

EVERYONE MADE HAPPY.

Generous Citizens Provide Dinners for the Less Fortunate.

GOOD TIME AT OLD MEN'S HOME

Dinner and Concert at the Jubilee Hospital—Orphans Sit Down to a Substantial Repast.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The orphans, homeless and poor of Victoria yesterday spent a merry Christmas. The charitable disposed citizens, as usual, did not think only of themselves and their families, but gave some of their attention and good things to those who were not in a position to care for themselves.

The mayor, Aldermen Robertson and Bragg, and the medical health officer, Dr. George Duncan, paid the Old Men's Home a visit and assisted them at their Christmas dinner. The board of directors, all the old men without exception sat down to the excellent "spread" and showed by the harmony, goodwill and appreciation of what they had done for them that the evening's efforts were being spent in cheerfulness and contentment and amid comfort and plenty.

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THE DANUBE ARRIVES.

Northern Residents Complain of Poor Weather.

The steamer Danube, Captain Meyer, arrived last evening from the north. She called at Vancouver on the way down to bring over a large marine boiler for the Esquimaux marine railway.

When the Danube was at Bella Bella on the 12th of December, it was learned the new American steamer Utopia, bound for Alaska, had gone ashore there the night previous, having dragged her anchor during a heavy snowstorm.

The passengers down were: T. H. Robinson, T. Robb and wife, Miss Orwick, John Beeson, C. Reynolds, P. Jacobsen, R. Drayner, Mr. Codville, W. A. Walker, T. Cullin, Hugh Grant, H. J. Kirkland, I. Whitworth, W. Shears.

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B. C. FISHERIES.

Draft of the Regulations Issued by the Department.

1. Fishing by means of nets or any other apparatus, without license, is prohibited in all the waters of the province of British Columbia.

2. Provided always that the Indians shall in all times have liberty, upon application to the inspector of fisheries, to fish for the purpose of providing food for themselves and families, by any means other than spearing, trapping, or poisoning fish on their spawning grounds, but not during the close season, or in places set apart for that purpose, or in places set apart for that purpose.

3. Meshes for nets used for capturing salmon or trout shall be made of twine or twine of equal strength, and shall not be less than 3-4 inches, extension measurement.

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5. The use of seines for the purpose of catching salmon is prohibited in the waters of British Columbia.

6. Drift nets shall only be used for capturing salmon, and shall be confined to the tidal waters, and shall not be used for capturing salmon in the inland lakes or fresh and fluvial waters of rivers or streams.

7. Drift nets shall not be used so as to obstruct more than one-third of the width of any river, branch or channel thereof.

8. The use of seines or other nets for capturing salmon is wholly forbidden within the distance of 500 yards from any point in any direction whatever from the mouth or any part or outlet thereof, any river or stream in British Columbia.

9. Fishing for salmon shall not be permitted from Saturday morning at six o'clock until the following Sunday at twelve o'clock midnight.

10. The regular annual close time in which salmon shall not be taken in the lakes, rivers and streams of British Columbia shall be from the 1st of February following in every year.

11. The tidal limit in which the fishing for salmon may be carried on for commercial purposes on the Fraser river in fishing for salmon shall be as follows: It shall terminate at a point across the Fraser one hundred yards below Whannock creek and at a line across Pitt river one hundred yards below the railway bridge.

12. The minister may direct that fishing for salmon with nets or other means whatever may be wholly prohibited in any lake, river or stream, or in any other circumstances it may be found that netting therein would seriously interfere with the migration of salmon to their natural spawning grounds.

13. Before any salmon net, fishing boat or other fishing apparatus shall be used the owner or person interested in such net, fishing boat or fishing apparatus, shall cause a memorandum in writing, all the above regulations, and such other instructions from the minister of marine and fisheries, issue a fishery license for the same, and any net, fishing boat or fishing apparatus used before such license has been obtained and any person who uses any fishing apparatus used in excess or evasion of such description contained in such license, shall be deemed illegal and liable to forfeiture.

14. All salmon nets and fishing boats shall be numbered to correspond with the number on the license, and shall also have the name of the owner or owners legibly marked on two pieces of wood or metal attached to the net, and such marks shall be preserved on such nets and fishing boats during the fishing season in such manner as to be visible without taking up the net or nets; and any net or fishing boat used without such mark shall be liable to forfeiture.

15. The following shall be the manner and disposition in which fishing licenses shall be granted for catching salmon in the province of British Columbia: 16. Each bona fide fisherman being a British subject and an actual resident of British Columbia shall be entitled to obtain a license to fish for salmon.

A LETTER FROM WINNIPEG

Resources of British Columbia and Manitoba Compared.

EASTERN IGNORANCE OF OUR PROVINCE

The Climate of Manitoba and Farming—An Intense Feeling Against the Tariff—A. W. Ross Talks About Re-signing.

To the Editor: Only a few days ago I was in Winnipeg, where the streets are covered with snow and the atmosphere is intensely cold, the thermometer even now ranging from 20 to 35 degrees below zero.

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THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Dec. 29.—In a review of the dry goods market for the week, the Commercial Bulletin says: "Agents had little expectation of any business of importance being transacted during the week under review, the natural influence of the holidays and the near approach of the end of the year being taken into account. Still it has made a more favorable comparison with the average for the normal season than some of the preceding weeks. Buyers are, as a rule, working so closely that a constant demand for immediate supplies has been assured, while the reduced prices for bleached shirtings and wide sheetings have proved aids to fuller movement than might otherwise have been expected. The deliveries from the mills and warehouses have reached a considerable volume and, in excess of the current demands, in most districts, and by this means stock accumulations are prevented. The tightness of unsold supplies coming upon the market is a fair offset to the normally quiet condition of trade and, with the exception of the reduced prices of wide sheetings, which are more a reversion to the market basis for some time than actual declines, prices are steady. The demand for spring supplies has been on a moderate scale and without any new feature of interest."

THE HIGHEST AWARD.

Royal Baking Powder Has All the

The Royal Baking Powder has the enviable record of having received the highest award for articles of its class—greatest strength, purest ingredients, most perfectly combined—wherever exhibited in competition with others. In the exhibitions of former years, at the Centennial, at Paris, Vienna, and at the various international industrial fairs which it has been exhibited, judges have invariably awarded the Royal Baking Powder the highest honors.

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