transfer granted from John McPhearson and Hugh Simpson to Frederick E. Newberger.

Boomerang Saloon—Transfer granted from (Mrs.) Sarah Jensen to Henry C. Marr.

Garrick Head Saloon—Transfer granted from John Johnson to Michael Powers.

Klondike Saloon—Transfer granted from George Stelly to Bertram Gouge.

Louvre Saloon—Temporary permission ratified and extended until the next sitting of the commission for transfer of George Edmonds' interest in the license privileges to his partner, John Parker.

Elk Saloon — Temporary permission ratified and extended until the next sitting of the court for transfer from Joseph A. Rogers to L. Dickenson.

ESQUIMALT DOCK CHARGES.

Vancouver Board of Trade Joins in Protest Against Blow at Private Enterprise.

The News-Advertiser's report of a meeting of the Vancouver board of trade on Tuesday says:

Mr. C. Gardiner-Johnson brought up the vexed question of the reduction of the government dry dock rates at Esquimalt. He briefly referred to the institution of the Bullen marine ways at Victoria and Vancouver. He said that $40,000 had been spent by Messrs. Bullen on the Vancouver ways, which would be ready in a few days, it was expected. And now just at this moment the government had chosen to reduce its rate 50 per cent. Mr. Johnson declared that in asking that the rates be kept at the old figure, the board would not be doing injury to shipping interests. The Esquimalt dock would only be used by vessels of large tonnage of the man-of-war type. The ordinary ships would use the private ways. Mr. Johnson spoke at some length, urging that the board memorialize the Dominion government, with a view to having the rates restored. He did not think it was right that the government should enter into competition with private concerns. He concluded by moving the following resolution:

"Whereas the board recognizes the advantage to the city of Vancouver of providing facilities to shipping in the way of docking and repairing; Admiralty, for docking Her Majesty's

"And whereas the graving dock at Esquimalt is virtually controlled by the ships, to the exclusion of merchant vessels in dock;

"And whereas the Vancouver Marine Railway Company, relying upon the maintenance of rates by the Dominion government hitherto charged at Esquimalt, which have been lower than those charged at Tacoma and San Francisco, and with the object of furnishing such necessary docking facilities have expended a large amount of capital in a marine railway at this port;

"And whereas the Dominion government have reduced such dock charges below the rates obtaining at all other Dominion graving docks;

"And whereas the charges obtaining prior to the present reduction were 50 per cent. below the rates of all other Pacific coast docks, and considerably lower than the rate at Hongkong;

"And whereas the present rates are reduced to a point below which it is impossible for the marine railway so constructed here to operate profitably;

"And whereas if such rates are maintained the marine railway will be closed down, thus depriving Vancouver of the necessary docking facilities and throwing a large number of men out of employment;

"And whereas this board feels assured that the aim of the government is not to place such charges below a reasonable scale, as compared with those charged at the Coast points, nor to enter into unjust competition with existing private companies:

"Be it resolved that the minister of public works be requested to re-consider the matter of the reduction in rates at Esquimalt, with the view of reverting to the schedule previously in force."

Mr. Johnson made another point to the effect that if a ship went on the government dry dock at Esquimalt, it could be ordered off the ways at a moment's notice in the event of a warship requiring attention. He remarked further that three vessels had recently spent $100,000 on the Bullen ways at Esquimalt. He concluded by asserting that private concerns would make more money by shutting down to-morrow than by attempting to compete with the government rates at the present figure.

In answer to Mr. A. Williams, Mr. Johnson said that the object would be served if the government undertook not to serve vessels under 1,000 tons.

Mr. John Hendry, as one who used marine ways and knew their value, had pleasure in seconding the resolution. The government's contemplated action practically meant the closing of private dry docks, for such could not compete with the rates proposed. It would have been much more to the point if the Quebec rates had been lowered instead of the Esquimalt figures.

Mr. John Darling concurred with the mover and seconder. The smaller boats would be the ones that would suffer, while the larger ones would get in cheaper.

Mr. F. Buscombe was of the same view. It seemed that nearly all the vessels owned in the province were of small tonnage. The new schedule increased the cost of docking small vessels and lowered it for large ones. Mr. Johnson's remark, too, as to vessels having to make way for warships at the government ways was true enough, as he could instance. It was strange that the government should choose to lower the rates at Esquimalt and not at Quebec or Halifax.

The vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously carried.

A 'FRISCO AMUSEMENT HALL.

De Wolf Hopper's laurels have been lowered by the Grand Opera House management in its perfect production of "El Capitan." Indeed, it must be seen to be appreciated, the most minute detail as to stage mechanism has been carried out. Scenically speaking, it is only upon such a mammoth stage as the Grand that a piece of that character with an army of pretty faces in natty garments can be appreciated. If there is a constant picture before you, passing and re-passing under the sweet strains of some of the most clever singers that ever appeared in opera. Melba had her people behind a great name, which won for her attention from press and public. The Southwell Opera Company has its people which, should they honor this coast another season, presented under such auspicious circumstances as the Moroscos have given them, they will also have a name which will draw the music loving public of this city as dearly to them as its now ideal Melba.

San Francisco has long wanted just as an elyseum of operatic art as the Grand now provides: a place where society can mingle with the masses and preserve the elite of its ways; a cultured home of refinement of music; an opportunity to enjoy the efforts of some of the greatest musical masters at a minimum figure. "El Capitan" as it is now doing its second week to excellent business at that house was never more artistically presented at treble the rate of admission.—Pacific Coast Home Monthly, May, 1899.

KIPLING AT SEA.

New York, June 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling sailed to-day for Europe on the Teutonic.

A Pointer For Canadians

They Do Not Advertise the Immensity of Their Mineral Resources.

Education by Mail to Be Introduced for the Consideration of Victorians.

Major Albert H. Halder, F. G. S., special correspondent of the Reuter's Telegram Company for the American and Canadian gold fields, arrived at the Driard last evening, having come over from Vancouver on the Islander, on his way to the Klondike and other gold districts of the North. Major Halder is a mining expert of wide fame, and his correspondence to Reuter's will be of great interest and value to investors, and go far toward fixing the definite value of the new mineral areas of the Far North. Major Halder has recently been much in South Africa, including Rhodesia, where he says there are many excellent mining properties, twenty or more which could be made dividend producers within a year. Of course Rhodesia is doing everything possible to put the value of her mines prominently before the world, being in this respect the direct antithesis of Canada, where the people do not seem to realize, and certainly do not emphasize, the immensity of their mineral resources. British Columbia shares this characteristic of the Dominion of which it is a part. Indeed, says Major Halder humorously, it seems that the Canadians take their sleeping draught three times a day with meals; if British Columbia's mines, actual and prospective, were in South Africa, all the world would very soon hear of their worth, and all the capitalists of the world would be interested in them.

They were talking about mean men, close men, in the reading room of the Hotel Victoria, and I. B. Eckstein, a drummer from Salt Lake, had the floor. "You talk about Hebraic stinginess," he said. "I saw a man in this town to-day who looks like a Methodist preacher, and who takes the cake for pure, unadulterated closeness, so far as my personal observations go. It was in the telegraphic office, and he came in with a message that checked 95 cents. Bob Moore handed him a Canadian 5-cent piece in change, and the man took it and looked at it and turned it over a couple of times. Then he said: 'Can't you give me an American nickel; I'm going away to-night.' Bob looked through the cash and couldn't find a big nick. 'They take these Canadian pieces at par over the Sound,' he said by way of explanation to the customer. 'Oh, yes, I know that,' he replied, 'but you see I'm going right through to Chicago.' And so Bob had to send out and get change for that man, who proposed to go straight through to the Windy City without spending so much as five cents."

E. J. Bartholomew, manager for Puget Sound of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa., with headquarters at Seattle, arrived at the Dominion yesterday, accompanied by his two assistants, R. D. Bailey and Charles D. Fricke, and will establish a branch of the schools in this city. Instruction by correspondence is the basis of their plan, and the schools system now numbers over 150,000 enrolled students, with constant additions to the number. "The Colliery Engineer" originated the system, which has now grown to so enormous proportions as to employ a staff of many hundreds of instructors, each professor being an expert in his own particular line.

J. Emerson, of Calgary, James Dark, George Brydon and D. McLaren, of Neepawa, Man., are at the Dominion, having arrived from the prairies last evening. They contemplate making their homes on the Coast, and have come West to "spy out the land." Their choice will not be made until after they have paid a visit to Port Angeles and the country adjacent.

James Scott, wife and daughter are spending a holiday at the Hotel Victoria. Mr. Scott is a successful San Francisco business man, and—like his daughter—has never before visited Victoria. Mrs. Scott has been in the city before, and gave it so good a name that it was decided by the family to spend a vacation here.

R. Home Spurway and Mrs. Spurway, who have been residing in the vicinity of Calgary for some years, arrived here yesterday and are at the Dominion. They have decided to forsake the prairies and will make their home here or in the vicinity of this city.

Charles B., Thomas, C. S. and Stanley Phillips arrived from England on Tuesday evening and are at the Hotel Victoria. They are visiting British Columbia for pleasure, and go up to Cowichan lake and Shawnigan to-day, for a week's fishing.

A. W. Martin, of Chicago, and Edward Russ, who has just returned from Texada, are guests at the Dominion. Mr. Russ reports good progress being made with the smelter, which will turn out its first matte within a month from date.

Col. James S. Coolican, of Port Angeles, was at the Driard for a short time yesterday. He says that the population of the city across the Straits has doubled within the past year—twelve months hence it will have doubled again.

Mrs. R. Watkins, of Nanaimo, a pioneer of the Coal City and the wife of the founder and former proprietor of the Royal hotel there, is spending a few days with Victoria friends, a guest at the Oriental.

H. English, of Oakland, and W. B. Bramell, a Toronto traveller, accompanied on his present western trip by Mrs. Bramell, are among the recently arrived guests at the Hotel Driard.

C. A. Walsh, of Dawson, a brother of Major Walsh and a gentleman of large interests in the Klondike, was at the Victoria yesterday, leaving for the gilded North by the Danube last evening.

A. G. Wiggins, of Toronto, who is visiting the Coast for his health, which he finds very much improved, is at the Dominion. He will be in the city for several days.

L. Encvoldsen and his bride, who have been guests at the Dominion for a week or two past, were passengers by the Danube last evening, en route to their new home at Stewart City.

Alexander Anderson, of Nanaimo, is at the Queen's, awaiting the arrival of the Warrimoo, by which a party of ten of his relatives are coming to British Columbia.

Thomas Morton, John Middleton and F. G. B. Mille, all of San Francisco, registered at the Hotel Driard yesterday. They will be here for several days.

Joseph R. Roy, the resident Dominion engineer in British Columbia, and Arthur Malins, also of New Westminster, were at the Driard yesterday.

G. A. Plaisaunce, a business man of Port Angeles, is at the Dominion. He intends seeking another place of business very shortly.

Mrs. E. J. Burlingham and her son, R. P. Burlingham, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion, on their way to California.

Charles and Thomas H. Dawson, proprietors of the Glasgow hotel, Vancouver, are spending a week at the Queen's.

Mrs. McCluskey, one of the largest property owners of Texada island, is visiting Victoria, a guest at the Queen's.

W. J. Haney, of Toronto, was at the Victoria yesterday. He goes up to Nanaimo by this morning's train.

R. D. Kenny, of the Vancouver Hardware Co., is over from the Terminal City and a guest at the Dominion.

F. J. Deane, M. P. P., of Kamloops, arrived in the Capital last evening and is at the New England.

Thomas Dunn, the well-known wholesale merchant, and T. G. Holt, also of Vancouver, are at the Hotel Driard.

A. W. Morley, who returned recently from a visit of inspection to Dawson and Atlin City, is at the Queen's.

Capt. J. A. Cates, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

W. J. Howey, of Toronto, is a guest at the Dominion.

James McClung, of Los Angeles, is a lately arrived guest at the New England.

J. H. MacLafferty, of Chicago, is a guest at the New England.

M. L. Isaacs, of San Francisco, is at the Driard.

MYSTIC SHRINERS.

Five Thousand of Them on Parade in Buffalo and Having a Great Time.

Buffalo, June 14.—The Mystic Shriners continued to arrive in the city all day and to-night the town is crowded to the doors. Ramesis Temple of Toronto, headed by the brass band and pipe band of the 48th Highlanders, came in shortly after noon. Their arrival marked one of the prettiest features of the day. On reaching the Tifft House, the headquarters of the Temple, the Nobles were grouped facing the hotel. Before the bystanders had had time in which to momentarily calculate what would be the next move, two of the Nobles appeared on the balcony. One waved a small American flag over his head. The cheers from the Nobles of Ramesis rolled forth in great volumes, which bespoke the friendly relations existing between the United States and Canada, and the throng of people in the vicinity recognized the graceful act with a multitude of cheers. The band of the 48th Highlanders poured out music to the airs of "Yankee Doodle" and "Star Spangled Banner."

Then the second Noble stepped into view on the balcony, waving a Union Jack. The whole throng of people caught up the sentiment and sent cheer after cheer into the air. Then the two Nobles crossed the flags and waved them together, forming a most beautiful sight anywhere, but under the circumstances one of more than usual effect. The band played a pot pourri of national airs of England and the United States after which the Nobles dispersed and entered the hotel.

The military band in full highland costume and waving ribbons was the spectacular part of the entry of the Toronto Nobles into Buffalo. The parade of the Shriners to-night, in which 5,000 gorgeously attired marchers took place, was one of the most magnificent sights that Buffalo has ever witnessed.

THE RUSSIAN FAMINE.

Five Million People in Actual Want but Relief Funds Being Squandered.

London, June 14.—While famine is now threatening the southern provinces of Russia, the correspondent of the Times at St. Petersburg wires that the condition of the seven eastern provinces of European Russia (Perm, Ufa, Vyatka, Orenburg, Samara, Astrakhan and Kazan) is worse than during the famine in 1891 and 1892.

"Quite half the population of 11,000,000," he says, "are undergoing terrible suffering from starvation and disease, and the authorities everywhere are apparently incapable and unprepared to deal with the calamity.

"Money is squandered in absurdly high pay for relief agents, and owing to the high prices which the government charges for seed corn no encouragement is given the peasants to till the ground.

"It is unnecessary to quote the harrowing details received from relief agents. These could add nothing to the stern significance of the statement by a Russian authority in one district, that not one child born this year is now alive."

CORPSE AT A WEDDING.

Former Lover of the Bride Re-appears at Inopportune Time.

Spokane, June 13.—J. A. Carson and Miss Maud Cranston, a young couple residing on Kootenai lake, were married yesterday under dramatic circumstances. The preacher who was to tie the knot failed to appear at the home of the bride at the appointed date, so the bridal couple and relatives boarded the steamer Klondike in her down trip to Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, having decided to get married there.

In passing the missing preacher's ranch down the river, he was found a prisoner on the roof of his submerged residence, the valley having become flooded by a sudden rise of the river. He was rescued and taken aboard the steamer.

While he was changing his clothes, the steamer made a brief stop at Rice's Landing, where two passengers came aboard with a rough pine coffin containing the corpse of James Carter, who had been drowned in the river the day before. A bulldog also accompanied the men.

When the preacher came upon the deck wearing a suit of Capt. Newman's clothes, the bridal couple announced that they would have the wedding take place then and there. The ceremony had proceeded almost to the point where the preacher was to pronounce them husband and wife, when Capt. Newman's dog and the bulldog got into a fight.

In the midst of it they upset the coffin, which had been deposited upon a couple of beer kegs. At it struck the deck the home-made coffin burst open, spilling the corpse. One glance at the dead man's features and the bride gave a scream and swooned away in the arms of the groom. And small wonder, for the corpse was that of a former lover, to whom she had been engaged to be married.

Capt. Newman, who arrived in Spokane to-day, vouches for the truth of every word of the story.

DERELICT.

London, June 15—A derelict is reported to have been sighted on June 14 in latitude 5, longitude 19, supposed to be the bark Siddarth of Sackville, N.B., which was abandoned February 2 last in latitude 19, longitude 30.

Reports On Local Crops.

Late Frosts Interfered But Prospects Are for About Average Yields.

Marked Diminution of Fruit Pests—Mange Appears Among Horses.

Although it is yet early in the day to speak with confidence of this season's crop, reports to the department of agriculture indicate that they will be, under most favorable developments, little better than average.

The fruit prospect is distinctly indifferent. The strawberries, plums and cherries have been considerably injured in the Fraser valley, chiefly by the frost in February. In certain sections of Vancouver Island the fruit output is decidedly encouraging, and in the upper country, where vegetation was less advanced at the arrival of the cold spell, prospects are brighter.

Fruit of all kinds has been fortunate in having fewer pests to contend against this season than usual. The caterpillars, which last year decorated every tree and rose bush with their animated webs, are only to be found this season in isolated instances. This is ascribed to some extent to the vigorous burning off measures adopted throughout the province, while it is also to be noted that fruit pest plagues run in waves, a bad season being usually followed by a good one. The fungus last year also thinned considerably the fruit-destroying caterpillars, and the cold of the present spring has played its part in their extinction. There are few caterpillars now to be seen in the vicinity of Victoria, and a similar encouraging report is to hand from Chilliwack. The most dangerous fruit pest of this season appears to be the Black Spot, attacking the apple trees—a disease which, not yet being understood, has no efficient remedy.

In the Okanagan district, the great cereal-growing region of the province, the late frost has been particularly expensive, much of the wheat having to be resown. Otherwise the crops there look favorable at the present time, on account of the continued dampness, although everything is backward.

Prospects are also good for an average crop in the Fraser valley, although some early potatoes were nipped here and there by the late frost.

General reports throughout the country are to the effect that the season is from a month to six weeks behind, vegetables in some parts of East Kootenay having been very much retarded by the cold nights. Cereals on the whole may be an average crop, but no better. Grazing is not so favorable. Indeed the grass is only now appearing on the ranges, while a new feature of anxiety for the cattle raisers is the appearances of mange among the horses on the Thompson river ranges, through their poor condition for the want of early grass.

Vegetables and hay promise a fair crop throughout the province, especially if there be no flood on the Fraser river.

On the West Coast of Vancouver Island the prospects are good for all crops, thanks to the heavy rainfall, this applying chiefly to Alberni and vicinity. At Cape Scott, towards the northern end of the Island, the spring has been cold and rainy, but the grass is now doing well, as also are the apple trees.

PRIZES WON AT BAZAAR.

Articles Drawn For May Be Secured At Bishop's Palace.

The remaining raffles in connection with the big Roman Catholic bazaar of last week were drawn for yesterday evening and the remaining prizes may be obtained by calling at the Bishops palace from one until four o'clock to-day, and are as follows:

Hall, Goepel & Co.'s half ton of coal, won by No. 999.

The Hutcheson Co., Ltd.'s silk umbrella, won by No. 126.

E. A. Morris' box of cigars, won by No. 348.

Weiler Bros.' lamp, won by No. 267.

Skene Lowe's dozen photographs, won by No. 831.

Lenz & Leiser's pair vases, won by No. 224.

W. & J. Wilson's gent's Christy hat, won by No. 683.

J. Sehl's lemonade set, won by No. 790.

S. Schoen's ham, won by No. 151.

Hibben & Co.'s photo. album, won by No. 409.

G. A. Richardson & Co.'s pair of kid gloves, won by No. 992.

Mrs. J. Plump's piano drape, won by No. 948.

Baker & Son's sack of flour, won by No. 711.

H. E. Munday's pair of child's shoes, won by No. 192.

Clarke, Gregory & Co.'s step ladder, won by No. 736.

Erskine, Wall & Co.'s box of tea, won by No. 195.

Victoria Transfer Co.'s buggy hire, won by No. 669.

C. Loewenberg's pipe, won by No. 417.

Rahy Bros.' toilet case, won by No. 117.

H. McDowell's case of gilt edge cards, won by No. 747.

Mr. Finnerty's sack or potatoes, won by No. 72.

E. G. Prior & Co.'s pair of even balance scales, won by No. 23.

Colonist Company, Colonist for one year, won by No. 949.

Mr. Pennock's alarm clock, won by No. 793.

Victoria Shoe Co.'s pair ladies' slippers, won by No. 79.

Dean & Hiscocks' bottle of perfume, won by No. 90.

Brackman & Ker Milling Co.'s bale National rolled oats, won by No. 203.

Shore & Anderson's berry set, won by No. 749.

Turner, Beeton & Co.'s half dozen ladies' handkerchiefs, won by No. 538.

D. Spencer's go-cart, won by No. 690.

Mrs. Mellor's water-color picture, won by Mr. V. Austin.

E. & N. Railway Co.'s round trip ticket to Nanaimo, won by Mr. Carron.

B. Williams & Co.'s clothing (value $5), won by Mrs. Powell.

Mrs. Macaulay's pin cushion, won by Rev. Lawzon.

J. H. Fullerton's pair lady's slippers, won by Mrs. Straith.

Miss Aikman's pink lamp shade, won by Miss A. Ward.

G. Stewart & Co.'s box plums, won by Mrs. T. Lawrence.

J. Barnsley & Co.'s pair scissors, won by Mrs. John McNeill.

Times Co., one year's subscription Daily Times, won by Mrs. Bantly.

Short & Sons' meershaum pipe, won by T. J. Jackman.

Frank Campbell's box of cigars, won by Jos. Sommer.

Mrs. Finerty's collie puppy, won by Miss Pooley.

C. E. Redfern's fancy clock, won by Bishop Christie.

Thos. Shotbolt's hair brush, won by Mr. Lawrence.

Mrs. Nicholson's 5-o'clock tea cloth, won by Mrs. McKeon.

Mrs. McNeill's hand-made rug, won by Mrs. Hasting-Brown.

Waitt & Co.'s melloharp, won by Mrs. Stead.

Miss McDowell's rose cushion (voilet), won by Mrs. F. B. Williams.

J. Piercy & Co.'s pair of blankets, won by A. Lipsky.

Mrs. Dunlevy's blue applique table cover, won by Mrs. Everett.

Miss McDowell's point lace tea cosy, won by Mr. O'Reiley.

Lenz & Leiser's pair of blankets, won by Rev. Lawzon.

S. N. Reid's boys' clothing (value $5), won by Chas. Hayward.

Mrs. Astrico's fruit cake, won by T. P. Patton.

John Cochrane's hair brush and comb, won by Mrs. H. M. Kelly.

Mrs. West's cornucopia, won by Mrs. Hare.

N. P. Co.'s round trip to Seattle, won by Mrs. T. P. Patton.

Mrs. W. S. Chambers' doll's cradle (blue), won by Miss Leiser.

Mrs. D. M. Eberts' blotter, won by T. A. Ker.

Mrs. Bridges' painting, won by Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. Hall's centrepiece, won by Rev. Lawzon.

Mrs. Bridges' oil-painting (Madonna), won by Mrs. Sweeney.

Mrs. Davie's table cloth, won by Miss Patton.

Pither & Leiser's case claret, won by Thos. A. Johnson.

Miss McKinnon's yellow cushion, won by A. Lipsky.

Miss Steele's handkerchief case, won by A. Campbell.

F. B. Gregory's box cigars, won by A. Lipsky.

Hall & Co.'s perfume, won by Mrs. Hickey.

Miss K. McDowell's fire screen, won by Mrs. L. Stemler.

Miss Allen's crochet quilt, won by Mrs. W. Edmonds.

Mrs. Allen's mat, won by Mrs. Harlock.

A. Brown's picture (Suspense), won by M. Byar.

Dean & Hiscocks' hand mirror, won by W. S. Terry.

Chas. E. Jones' perfume, won by S. Holland.

Mrs. O'Brien's pink and white lamp shade, won by May Dodd.

Clark & Pearson's coal oil stove, won by Mrs. S. B. Marten.

Dominion Bakery's fruit cake, won by Mrs. Gayer.

Mrs. W. Jones' silver shaving cup, won by R. Conn.

Geo. H. Maynard's child's slippers, won by Mrs. Danes.

J. Savannah's half dozen photos, won by Walter Winsby.

A. A. Clayton's silver-mounted purse, won by Mrs. T. Browne.

Miss Roarke's hand-painted cushion, won by Wm. Clark.

Mrs. Johnston's doll, won by Norma Hamburger.

Thos. Shotbolt's military brushes, won by C. J. Quinan.

Thos. Shotbolt's atomizer, won by Mrs. A. H. Clements.

Mrs. Lawrence's gold ring, won by Miss E. Henenover.

Challoner & Mitchell's cane, won by M. Goulding.

C. Loewenberg's briar pipe, won by C. E. Wilson.

Mrs. Radiger's cups and saucers, won by Miss Lawrence.

Hudson's Bay Co.'s box of cigars, won by Jas. L. Forde.

James Dunsmiur's ton of coal, won by Miss Shannon.

Thos. Earle's box of coffee, won by Miss G. McDonald.

W. G. Cameron's goods to value of $2.50, won by Dan O'Sullivan.

Miss E. O'Connon's sofa pillow, won by D. O'Sullivan.

Sidney Shore's half dozen plated knives, won by Mrs. Jas. Gray.

Mrs. Ferguson's handkerchief case, won by Mr. S. Schoen.

NEW RICHMOND'S WOE.

Constant Procession of Funerals to the Little Cemetery of the Ruined Town.

New Richmond, Wis., June 14—Thirty-two new graves were made to-day in the little cemetery of the town, a constant procession of funerals threading the passage through the littered streets all day long. There are still a large number of unburied dead, and but for the fact that a large number of coffins failed to arrive to-day, it is likely the number of funerals would have been close to fifty.

It is believed the greatest mortality in any one place during the cyclone occurred in the basement of the hardware store of Mark Williams. This store was at one of the prominent business corners, and when the storm approached, a large number of persons fled to the basement and were overwhelmed. Several bodies have already been taken out, but it is estimated that fully a dozen dead are still in the ruins.

Fully 100 corpses, twice as many mangled people, 40 acres of piles of brick, slivered planks, scattered heaps of household goods, dead horses, through which the wind has driven the sharp splinters of boards, smouldering fires where houses stood previous to the cyclone, and in the midst of it all, trees as bare of leaves as ever in winter, and for the most part stripped of bark—this is what the funnel of death wrought in the space of three minutes upon the town of New Richmond.

An apprentice at Whitehead's Torpedo Works has invented an electric gun that is at once deadly, noiseless and smokelss. The model which at present represents his idea weighs only seven pounds, but with this tiny gun the most satisfactory experiments have been made. At a distance of one mile a target was shattered several times by the explosive contents. At a distance of five miles, in spite of a premature explosion, the target was also shattered. The velocity of the shot is estimated at five miles and a half in two seconds. It is said that the Admiralty have offered the lad, who is only nineteen, and the son of Mr. J. H. Newman, a Portland grocer, the sum of £75,000 for his invention, and he has refused it. In the meantime the clever inventor has been asked to build a gun that will weigh one cwt. He is now busy doing it at home, in such a way as to safeguard his secret. The bigger model will probably be ready about July, when a better opportunity will be given of noting the deadly effects of this weapon that shoots in silence and without betraying its presence by a puff of smoke.

A Man of Many Millions.

John D. Rockefeller, America's Greatest Millionaire Leaves for Alaska.

Cutters Start on Long Trips to Yukon and Siberia.

The Cottage City, which calls at the outer dock this morning on her way to Alaska, will have among her passengers Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the originator and head of the great Standard Oil trust, and one of the three wealthiest men in the world. He is enjoying a summer vacation with his family, and is the principal member of a party including also Miss Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Miss Spellman, Mrs. William Rockefeller, Miss Ethel Rockefeller, Miss Swift, Rev. W. S. Richardson and Mr. E. L. Ballard, all of New York; Mrs. and Miss Baird, of Philadelphia; and Dr. H. F. Beggar, of Cleveland.

The party came north from California by special train, and during the past few days have been quietly enjoying themselves at Everett and Tacoma. Incidentally Mr. Rockefeller had a look at his Puget Sound interests—the Hotel Donnelly and several other large blocks in Tacoma, the Monte Cristo mines, and the Everett & Monte Cristo railway, in addition to the Everett and Tacoma smelters. His trip is not for business, however, and he and his party have been enjoying themselves as simply and unostentatiously as though he were nothing more than a fairly successful merchant, out for a summer holiday with his family, instead of the possessor of $350,000,000 and an annual income of $20,000,000.

It was of Mr. Rockefeller's income that "Martin Dooley," the Chicago humorist-philosopher, was writing when he gave to the world one of his characteristic Irishisms. His friend Hennessey had been explaining the subject to him in detail—how, sleeping or working, Mr. Rockefeller's $20,000,000 a year kept piling up—how $20,000,000 a year meant $55,555 a day, etc.

"Do you mind what that means?" said Mr. Hennessey, impressively. "It means $2,316.48 an hour, and just by sleeping soundly his eight hours every night the man earns $18,531.84. And $2,316.48 every hour means $38.40 every minute, and that means 64 cents a second—do y' mind, 64 cents every time the clock ticks?"

Dooley thought it all over for a few seconds, smoking meditatively. Then he said:

"An' I suppose the poor man must be in mortal terror all the time, for fear someone'll stop the clock."

AMERICAN REVENUE FLEET

Corwin Having Trouble With Her Tow—Thetis Starts For Siberia.

A report has reached Port Townsend that the revenue cutter Corwin is having trouble with the large barge she is towing to the mouth of the Yukon river, to be used as a coaling station for the Yukon river cutter Nunivak. Sunday, June 4, the Corwin and her tow encountered a severe storm in the Gulf of Georgia, which nearly resulted in the loss of the barge.

The Corwin succeeded in reaching shelter with the barge, which had her hog chains broken and was otherwise damaged. After repairs are completed the Corwin will proceed northward.

The revenue cutter Rush, with the stern-wheel steamer Nunivak in tow, started on Tuesday on the long voyage from Port Townsend to St. Michael, at which port the latter vessel will enter upon her duties of patrolling the Yukon river in the interests of the United States government.

The Nunivak will make no attempt to gain headway of her own accord unless unusually fine weather is experienced, and the sturdy little Rush will have her hands full handling the unwieldy packet. Seafaring men in Port Townsend predict that if any bad weather is experienced the Nunivak will never reach the Yukon.

Shortly after the Rush and Nunivak started, the converted cutter Thetis hoisted anchor and plodded away on her voyage to Siberia. This completes the sailing of vessels belonging to this season's Behring Sea fleet.

NANAIMO REFORMING.

Three Men Handsomely Fined For Gambling and Blackjack Tables Deserted.

Nanaimo, June 14.—Constable Thompson last night arrested Wellington Brown, G. W. Shipman and J. Y. McArthur. This morning they were brought before Justices of the Peace Hilbert and Shakespeare on a charge of gambling. Shipman and McArthur were fined $20 and $2 costs for gambling, and Brown was fined $30 and costs for the same offence. Brown and McArthur were fined $10 and $2 costs each for fighting.

Messrs. Hepple and Davis are to be held to answer to the charge of allowing gambling in their hotel. This is the first action taken in this direction, but the police declare that gambling must stop. The black-jack tables have all been closed.

WINNERS AT ASCOT.

London, June 14.—The Visitors' Plate of 300 sovereigns at Ascot Heath to-day was won by Lord Wm. Beresford's Jiffy II (5 to 4), ridden by Sloane. Gallot was second and Silver Fox third. Eleven horses ran.

The Royal Hunt Cup was won by Mr. D. J. Jardine's Refractor; Eager was second, and Lord Wm. Beresford's Knight of the Thistle third. The betting, previous to the start, was 25 to 1 against Refractor; 10 to 1 against Knight of the Thistle, and 100 to 3 against Eager.

Mr. Arthur James' Fairnation won the Coronation Plate of 100 sovereigns each and 300 added. Zanetto will be second. Sloane rode Mr. Lorillard's Mayakka and finished third. Nine horses ran.

BERNHARDT'S HAMLET.

London, June 13.— Madame Sarah Bernhardt has arranged to play Hamlet on June 20 in the famous theatre at Stratford-on-Avon, the town where Shakespeare was born.