The Jubilee Hospital.

Annual Reports Read at a Meeting of Subscribers Yesterday.

Encouraging Statement of Finances Presented by the Honorable Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital was held yesterday at the City Hall and was largely attended, particularly by the ladies who have recently renewed their interest in the institution. The president, Mr. Alexander Wilson, occupied the chair, and there were present Messrs. H. Dallas Helmcken, vice president; Charles Hayward, honorary treasurer; J. L. Crimp, Edward Lewis, Joshua Davies, Thomas Shotbolt, John Teague, R. S. Day, William Marchant, T. Eaton and Dr. Hassell and Mesdames R. Beaven, Hassell, A. J. Smith, C. Hayward, L. Goodacre, D. W. Higgins, Rocke Robertson, J. D. Pemberton, Rykert and Butler.

President Wilson in opening the meeting referred to the renewed efforts of the ladies and the work they had done in the past, making the Jubilee second to no hospital in the Dominion.

Secretary Elworthy then read the annual reports, as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

The directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital have recently sustained a serious loss by the death of their colleague, the late George Byrnes. The deceased served on the board continuously from June, 1891, to March this year, during which time he evinced a uniform and deep interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the institution.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

During the past twelve months the affairs of the hospital have progressed smoothly and nothing unusual has transpired. The repairs and improvements mentioned in the previous report have been completed and necessary refurnishing has been done, as various articles, by reason of wear and tear, became useless; microscope and surgical instruments also have been received, and through the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken the hospital has been supplied with an X. rays apparatus. The ambulance has been thoroughly overhauled, fitted with rubber tires and in every way possible put in the best condition to meet the comfort and necessities of those requiring it. The electric light, installed by the Agenorian Society, has proved very satisfactory, although more costly than the previous coal oil lamp system of lighting. The recovery rooms built and furnished by these same ladies have been a great convenience in many operation cases. Year by year the spacious grounds which surround the hospital become more beautiful, and will be a lasting memorial of the forethought and liberality of the donors of many shade and ornamental trees and shrubs. The fruit trees also are coming along very well, and about an acre of land is now being prepared for a vegetable garden.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS SUGGESTED.

It must not be thought from the foregoing that the hospital is now all that can be desired. On the contrary, its efficiency can be greatly increased by the erection of additional private rooms, as at times the applications of pay patients have had to be refused. A children's ward and a maternity ward are also needed, but before these additions can be effected the nurses' accommodation must be increased. During this month two nurses were employed on special cases who could not be accommodated on the premises. These and other important matters are fully set forth in the report of a special committee on ways and means, which is appended hereto. It is therefore unnecessary to do more than acknowledge with thanks the excellent work done by the Ladies' Auxiliary and the women's working committee in raising the sum of $2,500 during the past year towards the children's ward fund. The directors also desire to thank the "bachelor" who agreed with them upon the necessity of providing a maternity ward and anonymously donated the sum of $100 towards that object.

COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN.

On Monday, July 25 last, the directors were honored by the visit of the Countess of Aberdeen, who delivered an address upon the Victorian Order of Nurses, with the object of removing certain misapprehensions.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

The hospital training school for nurses is prospering satisfactorily so far as the means are at disposal. A very thorough training in medical and surgical cases is now possible, and advantage was taken of the visit of Miss Livingstone for a course of invalid cooking instruction, which was given on the premises. The directors would be glad to see their way to establish a diet kitchen, and hope the time is not far distant when the nurses' training at this hospital will include children, maternity and infectious cases.

MATRON RESIGNED.

On March 31 last the hospital lost a valuable officer by the resignation of Miss M. Macmillan, who for more than six years had very ably filled the position of matron. Miss Macmillan left with the directors' best wishes for happiness in her new sphere of life. The vacancy was filled by the promotion of Miss J. M. Grady, who after graduating at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital held the position of head nurse for two years. Miss Elsie Gordon, who recently completed her course of training at this hospital, now occupies the position of head nurse.

CHANGES IN THE DIRECTORATE.

Mr. John Braden, one of the directors appointed by the government, resigned in April last, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. R. L. Drury. The government also appointed Mr. C. A. Holland to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of the late George Byrnes.

The amended "Jubilee Hospital act" provides "that no member of the council of the corporation of the city of Victoria shall be capable of being elected or appointed a director of the said hospital." In consequence of the foregoing we regret that Alderman Hayward, the present honorary treasurer of the hospital, who was one of the original directors, has served as president, and been continuously a member of the board since its inception, is not now by reason of his being an alderman eligible for either appointment or election to the directorate. We hope, however, that in an unofficial way he will continue to give the hospital the advantage of his experienced, active, intelligent interest in promoting its future prosperity and well being.

VISITING MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STAFF.

The directors take this opportunity to thank the visiting medical and surgical staff, who by their untiring good services have done so much to promote the welfare of the patients and popularity of the hospital.

RECOGNITIONS AND THANKS.

The directors also desire to place on record their thanks and hearty appreciation of the good offices of the Arion Club, under Conductor Greig, who cheered the patients, resident staff and many visitors by an excellent concert on Christmas day.

The directors are much indebted and thank the British Columbia board of trade for free office room for the holding of their meetings.

The directors beg to sincerely thank the very numerous donors of fruit, books, poultry, and, in fact, gifts of every description, most of which have been duly acknowledged in the public press by the matron and formal intimation of vote of thanks by post in each case.

The thanks of the board are extended to the Colonist, Times and Globe newspapers for their kind notices.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Attention is directed to the detailed information which will be found in the reports of the honorable treasurer, auditor and resident medical health officer, which are appended hereto.

By order of the directors. (Signed)

A. WILSON, President.
F. ELWORTHY, Secretary.

Dated June 30, 1899.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Directors Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen,—In submitting the annexed annual statement of receipts and disbursements, it is necessary to state that the sum of $1,082.93, shown as due to the Bank of British Columbia, represents the checks issued, but not presented, before the 31st May, and covers all the known liabilities of the hospital to that date.

The increased expenditure, $28,356, against $25,168 in 1898, is mainly accounted for by the larger number of days stay of patients, viz., 15,705 as against 14,043 in 1898.

The cash receipts include the provincial and city grants to June 30, 1899. Under the new per capita arrangement of the provincial government the receipts under this head will be much less than heretofore, and it is therefore apparent that the greatest economy will be necessary to maintain the present satisfactory and efficient condition of the hospital without again relapsing into financial difficulties.

The bachelors' donation of $100 towards a maternity ward has been placed in a separate fund in the Bank of British Columbia, bearing interest.

The sum of $250 by Mr. H. D. Helmcken was also kept in a separate fund, bearing interest. The whole of this has since been expended in paying the cost and charges of the X. ray apparatus now being installed in the hospital.

It is also understood that a large sum of money (approximately $2,500), the proceeds of the children's carnival, balls, etc., is in the hands of the ladies' committee. The efforts recently made to have this sum placed in a separate fund, jointly under the control of the hospital authorities and the ladies, has not been successful.

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. HAYWARD,
Hon. Treasurer.

The statement referred to in the treasurer's report shows that the receipts were made up as follows: Cash balance, $2,171.27; grants and donations, $12,760.96; pay patients' fees, $12,399.74; all other sources, $117.19; and Bank of British Columbia, $1,082.93, the latter, as stated in the report, representing the checks issued, but not presented, before May 31.

The disbursements were: Food, $8,965.46; ice and soda water, $203.97; drugs, dressings, etc., $3,173.40; wines and spirits, $255.75; furnishings, $1,408.78; fuel, $1,419.88; light, $811.69; water, $111.11; scavenging, $181; salaries, $7,771.55; repairs, and improvements, $2,867.19; insurance, $24.40; printing, stationery and advertising, $383.80; telephone, $96; undertaking, $186.50; training school, $211.15; French hospital, insurance, taxes, etc., $82.50.

MEDICAL OFFICER.

May 31, 1899.

The President and Members of the Board of Directors Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending May 31, 1899.

The cost of maintenance for the year was $28,356.34. The daily average cost per patient was the same as last year, $1.80. The daily average number of patients in hospital was 41.3, as against 35.88 last year. The number of patients admitted this year as compared with last:

	Free.	Paying.
1897-1898	387	50
1898-1899	218	438

The total number of patients treated this year was: In patients, 688; out patients, 236; or an increase of 53 patients in the year. The total days stay of patients 15,705 days, as against 14,043 last year.

The comparative cost per diem under he following heads for the past four years was as follows:

	95-96	96-98	97-98	98-99
	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.
Groceries	9½	9½	9½	9½
Meat	8½	8¼	10¼	12
Milk	5	4	3½	4½
Poultry, game, fish	1	1½	1½	1½
Vegetables and fruit	53	53	37½	49½
Salaries	14½	11	13½	15½
Drugs and dressings	2½	2	2	2½
Alcohol, ether and chloroform	2½	2%	1	1
Light, fuel and water	1 98	1 48	1 70	2 13
Laundry, per month	72 00	72 00	60 70	79 30
Washing, per month	70 00	5½	8½	9
Fuel, per diem	5½			

Milk and meat have increased, owing to the contract prices being more this year than last.

The items for drugs and dressings have increased, owing to the increased number of surgical cases, as have stimulants from the same cause.

The electric light has proved much more expensive than oil lamps, but it is incomparably more convenient. My hope that the price would have fallen with the installation of the new power from Goldstream has not been realized.

The washing per month has increased, partly owing to increased work and also to an increase in wages.

The fuel item is larger, owing to the unusually long cold season, and to the continuous use of the operating and recovery rooms.

The salaries have decreased, owing to the decreased salaries now paid to the nurses.

The days stay of patients for the past four years arranged for comparison is as follows:

	Free.	$10 week.	$15 week.
1895-96	8,875 days	1,427 days	2,184 days
1896-97	7,135 "	2,875 "	3,716 "
1897-98	6,678 "	3,843 "	3,512 "
1898-99	7,901 "	4,151 "	3,653 "

The number of surgical operations has very largely increased, the number this year being 380, as against 291 for 1897-1898.

I would draw attention to the urgent need there is for affording increased accommodation for the nursing staff. I have had this year three cases of sickness among the nurses owing to the extra work entailed on them by the increased number of serious cases.

If a properly equipped sterilizing room were built adjoining the operating room, the room now used for the purpose of preparing dressings might be utilized for an extra patient and an increased amount of labor and time saved to the nurses in charge of the operating room, and a considerable revenue accrue to the hospital from the use of the room for private patients.

There is also urgent need of a diet kitchen for the preparation of food for the patients, and for the instruction of pupil nurses in sick cookery.

I recommend these three needs most humbly to your earnest consideration during the coming year.

The fire appliances of the hospital are in good working order; iron cisterns with buckets are being substituted for the barrels containing water on the roofs of the wards.

The greater portion of the roofs of the buildings will require re-covering shortly. It would be a great protection from fire if slate or metal shingles could be used instead of wood.

A great deal of work has been done towards beautifying the surroundings of the hospital in the way of filling in hollows and planting trees and making grass lawns. The plot of land to the north of the hospital has been cultivated and planted with potatoes.

Some further drainage work will have to be undertaken this autumn to prevent the lodgment of surface water from Richmond road and the Fernwood estate on the grounds of the hospital by the main entrance.

I have to thank the medical staff for their services and the large amount of their time devoted to the patients in the free wards.

The employees and members of the nursing staff have worked well and harmoniously during the year.

The matron will deal separately with the nursing school in her report. There is as great competition for appointments as probationers as ever.

The health of the staff on the whole has been good, though there have been several cases of sickness among the nurses owing to overwork.

Most sincere thanks are due to the many friends of the hospital who have kept the wards bright with flowers and who have visited the patients in the wards and have given many generous gifts to the hospital.

I would especially mention the King's Daughters, who have not only been most assiduous in their visits to the hospital in all weathers, where their weekly visit is a source of pleasure to many patients, but have most generously donated rockers to the surgical ward, an improvement which I hope to see furnished in time throughout the wards. Under the auspices of the same young ladies a very successful flower service was held in the ward by the Rev. Herbert Gowen, of Seattle, who kindly officiated on the occasion.

Cordial thanks are due to Mrs. Harry Helmcken for a Roentgen rays apparatus, which she has most kindly given to the hospital. It will prove of great service to the institution.

I beg to enclose detailed lists of statistics for the year, and have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD HASELL, M.R.C.S.,
Resident Medical Officer.

MATRON'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen,—It is with pleasure that I submit to you the following report of the nurses' training school for the past year ending 31st May, 1899.

Five nurses graduated this year, after passing creditable examinations. The names and addressed of these are:

Miss Elizabeth Coppock, Calgary, N.W.T.
Miss Elsie Gordon, Vancouver, B. C.
Miss Mary McKeen, Victoria, B. C.
Miss Frances Johnston, Vancouver, B. C.
Miss Gertrude Hadwen, Duncan, B. C.

Twenty-one applications were received from young women desiring to become nurses; eight were taken on probation, six of whom were accepted.

To Drs. Mary Macneill, F. W. Hall, E. C. Hart and E. Hasell are due our thanks for kindly giving lectures to the class in training during the year.

The work of the hospital has increased to such an extent that it is quite imperative that the nursing staff be enlarged; but as our accommodation is so limited, we have hitherto been unable to have as many nurses as are really needed.

I might say in closing that the work of the training school is a pleasure to me, and I think to the nurses, and I hope it will be satisfactory to you.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, respectfully yours,

J. M. GRADY,
Superintendent of Nurses.

Jubilee hospital, June 27, 1899.

The election of four new directors to replace the four retiring took very little time, Messrs. Alex Wilson, H. Dallas Helmcken and Joshua Davies being unanimously re-elected and Mr. J. Stewart Yates being unanimously elected in place of Ald. Hayward, the honorary treasurer of the board, who had to retire on account of the amendmnt to the statute disqualifying members of the city council as directors of the hospital.

President Wilson suggested to the ladies that they should lend their efforts towards securing a sterilizing plant for the hospital, which was badly needed and which besides would give another room to the hospital and increase the revenue by $800 a year. In answer to Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Wilson said the sterilizing plant would cost $600.

Mrs. Hassell said the ladies would undertake to secure the plant if the directors erected the building. They now had $2500 for the children's ward and would like to see work started on it.

Mr. Wilson explained that it was the desire of the directors to keep out of debt. They had one experience in that line and had no wish to repeat it.

Mr. Davies said a committee were preparing a report on the necessary additions to the hospital and had estimated the cost at $32,000. Of this $10,000 was for a maternity ward and $7,000 for the children's ward.

Mr. Wilson—The plans for the maternity ward call for a building to cost $3,000.

Mr. Davies—That is for a wooden building.

Mr. Helmcken suggested that the directors and the ladies hold a joint meeting and decide upon a plan of action for the year.

Votes of thanks having been tendered the medical staff, resident medical officer and staff, President Wilson, Hon. Treasurer Hayward and Vice President Helmcken and suitable replies having been made, the board adjourned.

Temporarily Repaired.

Steamer Danube Will Be Floated To-night to Discharge Cargo.

Representatives of the underwriters were busy appraising the cargo of the steamer Danube yesterday. This was not all left in the vessel, as stated in yesterday's Colonist, some little of it having been taken out and forwarded to Victoria on the Selkirk. All the mail but one sack was removed, and this exception, a part of a batch being forwarded to Dawson and Atlin, is supposed to be amongst the rubbish in the ship's hold, and will not be found probably until all has been dumped out on the wharf. The water, while not destroying all cargo, has thrown it into such a mess as to make it difficult to approximate its value. Ther are 7,000 cases of salmon boxes and tins that were consigned to the Good Hope cannery at Rivers Inlet, from the Automatic can works, Westminster, in the forward hold, which it is said cannot be used. The oats and chop feed must also be damaged, but the lumber and sash and doors are thought to be in fair shape. The damage to the hull includes besides the holes some broken frames, which to the casual observer are not apparent, and to the mechanic to be got at only when the cargo has been removed. At present a patch of sheet iron eight or nine feet long is being temporarily bolted over the largest hole in order to allow of the steamer being floated this evening, to come around to the outer wharf to discharge cargo.

PORCUPINE A FAILURE.

Little or No Gold Has Been Taken Out in That District.

Samuel Chichester of Seattle, with his partners, Charles Hansen and Louis Peterson, returned by the Seattle from the McKinley district, Porcupine river. They say it is suffering from the same complaint as Atlin—a multitude of stakes and a tangle of titles. The district has been very much over-boomed for the benefit of the Dalton Company. The whole district is a hydraulicing proposition—if anything, says Mr. Chichester. "Everyone in the section is broke, and I say less than $10 in all taken out in all the five months I was there."

To Present Atlin's Case.

Delegations From the Miners Arrive to Interview the Government.

Other Newsy Notes of the Arrivals at City Hotels.

Hans Helgesen, M.P.P., Cariboo's senior representative in the local legislature, returned yesterday from an extended visit to the Atlin district. In company with W. McCraney, of Atlin City, Mr. Helgesen is making the Dominion his home during the transaction of a very important business with the government. It will be remembered that when Mr. Helgesen went to Atlin some months ago it was for the expressed purpose of satisfying himself by personal observation as to the condition of affairs there—more particularly to note if the administration of the new gold district was such as to operate favorably in the development of its future. He had taken a sufficiently independent stand during the late session of the house to indicate that his judgment would not be warped by party bias, and consequently no one will be surprised to learn that he is far from satisfied with existing conditions. Indeed he voiced his sentiments very freely and forcibly at a recent indignation meeting held in Atlin City, when a delegation was appointed, consisting of himself, Mr. McCraney and Mr. J. A. McKinnon, to proceed to Victoria as the representatives of two thousand Atlin miners, present their manifold grievances, and demand immediate redress. This is the business in hand, and unless the government takes action toward relieving Atlin of its present burden, resulting from incompetent officials Mr. Helgesen will know how to express his disapproval. The members of the deputation say that the country of which Atlin City is the capital and centre is a good one, although its chances are being strangled by incompetent administration. The gold is undoubtedly there, and in quantity, for although very, very few of the claims are being worked owing to the tangle in titles, an average of 500 ounces a week is being taken out, which the banks buy readily at $15 valuation. Pine, Birch, Boulder, Spruce, Otter, Wright, McGee and Willow creeks are the leading gold streams, although excellent prospects have been had on perhaps twenty others. Indeed every creek in the district contains some profitable claims, although they will make a considerable difference through the general mix-up, the inexperience of the majority of the miners and the "closed season" regulation which all classes urge should be removed at once. Work on the creek claims has now being stopped by the high water, but several owners on Spruce and Pine have comfortable sacks of dust in their cabins to show for this spring's incomplete clean-up. As for the country itself, both Mr. Helgesen and Mr. McCraney declare that in scenic attractions and climatic advantages is has no rival on the continent. In addition to the miners' deputation of three of which Messrs. Helgesen and McCraney are members, Capt. Wallace Langley and Dr. Munroe are here as a second deputation appointed at a mass meeting to represent the mine owners and business interests of Atlin City. The five delegates came down by the steamer Cutch, which arrived at Nanaimo yesterday in time for a large number of her passengers to catch the morning train for Victoria.

James Cogan, J. W. Pearson and J. P. R. Morrison, of New York city, are again at the Dominion, which hotel they bade good bye to a fortnight ago on their departure for Atlin. Unluckily for them the Danube numbered them among her passengers on her rudely interrupted voyage ending at Denman Island instead of Skagway. Their outfits are included in the cargo that is floating about in the steamer's hold, and they will remain here until they learn to what extent they are losers.

Frank H. Carlisle, a wealthy Bostonian at the Driard yesterday, is very much interested in the Port Angeles Eastern railway scheme—and with the Pacific Coast. He has indeed decided to sell out his business interests in Boston and remove with his family West, settling in the neighborhood of this city. Says he: "I have money enough, but it is not the only thing, and I am now coming to the Coast to enjoy good health and grand scenery."

Travellers for pleasure constituted a majority of yesterday's arrivals at the Driard. The list included Dr. Burke, of San Francisco, and his niece, Miss C. Dahr; F. H. Bostwick, of Denver, Col.; S. Leonard Shannon, of Ottawa; James B. and Miss Rohrman, of Philadelphia; F. Ecaubert, of Brooklyn; James H. Fleming, of Newark, N. J.; C. C. Largill, of New York; and W. N. Selig, of Chicago.

Dick Crane, the owner of a large saloon and general store at Dawson, with his partners, E. F. McConnell, of Painesville, Ohio, and C. A. Sullivan, of Geneva, in the same state, are guests at the Queen's, en route to the Klondike capital. Mr. Crane has been purchasing his season's stock, taking in with him upwards of twenty tons of goods bought in Victoria alone.

H. J. Russell, of San Francisco, whose firm is prominent in textile manufacture, is at the Hotel Victoria, his business being for the purpose of establishing a British Columbia agency here. He regards it as prima facie injustice that he is compelled to pay duty on his samples on entering Canada and again upon returning to the United States.

Robert A. Begg and C. J. Duggan, well to do Calgary ranchers, who have just returned from a holiday visit to Skagway, are guests at the Hotel Victoria. Mr. Begg is a son of Mr. Alexander Begg, the British Columbia historian, and has himself many friends in British Columbia, acquired during a previous visit.

Dr. M. K. Watlin, of New York City, a lady who has achieved considerable fame in her chosen profession, has arrived at the Driard to join a party of friends who have been devoting some weeks to seeing the sights of Canada's westernmost province.

F. M. Studley, the Seattle agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, and Capt. David Gilmore, the company's Puget Sound pilot, are at the Hotel Victoria. They are here to meet the incoming Idzumi-Maru.

J. P. Bignell, from old Quebec, is a guest at the Dominion. He is on his way to the Klondike, and outfitting in Victoria.

A. M. Johnston, school teacher at Pender Island, is enjoying the holidays at the Dominion.

J. E. E. Dickson, manager of the Canadian branch of the Law Union and Crown Insurance Company of London, with headquarters at Montreal, is spending a day or two at the Hotel Driard.

J. H. Flint and wife, of Toronto, are making a holiday tour through British Columbia, including several days in Victoria. They are at the Dominion.

George W. Rowland, proprietor of the steam laundries at Nanaimo and Vancouver, is spending a few days at the Queen's. So also is R. Baird, of Vernon.

E. M. Powers and wife, with Master Powers, from Kansas City, and P. W. Townsend and Mrs. Townsend, from Winnipeg, are visiting Victoria for pleasure, their temporary home being at the Dominion.

E. Xavier Chalebois, of Nevada, and D. McEachern, of Forest River, N. J., are at the Oriental, on their way to the mines of the North.

Dr. A. S. Monroe and James A. McKinnon, two of the Atlin delegates to interview the government to-day, are guests at the Hotel Victoria.

A. Hodges and Mrs. Hodges, of Dawson, arrived here yesterday, direct from the heart of the Klondike. They are at the Dominion.

Thomas Hawley, of Union Bay; R. Hope, of Pender Island; and James T. Williams, of Rossland, are guests at the Occidental.

W. H. and Mrs. Cleave, of Nova Scotia, who are enjoying a summer tour, are guests of the Hotel Victoria.

A. Vale and S. L. McDavitt, of the Chicago Portrait Company's Seattle office, are guests at the Queen's.

James Clifford and his bride, from Vancouver, are spending their honeymoon as guests at the Dominion.

J. A. Salt, of San Francisco, is again paying Victoria a business visit. He is a guest of the Hotel Driard.

Leonard Cox, travelling auditor of the Western Union Telegraph Company, New York, is at the Driard.

Alexander J. Dove, of Cowichan, and T. D. Conway, of Chemainus, are guests at the Hotel Victoria.

J. T. Tessirs, foreman of the Chemainus sawmill, is a guest at the Queen's.

J. D. Curran, a San Francisco commercial man, is at the Hotel Victoria.

William Z. Helmer, of Atlin City, came down by the steamer Cutch yesterday and is at the Dominion.

Mrs. Arnut, of Nelson, is at the Driard.

DISTINGUISHED PARTY.

Congressmen and Millionaires Go North on the Steamer Queen.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company's big excursion steamer Queen called here yesterday morning on her first Alaskan trip of the season and remained at the outer wharf long enough to give her passengers an opportunity to see the city.

While perhaps not generally known, it is a fact that the Queen is the largest excursion vessel plying in the waters of the Pacific. Her general dimensions are: Length, 340 feet; beam, 38 feet 6 inches, and 22 feet 6 inches depth of hold. She has accommodations for 250 first class passengers, and should it be found desirable to convert her into a common carrier she has stateroom and bunk space for 800 people. In fact, on occasions she has carried nearly that many.

But it is not alone in her luxuriously furnished staterooms and splendid appointments that the Queen excels. She is most fortunate, or, rather, the tourist public is most fortunate, in the personnel of her officers, whose records for courteous treatment of passengers glitter with words of commendation from those making the Alaska journey under their care and protection. Capt. David Wallace, her master, has been twenty years on the Alaska run and he has in all that time had but one accident, and that a trivial one, occurring a decades ago. Associated with the captain as purser is William R. Curtis. It would be difficult to find a more gentlemanly and obliging official than is Mr. Curtis, whose twenty-one years' service with the Pacific Coast Steamship company has rarely if ever brought a complaint from those traveling under his purview. The chief there is his namesake, but not a relative, W. E. Curtis, the steward, whose reputation for a splendid steamship table service is not easily surpassed. And down in the depths of the ship is to be found a man in whose care are in a sense intrusted the lives of every soul aboard. He is W. H. Allison, the chief engineer, who has been with the Queen since before she went into Alaskan waters. All told, the Queen has a crew of ninety people to guarantee the safety, comfort and pleasure of her passenger patrons.

Every point of chief interest on the southeastern Alaska coast is made by the Queen on one of her excursion runs. Touching first at Mary Island, she makes Ketchikan, Fort Wrangel, Juneau, Treadwell mine, Douglas City, Skagway, Dyea, Glacier bay, Muir Glacier, Killisnoo and Sitka. She touches all these points on her return save the Lynn canal towns. At Killisnoo are famous fishing grounds, and in these the vessel always stops, allowing the passengers to fish for three or four hours. They are not only given this privilege, but such as desire to participate in the pleasure are given hooks and lines and other paraphernalia. A stop of eighteen hours is made at Sitka, giving ample time to see and study the ancient capital of the famous Northland.

On her present voyage the Queen carries five congressmen, including one who is a member of the international commission. Sereno E. Payne, the New York congressman, is the international commission member, and with him on this voyage of pleasure and information are Congressmen Heatwole, of Minnesota; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Steele, of Indiana; and Hull, of Iowa. The gentlemen are also accompanied by their families.

U. S. Grant, jr., son of the great soldier-statesman, is another distinguished passenger. He is making the journey purely for pleasure, and is accompanied by Mrs. Grant, their children, Chaffee, Julia, Dent and Miriam Grant, and Miss Gertrude Wood, Mrs. Grant's niece.

Other passengers of note are J. M. Goodwin, a Salt Lake newspaper man; William Rowell Wilson, a Boston capitalist, and Frederick Kahn, a rich dry goods merchant of Oakland. The passenger list contains many names of people of wealth and culture, and not a few of the pleasure seekers hail from the Atlantic seaboard, preferring the Alaskan trip to the famous summer resorts of the east.

In Russia people must marry before 80 or not at all, and may marry five a time or not at all, and may marry only five times.

Only one person in every four of the inhabitants of London earns more than a pound a week.

PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

Avoid Baking Powders containing alum. They are injurious to health

FOR SOCIETY DAY.

Arrangements for the Big Demonstration in August Advanced Last Evening.

A largely attended meeting was held last evening in the Pioneer Hall to further arrangements for holding a society day celebration in August. It was decided to hold the event this year on the 12th of August, commemorating the meeting of the first legislature of British Columbia, which met at Victoria on August 12, 1856. Reports were read showing that a great deal of interest is manifested among the secret societies of the neighboring cities, and indications point to a large attendance of society men in Victoria on that day. The following committee was appointed to form sub-committees to make all arrangements necessary to provide entertainment in the way of sports and games for the occasion: A. O. U. W., Victoria Lodge, Ald. R. T. Williams; A. O. F. Court, Vancouver, Mr. Dee; Court Northern Light, Mrs. W. F. Fullerton and Juveniles, Mr. McNeil; I. O. F. Court, Cariboo, Mr. A. E. McEachern; I. O. O. F., Columbia Lodge, Mr. Jenkinson, and encampment, Mr. E. Bragg; C. O. O. F., Fernwood Lodge, Mr. Carnes, and Loyal Dauntless, Mr. Walter Noble; Knights of Maccabees, Mr. H. Webber; Native Sons, Mr. Frank Higgins; K. of P., Victoria Lodge, Mr. Nathan, and Far West Lodge, Mr. J. L. Smith; Eagles, Aerie No. 12, Mr. W. T. Hardaker; Sons of St. George, Milton Lodge, Mr. Richards; Sons of England, Alexander Lodge, Mr. Nankiville, and Pride of the Island Lodge, Mr. W. H. Smith; St. Andrews and Caledonia Society, Mr. Thomas Russell; Pioneer Society, Mr. Graham; Royal Arcanum, Mr. Hanna, and Loyal Orange Lodge, Victoria No. 14263, Mr. R. T. Baker.

The sub-committees will meet in Pioneer Hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

THE XORA HAS A TRIAL.

Victoria's World Girdling Yacht Prepares for Her Announced Voyage.

There was a cheer with a meaning to it on the waterfront last evening when the trim little yacht Xora, which is to start on a trip around the world within the next few days, took a trial run around the harbor to try her wings. She was looking as neat as the traditional new pin and the manner of her handling demonstrated that she has sailors aboard who know their business from the waterline up.

Coming into the harbor yesterday the Xora circled about the bay and up to the bridge; then out and around to Esquimalt, showing her heels to such of the home fleet as presented themselves.

To-day and to-morrow the world-renowned yacht will be open to visitors at the village pier, Esquimalt, and on Monday or Tuesday she will tow to sea from McIntosh's boat house by the James Bay bridge, with a band to provide appropriate music and an escort of all the yachts in the harbor.

There has been some difficulty in the arrangement of her clearance, Paris, France, not being a recognized seaport, so that it is possible the clearance will have to be to London, or the first port of call—which would be Callao. In any event the Canadian flag proudly flying at the peak, and the French flag at the bowsprit end will show what country she hails from and the distant port she and her adventuresome crew are bound.

The street cars will no doubt be crowded for Esquimalt to-day, for it is not every day—or every year—that the privilege is afforded of inspecting a craft fated to such adventures as are in store for the Xora.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Conservatives In Provincial Politics—Suspicious Death of a Farmer—Infantry For Dragoons.

Winnipeg, June 29.—(Special)—The Liberal-Conservative provincial convention, which has been postponed from June 27, has by direction of Hugh John Macdonald, been called for July 10. The principal business of the convention will be to formulate a platform on which the Conservative party will meet the electors in the coming campaign, and also to perfect arrangements for a tour of the province by Hugh John Macdonald.

D. L. Stockdale, a farmer living north of Killarney, died suddenly last night and an inquest will be held. There is a suspicion of foul play.

A farewell is being arranged for the Winnipeg Dragoons who it is understood will be replaced here in August by a corps of infantry.

John R. Smith, the Guelph fireman, who fell from a C. P. R. locomotive near Rat Portage on Monday, died at the general hospital to-night. He was aged 22. His mother arrived from Guelph this morning.

Carillon Liberals to-day nominated Roger Jerome as their candidate for the legislature.

CAPE COLONY AROUSED.

British Residents Would Back Up Sir Alfred Milner's Demands at Any Cost.

Capetown, June 28.—A meeting of 4,000 Loyalists, under the presidency of the mayor of Capetown, was held here this evening, and adopted with the greatest enthusiasm resolutions supporting Sir Alfred Milner, governor-general of colonies and British high commissioner in South Africa, in his recent negotiations with President Kruger, and thanking the Canadians and Australians for their offers of assistance. An immense overflow meeting was also held.

Right Hon. Sir John Gordon Sprigg, former president of the colony, addressed the meeting, declaring that unless Sir Alfred Milner was absolutely supported there was danger that Cape Colony would secede from the Empire. He declared himself convinced that Great Britain was solidly behind Mr. Chamberlain, whose recent speech before the Unionists of Birmingham, Eng., dealing with the Transvaal problem, he warmly commended.

London, June 29.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Standard says: "President Kruger, it is understood here, persists in his demand for arbitration as an essential condition of any settlement. In the meantime the Transvaal continues buying provisions and war material, and it has arranged with the Netherlands Railway Company to have absolute control of the railway lines in the Orange Free State in the event of war."

A FAT TOW.

London, June 29.—The British steamer Balmoral, Capt. McRitchie, has been awarded £4,000 for towing the British steamer Lokoja into Fayal in May with propeller gone while bound from Galveston for Havre.

Venturesome Vicorians.

Will Sail Round the World in an Eight-Ton Sloop Yacht.

Percy McCord to Command the Vessel for the Voyage.

The smallest craft that ever went round the world, in command of the youngest captain, will sail from this port next Monday morning, cleared for "Paris, France, via ports"—a clearance entry never before made in the customs records.

The eight-ton sloop yacht Xora is the ambitious craft, and Capt. Percy McCord the ambitious young skipper. As crew he will be accompanied by J. C. Voss, the owner of the Victoria and Queen's hotels here, and his adventure-loving son, Harry Voss.

It is the intention of the party to spend two or three years afloat, seeing the world generally and the Paris exposition in particular, then returning home as they go, after completely girdling the globe.

Incidentally Capt. McCord, who has had some little experience on the press both here and in Australia, will make their adventures the text of a series of special articles for a syndicate of newspapers and magazines, a camera and many rolls of film being carried for the purposes of illustration.

The Xora is a 35-foot craft and one of the best known yachts of the Pacific Northwest. She will fly the flag of the Victoria Yacht Club, and be given an escort out as far as Race Rocks light by practically all of the local club's fleet when she spreads her wings for the long flight around the Horn and the world.

The programme arranged by Captain McCord provides for a first call at Cocos Island, famous for its buried Peruvian treasure and the many ineffectual expeditions with its recovery as their object. Then the Xora is to beat for Callao, from which port is a 3,700-mile run to the Pitcairn Islands.

Passing from the Pitcairns back to Valparaiso, it is expected that that city will be reached by December 1. Off Cape Horn the yacht will "lay to" until duly reported by at least three passing ships, proceeding afterwards to the Falkland Islands, Montevideo, Buenos Ayres and Rio de Janeiro.

From Rio comes the long stretch of desolate sea to the Cape Verdes; then Madeira, Santa Maria, Lisbon, Rouen, and up the French coast and the historic Seine, Paris for five months at the exposition, where it is thought that the little eight-tonner and their crew will command their full share of wondering attention.

Bidding gay Paris farewell, the adventurous yachtsmen propose to visit Antwerp, London, Gibraltar, Berlin (if possibly no deep-water craft has yet been seen), Majorca, Corsica, Cottero, Athens, Constantinople, Odessa, Cyprus, Palestine (with a shore run to Jerusalem), Muscat, Bombay, Ceylon, through the Malacca straits to Singapore, Batavia, Timor, across to Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, Hongkong, Yokohama—and home.

The yacht is in first-class sea shape—as she certainly needs to be with such work before her—and will until her departure be open for inspection by the curious at Esquimalt, to which point she shifts to-morrow.

KRUGER'S CONVERSION.

Britishers in the Transvaal About to Be Given Franichise as Demanded.

London, June 30.—The Digger News, the Boer organ in London, prints a despatch from Johannesburg announcing on reliable authority that the Volksrand will be asked on Monday to confirm an arrangement made by the executive council acceptable to the British high commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, and the British government. It is believed the arrangement grants a seven years' retrospective franchise to Uitlanders resident in Transvaal before 1890, who will be immediately admitted to burghership, with other modifications in the naturalization laws.

PEACE CONFERENCE FAILURE.

Swedish Delegate Refers to Admitted Fact Special Messenger for Czar.

The Hague, June 30.—The committee on arbitration to-day passed the second reading of the code of procedure. To-morrow it will take up the permanent tribunal scheme. To-day's proceedings included an eloquent speech by Baron Bildt of the Norway and Sweden delegation. He deplored the failure of the conference to achieve as much as might be desired but ventured to say that the Czar's idea was noble and could not die because supported by thousands upon thousands of men.

London, June 30.—A correspondent of the Times at The Hague says: "The naval and military sub-commissions will to-day scatter to the four winds the last vestige of doubt and illusion as regards disarmament. A rumor has been circulated, which I am unable to confirm, that Emperor Nicholas, displeased at the trend things have taken, has despatched a confidential emissary to Berlin, who will afterwards come here to take part in the conference."

PAUNCEFOTE RETIRING.

Will Remain as Ambassador