Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—At the meeting of the Jubilee hospital board on Thursday the directors voted their warmest thanks to Mrs. James Dunsmuir for a donation of one hundred dollars to the institution.

—John Green, formerly of Lulu island, but more recently of Quatsino, passed away Friday. He was born in England 73 years ago. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from the parlors of the British Columbia Funeral & Furnishing Company, and later from Christ Church Cathedral.

—While at work at the Esquimalt Marine railway yard Friday, Kenneth McDonald was caught by a belt, and before he could be extricated his arm was broken, and he received other injuries. He was taken to the Jubilee hospital, where he is progressing satisfactorily.

—The lands and works department issued one hundred and twenty licenses to cut timber during May. Of these sixty-six were for renewals. The revenue to the government by the issue of these licenses was $12,100. This indicates that the fact that timber limits must be surveyed before being staked has not diminished the demand for licenses.

—The funeral of the late Miss Tierney, of Vancouver, whose remains were brought over by the Charmer Thursday, took place Friday morning from the Roman Catholic cathedral. The Right Rev. Archbishop Orth conducted the services, assisted by Father Leterme. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. F. J. Shel, E. F. Radiger, W. O'Leary, W. U. Rummalis, H. B. McDowell and M. Sweeney.

—The inspectors of penitentiaries, Ottawa, are inviting sealed tenders for supplies for the following institutions for the fiscal years 1903-1904; Kingston penitentiary, St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, Dorchester penitentiary, Manitoba penitentiary, British Columbia penitentiary, Regina jail and Prince Albert jail. Tenders will be received until Monday, June 22nd. Information can be obtained in the advertising columns of this paper.

—If plans can be successfully carried out there will appear on the streets of Victoria to-morrow the first automobile of home manufacture. The machine is now nearly complete, and will be the largest ever seen in this city. It will accommodate eight people. With an eight horse-power engine, the machine will be capable of high speed, and altogether will be an attractive looking conveyance. The owner and maker is T. M. Brayshaw, who is not only the first Victorian, but, first British Columbia, so far as known, to manufacture an automobile. The machine is finished in first class style, and certainly reflects credit on the builder.

—The annual meeting of the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Society was held in the Driard hotel Thursday. Delegates from the Mainland were among those present. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, T. E. Atkins, Vancouver; vice-president, G. T. Mallory, Kamloops; secretary, J. K. Sutherland, Vancouver. After the transaction of the annual business a dinner was held which everybody thoroughly enjoyed. Proprietor Hartnagle provided a most enticing repast, and the diners dispatched the contents of the festive board in the heartiest manner. Toasts, songs and speeches filled the programme, occupying the evening until the departure of the Vancouver boat, on which the Mainland delegates returned home.

—A fire drill was held at North Ward school Friday forning. Chief Watson, of the fire department, Chairman Drury, Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Beaumont Boggs and Supt. Eaton were present. The teachers and pupils were unaware of the intended drill, and the principal was supposed to have them notified and get them out of the building as quickly as possible. Everything worked like a charm with the exception that the manual training class was not alarmed, and they continued their work blissfully ignorant of the programme being carried out by the remainder of the school. This impromptu performance showed the necessity for improvements in fire protection in the schools, which will be at once carried out. A system of electric alarm bells will be installed in all the buildings, together with a supply of fire extinguishers.

—In the vestry of the Reformed Episcopal church on Thursday a quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated by Rev. H. J. Wood. The principals were Miss Nellie Roff, only daughter of Mr. Thos. Roff, Mears street, and Mr. G. F. Brown, an employee of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, both of whom have a wide circle of acquaintances, the bride having taken part in a number of musical events given in this city. They were supported by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castleton. A wedding supper was provided at the home of the bride's parents, where most effective decorations had been carried out with the liberal use of carnations and roses. Many friends were present, and the young couple were the recipients of many very handsome gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will take up their residence on Mears street.

—The steamer Ajax, which arrived a few days ago, brought from Liverpool the final consignment of porcelain salmon cans patented by S. M. Okell for this season's catch. The consignment numbered 35,000 cases.

—At Wednesday night's meeting of the school board the chairman and Superintendent Eaton were appointed a committee to confer with Messrs. Waddington and Binns regarding the conditions of their contract with the board. The city superintendent explained that during the holidays teachers on the regular staff had been receiving manual training instructions, the expenses of which had been covered by the board. The question to be decided is whether this will be part of the year's work of the instructors without additional remuneration, or whether this service will involve extra charge. A number of the trustees expressed the opinion that the conditions governing the regular staff should prevail in the manual training department, and that if they gave extra service they should receive additional pay.

—For the first time in eight years the engine at the city lighting station is being overhauled. In consequence of this much needed improvement the moonlight schedule prevails once more, which was particularly noticeable last night because of the cloudy weather.

—It is altogether likely that Rev. Mr. Moore, formerly of Ottawa, one of the delegates to the Presbyterian general assembly, will deliver a lecture in this city along the line of Prevention of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis. He is secretary of an association with that for its object.

—H. Henson, of Tiverton, Devon, England, is paying his first visit to British Columbia and Victoria, and is the guest of D. Bryant, 146 Chatham street, where he met his brother, J. Henson, of Douglas City, Alaska, after an absence of thirty years. He expresses himself delighted and charmed with Victoria and its surroundings.

—Rev. Father Morice, O. M. I., Fort St. James, Stewart Lake, is in the city collecting data for the publication of another work. Father Morice is a great authority on the Dene Indians, and has written a number of books. He owns a printing plant, and turns out a fine line of work. He will be in the city for a few days gathering material for his new work.

—In connection with the very enjoyable performance of the comedy, "Our Regiment," at the Victoria theatre Thursday, the management desire to thank those who so kindly loaned uniforms, stage properties and in other way assisted in the performance. Much credit is due Mrs. J. M. Bradburn for the artistic stage settings, the excellent arrangement of which evoked considerable admiring comment.

—The five boys who escaped from the reforamtory yesterday slept comfortably Thursday, not in a hay loft, an untenanted cabin or beneath a sidewalk, but in their little cots at the institution. Constables Harper and O'Leary caught three of them at Spring Ridge. The other two were overhauled and brought back by the three lads dispatched in pursuit of them by Superintendent Mutter, when their escape was discovered.

—A Chinaman named Ah Wong Sing was taken into custody on Thursday by Constable Carlow on the charge of stealing a box containing $70 from one of his countrymen. The case was called in the police court this morning, but was not proceeded with, the prosector not putting in an appearance. In fact it is understood that he left the city last night. Two drunks were disposed of in court to-day. Each was fined $2.50.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Manie Amelie Aikman took place on Friday from the family residence, Gorge road, and later at the Roman Catholic church. Services were conducted by Rev. Father Laterme, assisted by Rev. Father Collin. There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., T. Lubbe, Col. Wolfenden, W. S. Gore, Dr. I. W. Powell and A. E. McPhillips, M. P. P.

—The South Park and the North Ward schools baseball teams met in the second game of the season this morning, and the latter won by the score of 9 to 1. The battery work of Fuggle and Smith, for the North Warders, and the brilliant catches of Holland, of the South Park team, on left field, were the features of the game. Fuggle only allowed three safe hits, striking out no less than 13 men in seven innings.

—The board of trade will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday evening next, when among the business to be dealt with will be the suggested amendments to the clills of Sale Act, the development of Vancouver Island and the grievances regarding railway service on the lower Fraser embodied in a letter from Mr. Thrift, secretary of the Settlers' Association, which was read at a recent meeting of the board council and published in the press.

—It has been decided that the grocers' annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. As yet it is not definitely known where the day will be spent, but from all accounts Oak Bay will be the place selected. The reason for choosing grounds so convenient to the city is to allow a parade of grocery wagons, a prize being offered for the best decorated vehicle. An invitation has been extended to the butchers of the city to join in the festivities, and it is likely they will accept.

—W. H. Ellis is taking steps to have the new Immigration Act strictly enforced. As an aid in this work an assistant deputy inspector has been appointed on the Mainland. Officer Calbeck has been given that position for the New Westminster district. Mr. Ellis complains that the Japanese government is not carrying out the arrangements entered into with the Dominion government as to restricting immigration. After the disallowance of the former immigration acts the number of Japanese immigrants at once increased, he says.

—Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following report, being an abstract from the official gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending June 2nd, 1903: During this week 707 patents were issued, 606 being to citizens of the United States, Austria Hungary, 1; Belgium, 3; Bolivia, 1; Canada, 13; Denmark, 1; Great Britain, 29; France, 15; Germany, 33; Spain, 1; Sweden, 2; Switzerland, 1; and Victoria, Australia, 1. Two United States patents were issued during the past week to G. A. Roedde, of Vancouver, on improvements in loose leaf binders. This inventor is keenly alive to the many advantages of this system of binder as applied to ledgers, account books and registers generally, and as a practical book binder has for several years past set himself to remedy the defects, which up to the present stand as a bar to any general adoption of the system. Mr. Roedde has aimed to combine with the convenient removal of leaves by an authorized person, the free and flat opening in evolving a binding that is entirely novel and promises to supersede anything in the market.

—A Beechey Bay Indian died on the Songhees reserve on Sunday morning. The native was a sufferer from consumption.

—The Chinaman who was charged with stealing $70 from a fellow countryman was discharged in the police court Monday morning.

—Ald. Barnard has donated to the Home Nursing Society $30. The donation is made from the remuneration received by him in the capacity of alderman. The society acknowledges with thanks Ald. Barnard's thoughtfulness.

—St. Louis College closes its present session at noon Friday, and on Friday evening interesting exercises in connection with the event will be held in Institute hall, which will be open to all, the price of admission being 25 cents.

—The funeral of the late John Green took place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., and at Christ Church cathedral at 2.15. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon Beanlands at the church and grave. The following acted as pallbearers: L. Goodacre, Capt. Searle, W. O. Carter, J. McNeill, B. Pettingell and R. Lettice.

—Among the freight arriving on the steamer Ajax is the last of the cable consigned to E. G. Prior & Co. for the Chimney Creek bridge. It includes the heavy cables referred to as on the way when the evidence was given before the select committee of the legislature which inquired into the matter.

—The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs. Robert Kenneth at the Jubilee hospital. Deceased was 29 years of age, and a native of Sherbrook, Ont. Besides her husband she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Eugene Watson, of Vancouver, and Mrs. T. G. McLennan, of Calgary, to mourn her loss. The remains will be interred at Calgary, and will be sent East tonight.

—M. J. Conlin, of Crofton, was the victim of a painful accident last Wednesday. With others he was conveying a load of wood down the grade on a flat car, when the latter got away from them. All jumped, Mr. Conlin landing on a stone and breaking his ankle in two places. Dr. Rogers, of Chemainus, was summoned, and he sent the injured man to the hospital at that place, where he is progressing favorably. Mr. Conlin's son, who also jumped from the car, was unhurt. The car was badly damaged.

—The Tyee smelter will be closed down for a few days in order to overhaul the machinery. This is the first stoppage in three months. A steady supply of ore is being received. This smelter has also experienced no trouble in getting coke. The supply of this commodity is received from Comox, which far excels that produced in Washington state. The Tyee smelter consumes nearly the whole of the Comox coke at the present time. Within a few weeks the Van Anda mines, it is said, will ship their entire output to the Tyee smelter.

—The W. C. T. U. held a successful meeting at the residence of Mrs. Rogers, Fernwood road, Thursday afternoon, a feature of which was a debate on "Domestic Science and Its Relation to the Temperance Question." A committee was appointed to draft a plan of work to be submitted at the annual meeting which is to be held on the last Thursday of this month. A vote of thanks to the management of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, for inviting the W. C. T. U. to attend their picnic was passed, as was a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Andrews, who was recently bereft of a son. During the meeting refreshments were provided by the hostess.

—In response to a request from several members of the congregation of St. Barnabas's church Rev. E. G. Miller will give a course of six addresses on "Ritual in the Church." They will be commenced on June 14th, and will comprise the following subjects: 1. The Structure of the Church. 2. Ornaments of the Church. 3. Ornaments of the Ministers. 4. Services of the Church. 5. Processions and Praise. 6. Uses of the Church. A question box will be placed near the porch, and the rector will be pleased to answer any questions, privately or publicly, at the close of the course of addresses.

—Sunday morning Rev. John Neill, of Toronto, occupies the pulpit of First Presbyterian church, and gave an impressive and practical sermon on the duty of the home, the church and the Sabbath school to the rising generation. In the evening Rev. A. L. Geggie, also of Toronto, gave an eloquent and impressive sermon on the power in the heart, and through Christian life, and the world, of vital Godliness. Rev. Dr. Wilkie, of Indore, India, gave an interesting address to the Sunday school in the afternoon on some of the heathen customs in India, and the changes the Gospel is making. All three gentlemen are attending the general assembly now in session in Vancouver.

—The reopening of First Presbyterian church will take place next Sabbath morning, June 21st, and this event is coincident with the termination of the eleventh year of Rev. Dr. Campbell's pastorate. In the morning Rev. Dr. H. Fletcher, D. D., the newly-elected moderator of the general assembly, will preside, and Rev. A. Gaudier, of St. James church, Toronto, will preach the sermon. In the evening Rev. R. Laird, M. A., of Brockville, Ont. will conduct the service. At both services special music will be rendered by the choir which will be augmented for this occasion under the direction of J. G. Brown. On Monday evening a social entertainment will be held in the church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, for which a splendid programme of music is being arranged by Mr. Brown. The ladies will serve refreshments in the schoolroom at the close, and altogether a real good time is anticipated. Further particulars as to the programme of music, etc., will be published later.

—Memorial Day for the Order of the Maccabees was fittingly observed Sunday by the Hives of this city. Only two members of the order here have passed away, but both these were women prominent in all good works, whose lives were fragrant with kindly thought and earnest deed, the memory of which was tenderly and fittingly observed by the members of the Maccabees yesterday. On Tuesday of this week a complimentary concert will be given to the Hive at Victoria West, at Semple's hall, by the men of the navy, in return for the entertainment given by the ladies at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home a short time ago. The programme will be furnished by the men of H. M. fleet, assisted by some of the best talent in the city, and the ladies of the order will furnish refreshments. The chair will be occupied by Mr. McGill, chief petty officer of H. M. ship Grafton. Programme to commence at 8 o'clock.

—Trustees Mrs. Jenkins and Boggs, accompanied by Chief of the Fire Department Watson, visited the Boys' and Girls' Central schools this morning. Impromptu fire drills were held at both places. Without warning the children, Principal Gillis, of the Boys' Central, emptied the school of about 400 pupils within four minutes. Owing to the divided character of the classrooms in the Girls' Central schools on Monday. Unsatisfactory. The first eight classes were brought out in three minutes, and only then were the two classes situated in the old High school building remembered. They were brought out in additional two minutes. The drills so far have shown the necessity of proper means of communication between the classrooms and the inauguration of a thorough system in emptying the schools in case of an emergency. The chairman of the buildings and grounds committee has the matter in hand, and action will no doubt be taken on recommendations to be made by the fire chief. South Park school will be visited some time during the week.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LONG SERVICE

Capt. George Langley Presented With Medal on Sunday Morning After Church Parade.

Sunday at Camp Macaulay was signalized by the presentation of the long-service medal to Capt. George Langley, whose twenty-two years faithful service in the regiment has richly merited this distinction at the hands of the authorities. The incident, undoubtedly one of the most pleasing in the present outing, occurred immediately upon the conclusion of the church parade on Sunday morning. Altogether there were about three hundred officers and men present, including regulars from the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery, who, with the members of the Fifth, were drawn up in the form of a hollow square.

The presentation was made by the D. O. C., Lieut.-Col. Holmes, who took occasion to refer to the recipient's creditable record in the service of his country. He was pleased to state that he had known the recipient for twenty years, and none more fully deserved the honor which had been conferred upon him. The commanding officer then warmly congratulated Capt. Langley, and the parade was shortly afterwards dismissed.

This last member of the Victoria forces to be honored for long service has been actively connected with local corps for twenty-two years, having joined the Victoria Battery G. A. as gunner on May 22nd, 1882. Since then the battalion has undergone many changes, especially in name, having received five different designations. It is also interesting to note that when Capt. Langley joined a goodly proportion of the present members were unborn. He served as gunner until August 1st, 1882, when he became corporal, the name of the corps being changed to the B. C. Prov. Regiment G. A. On September 15th, 1883, he was made sergeant in what was known as the B. C. Battalion G. A. He served in this rank for just six years, which in itself is nowadays considered a long total term. During this period the corps became the B. C. Brigade and the 5th Regt. C. A., its present name. He became quarter-master on November 30th, 1900.

Preceding the presentation of the long service medal to Capt. Langley, the church parade was held in a sheltered space among the trees off the plains. Rev. C. Ensor Sharpe officiated and delivered an instructive address, taking for his subject Psalms 119, the 9th verse: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word." The band was present and rendered appropriate selections. Among the officers in attendance were Lieut.-Col. Grant and officers from Work Point, Lieut.-Col. Holmes and Lieut.-Col. Hall and officers of the Fifth Regiment.

The commanding officer held tent inspection Sunday morning before parade. The prize for the best kept tent was won by Corp. McNaughton's party from No. 4 Company.

Sunday afternoon an excellent concert was rendered by the band. A large number took occasion to visit the camp and heartily enjoyed the music.

JOHN WALSH DEAD.

John Walsh, one of Victoria's pioneers, passed away on Sunday morning at St. Joseph's hospital.

It was in 1862 that Mr. Walsh first came here from New Zealand. He was among the passengers of the Alice Thorndyke, a vessel on which many Australians, hearing of the mining excitement here, took passage. Ex-Chief of Police Sheppard was one of those who came on the same ship.

After a visit to the States Mr. Walsh made his way into the Interior, and spent some time in mining operations in the Cassiar country. Returning, he settled in this city, and acquired an interest in the White Horse saloon.

Mr. Walsh was 67 years of age, and a native of Mein, Westmeath, Ireland. He leaves to mourn his loss two sisters, Mrs. Godfrey, of Seattle, and Mrs. J. Doran, of Esquimalt, and two brothers, James and Patrick Walsh, who are engaged in farming in the Lake districts.

FATAL RESULT OF TRAMCAR ACCIDENT

CONDUCTOR THROWN FROM CAR SATURDAY

Sustained Injuries From Which He Died Yesterday Afternoon—An Inquest To Be Held To-morrow.

(From Monday's Daily.)

A deplorable accident occurred on car 21 on the route between the Junction and Oak Bay Saturday afternoon, in which Conductor Ralph Ekins received injuries resulting in his death yesterday. The car, an open one, containing several passengers was on the way to the Oak Bay park to await the conclusion of the baseball match. It had just reached the last grade on the run near Mr. Virtue's residence when the accident occurred. It is impossible to ascertain the exact cause, but it is believed that the conductor was standing on the footboard and in the act of changing one of the seats when he lost his hold, and was pitched to the road. The motorneer's attention was directed to the mishap by a lady's scream, and he at once brought the car to a standstill. It was quite apparent that Ekins was badly injured, having landed on the back of his head and shoulders.

He was removed to Mr. Floyd's residence, where every attention was given him, W. Deasy, who was on the next car, being especially indefatigable in his efforts to make the injured man as easy as possible until the arrival of a physician. The ambulance was telephoned for from Mr. Virtue's residence, but the application to the Jubilee hospital met with the reply that the conveyance could not be dispatched without an order from a doctor. Fortunately, Dr. Holden was at the baseball match, and he was summoned, Mr. Virtue also ringing up the Transfer stables for the ambulance, which was thereupon sent to the scene. The injured conductor was then conveyed to the Jubilee hospital, where everything possible was done to alleviate his condition. Unfortunately he was beyond the aid of human skill, and gradually sank, passing away yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Death, it is understood, was due to concussion of the brain. Immediately upon hearing of the accident Traffic Superintendent Gibson hastened to the scene in a carriage for the purpose of conveying the young man to the hospital, but found that his injuries were of such a character that the ambulance was required.

The body has been removed to the morgue to await a coroner's inquest, which will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The accident having occurred outside the city limits, the provincial police have charge of the arrangements. Five or six witnesses will be called, including tramway employees and the passengers on the car.

Conductor Ekins was about twenty-one years of age, and a native of the south of England. With the other members of his family he came to this city about two years ago. Entering the employ of the tramway company about fifteen months ago, he first worked on the track, subsequently becoming conductor. He was very popular among his comrades, whom the terribly sudden termination of his career has plunged in gloom.

Some adverse comment has been occasioned by the delay in the arrival of the ambulance, which in a case of this kind should be on hand at the very earliest moment. As a matter of fact fully fifty minutes elapsed before it arrived on the scene. When a telephone message was first sent to the hospital the answer was that a doctor's order was necessary before the conveyance could be sent out. There being no doctor around at that time this authority could not be obtained. Mr. Virtue, however, telephoned to the Transfer stables, and the ambulance was at once ordered out.

As a matter of fact the printed regulations state that "accident cases require no doctor's, certificate or order of any kind." There is a rule, however, regarding the conveyance of patients, which is as follows:

All qualified physicians in this city have authority to give an order in writing for the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital ambulance for the use of any patient to be conveyed to that hospital, providing the doctor when so ordering presents a certificate to the Victoria Transfer Company that the patient is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, and upon payment of the fixed fee, which is $2.50, to be paid to the Victoria Transfer Company.

This rule was adopted, a director explained this morning, to prevent the ambulance from being used for purposes other than those for which it was intended.

WEAKLY CHILDREN.

Stunted, weakly children are those whose food does them no good, because they do not digest it properly. Keep the child's digestive organs right and it will grow up strong and healthy, and it will not cause mother much trouble while it is growing up. It is the weak children—the puny children—that wear the mother out caring for them day and night. All this is changed when Baby's Own Tablets are used. They promote digestion, they give sound, natural sleep, they keep baby bright and cheerful. They are good for older children, too, and cure all their minor ailments. It costs only 25c. to prove the truth of these statements—and you will be thankful afterwards. Mrs. Archibald Sweeny, Carleton, N. S., says: "I have given my little one Baby's Own Tablets, and am more than pleased with the results. I can recommend them to every mother." That's the way all mothers, who have used the Tablets, talk. That's the way you will talk if you will try them when your little ones are ailing. You can get the Tablets from any dealer, or they will be sent by mail at 25c. a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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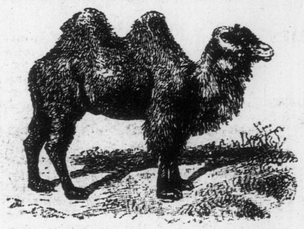

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LICENSES GRANTED.

Meeting of Boards For Esquimalt and South Victoria District.

The licensing board for Esquimalt district sat on Monday. There were present H. F. Bullen, Oakdene, Esquimalt; John Muir, of Sooke, and the chief license inspector, F. S. Hussey. The following were granted licenses:

John Day, Esquimalt hotel; Fred. Stetson, Ship Inn hotel; A. W. Von Rhein, Globe hotel; Victor Howard, Howard's hotel, all of Esquimalt; Hugh Simpson, Coach and Horses hotel; B. Quinn, New Inn hotel; Mrs. F. E. Bayley, Halfway house, Esquimalt road; Mrs. E. Marshall, Gorge hotel, Gorge road; Jos. Calvert, Four-Mile house; Price Bros., Parson's Bridge hotel; Goldstream road; Percy G. Clarke, Colwood hotel, Colwood road; L. O. Demers, Oakdale house, Colwood; Jas. Phair, Goldstream hotel, Goldstream; Edward Cutler, British Ensign hotel, Sooke; and Henry Moxon, Strathcona hotel, Shawnigan Lake.

South Victoria licensing board also met on Monday. The commissioners are E. John South, Saanich; J. S. Shopland, Victoria district, and John Sinclair, Cadboro Bay. These, with the chief license inspector, Sergeant F. Murray, were present. The following licenses were issued: James Chamberlain, Willows hotel, Cadboro Bay road; W. K. Reynolds, Stevens hotel; Harry Maynard, Royal Oak hotel; John Camp, Prairie hotel, Saanich road; J. W. Rowlands, Burnside hotel, Burnside road; and E. M. Ewing, Victoria Gardens, Gorge road.

NEW SHAFT AT NANAIMO.

President J. L. Howard, of the Western Fuel Company, who has been in Nanaimo, in an interview said that the development work now in progress at Departure Bay was the only large work projected at present, but that will mean a very large increase in the coal output when the hoisting begins.

Plans are now being prepared for all the top work. The pit head and hoisting engines will be of the usual kind, but the method of loading ships will be entirely new in this country. Large bunkers will be constructed which will be filled directly off the screens by an endless conveyor. Another conveyor will run direct from the screens to the wharf, so that when a ship is loading the coal will be carried direct from the screens to the hold of the vessel. This conveyor will pass under the bunkers so that the coal may drop direct from the bunkers to the conveyor and to the ship without handling.

This system of loading will obviate the necessity for so many locomotives and cars and save a great deal of expense in handling. This will be the first conveyor of the kind on the American continent, and it will not only be used at Departure Bay, but wherever it can be used to advantage in Nanaimo.

A conveyor will be arranged for the Nanaimo bunkers and also at No. 1 shaft to carry the rock out to the end of the dump.

Other small improvements in the way of expense economy are also contemplated.

Regarding the coal market in San Francisco, Mr. Howard said there was at present about 250,000 tons on the way from Australia, the largest amount he had ever known in his experience. This had not begun to arrive yet, and the result of the arrival of this coal on the market in San Francisco could not be anticipated. It would undoubtedly permit the Western Fuel Company to use their Nanaimo coal for domestic purposes instead of manufacturing, but it would be very difficult to predict what effect it would have on the price.

PERISHED IN TYPHOON.

Many Natives Lost Their Lives—Three Trains Overturned.

Saigon, French Cochin China, June 13.—A typhoon of extraordinary violence swept over Hanoi, Namdingh and Thabainh last night, causing much damage. Many natives perished and several Europeans were injured. Three trains were overturned. Telegraph lines and railroads are interrupted.

MINERAL ACT.

(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

"Bessie" Mineral Claim and "Mona" Fractional Mineral Claim, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Chemainus District.

Where located: On Mount Sicker.

Take notice that Margaret Manley Melrose, Free Miner's Certificate No. 93588, and William Vanstone, Free Miner's Certificate No. B79437, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 15th day of June, A.D., 1903.

MARGARET MANLEY MELROSE.
Per Robt. H. Swinerton, Agent.
WILLIAM VANSTONE.
Per Robt. H. Swinerton, Agent.

THE COMMISSION NOW PREPARING REPORT

Sittings in the Interior Have Been Abandoned in Order to Give Findings to Parliament.

The royal commission appointed to inquire into the causes of strikes in this province have concluded their sittings, unless it is found necessary in order to fill in the evidence to have short sessions later on in this city and in Vancouver. The commission, consisting of Chief Justice Hunter and Rev. Dr. Elliott S. Rowe, are working with the deputy minister of labor W. L. Mackenzie King, and the official stenographer, in the preparation of the report. An attempt is being made to have it completed before the end of the month so that the report may be presented to the House before the session closes.

There are about 2,000 pages of typewritten evidence to submit. The commission are carefully going through this mass of information and preparing a comprehensive report. In order to get the report ready for the present session of the Dominion parliament, the sittings in the upper country have been abandoned. It was considered wiser to curtail this in order to bring the question before parliament a year sooner than would otherwise be the case.

The ground has been well covered with respect to the causes of strikes by the sittings held on the Coast. At Vancouver the labors of the commission was to a very great extent shortened by the submission of important official correspondence by both sides. This did away with the necessity for bringing out all this information by evidence and the consequent prolongation of the sittings.

The labors of the commission are already showing fruit. The settlement of the U. B. R. E. is now clearly in sight, and already many of the men, it is said, are going back to work. Before final ratification of the contract entered into can be made the terms have to be submitted to the local unions concerned.

The original agreement entered into between the officials of the railroad company and the representatives of the men is said to have been handed over to Deputy Minister King, who will hold it as a safeguard in case of any attempt upon the part of either side to deviate from its terms. In the amicable settlement of this trouble the royal commission came in happily as the conciliation board by which the agreement was reached by both parties to the strike.

Fully 2,500 Bulgarian refugees have arrived in the Burgas district from Pirogu, Kull, Kovatchiaz, and the neighboring villages. They report that a reign of terror exists in the vilayet of Adrianople. Turkish regulars and Bashi-Bozouks are said to be pilaging the whole region, under the pretext of searching for arms, and are arresting and maltreating the residents of the countryside.

There are two words in the English language containing all the vowels in their regular order. They are abstemious and facetious.