The Colonist.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 1889.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 6.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

For San Francisco.

The following passengers left for the south by the Walla Walla yesterday afternoon; C. Sexmouth, L. A. Lee, L. Worden, Wm. Little, P. Cowles, J. Wood and wife, from Victoria; and 108 from other ports.

Large Sawmilling Company.

"The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Co," is the name of a lumber firm which will seek a charter at the coming session of the legislature. The present Royal City Planing Mills Co. and the Hastings Sawmills Co. will be merged therein.

The Last of the Idaho.

A survey of the wrecked Idaho was made on Wednesday afternoon by Capt. Clarke, Capt. Urquhart and Mr. Collister. They have reported to the agents and the steamer has been abandoned for the benefit of whom it may concern. Every effort is being made to save as much of the cargo and gear as possible.

For Queen Charlotte.

Among the passengers for the north by the Sardonyx, which will sail on the 15th inst., will be Mr. Lundberg's party of Scandinavians, who have come to this country to work at the fishing camp on Queen Charlotte Islands. The party are now at the Clarence. They comprise the best class of immigrants for the location they intend to settle in.

Nanaimo Assizes.

At the Nanaimo fall assizes on Wednesday, J. Carrigan was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretences and was sentenced by the Chief Justice to twelve months in jail. The prisoner had been engaged in a game of stud horse poker with four or five others, and during the progress of the game he had passed off a confederate bill on one of the players.

Another Pioneer Gone.

Death yeasterday claimed another of British Columbia's pioneers, Archibald Rutherford, better known among his many friends as "Archie," who died at his residence, Simcoe street, James Bay, after a long illness. The deceased was a member of the I. O. O. F., and the funeral, which will take place on Sunday, will be under the auspices of that order.

Freight and Trade Notes.

The outgoing freight by the Walla Walla yesterday consisted of 641 tons Nanaimo coal, 130 tons oats and flax and 1,230 tons merchandise.

The Islander last night brought three carloads flour and feed, three of sugar, one of radiators and one of merchandise.

The Louise brought down 45 head of cattle and 45 tons of general merchandise.

In the Hands of the Sheriff.

The Vancouver World announces that the store and stock of Kwong Joy Shing & Co., dealers in Chinese merchandise, Dupont street, were seized on Tuesday on a writ of fi. fa. for over $5,000, and are now in the hands of the sheriff. The partners are in Victoria, and the store has been under the care of a manager. The seizure was made at the instance of Mr. Frank, of Victoria.

Coal Shipments.

During the month of November 35 vessels cleared from Nanaimo for foreign ports with 47,131 tons coal, the shipments from the various collieries being as follows:

	Tons
Vancouver Coal Co.	15,823
Dunsmuir & Sons	22,102
East Wellington	5,506
Union Mines	4,300
Total	47,131

Obituary.

Charles M. McNaughton, a resident of Westminster for several years, where he carried on business as a watchmaker and jeweller, died in that city on Wednesday, after a long illness. Deceased was a member of the Baptist church and was well-known in the city, having held the position of captain of No. 1 battery, British Columbia garrison artillery. He leaves a wife and four children. He was only 34 years of age, and was a general favorite with all who knew him.

Old Tom Gin.

Our Ottawa despatch of yesterday morning, in re. the new duty on Old Tom gin, gave rise to some anxious enquiries on Wharf street yesterday. At the Custom House all entries of this article were made subject to an undertaking to pay the additional amount if called upon. Last evening, however, Inspector Young received instructions by wire, explaining that the increase will only apply on orders given after the 3rd instant. As a consequence such Old Tom as is in warehouse now, or actually shipped before the 3rd inst., will pay the old rate of duty.

A Crazy Siwash.

A crazy Indian is disturbing the usual quiet in the vicinity of English's cannery, Lulu Island. He was employed all summer on one of the northern sealers, and after being paid off on the vessel's return took up his abode near the cannery, building for himself a small cabin. He has a mania for tearing down his cabin when the worst fits of insanity attack him, but as soon as a lucid interval occurs he builds it with great haste. Several efforts have been made to capture the unhappy Siwash, but he is as fleet of foot as a deer, although about 50 years of age, and always manages to elude the fleetest pursuers.

There is no More G. R. & N. Co.

Mr. T. W. Lee, appointed general passenger agent of the Union Pacific at Portland in place of Mr. A. L. Maxwell, assumed the duties of his office on Tuesday. Mr. Maxwell has also assumed his duties as general agent of the traffic department of the Union Pacific as Portland. There is no more O. R. & N. Company. The roads, trains, ocean, river, and Sound steamers are all Union Pacific, and the officials are Union Pacific officials. The Union Pacific system now extends in one grand line from Chicago to Portland, and a sleeper is run through by the Union Pacific from Portland to St. Louis, which makes the longest sleeping car line in the United States.

LITTLE LOCALS.

A would-be housebreaker at Westminster has been sent to the penitentiary for three years.

The 31st of December, 1889, instead of '70, as was inadvertently stated yesterday, is the limit for admission to the B.C. Pioneer Society.

A South Government street lot, 22½ feet frontage and 73 feet depth, was sold yesterday for $7,500.

The war of the police upon the hobos is having its effect. Twelve of the fraternity departed for Washington yesterday morning.

Mr. Wm. Goodwin of the H. B. Co., who had his foot crushed in the elevator recently, is progressing favorably. It will not be necessary to have the foot amputated.

Mrs. Coker, the poor unfortunate who was badly injured by a fall through the floor of a building on Broad street a short time ago, died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

The only case in the police court yesterday morning was one of Jas. Hayward, charged with aggravated assault on "Jonny," a Fort Rupert Indian. He was fined $25, or in default one month in the city prison with hard labor.

The steamship City of Puebla has again lowered the record, making the trip between San Francisco and Seattle, including stoppages at Victoria and Port Townsend, in 61½ hours.

T. J. E. Seconca, the well known auctioneer and real estate agent, has gone to Los Angeles in response to a telegram asking him to conduct an auction sale of $80,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry in that city.

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Poultry and Dog Show.

There will be a meeting this evening at 7:45 o'clock in Philharmonic Hall of all those interested in promoting a poultry and dog show exhibition to be held during the holidays. A full attendance is requested.

Masonic.

At the annual election of officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 2, on Thursday evening last, the following were elected for the ensuing year; W. M., T. B. Pearson; S. W., W. J. Quinlan; J. W., B. Williams; treasurer, John Teague; tyler, W. Trickey.

The Rustler a Total Loss.

Mr. M. Manson, owner of the wrecked steamer Rustler, has arrived at Nanaimo from the scene of the wreck at Nelson Island. He reports his vessel broken to pieces and a complete loss. The steamer was not insured, and Mr. Manson estimates his loss at $3,000. An effort will be made to recover the boiler and machinery from the wreck.

The Pottery Works.

Keller & Burris have an assortment of their goods on exhibition at Campbell's corner, consisting of sewer pipe, drain tiles, flower pots, vases, etc. Those who are entitled to know pronounce the various goods as first-class in every particular, equalling in quality the finest imported article. There is now no reason for going outside of the province for either class of goods, as Keller & Burris will furnish them from 25 to 50 per cent. less than the imported.

He Came Before He Was Ready.

Last evening Provincial Police Officers Miller, Irving and North returned from Plumper's Pass, having in their custody the young man Ike Tod, who has been wanted for several weeks past, and who has defied arrest. Tod was lodged in the provincial jail last evening and will appear in the police court this morning. He was traced from Plumper's Pass to Cowichan Gap, where he was captured at about 11 o'clock Wednesday night. He was in a boat at the time, and when Officer Miller arrested him he attempted to pick up his rifle, but afterwards thought better of his intention, and came along quietly.

In a Storm Off the Cape.

The bark James Chester has returned to Port Gamble for repairs, having encountered the full fury of a storm off Cape Flattery last Saturday night. The storm was a most furious one, and the ship was rudely buffetted about for several hours. The sea rose to a tremendous height under the fury of the blast, and one immense sea struck the Chester and carried away the rudder head, besides inflicting other damage. After a great deal of trouble the captain and crew succeeded in fixing up a jury rudder. It was a crude affair, but it answered the purpose, and as soon as the vessel began to answer the helm it was resolved to make Puget Sound and to return to Port Gamble, where the necessary repairs could be made.

A Thriving Industry.

The Chilliwhack cheese factory, of which Mr. A. C. Wells is the proprietor, and which is the only establishment of the kind in the province, has just closed down after a most successful season's work. During the period the factory was in operation 20,000 pounds were manufactured, all of which has been disposed of at a most satisfactory figure, netting a handsome profit to Mr. Wells. The cheese has all been sold off in the province for home consumption, and it is in great favor wherever it has been used, its quality being acknowledged as equal to the imported lines of the Ontario and Quebec article. The factory will be run to the fullest extent next season, and it is expected the output will be considerably greater than this year.—Columbian.

Donovan in Trouble.

Donovan, the self-styled champion heavy-weight wrestler, is again in trouble. When he, with a number of other useless characters, was "vagged" by the police on Tuesday night and subsequently released on his own recognizances, it was expected that he would leave the country for the country's good. He didn't leave, however, and yesterday afternoon he was arrested again by Sergeant Walker, this time on the more serious charge of assisting men to desert from the Royal Navy. Donovan's plan, it is supposed, has been to provide the men with civilian clothes and procure tickets for them across the Sound. When arrested, he was sleeping in his cabin with a marine from one of the ships, while a complete wardrobe of old clothes filled the room. The clothes were taken possession of by the police, and Donovan will come up for preliminary examination this morning. He is also required this morning to face the charge of vagrancy first laid against him.

Reported Lost.

The tug Pilot returned to port from the Straits yesterday, having been unsuccessful in her search for the British ship Hermoine, for whose safety grave fears are felt.

It is reported that the Hermoine, which arrived at Portland from New South Wales several weeks ago, was then in an unseaworthy condition. She loaded, however, with grain for the United Kingdom, and sailed about a week ago. In putting to sea she struck heavily on the Columbia River bar three or four times. She proceeded to sea, however, but was soon after spoken by a schooner bound for Port Townsend, which reported her leaking badly and trying to make Victoria. It is feared that she got too far out, and has been carried by the winds and currents up the Island coast.

The Hermoine is a British iron ship, rated 100 A 1 in Lloyd's. She was built in Aberdeen in 1876 by A. Hall & Co., and was owned by Shaw, Saville & Co. of Southampton. Her tonnage is 1,120 reg., 1,186 gross, and 1,033 under deck.

Naval Notes.

Mr. Loseby, bandmaster of the flagship, will fill concert engagements at Sooke on the 13th inst., and at Nanaimo on the 18th inst.

Vice-Admiral Heneage will not accept Mr. Loseby's resignation, so he will in all probability remain on the ship until she goes out of commission.

The Beagle sailed on 15th Nov. last from Portsmouth for the southeast coast of America.

In the course of seven weeks 556 tons have been built into the Royal Sovereign.

It is reported that H. M. S. Champion lost two hands by desertion and the Acorn two hands during the cruise to Seattle.

H. M. S. Nymphe for the Pacific station sailed from Madeira on the 24th October and arrived at St. Vincent on the 30th Oct.

Staff Surgeon Matthew Trevan died at Port Isaac on Wednesday, the 13th ult. The deceased officer served at Esquimalt, Vancouver Island, in charge of the naval hospital and at Ascension Island in a similar capacity. He served on the Condor under Capt. E. F. Day from 1877 to 1880, and received a vote of thanks from the Stafford House Committee for his services at the Gallipole hospital during the Turko-Russian war, when the Condor was up the Dardanelles. Dr. Trevan's last appointment was on the cadet training ship Britannia at Dartmouth, and he retired a few years ago.

The following is the programme for the movements of H. M. S. Swiftsure: Leave Esquimalt 25th January; arrive San Francisco 1st February; leave San Francisco 9th February; arrive Acapulco 26th February; leave Acapulco 6th March; arrive Panama 16th March; leave Panama 28th March; arrive Callao 8th April; leave Callao 16th April; arrive Coquimbo 23rd April.

City Real Estate Sale.

The lot on the northwest corner of Government and Broughton streets was sold yesterday for about $18,000, Mr. E. M. Johnson effecting the sale. A handsome brick and stone structure is talked of as shortly to be erected on the site.

C. P. R. Colonist Cars.

The first of the new C.P.R. cars came through to Vancouver on Thursday with an excursion from Boston. The new cars are very finely equipped, and have all the comforts of the regular sleeper, only not so luxuriously furnished, with a porter in attendance.

Incoming Passengers.

The following passengers for Victoria are on board the Queen of the Pacific, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday: Mrs. Lonendy, Miss Gilmore, Mrs. J. Freeman, Miss Little, J. Miller, J. L. M. Calder, J. Isaacs, Low B. Hadley and wife, M. P. Kohlberg and Capt. Harrington.

Drift Floats.

Mr. William Smith, deputy minister of Marine, has issued the following notice to mariners:

Lieut. Commander Chas. H. Stockton, commanding U. S. S. Thetis, reports that, during the past summer, while on the north and north-west coasts of Alaska the Thetis set adrift numerous drift floats. The floats are made of wood, about 2 feet long and 9½ inches thick, with the name of the ship, date, and the words "for drift" cut upon the face. In a cavity at one end of the float, plugged with soft wood, there is a copper cylinder containing a letter requesting the finder to inform the U. S. hydraulic office, Washington, D. C.; the nearest U. S. consul, or the commanding officer of the Thetis, the time and place where the float was found. These different floats are intended to show the direction and strength of the currents off the coast of Alaska, and any information obtained from them will be of value to navigation. Masters of Canadian vessels in British Columbia and Alaska waters, or residents on the coasts of British Columbia, finding any of these floats are strongly urged to comply with the request contained therein.

LITTLE LOCALS.

A large portion of the machinery of the wrecked Idaho was safely landed yesterday.

His Honor Judge Bole was banqueted by the legal fraternity of Vancouver on Thursday evening.

Six sailors and one marine, deserters from H. M. service, were sent back to their respective ships to be tried by court-martial yesterday. There are still six more men missing.

A young man giving the name of John Brown was arrested last evening on suspicion of being a watch thief.

The police have been notified of the loss of a number of small articles from the Railroad Hotel on Thursday evening, which it is supposed have been stolen by sneak thieves.

The B. C. Pioneers are fitting and furnishing their new rooms at the corner of Broad street and Trounce Alley in splendid style. They propose to hold regular "at homes" during the winter.

A party of five vagrants, anxious to get out of Victoria, attempted to stow themselves away on the Islander this morning. They were brought out of their hiding-places by the cold water process.

Mrs. John Thompson, a resident of Nanaimo since 1854, died in that city on Thursday after a long illness. The deceased lady was a native of Brierly Hill, England, and leaves a husband, two sons and three daughters to mourn her loss.

The celebrated ditch and culvert case, Gulchon the Most and others, has occupied the attention of Mr. Justice McCreight at Westminster for several days. The counsel for the plaintiff were the Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., and Mr. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, Victoria; for the defense, Messrs. Eckstein, McColl and Jones.

An unfortunate Siwash, clothed in garments that had come through the winter of their acquaintance, with his head decorated with bandages and his eye in a sling, complained to the police last evening that his "tillicum" had got on a drunk and almost killed him. The blue-coats are looking for the offender.

PERSONAL.

H. D. Underwood, of Portland, is at the Clarence.

G. T. Legg, barrister of Vancouver, came over last evening.

Hon. A. N. Richards returned from the mainland last evening.

H. W. Ternan, of Chilliwhack, is in town.

Francis Bourchier returned home last evening.

A. P. Walls was a passenger from Port Townsend last evening.

W. J. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, returned from Westminster last evening.

Mrs. and Miss Denny returned last evening from a visit to friends over the Sound.

Maj. McClellan, of the U. S. army, with Miss Nettie McClellan came over by the Olympian last night.

Elliott Bell, of Vancouver, came over last evening and is at the Clarence.

D. L. Gow and bride, of Vancouver, are guests at the Driard.

Shirley Ogilvie, of the great Ogilvie mills, Winnipeg, is at the Driard.

G. A. Keefer and J. W. McFarland arrived down from Vancouver last night.

Jas. A. Laidlaw arrived from Westminster last evening and is at the Driard.

John Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, John Thompson, jr., Cy Thompson, Misses H. Thompson, Lizzie Thompson, Maggie Thompson, E. Thompson, T. Thompson, Mary Thompson and Annie Thompson, were passengers by the Islander last night.

Mrs. Douglas, of the Douglas House, Vancouver, has gone up the line of the C. P. R. to meet her son, W. Cross, who is returning from Europe, where he has graduated at the Leipsic Conservatory of Music.

Henry Abbott returned to Vancouver this morning.

Rev. D. Fraser returned from the mainland last evening.

Leon Lablonde and Madame of Winnipeg are at the Driard.

A. G. McGuigan returned from Vancouver by the Islander last evening.

W. H. R. Hill, the English sewerage contractor, left for home this morning.

P. Cowles, of the Alta-Californian, left for San Francisco by the Walla Walla yesterday.

Henry Abbott, superintendent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver came over last evening.

W. E. Norris, of Planta & Norris, real estate agents of Nanaimo, was in town yesterday.

Arthur Turner, son of Hon. J. H. Turner, who has been sick for some time, is again convalescent.

F. G. Walker, R. Collister and J. G. Brown were among the arrivals from the mainland last night.

Harvey W. Peace of Brooklyn, U.S., is spending several days in the city. He is a guest at the Driard.

J. A. Streng has severed his connection with The Victorian to engage in the real estate business in Fairhaven.

A. L. Maxwell, general passenger and ticket agent of the O. R. & N. Co. at Portland, came over last night.

E. M. Lewis and Jno. Moore of the Eesie Tittell Dramatic Co. are at the Clarence. Their company will soon be here.

Mrs. Rudge of this city left for Switzerland this morning to spend Xmas with her parents and old friends, but intends returning in the spring. Mr. Routledge accompanies her to Vancouver.

MARINE.

The Pilot towed the bark India from Moodyville to sea on Wednesday, bound for Valparaiso. Yesterday she took the Louis Walsh from Port Townsend to Departure Bay to load coal for San Francisco.

The steamer Abyssinia, from China and Japan, is about due.

The new British ship, King Robert, from Glasgow August 3, for San Francisco, has been burned off Cape Horn.

Steamer Yosemite is due from Fraser River.

Bark Norcross will sail for Liverpool today.

PROF. LOISETTE'S MEMORY SYSTEM is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country, and persons wishing to improve their memory should send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column. no23-4t-dw

From Bad to Worse.

SCROFULA leads to consumption. From three to six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters will cure scrofula, salt rheum, erysipelas, boils, pimples, blotches, tetter, shingles, scald head, sore eyes, and all skin affections, by cleansing the system and removing all impure matter that causes bad blood. swf

Tried! Tested! Proved!

A Year ago last summer I was troubled with dysentery. I procured Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry and took according to directions, which completely cured me. ROBERT E. GREEN, Lyndhurst, Ont. This medicine cures all looseness of the bowels. sw

THE REFUGE HOME.

The Good Work Done by the Ladies of the W. C. T. U.—How the Home is Conducted.

At the annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held in September, 1888, it was decided that, if practicable, during the year a home of refuge should be opened to reclaim the fallen and shelter the friendless of our own sex, who have been less fortunate and oftentimes less favored than we have been; those whose places some of us might have occupied were it not for the grace of God; were it not for the goodness of God in placing us with different surroundings, in giving us different education, and perhaps inheriting different natures. Immediately following the convention the need of such a home became so apparent that we appealed to our president, in whose charge the work had been left, for help. She at once suggested that we ask Colonel Woodford, who was visiting our Province at the time, to give the last evening in each place he lectured to raising money for this work.

Mrs. Spencer, the superintendent of social purity, threw her whole energy into the suggestion, and it was largely through her efforts that it was arranged to carry out this idea in Victoria so successfully.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The sum of $1,200 was subscribed at the meeting, which was afterwards increased to $1,774. Vancouver also followed this plan and forwarded $200 to the treasurer of the Refuge as the result of the evening's subscriptions. In New Westminster it was not thought advisable at that time to ask for subscriptions, and since that time the opportunity has not presented itself to raise funds for this work. A very nice bedroom set was sent from there, however, which helped in furnishing the home. In North Arm the ladies canvassed and raised $84.25, which effort the committee fully appreciated. From Kamloops we received $6.00, a donation from the treasury of the local union. At a meeting of the Provincial executive of this society it was decided that Victoria was the most desirable place for the refuge, and a pleasant central home was bought. It was opened in May, Mrs. Luker kindly taking charge for three weeks until a matron was found in Miss Cogswell, from Nova Scotia, but at the end of two months she sent in her resignation and married. We were, however, most fortunate in securing an elderly matron, who is a real mother to the girls, and just suited for the position. She has the many qualifications which you so rarely find in one person, education, energy, tact, patience, and a thoroughly consecrated heart. The home is managed by a committee of twelve ladies, selected from the different churches, appointed annually by the convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, these to be assisted by an advisory board composed of the clergymen of all evangelical churches, and six laymen selected by the managing committee. Three of these ladies are appointed every month to manage the internal arrangements of the home.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

During the year the committee have tried to help nine girls, seven of whom have been rescued from sin. Six more of these have gone to their parents. The other three are still in the refuge; one is from Vancouver and two from Victoria, one of whom was found sick and in distress, without friends and without money. The girls are happy and contented, striving to learn both housekeeping and sewing. They are beginning to pray and earnestly striving to overcome their evil natures. Much to the regret of the ladies, one, who has since gone to her parents, had to be dismissed from the home for repeated insubordination, which was the cause of incorrect reports, detrimental to the home, appearing in the daily press. Before leaving the city the young woman called the matron and some of the ladies to say good-bye, promising to try and do right; we trust she will. All we can do is to leave her to God and her Christian mother.

A sewing room has been established, and although the work accomplished has not been much, we are hopeful that it may be made a means of income after a time. The committee desire to express their gratitude to the friends who have sent donations, to the managers of THE COLONIST and Times newspapers for sending the daily papers, and other courtesies extended to the work, and to Drs. Duncan, Helmcken, Davie and Garrow for medical attendance which has been so kindly and generously given.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The inmates attended the different churches with either the matron or one of the ladies belonging to the committee. On Sabbath afternoon a Bible reading and prayer meeting is held in the Home and is greatly enjoyed, being a means of grace to all who attend.

This work has its discouragements as well as its encouragements; but knowing it is God's work, and that he has promised sustaining grace to those who put their trust in him, we can only look up during the time when faith and grace are tried and cry "Lord, verify thy promise to us."

The treasurer in presenting her report states that while the account balances there are bills amounting to over three hundred dollars which will be due at the end of December, and to meet whice there is only $14.00 in the treasury. Any subscriptions, therefore, will be thankfully received by any member of the managing committee.

Trusting that during the coming year many may not only be sheltered by this refuge, but may be led to lives of purity and usefulness by coming to the Saviour and hearing his words "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

Signed on behalf of the committee.

MARIA GRANT,
Cor.-Sec. Refuge Home.

1889 RECEIPTS.	
To Subscriptions from Victoria	$1,774 45
To Subscriptions from Vancouver	200 00
To Subscriptions from North Arm	84 25
To Subscriptions from Kamloops	6 00
To Rental of Home two months	40 00
To amount borrowed on mortgage	1,500 00
Total	$3,604 70
1889 DISBURSEMENTS.	
Jan.—By purchase of Home	$3,000 00
May—By repairing and furnishing Home	423 00
By Insurance for three yrs.	30 00
By Cisterns	31 00
By Matron's salary	70 00
By Sundries	15 20
Nurse and Housekeeping Account	21 25
Cash on hand	14 25
Total	$3,604 70

MRS. JAS. MCGREGOR, Treas.
M. GRANT, Auditor.

THE OFFICERS.

Following are the officers of the institution, the committee and the advisory board:—

Officers—President, Mrs. D. Spencer; vice-president, Mrs. Capt. Grant; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Maria Grant; recording secretary, Mrs. A. Beckwith; treasurer, Mrs. Dr. McGregor; superintendent, Mrs. Dr. Siddell.

Committee—Mrs. J. Robson, Mrs. M. Humber, Mrs. J. Flett, Mrs. N. Shakespeare, Mrs. Capt. Grant, Mrs. Dr. McGregor, Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. C. Spofford, Mrs. C. Hayward, Mrs. G. F. Grant, Mrs. A. J. Beckwith, Mrs. D. Spencer.

Advisory Board—The ministers of all the evangelical churches, Hon. J. Robson, D. Spencer, Noah Shakespeare, — Hall, — Burkholder.

Your Life in Danger.

Take time by the forelock ere that rasping, hacky cough of yours carries you where so many Consumptives have preceded you; lose no time, but procure a bottle of the rational remedy for Lung and Bronchial Disease, Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. It will cure you. Sold by all Druggists, at 50c. and $1.

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Horsefish for Victoria.

A telegram from Ducks, B.C., yesterday, states that "Robert Stevenson, the well known horse dealer, has shipped twenty-five more fine horses for Victoria."

Railway Improvements.

It is probable that sidings will be run from the main line of the E. & N. Railway on the Indian reserve to a point on the harbor, where large wharves will be erected for the purpose of loading vessels with coal, and for unloading vessels.

To Incorporate.

The energetic young men who recently organized as the James Bay Fire Company, intend shortly to apply for the incorporation of their social and athletic club, with a capital of $10,000, in shares of $10 each. The boys intend to equip a first class club room with parlors and gymnasium unequalled in the city.

Fire Cisterns.

Excavation for the new brick fire cistern at the junction of Store street with Johnson was completed yesterday, and the work of the bricklayers will be commenced to-morrow. The cistern bottom touches the top of the sewer. Work has also been commenced on the new cistern at the corner of Johnson and Government streets, and both will be completed as soon as possible.

Goodacre Lake.

Yesterday morning the firemen with one of the engines and a line of hose were engaged in filling the new lake at Beacon Hill with water. Once filled, the lake, which it is proposed to christen after the chairman of the park committee, will be kept fresh and full by the natural springs rising in it. The lake with its rustic bridges and flowery islands, is a very pretty one.

A New Cannery.

The Columbian says that Mr. J. A. Laidlaw's object in visiting Victoria is for the purpose of getting together a crew of men to go north and engage in the construction of the new cannery which is to be established on the Skeena river by Mr. Laidlaw, Capt. John Irving and others. The new cannery will be as complete in every way as any in the province, and its capacity will be very large.

Salvation Army Arrested.

At Portland on Friday evening, eighteen members of the Salvation Army, six being women, were arrested while beating drums and blowing horns on the street in violation of an ordinance recently passed by the Portland city council. The Salvationists evidently anticipated arrest, as they were carrying a banner inscribed "Prison Brigade." They were in jail only a few minutes when they were bailed out.

A Young Victorian in Trouble.

James Myers is under arrest at Seattle on a charge of appropriating $1,000, the property of his employer, Girard Leon, proprietor of the "We 3 Co." Most of the money was recovered, and he promised that his mother and uncle in Victoria would make up the deficiency, about $50. The Seattle papers say Chief Mitchell has wired Myers' uncle, and if he makes up the loss it is probable that the prosecution will be dropped.

Real Estate.

Bourchier & Higgins, real estate agents, report the following transfers for the past week: Two lots, Niagara street, to Mr. Reid, $1,200; two lots, Oak Bay avenue, to Mrs. McAdam, $400; seventeen acres, Fowl Bay, to a syndicate, $10,500; four and three-fourth acres, Craigflower road, to Mr. C. McPherson, $5,000; one hundred and fifty-eight acres in Clallam county, Wash, $25,450. Total, $42,530.

A Credit to the City.

Mr. John Teague, architect, has just completed the plans for Messrs. Lenz & Leiser's new block, construction of which will commence about the 15th of March at the corner of Yates street and Commercial alley. The new building is to be four stories in height, built of brick and cut stone, and will have a frontage of 60 feet on Yates street, with a depth of 80 feet. It will be finished in the most substantial as well as handsome style of modern architecture, and will cost in the neighborhood of $30,000. The block will be fitted with a first-class freight and passenger elevator operated by electricity, the motive power being obtained from the National Electric Tramway wires. This will be the first electric elevator in British Columbia.

Business Changes.

Mr. Luke Pither, well known in this city, has purchased the interest of M. Bouchérat in the wholesale liquor firm of Bouchérat & Co., and with Mr. J. Coigdarripe will continue that old established business. M. Bouchérat, it is understood, will return to "la belle France," and spend the remaining years of his life in his beloved native land. Messrs. Coigdarripe and Pither are well and favorably known in the business world for their energy and integrity, and under their guidance the house of Bouchérat & Co. will undoubtedly continue to enjoy that extensive patronage which has always been extended to it. Mr. Pither will enter into the business on 1st March next. His many friends will be pleased to learn of his permanent return to Victoria.

From the Orient.

The steamship Abyssinia, Capt. Geo. A. Lee, arrived off the harbor early yesterday morning, and passed on to Vancouver, reaching that port in the forenoon, after a passage of fifteen days. She left Hong Kong on Nov. 9th, Amoy 11th, Foochow 13th, Shanghai 16th, Kobe 21st, and Yokohama 23rd Nov. at 7 a.m. During the first two days out strong head winds and heavy seas were encountered, but after that the weather was exceptionally fine, with smooth seas and light variable winds. In fact it was the finest passage she has ever made across the Pacific as far as weather is concerned. Cape Flattery was abeam Friday night at 8.20, and Victoria was reached shortly after midnight. She has only six passengers in the saloon and 35 in the steerage, and a cargo of 2,000 tons, principally tea and silk, of which 650 tons go to the Pacific coast, 450 to various Canadian, and 900 to U. S. points. There are 1,130 bales of silk, nearly all of which are for the New York market. The passengers are as follows: Saloon—Mr. John Noble, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. W. S. Marshall, Mr. Kondratoritch, Mr. Kronglikoff, and Mr. M. H. R. Harris. Steerage—11 Japanese, 24 Chinese.

Business Obstructed.

Another instance of the strained interpretation put upon the coasting laws as regard British Columbia waters is the way in which the Customs authorities treated the Nelson Island Granite Company. This company have recently gone into quarrying granite on Nelson Island, situated about thirty miles from Nanaimo, and have spent a large amount of money in opening their works. A force of about twenty-five men is now employed, and already nearly a thousand tons of stone are ready for shipment, the prospective market being the Sound ports. The company had completed arrangements with an American steamer, having proper facilities for handling the large blocks of stone, and were about to commence the shipments, when they were informed that Nelson Island not being either a port of entry nor an outport no American bottom would be allowed to load there. In view of the fact that the steamer Maude is the only British steamer available, and she not being of sufficient carrying capacity for the needs of the company, the latter have been obliged to shut down their works. Perhaps the Times will appreciate the irony of the situation and treat the matter as a good joke at the expense of the Board of Trade.

The Poultry and Dog Show.

A meeting of the Victoria Dog, Pet and Poultry Association was held in Philharmonic Hall last evening, Dr. Milne in the chair, and several other gentlemen present. The meeting arranged the prize list, etc., for the coming exhibition.

A Treat for the Little Ones.

Remember that Girard Leon's We 3 Co. will appear at The Victoria next Wednesday and Thursday, December 10th and 11th. Twenty artists of merit will positively appear. Don't forget to bring the little ones to see the donkeys at the Wednesday matinee. Seats on sale at Waitt' book store.

Inspecting the Idaho.

Major McClellan, superintendent of the P. C. S. S. Co., went out by the steamer Maude yesterday and inspected the wrecked Idaho. On his return he gave his opinion that the engines and machinery could be removed, and the work is being proceeded with at once. The hull will be abandoned to the waves.

The Sumas Dyke.

Work has been suspended on the Sumas dyke until next spring, it having been found that the fall weather would not permit of satisfactory construction. The men have been paid off and discharged. With the first appearance of fine weather next spring work will be resumed and vigorously pushed to a finish, so that the whole dyke may be complete before the high water season in June. Very little remains to be done, but what there is requires most careful attention on the part of the contractors. Just how well the work on the dyke has been done will be fully appreciated when the high water comes next year. —Columbian.

Three Remands.

In the city police court yesterday, Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M., presiding, Joseph Donovan was charged with assisting men to desert from H. M. Navy. Evidence was taken at some length and the case was finally remanded until Monday. John Brown, charged with stealing a watch, was also remanded until to-morrow morning.

Mr. Robert Ward, J. P., sitting in the provincial court, heard the evidence of Provincial Officer Miller in the case of Isaac Tod, charged with aggravated assault upon Henry Gorgson, lighthouse keeper at Plumper's Pass, and remanded the prisoner, who was arrested on Wednesday night near Galena Island, until the 14th inst., at the request of Sergeant Langley.

Successfully Launched.

Yesterday afternoon the new Government steamer, which has been building by Mr. Stevens at Spratt's wharf, was successfully launched at 2.30 o'clock, in the presence of a small but interested crowd. The lines of the new boat are very graceful, while her dimensions are: Length, over all, 55 feet; beam, twelve feet; depth of hold, six feet. Her engines, now building at the Albion Iron Works, are tandem compound, of about 60 h. p. The new boat is expected to be ready to leave with Mr. Todd for the North about the 1st of January. Her speed will be about nine knots per hour. Mr. Vowell, the new Indian commissioner, witnessed the launch yesterday bit did not christen the new boat. It is said that her name will be Northern Chief, although Hyas Kloshe is also under consideration.

Judge Laidlaw's Sentence.

A former British Columbian, Judge Laidlaw, of Oakland, Cal., is imbued with a true sense of justice, and is evidently well fitted to hold the high position he occupies. An Oakland despatch, dated yesterday, says: "Judge Laidlaw, in the police court this morning, fined himself $50 for being drunk and disorderly. He read a statement confessing his error, pleading penitence, and promised to resign if he gets drunk again."

Judge Laidlaw came to British Columbia in June, 1888, as manager of the British Columbia Packing Co., for the estate of W. T. Colman & Co., of San Francisco. He was a lawyer by profession, but was out of practice, and undertook the management of the cannery to fill in time. He remained in Westminster about four months and then returned home, entered upon the practice of his profession and early this year was elected to the position of police court judge.

Naval Notes.

Desertions are the order of the day. On Thursday seventeen men broke parole and leave; thirteen from the Champion, three from the Swiftsure and one from the Amphion. The men were subsequently arrested by the Victoria police as they were preparing to leave for Seattle. They were on Friday brought back to Esquimalt in charge of a file of twenty marines under Lieut. Homer, R.M.A., their costumes motley and unique, giving them the appearance of a theatrical troupe in search of luck. It is expected that the would-be-deserters will be court martialed.

There are six men still missing from H.M.S. Champion.

A court martial upon an ordinary seaman, charged with refusing duty, will be held next week.

H.M.S. Champion will leave on the 12th inst. for Honolulu, calling at San Francisco. It is reported that H.M.S Espiegle will in all probability return to Esquimalt.

Vice-Admiral Heneage gave a dinner party to twelve guests on Friday evening, and will entertain fourteen tomorrow night.

B. C. Agricultural Association.

The first meeting of the board of directors of the British Columbia Agricultural Society was held in the city police court room yesterday afternoon, there being present Mr. Wm. Dalby, president, in the chair; Messrs. C. E. Renouf, J. D. Bryant, D. R. Ker, Noah Shakespeare, C. Hayward, R. Seabrook, and D. H. Ross.

The only business brought before the directorate was the drafting of standing committees, the members of which were named as follows:

Printing—Messrs. R. Seabrook, John Grant, L. Goodacre and A. S. Vedder.

Printing—D. H. Ross, D. R. Ker, G. A. McTavish, H. Webb, and W. R. McMynn.

Hall and building—J. T. McIlmoyl, C. Hayward, N. Shakespeare, J. McGillivray, and G. A. Smith.

Yard—W. J. Harris, J. Kirkland, G. A. McTavish, and D. Matheson.

Racing—L. Goodacre, G. Black, H. Fry, M. P. P., and E. G. Prior, M. P. Band—T. Earle, M. P., E. G. Prior, M. P., R. Seabrook, and James Abrams.

Reception—J. Grant, M. P. P., E. G. Prior, M. P., T. Earle, M. P., and H. Fry, M. P. P.

Prize list—D. R. Ker, G. A. McTavish, J. T. McIlmoyl and J. D. Bryant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7—The schooner Una has arrived from Gardiner, Ogn. Some days ago the vessel was badly damaged by a wave which swept the main deck, throwing her on her beam ends and shifting the cargo. Mate A. E. Detrel, 35 years of age, was thrown overboard and drowned.

Now ready for delivery: Christmas Illustrated London News, Graphic, Sporting and Dramatic News, Montreal Star, Toronto Globe, etc. Also Boys' Own, Girls' Own, Chatterbox, Little Folks, Wide-Awake, and other Xmas Annuals. Orders for the above, or for juvenile books, will be promptly attended to, and, when left to