# Weekly Colonist

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## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

**The Famine in Labrador.**

The St. John's, N. F., *Mercury* publishes a letter from a resident missionary detailing the trouble and distress in Labrador caused by famine.

**The Digby Election.**

Returns so far received from the Digby election gives Jones, conservative, 30 majority in Digby. There are four places to hear from, but these will not alter the result.

**Correction.**

In Dr. Powell's letter published yesterday morning for "treats of demolition of the village," read "threats of demolition, etc;" for "Words of the people," read "Wards of the people;" and in "Open meeting against the state," read "In open mutiny, etc."

**The Murderer Sighted.**

Pete Foster, the murderer of Frank Spence at Kamloops, was seen about two weeks ago in the Okanagon district, still at large. There is a rumor afloat that Foster is armed with a Winchester, and that the police are rather timid of his rifle.

**Work Resumed.**

On Monday the work of mining coal in the No. 1 level of the Vancouver Coal Company's shaft was resumed. This is the first work done at "mining" coal in the No. 1 shaft since the disastrous explosion of May 3rd last. About 20 men are working on each shift. Workmen are also engaged in placing the other portions of this mine in order, and an attempt will shortly be made to reach the bodies of the six white men still in the mine.

**After Beecher.**

There is a representative of the San Francisco *Chronicle* in Seattle at present, looking up Capt. H. F. Beecher's record. He says he may stay three months, but when he gets through he will have the data for some very interesting reading.

**Music at Beacon Hill.**

The band of H.M.S. Triumph will play the following programme at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon:—

Quick March...Lancashire Lass.....Water's.
Selection...Lucia di Lammermoor...Donizette.
Valse.....Beautiful Eyes.....Bathe.
Selection.....The Beggar Student.....Millocker.
Galop.....Legacy.....Agius.
Dance.....Hungarian.....Godfrey.
GEO. CLARK, Band Sergt.

**Archer Breaks Gaol.**

Fred Archer, who was committed in the Vancouver police court for robbing the Granville Hotel safe some time ago, and was lodged in the jail at New Westminster to await his trial at the coming assizes, escaped from the jail on Monday night, and is now at large. Archer occupied a cell on the second tier in the cell room. His plan of escape is very simple. During his leisure hours on Monday he had tampered with the fastenings on the door in his cell, and loosened the part of the latch that holds the cross bar. He tied a string on the bar and brought it up through the air hole in the cell door. Fortunately for him the guard did not detect either the string or the damage to the latch when he closed his cell. To open his cell door was then a comparatively easy matter. He had simply to put his weight against the door and the latch soon gave way. He then made his way to the skylight, where he broke the staple of the trap-door, and then got out on the roof. It is supposed he climbed down the eave trough to the ground.

**Pleased With the Province.**

Sunbury, Pa., *Democrat*: W. H. Higgins and family, of Mahony, have left for the far Northwest, to New Westminster, in British Columbia, a town of from 2,000 to 3,000 inhabitants, on the banks of the Fraser river. Mr. H. goes there to represent some eastern capitalists for the purpose of buying timber and arable land for these parties, and introducing band saws and other latest improved lumber machinery. He will also represent one of the largest Toronto firms. He travelled for many months through British Columbia and other places along the Pacific coast, as well as through the northwestern territories, reaching to the Peace river districts, and is so well satisfied with the natural resources of the various places that he has concluded to cast his lot among the people of New Westminster, where he will build a residence and make it his permanent home. He has been in nearly every state and territory in the Union, but says British Columbia is his favorite spot, giving as his reasons, schools the year round, teachers all paid by the government, salaries from $60 to $120 per month; the climate is much more to his liking, farmers need not make any hay for their stock, bunch grass grows there on the wild land and is nutritious for horses as oats and corn; in fact cattle get too fat for beef; land cheap and first class for stock raising and farming, minerals of many kinds, and many other things of which we cannot say anything or our letter would get too long. Mr. H. has had an extended experience in the lumber business in all its branches, and for years has carried on in connection with C. A. Meek & Co., of this county, a heavy business. Many of our people feel sorry to see him leave, as he is a first class business man, honest, upright and a man of good judgment. All our people who have had dealings with him will say the same, but he bids us and our county good-bye to seek his fortune in British Columbia. [Mr. Higgins will represent Messrs. Stone & Wellington, nurserymen of Toronto, for the mainland.]

**"West Coast Shells."**

We have received "West Coast Shells," by Josiah Kemp, professor of Natural Science in Mills College, a handsome book of 230 pages published by Bancroft Bros. & Co., carefully printed on fine heavy paper, and neatly bound in cloth.

The kind reception given the professor's little book on the "Common Sea-Shells of California" has induced him to prepare this larger work, embracing a wider territory, namely, that part of the United States lying west of the Rocky Mountains. The present volume includes descriptions of all the species mentioned in the former one, and also treats of many of the uncommon and minute shells which are found along the coast, from Alaska on the north, to Mexico on the south. It also describes the land and fresh water mollusks of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Nevada; thus making it of use as a reference book for the interior, as well as along the sea coast. The nearly two hundred engravings have all been drawn from nature, expressly for this work, and while materially increasing its cost, they even more increase its value. To adapt the book to younger students, it is written in a simple style, the names of the species are explained and the pronunciation is indicated. A key for the analysis of shells, and a biographical index of naturalists are new and helpful features. There is also a glossary for beginners, and a carefully prepared check list for collectors. It is most desirable that the children and youth of our Western Slope should become interested in and intelligently acquainted with the rich and varied forms of life which are resting or moving all around them. Hence it is hoped that this book will be placed in all school libraries, and, where practicable, to be used for supplemental reading for the older classes. At the sea side, many pick up and admire a few shells without knowing anything of their name or nature. By the aid of this book such aimless shell gathering may happily be changed into a source of intelligent and elevating pleasure. For collectors in other parts of this country and abroad, this book will be found of especial value, both in making up lists of *desiderata* and in studying and arranging their exchanges. The frontispiece is a hand-painted engraving of the very rare and beautiful *surcula carpenteriana*, Gabb.

**Digby Election.**

Full returns from Digby give the conservatives 21 majority.

**King "Calico."**

The Montreal *Gazette* says that Kalakua "Rex" visited this city in 1860 with Prince Lot. It is presumed the "Lily of Killarney" was not one of the company.

**Reception to Rev. Mr. Wadham.**

A public reception will be given to Rev. Mr. Wadham and his wife in the Gorge road Methodist church this evening at 7:30, to which all are invited.

**School Contract.**

The contract for the construction of the Spring Ridge ward school-house has been awarded to Messrs. George Head and H. Dawsett, and the contract for repairs at the central school to Mr. Arthur Fenny.

**Has Arrived.**

The new fan and machinery for the Vancouver Coal Company's mines at Nanaimo arrived from England yesterday via the Northern Pacific railway. They will be shipped to headquarters at once and placed in position, when it is hoped the mines will be running again in perfect order.

**A Pleasant Reception.**

Rev. Mr. Starr held a most delightful reception at his residence last evening. It was exclusively for the young people and the house was crowded. A pleasant evening was spent and all were charmed with the kindness and hospitality of the new pastor and his estimable wife.

**Promoted.**

The *Columbian* says that Mr. W. C. Coatham, who has hitherto had charge of the intermediate department of the public schools of New Westminster, has been promoted to the principalship of the boys' department made vacant by the resignation of Mr. D. Wilson, B. A. Mr. Coatham is an excellent teacher, and his promotion will give universal satisfaction.

**Hymeneal.**

Mr. J. M. Hughes, of this city, was married at Vancouver on Wednesday last to Miss C. M. Miles, of Woodstock, N. B. The fair bride came all the way from New Brunswick to meet her future liege lord, and sufficiently testifying to the fact that "love laughs at locksmiths," and the Rocky mountains. Congratulations are extended to the happy pair.

**Canada Against Scotland.**

The cricket match between the Canadians and the Gentlemen of Scotland was begun at Edinburgh on Tuesday. The Scotchmen went first to the bat and made 268. The Canadian score so far is as follows:—Vicars 4, G. Jones 19, Ogden 0, Gillespie 11, Henry (not out) 76, Allan 0, Annand 5, Little 4, W. Jones (not out) 1, Saunders and Ferry to bat, extras 18; total 138.

**Pleased with Victoria.**

Mr. Jerome Deasy, who is up here in connection with the Clarke extradition case, telegraphed for his wife at San Francisco to come to Victoria as he is so pleased with its surroundings that he wishes her to participate in his enjoyment. Mr. Deasy says he never saw such a climate as we have on this island. Mrs. Deasy will arrive on the Elder on Monday. She is the original foundress of the women's branch of the Irish national league.

**The B. C. Rifle Association.**

The British Columbia Rifle Association opened their fourteenth annual prize meeting yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Clover Point. The ceremony of the opening was conducted by Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., president of the Association, and as a large number of people were present the affair was most interesting. The wind was slightly unfavorable to the competitors, but, notwithstanding, the scores made were excellent, and with numbers one and two the competitions resulted as follows:

COMPETITION NO. 1.

200 yards, possible 35: Capt. Woolacott, 30; H. Smith, 30; Gunner W. Langley, 29; Capt. Jones, 28; Private Newbury, 28; Sergeant Roper, 27; R. Butler, 27; A. Fleming, 26.

COMPETITION NO. 2.

200 and 400 yards, 5 shots at each range, possible 50: Capt. Woolacott, 43; Sergt. Newbury, 41; Gunner A. R. Langley, 40; Sergt. Roper, 39; H. Wootton, 38; Gunne, M. J. Curtis, H.M.S. Triumph, 38; Gunner W. Langley, 38; Private F. Wolfenden, 37.

The shooting will be continued to-day.

**New Court House Nanaimo.**

Mr. Fisher, architect, has taken the measurements and elevation of the site for the new court house for Nanaimo. The site chosen is on the side hill facing Front street, and to the rear of Mr. J. M. Brown's tailoring establishment and Mr. A. Henderson's monumental works. Mr. S. M. Robins, superintendent of the Vancouver Coal Company, has leased to the government at a nominal rent and with the privilege of purchase four town lots—one abutting on Front street, and three lots on Chapel street. The site is a commanding one and extremely suitable. This arrangement of Mr. Robins' will enable the full grant of $5000 to be expended in the erection of a court house. Mr. Fisher will at once prepare the plans. The main building will be 24 feet high and will comprise the court-room proper, with galleries for the public around three sides. The judge's rooms will be at the rear of the court-room, while on one side will be rooms for the accommodation of jurors, on the other side will be lawyers' room and registrar, while between them will be sheriff's room, with two cells to keep prisoners in temporarily. The main entrance will face the water, with a stairway on each side of the vestibule to the galleries.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. B. Springer and daughter, of Moodyville, arrived last evening.

Hon. Justice Armour, now holding the assizes at Port Arthur, will visit British Columbia before returning home.

O. H. Melasse, manager for Miss Kate Field, is at the Driard. She will lecture here on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week.

Captain W. N. Bole, Q. C., T. C. Atkinson, S. M., and J. W. Harvey, arrived from New Westminster last evening and are staying at the Driard.

Mr. Hall, of the firm of Hall & Lowe, photographers, arrived from Winnipeg last evening. The branch in the latter city has been abandoned, the one here having grown to such proportions as to render it necessary for the presence of both members of the firm.

J. Hamilton, assistant train dispatcher of the C. P. R. at Donald, arrived in the city on a holiday on Tuesday night. Mr. Hamilton was connected with the road during its construction through the Cascades, and on the occasion of the driving of the last spike had the honor of being the first to telegraph the important fact to the east and west. He is justly appreciated by his employers.

Rev. Mr. Wadman, wife and two children, arrived from the east last night. The reverend gentleman has come to assume charge of the Gorge road Methodist church. His late field of work was in St. John, N. B., where he was held in high esteem, and his advent here will be an important acquisition to the clergy of the city. Mr. Wadman is a native of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and his wife of St. Paul, Minn. They have been three weeks journeying through the States and over the C. P. R., and latter line of road Mr. W. refers to as being beyond comparison with any other he ever travelled over. His first impressions of the Pacific province are pleasant.

## WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That a western editor declared the other day that a certain tough locality in his town was worse than "the infamous Rotten Row in London."

That in a great many obituaries at this time of the year the following words could appropriately appear: "Departed this life by the ice water route."

## SCHOOL TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

**List of Successful Candidates With Marks Obtained.**

The following is the result of the recent examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools of the province:—

FIRST CLASS—GRADE A—RENEWALS.

Stainburn, George, B. A., Cantab, 1880. Renewal 1887.
Johnston, J.P., 1881. Renewal 1887.
Berry, Mrs. (Alice Howay) 1882. Renewal 1887.
Muir, John N., B.A., McGill University, Montreal, 1884. Renewal, 1887.
Stansberg, Hector M., B.A., Dalhousie University, Halifax, 1884. Renewal 1887.
Wilson, David, B. A., University of New Brunswick, 1885. Renewal 1887.
Howay, Frederick W., 1885. Renewal 1887.
Reid, Robie L., 1885. Renewal 1887.
Paul, Edward B., M.A., University of Aberdeen, Scotland, 1886. Renewal 1887.
Hunter, Walter, B. A., McGill University, Montreal, 1886. Renewal 1887.
Anderson, John, B. A., University of New Zealand, 1886. Renewal 1887.
Rossiter, Henry J., B.A., University of Toronto, 1886. Renewal 1887.

FIRST CLASS—GRADE A CERTIFICATES.

Landells, Robert, B.A., Dalhousie University, Halifax.
McKinnon, Michael, M.A., University of Halifax.

(Maximum Marks, 3550.) Marks obtained.

Gordon, Robert George.....2281

FIRST CLASS—GRADE B—RENEWALS.

Kaye, James, 1880. Renewal 1887.
Halliday, James A., 1880. Renewal 1887.
Offenhaus, R., 1880. Renewal 1887.
Lewis, S. G., 1880. Renewal 1887.
Murray, Paul, 1882. Renewal 1887.
Dods, Archibald, 1883. Renewal 1887.
Cameron, Agnes D., 1883. Renewal 1887.
Horton, Lucretia, 1883. Renewal 1887.
Forrest, Christina W., 1883 and 1884. Renewal 1887.
Gillies, Daniel W., 1884. Renewal 1887.
Babbitt, Daniel, 1884. Renewal 1887.
Anderson, Robert A., 1884. Renewal 1887.
Sluggett, George H., 1884. Renewal 1887.
Bell, Emelene, 1884. Renewal 1887.
Phelps, William H., 1884. Renewal 1887.
Jones, David, 1884. Renewal 1887.
Thain, Joseph H., 1884. Renewal 1887.
Wood, E. Stuart, 1885. Renewal 1887.
Fraser, Roderick L., 1885. Renewal 1887.
McLennan, John C., 1885. Renewal 1887.
Gardiner, Abbie F., 1885. Renewal 1887.
Gilchrist, Alexander, 1885. Renewal 1887.
Wood, William M., 1885. Renewal 1887.
McLeod, John A., 1885. Renewal 1887.
Kinney, William T., 1885. Renewal 1887.
Bryant, Maria, 1885. Renewal 1887.
Coltham, William C., 1886. Renewal 1887.
Kerr, Daniel E., 1886. Renewal 1887.
Purdy, Raffles A. R., 1886. Renewal 1887.
Bannerman, Alexander M., 1886. Renewal 1887.
Armstrong, Frances Ella, 1886. Renewal 1887.
Plaxton, Robert J., 1886. Renewal 1887.
Offenhaus, Mrs. Mary A., 1886. Renewal 1887.
McDonald, Donald J., 1886. Renewal 1887.

FIRST CLASS—GRADE B—CERTIFICATES.

(Maximum Marks, 2550. Marks obtained.

Dockrill, George Mahon.....2069
Irwin, Joseph.....1779
Sylvester, Elizabeth Eula.....1753
Pope, Jessie Maria Harcourt.....1673
Lesluc, Thomas.....1652
Rogers, Ellen.....1640
Lee, Alice Greenwood.....1635
Nicholson, Thomas.....1614
Shaw, John.....1613
Watson, Frederick James.....1607
McRae, George Wallace.....1542
Campbell, Ella.....1541

SECOND CLASS—GRADE A—CERTIFICATES.

(Maximum Marks, 1550.)

Tomlinson, William.....1207
Dougan, James.....1180
Kipp, Mary Louise.....1173
Davidson, Elizabeth A.....1146
Thompson, Livingstone.....1125
Dockrill, Nestor.....1092
Hartsey, Margaret.....1091
Gowen, Annie C.....1088
McQueen, Annie Lowden.....1067

SECOND CLASS—GRADE B—CERTIFICATES.

Robinson, James W.....1071
Beattie, Matthew.....1060
Murdoch, Margaret J.....1035
Catherwood, John A.....1051
Scott, John Robert.....1047
Ramsay, Jessie.....1046
Keast, Ada.....1038
Butler, Florence.....1037
Christie, Alice.....1029
Robinson, Sarah A.....1016
Hoy, James A.....1014
Halliday, Grace.....998
Todd, Katherine.....993
Bannerman, John J.....989
Metcalfe, James C F.....983
Clyde, Thomas.....953
Halliday, Marie F.....949
Storey, Marcella V.....939

THIRD CLASS—GRADE A CERTIFICATES.

Levinge, William Augustus.....1093
Wolfenden, Nellie F. F.....989
Pickard, Millie.....966
Charlton, Alice Sophia M.....962
Clarke, Gertrude.....917
Blair, Jennie M.....912
Workman, Elizabeth J.....911
Mcobia, Lucie Aylmer.....900
Blair, William.....898
Manning, Margaret.....883
Byron, Isabel M.....863
Skyewright, William.....860
Baker, Emma.....847
Brown, Isabel.....847
Clunas, Mary.....846
Coghlan, Lily S.....838
Williams, Alice.....810
Preston, Sarah.....809
Pearson, Harriet.....769
Lawrence, Mary.....795
Lindsay, Sophie E.....788
Butler, Rosina Maud.....753
Proctor, Arthur Percival.....781
McLean, John Angus.....776

THIRD CLASS—GRADE B—CERTIFICATES.

Lettice, Edith.....768
Granger, Edwin.....742
Munro, Annie.....717
Norris, Mary Jane.....666
Lawrence, Rebecca.....662
Kirkpatrick, Edith Jane.....639

CERTIFICATE OF STANDING.

Johnston, Alice Leonora.....1376

S. D. POPE, B. A., Supt. of Education.
FRED. G. WALKER, B. A., Cantab.
DONALD FRASER, M. A.,
Board of Examiners.

In accordance with the recommendation of the examiners, certificates have been granted.

T. ELWYN,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.
Provincial Secretary Office,
21st July 1887.

## MARINE.

Ship Bohemia sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo on Monday.

Br. bark Argyleshire left Bankok prior to the 12th inst. for Victoria.

Steamer Olympian had not arrived up to an early hour this morning.

Br. bark Von Moltke, Meyer, is loading lumber at the Chemainus Sawmill Co.'s mill.

Bark Ellen Shea is chartered by R. Dunsmuir & Co. to load coal at Departure Bay.

Br. ship Harland will complete her cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal on Saturday, and will sail for San Francisco at once.

Collier Empire completed her cargo of East Wellington coal on Tuesday and left for San Francisco yesterday morning.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder will leave San Francisco for this port to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

Steamer Alki has sailed from San Francisco and will be due at Port Townsend today. She will load coal at Departure Bay.

Steamship Port Augusta is now out from Hong Kong 23 days.

American bark Southern Chief, 1,219 tons, is on the way from Hong Kong for Victoria.

Br. bark Coldstream is due from Liverpool, being out 167 days.

Br. bark Oban Bay is expected to arrive shortly from Montevido, at which port she touched a short time ago owing to her cargo having shifted.

Br. bark Titania is due here any day from London.

Br. bark Abermyte, 700 tons, is on the berth at Liverpool for this port.

Tug Alexander left this morning at four o'clock to tow the ship Harland down from Nanaimo with coal for San Francisco.

Steamer Mexico will leave this port for San Francisco at one o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Arrived—Steamer Oregon, Portland; ship Two Brothers, Seattle. Sailed—Steamer San Pedro, Tacoma; Steamer State of California, Portland; steamer Wellington, Nanaimo.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

The steamer R. P. Rithet took to the mainland yesterday over 100 tons of general merchandise.

The weather yesterday was not as sultry as on Monday and Tuesday, a slight breeze blowing off the Olympian range.

The steamer Rainbow's engines and boiler will be tested about Monday or Tuesday. It is expected she will make good time.

Mrs. E. C. Baker opened the contest at the B. C. Rifle Association match yesterday, by firing the first shot. Her aim was excellent, a bull's-eye being marked to her credit.

The steamer Maude, which left here on Thursday night for New Westminster, had a large cargo of tin for the canneries on the Fraser river. She will return to-day with freight from the east.

The steamer Maude is expected to arrive this morning from New Westminster with merchandise and other freight from the east.

The Rithet was taxed to her utmost capacity with freight yesterday afternoon which was composed of C.P.R. goods, cattle and hay. She arrived on time.

## ESQUIMALT GRAVING DOCK.

**Successful Opening of the Dock Yesterday Afternoon.**

**H. M. S. Cormorant Safely Docked—The Event Witnessed by a Large Concourse—Congratulations, Etc.**

Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock was set apart for the formal opening of the Esquimalt graving dock. Before that time had arrived a large concourse of citizens had assembled, among whom were representatives of the Dominion senate and parliament, the Provincial government and assembly, the civic council, and a large number of leading citizens, together with a sprinkling of the fair sex. No particular arrangements had been made and the opening was an unostentatious one. Shortly after three o'clock the auxiliary engine of the dock was put in motion and connection made with the caisson, which barred the entrance to the dock. When in position this important part of the dock has a roadway above with iron railing to allow carriage and foot passengers to cross over. It is so arranged that this bridge closes noiselessly down and with the caisson passes into the chamber, leaving the entrance free of any obstruction. The perfect working of the mechanism yesterday called forth many favorable remarks from the onlookers, it moving like clockwork, as it passed into the chamber, the time taken in this operation being about two and a half minutes.

While this was going on, Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s steamer Lotte had got alongside H. M. S. Cormorant, anchored a short distance outside, and the anchor being raised she slowly moved toward the entrance. Just as she reached it the Triumph's band struck up a lively air, the whistles of the various engines and tugs of the contractors shrieked a welcome, and the crowd sent up an enthusiastic cheer and the Union Jack was run up at the flag-staff at the contractors' office. Tied across the inner face of the entrance was a band of wide blue ribbon, on the centre of which was a bouquet of flowers. The vessel in passing it parted this, and the ribbon was secured and cut into souvenirs of the event. In a few minutes the Cormorant was in her position in the dock, hawsers were attached to the shore, and a gangway run aboard, so that all who wished might visit her. Immediately the dock was cleared of the tug and other boats, the caisson was again moved into position, working as perfectly as before, and after being secured in its place the ponderous pumping engines were started in motion by the gentle hands of Mrs. Jos. Trutch and Miss Davey. The immense volume of water ejected by the pumps soon made a perceptible lessening of the 29 feet registered within the dock. Their working was watched by a large number of spectators, the machinery, though of rather old pattern, running noiselessly and well. The *modus operandi* of docking a vessel having been satisfactorily accomplished the crowd dispersed.

Although no particular arrangements were made, the affair passed off very successfully, there not being a hitch in entering the Cormorant into the dock, Captain Nicholls handling her in a masterly way and Mr. Bennett, resident engineer, and Mr. P. Connolly, the resident contractor, having every possible contingency provided for. Hon. Jos. Trutch, C.M.G., who has also evinced unwearying interest in the progress of the work, was also present to aid in the event.

At the office of the contractors, after the pumps had commenced their work of emptying the dock, Mr. P. Connolly entertained in his generous style a number of the gentlemen more particularly connected with the progress of the work. During this entertainment Mr. Speaker Pooley proposed the health of the contractors, in his happy style referring to the fact that they had come amongst us as strangers and had won the confidence and respect of the business and general community. They had carried successfully to completion a great work that had previously dragged through many years. He had to congratulate the Dominion, the province and the contractors to-day upon having witnessed the docking of the first vessel in the Esquimalt graving dock. In proposing the toast, which was drunk with all honors, Mr. Speaker coupled the name of their host, Mr. P. Connolly.

The latter in responding, thanked them heartily, and said it could not be expected that he would make a speech, for the firm could only afford one orator, Capt. Larkin, and he, unfortunately, was unavoidably absent to-day. (Applause.) But he could thank them heartily on behalf of the firm, and trusted that the province, to which he had grown quite attached, would favor them with further opportunities of work! (Cheers.)

Hon. Jos. Trutch, C. M. G., said that it was but just that he should commend one, whom he might say had grown gray during the construction of the great work. He referred to Mr. Bennett, the resident engineer, who, throughout the many changes that had occurred from the beginning of the work until its present happy completion, had always evidenced a marked ability and unflagging zeal. To him much credit was due for the successful consummation of the work to-day by the entry of the first vessel. He therefore proposed his health. The toast was heartily drank by the company.

Mr. Bennett in replying thanked them for their good wishes. He had ever endeavored to do his duty faithfully and well, and if he had succeeded to their general satisfaction it was very gratifying to him. Although the Dominion had completed the work at first assumed by the province, he believed the latter would regret parting with it; for he had no doubt the dock would prove a financial success. The Quebec dock was netting $900 per day, and had more work on hand than could be attended to. He would again thank them for the manner in which they drank his health.

After other conversation of a cheerful and complimentary character, the company dispersed with three cheers for Mr. Connolly.

And thus pleasantly ended the event of docking the Cormorant. This vessel is 270 feet long, and in the large basin looked quite diminutive in appearance. It will take about four weeks to make the necessary repairs to her hull. It is understood that after the Cormorant leaves the dock H. M. S. Triumph will enter it.

The contractors retain direction of the dock until after six months have expired from its being accepted by the Dominion authorities.

## THE TABLES TURNED.

LONDON, July 18.—The Canadian cricketers won the return match with Ireland by a score of 200 to 166. Ogden scored 60, Gillespie 30 and Henry 25. Annand took five wickets for 35 runs.

## NANAIMO NOTES.

(Free Press.)

We learn that Mr. Thomas Bradley, a pioneer and highly respected resident of this city, has been appointed preventive officer of the Nanaimo customs department.

Cool Burgess, at the close of a very successful entertainment, announced that he would give an entertainment, the entire receipts over the $20 required for piano, pianist, etc., to go to the Nanaimo Relief Fund.

A child of Mr. Henry Devlin, went down the ladder into the well at Mrs. Frew's residence, and into the water which was up to the child's neck. The child must have become frightened and afraid to ascend the ladder. The child was missed about two hours and on search being made was found as above described. The child was almost perished and it required several hours of strenuous efforts on the part of the medical gentleman and friends to bring the child around again.

SMOKE white men's cigars and cigarettes, El Padre, Madre E. Higo and Puritan. W. H. REDMOND. *3m

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last night in the city hall. Present—His Worship Mayor Fell, and Couns. Grant, Styles, Harris, Braden, Higgins, Pearse, Vigelius, and Coughlan.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From R. H. Brown, asking for permission to lay a water pipe on Dallas road, near Beacon Hill park. Granted.

From A. DeCosmos, saying he was anxious to see the sidewalk on Cormorant street, near Douglas, open for the convenience of foot passengers, as it was continually blocked. Referred to the police committee.

From T. Deasy, tendering his resignation as sanitary officer. Accepted.

From John McDonald, asking if he could have a small piece of ground on the southeast side of Bunster rocks to erect a fish store. Received and filed.

From twenty-three ratepayers on the north-west portion of James Bay, complaining of the insufficient supply of water and asking that a larger pipe be laid down and until it is done a reduction be made in their water rates.

From W. Porter, requesting permission to let a water main near the city boundary; referred to the water committee with power to act.

From Thos. C. Jones, applying for permission to take some rock which had been blasted from the south side of McClure street, for the purpose of building a foundation to a fence. Granted.

From Drake Jackson and Helmcken, informing the council that A. De Cosmos had called upon them with regard to a nuisance which he wished abated on his property; laid on the table.

From A. De Cosmos, drawing attention to his letter to the council of April 25th, offering to pay $25 toward the laying down of a sidewalk; referred to the street committee.

From Carl R. Graves, making application for permission to make a test of Graves' roof patent in the vacant lot opposite the Windsor hotel; referred to the fire wardens.

REPORTS.

The street committee reported that they had taken A. De Cosmos' letter into consideration with regard to a water course running through his property which was at present in an offensive condition. The opinion of the city barrister was read on the subject. The report was adopted and Mr. De Cosmos' ordered to be informed that if he had any scheme to submit, the council would be pleased to to assist him.

SANITARY OFFICER.

Coun. Braden reported that he had appointed Mr. C. Blake *pro tem* as sanitary officer, owing to the sudden resignation of Mr. T. Deasy.

The councillor explained his action in the matter, and at the suggestion of Coun. Coughlan, the matter of electing a new sanitary officer was laid over for one week. Coun. Braden then gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the salary of that officer be raised from $60 to $75 per month.

The water committee reported on Dr. Powell's complaint about the water service to his residence, and said that gentleman was now getting an adequate supply, and that Mr. J. W. Martin be permitted to carry water from a hydrant to his premises on the Esquimalt road.

The water committee's report was read by Coun. Pearse. It was a lengthy document which showed careful and studied preparation, giving a clear and concise opinion of the committee of the various schemes before the council on the water works question. At the conclusion of the report the councillor entered into various details, explaining his and Coun. Grant's position, and he urged the other members of the board not to delay the matter any longer than they could help. In conclusion he moved the adoption of the report.

Coun. Grant, in seconding, spoke on the subject at length, and reviewed the past actions of the committee.

Coun. Braden moved that the report be received and filed. He also spoke at length on the subject, and said if Coums. Grant and Pearse had been at the meeting held on Monday night they would have brought in a far different report.

Coun. Harris seconded the motion, and compared Mr. Hendry's scheme with that of Mr. Bell.

Coun. Higgins was extremely sorry that the matter was to be delayed another week. He had come to the meeting with the full intention to move a resolution with regard to a final settlement of the question.

His Worship said he saw that the question would never be concluded by the council. As mayor of the council he was prepared to resign his seat if the councillors would hand in their resignations to him, and go before the people on that subject. He would pay the cost of an election of mayor; then the Rev. Mr. Starr, or any other man, would see if they could defeat him or not.

Coun. Grant was prepared to withdraw the report if Coun. Pearse was willing. He would refer to the books and then the people could see who had caused the delay.

His Worship again asked if any of the councillors were willing to hand in their resignations. He saw plainly that nothing more could be done. He was willing to resign and pay his part of the election.

Coun. Grant was prepared to resign, and would have done so long ago if it had not been that the city would have been put to the expense of another election. Before he resigned, though, he would like to vote on the water works question.

Coun. Higgins—(Hear, hear.) That's just my opinion, but I think it would be better to get the vote of the ratepayers aye or nay to Hendry's scheme.

Coun. Coughlan then asked the board if they were aware that there was only one scheme before the council and that was Hendry's. The council were not tied to that scheme though.

The report of the water committee was ordered to be printed so that each councillor can have a copy for perusal, and at the next meeting it is expected some conclusion will be arrived at.

POSTAL DELIVERY.

Coun. Harris drew attention to his motion some time ago that the streets be named and the houses numbered. It was explained that the streets committee had taken the matter under consideration and it was found that there were not enough funds to permit of the work being done.

The council then adjourned at 10:30 o'clock.

## SALT SPRING ISLAND.

The crops on the Island are looking well, and notwithstanding the absence of rain for the past three months, we expect to reap about the average yield. One cannot view the prolific growth on the farms of Messrs. Booth, Ford, Walters and Buckle and not admit of Salt Spring's fertility.

The Methodist church in the Burgoyne valley is about completed and will be consecrated about the middle of August. It is highly creditable to the push and enterprise of that neighborhood.

W. S. Kinney, a former school teacher of this vicinity, paid a flying visit last week, and delivered a highly instructive and humorous lecture on the subject, "Man and his Oddities," to the delight and edification of his host of old friends, who were pleased to once more greet his cheerful phiz. Rev. Mr. Dowler occupied the chair, and the audience tendered their thanks and three cheers to Mr. Kinney for his interesting discourse.

Messrs. Skyewright and Levinge, teachers at Beaver Point and Burgyne Bay respectively, are spending their vacation in Victoria, and it is whispered that a "teacher's residence" will be required on the return of one of these popular gentlemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul, of Nanaimo, have been spending a portion of their holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ruckle at Beaver Point.

Mrs. McLennan and family have gone on a short visit to Victoria.

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## CABLE NEWS.

### A Hostile Demonstration Against Prince Ferdinand.

**Violent Scenes in the Sobranje—The Land Bill Safe to Pass a Third Reading—An Exploring Party to Start for Lake Tchad—Treaty Between France and Mexico.**

**Unhappy Bulgaria.**

PARIS, July 20.—A dispatch from Vienna to the *Temps* says: The Bulgarian government, interpreting telegrams to and from the Bulgarian capital, show there have been violent scenes in the Sobranje. Members of the opposition, including ex-Premier Rodoslavoff, have been forcibly expelled. The troops at Rustchuk make a hostile demonstration against Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg, led by officers of the army. They paraded the streets uttering cries of "Long live Russia."

**Commerce with Mexico.**

The Senate approved a treaty of commerce between France and Mexico, embracing modifications demanded by the Mexican government.

**Will Not Oppose.**

LONDON, July 20.—At a meeting to-day the Irish conservatives decided not to oppose the amendments to the Land Bill accepted by Lord Salisbury. The changes made in the bill so lessen the opposition to the measure that it is expected the bill will pass the third reading.

**The Alien Act.**

A financial paper this evening published an interview with Low, a New York councillor-at-law, at which the latter imparted the hitherto un-published opinion of the Alien Act given by Attorney-General Garland to President Cleveland. This opinion is to the effect that it does not apply to mines or inheritable interest in real estate; that aliens can lawfully hold stocks in American corporations owning mineral lands in territories, provided such aliens may advance money with which to develop mines, but cannot obtain an interest in real estate through such advances; that they may lawfully contract with American owners to work mines. Low adds his own opinion that aliens can dodge the act legally by putting their money in 99 year leases.

**Leicester Races.**

The Leicestershire jubilee cup, one mile straight, at the Leicester summer meeting to-day, was won by G. J. R. Hornby's horse Kinsky; Lord Hastings' mare Cintra, second; Lord Bradford's horse Isobar, third. Other starters were Gen. Owen Williams' colt Fanfare, T. Connor's filly Tib, J. Lee's gelding Dalmeny, Lord Hartington's gelding Corunna, Isadore's filly Low Down, L. Hope's mare Lady Lothian, Manton's colt Stour and Avon, W. R. Marshall's horse Donald, Leigh's colt Jesuit second. After three or four failures a good start was made. Fanfare had the lead the first quarter mile. Kinsky was the favorite, Fanfare was beaten when a quarter of a mile from home. Then Cintra took the lead, Tib, Corunna, Low Down, Isobar and Kinsky rapidly gaining. At that distance Tib was beaten. Isobar then challenged Cintra without avail. Kinsky passed Cintra in a few strides, winning by half a length, Isobar only a head behind Cintra, Fanfare ninth. Time, 1:43.

**Into the Heart of Africa.**

An exploring expedition headed by Joseph Manson is about to start for Lake Tchad in Central Africa. Andrew Carnegie supplies the bulk of the funds to defray the expenses of the expedition.

**Blaine's Movements.**

Blaine has decided not to go to Spithead to witness the jubilee naval review. Senators Hawley and Frye and Murat Halstead will accompany the diplomatic *corps* to Spithead.

## THE SCHOOL SITE.

TO THE EDITOR:—I see by your interview that the minister of education tries to get out of his trouble with the trustees by stating that as the site is within the city district the trustees have nothing to do with it. Now, can Mr. Robson provide any reasonable argument that the duties of the trustees are any different within the city limits than those who live in rural districts? There is where he makes a mistake, and attempts to put himself in the place of others, rather than in a fair way. Such matters should be settled pleasantly. But he assumes the whole authority because the act does not definitely state that it applies equally to city districts as well as to rural. See what the act says on this question:

"No steps shall be taken by the trustees of any municipal school district in procuring a site on which to erect a school-house without calling a special meeting of the voters of their district to consider the matter," &c., &c.

Now, the minister has ably described the city limits. I will give his own words, in case he should say (as he has done in every other particular) that he has been misrepresented.

Min.—O, dear, no. (Turning to a map) If you will follow me upon this map you will see that the school district extends eastward away to the sea, something like two and a-half miles beyond the city limits, and westward about a mile beyond the city limits. Instead, therefore, of the new school site being at the extreme eastern boundary, it is actually a little to the west of the centre of the school district.

Now, I wish to ask is it possible for any sane man to think, after reading the law in reference to rural districts, it was the intention of the Act to so read that the minister of education should have the whole control of sites within the district which he so graphically describes as extending 2½ miles *beyond* the city limits.

Further on he tries to vindicate his position by stating that the trustees and public have always been opposed to the ward school sites. He goes further and states that the late superintendent of education and trustees were opposed to ward schools. The trustees say this is not according to facts. But if there was any one opposed to them it is unseemly in the minister of education to denounce all others but himself in reference to this matter.

In order to make good his error of choice as to site he compares the distance in Victoria where children have to walk, with rural