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SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

What the Busy "Lorne" Is Doing—The "Empress of China" Sails Outward.

The Canadian-Australian Liner "Miowera's" Plans for Her Next Outward Voyage.

A particularly large number of passengers for the Orient went out on the C. P. R. steamship Empress of China last evening. Several persons who secured passage on board the steamer embarked here. Among them were several missionaries who have been making a short stay at the Dallas hotel. Embarking here also were 30 odd Chinamen and several Japs. A big miscellaneous freight comprised the cargo.

THE BUSY "LORNE."

The tug Lorne, Capt. Brown, has had no leisure time lately. Yesterday she came in from the Cape and immediately received orders to tow to Vancouver the Norwegian bark Prince Louis, which arrived in Royal Roads one day last week, being the second of the fleet of the six "Princes" coming to British Columbia for lumber cargoes and which, as previously stated, load at the Hastings mill. After dropping her tow the Lorne next proceeds to Departure Bay for the coal hulk Robert Kerr to take to Vancouver. She next comes down to Victoria for the barks Shakespeare and Arcturus. The former bark has just finished discharging English cargo at the outer wharf, and is going to Vancouver for lumber cargo for South Africa. The latter bark is not going so far, as her destination is Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, where she loads lumber on Robert Ward & Co.'s account for Santa Rosalie. She was towed in from sea by the American tug Pioneer. The latter made fast to the outer wharf shortly after midday.

THE "MIOWERA'S" OUTWARD TRIP.

On Friday or Saturday next—it is uncertain which—the R. M. S. Miowera will be given dispatch for the Southern Pacific. Whether or not she will land at Honolulu is still doubtful. According to present intentions, it is understood, she will call there, but instead of docking will discharge freight and passengers into a lighter. This will involve a special freight rate to shippers, and will tend to limit the vessel's cargo. On this account some 500 barrels of Roche Harbor lime which arrived here on Saturday evening were yesterday taken back. Notwithstanding this, however, it is said that the Miowera will have full cargo going out.

THE "DANUBE" RETURNS.

The largest shipment of salmon that has yet reached Victoria this season came down from the Northern canneries on the steamship Danube yesterday evening. The shipment consisted of 21,108 cases, divided thus: 2,050 cases from Rivers Inlet Canning Co.; 1,500 cases from Alert Bay Canning Co.; 3,000 cases from Mill Bay cannery; 11,007 cases from Naas Harbor cannery; 1,500 cases from Balmoral cannery; 51 cases from Windsor cannery; and 2,000 cases from Lowe Inlet Packing Co. A large number of cannery operatives also came down on the Danube. On the way down the steamers Princess Louise, Barbara Boscowitz and Al-Ki were passed, all bound north.

RETURNS FROM THE COAST.

There were no mining men among the passengers of the steamer Maude, which arrived from the coast yesterday morning. The steamer's passenger list was as follows: Rev. Father Menlesman, H. G. Walker, Rev. Mr. Hicks, A. Rennie, Mrs. Woods and family, and Messrs. McKenzie and Smith. The Maude on this trip experienced the first southwester since last winter. While on the coast it rained very hard at times and the weather seemed considerably broken up. Captain Roberts brought back some samples of gold ore from Alberni for Mr. Henry Saunders. He reports great excitement prevailing at some of the mines, but brings no special news.

MARINE NOTES.

The Northern Pacific steamship Tacoma, en route to the Orient, arrived here from the Sound yesterday morning, bringing home J. E. Macrae and bride. In honor of the two passengers the steamer was gaily decked out with colors, Mr. Macrae being the local agent of the steamship company. The steamship, which sailed outwards at 6 o'clock last evening, carried from Victoria about 30 tons of freight and about the usual number of Chinese passengers. She received at Tacoma a variety of cargo, the largest shipment being flour. She took out as saloon passengers Dr. J. Anderson, Charles G. Lewis, Edward Chapman and William Shantz, missionaries, and J. H. Johnson. She also had 43 Chinese passengers, nearly all of whom are being deported under the Geary law.

The new lighthouse on Prevost island will not be taken over by the Dominion Government until towards the end of the week as it is yet incomplete. The steamer Quadra which returned from there on Saturday evening spent yesterday at Race Rocks.

Steamer Coquitlam arrived from Haddington Island on Sunday with a load of stone.

The following passengers are ticketed to leave here for San Francisco on the steamship City of Puebla this evening: Mrs. Loutz and children, John Barr and wife, Miss M. Smith, Miss Loutz, Mrs. Clausen, Miss E. Hibben, C. Tolson and wife, Mrs. K. Grimmon, Miss Grimmon, E. Taylor, A. Taylor, B. H. Love, and P. Van Arsdale.

Steamer Walla Walla, from San Francisco, arrived in port last night with a good freight but small number of passengers.

The Dominion steamer Quadra returned from the Prevost island lighthouse yesterday evening.

"That dog is pretty well bred, ain't he?" asked the man leaning over the division fence.

"Well bred?" echoed the dog's owner, "I should say he is well bred. Why, that dog won't eat his meals unless he's got his collar on."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mrs. Newwed—What are those cards in your secretary, dear?

Newwed—Pigeon holes.

Mrs. Newwed—Ah, I've heard about the pigeon pies you used to serve in your bachelor apartments.—New York World.

A LIFE SAVING MEDICINE.

I was attacked severely last winter with Diarrhœa, Cramps and Colic and thought I was going to die, but fortunately I tried Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and now I can thank this excellent remedy for saving my life.

MRS. S. KELLETT, Minden, Ont.

CHILDREN CRY FOR IT.

I certify that there is nothing near as good as Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. My children used to cry for it. Our storekeeper keeps it on hand, and it sells like hot cakes.

MRS. PETER MURRAY, Devizes P. O., Ont.

THE CITY.

JOHN SMITH was yesterday sent to jail for 21 days, on conviction for drunkenness.

THE Victoria police have been advised to keep a sharp look-out for George Van Gulpin, a "labor-leader" and municipal office-seeker of San Francisco, who lately defaulted with almost $1,600 of the funds entrusted to his care. He is believed to have come this way.

SPECIAL services of song were held Sunday evening in the Metropolitan Methodist, First Presbyterian and Emmanuel Baptist churches, at each of which there was a large and interested congregation. At Christ Church cathedral Mr. George Pauline gave a much appreciated recital on the organ.

CONSTABLE ANDERSON saved an Indian named James Casey from drowning yesterday morning about 4 o'clock. Casey fell into the water from the C. P. N. wharf, but luckily the constable heard him yell and went to the rescue. The rescuer fared the worst, for he lost his overcoat while rescuing Casey.

PETTY thieving is said to be again epidemic in the business portion of the city. Complaint has been made to the police that a suit of clothes was stolen by a sneak thief from a room in the Empire house, Johnson street, and on Saturday night Furnival's auction mart was entered and several suits of clothing and other articles stolen.

THE band of the B C B G A. gave a much appreciated programme of music, both sacred and classical, at Beacon Hill Park on Sunday afternoon. As chill October is now close at hand, and the concerts must of necessity soon be abandoned in deference to the ruilings of the weather clerk, a more than usually large crowd was in attendance.

MR A. H. MAYNARD, of the local society of spiritualists, conducted the services in connection with the interment of the mortal remains of Mrs. Alexander Turner on Sunday afternoon last. The burial was at Ross Bay Cemetery, and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Simeon Duck, W. Andean, T. Cavin, J. Blackburn, J. Dean and O. C. Hastings.

SPECIAL Constable Anderson is back from Kamloops, where he went in charge of the following old men, who were going to the Provincial Home: Michael Canfill, Alex. McLean, C. Blayney, James Dooley, J. Dougan, Henry Quittenden, Richard Copeland, R. D. Pitt, James McPhadden, James Wilson, Denny Sullivan, Wm. Gilmore, Thomas Fish, Jacques Sandel and David Murray.

A MEETING was held yesterday forenoon of some twenty-five milkmen who live outside the city limits, to consider Ald. Williams' proposition to make non-resident milk vendors pay a license for selling in the city. It was decided to ask Ald Williams to lay over for two weeks his notice of motion that was to come before the city council on the subject. The general feeling seemed to be that those present would not object to pay a $25 license if milkmen resident in the city had to pay the same, but otherwise they objected.

THE Presbyterian congregation of East Fernwood turned out in large numbers last evening at a special meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria, convened for the purpose of ordaining Rev. J. C. Forster, the new pastor of St. Columba's, Knox and Cedar Hill churches. The services were very interesting and more than ordinarily impressive. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, minister of St. Andrews, presided and the sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions. Rev. Dr. Campbell addressed the new minister and Rev. D. MacRae, the congregation.

THERE was almost a larger attendance at the concert and dance given under the auspices of the Daughters of St. George in the A.O.U.W hall last evening than could be comfortably accommodated, nevertheless all remained and seemed to enjoy themselves. The programme published in the COLONIST a day or so ago was carried out as published except that little Edgar Fawcett, who was down for a violin solo did dot appear. The concert was given under the management of Mrs. E. Lang with Mr. E. A. Wolff as musical director and its merit was deserving of the large crowd who heard it. The dance which followed and for which the Bantly family orchestra furnished the music brought the evening's entertainment to a pleasant conclusion.

SPRING Ridge is excited over a sensation which culminated on Friday night in an elopement that is now the talk of the neighborhood. The principals in the affair are both married, the man leaving behind him a wife and child, and the woman deserting her husband, but taking her little four-year-old girl with her. It was the deserted husband who last evening reported the matter to the police, whose assistance he sought to regain his child. The wife and mother, he says, can go her own course. On the other hand the deserted wife is receiving the sympathy and assistance of friends; her husband before his departure having closed up his business and converted his Victoria property into cash, which he took with him. Nothing definite is known of the whereabouts of the pair, but it is thought they took steamer here on Saturday for Seattle.

ON Sunday the United Service lodge of Freemasons, at Esquimalt, attended divine service at St. Paul's church. The lodge turned out in strength, and the muster was increased by the presence of visiting Freemasons from Victoria. At the church the lodge was met by his Lordship Bishop Perrin, who had kindly come on purpose to address his brother Masons, by the chaplain of United Service lodge, and the choir of the church. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, who pressed home the truth that thoroughness and a high ideal have always been the marks of true Masonry, and urged his brother Masons always to cherish these in connection with the church with which for nearly 1,000 years Freemasonry has been so closely connected. After the service a collection was made for the Protestant Orphans' Home amounting to $15.

THE Oriental liner Tacoma, when she called here on her way outward, had on board a party of eight or ten Chinese, some of them coming from as far east as Buffalo, N.Y. Wong Si Quong was one of the contingent homeward bound against their wish and will, but with the cuteness for which the heathen Chinee is peculiar, Wong and his friends succeeded in defeating the order of deportation for a time at least. An information was laid by Lim Yen, charging the members of the Wong clan with having stolen a suit of clothes in August last. A warrant was issued; the necessary $50 was deposited with the customs authorities by the prosecution, and Quong was removed from the steamer to the city lockup. No one appeared to prosecute when the case was called in yesterday's police court, and remand until to-day was ordered—the accused being released on bail. It is now found that the information is defective and the canny Chinaman will probably be set free to-day.

THE SHOW.

To-Day the Nineteenth Annual Agricultural Exhibition Will Be Open to the Public.

A Third More Entries This Year—All Departments Well Filled—Keen Competition.

Since Saturday the interior of the exhibition buildings has undergone a wonderful transformation. Out of an apparent mass of confusion, energetic and intelligent work has evolved order, though not till this forenoon will the finishing touches be given to the exhibits and everything be in readiness for the formal opening. If any person had an impression that the show would in quality or quantity be inferior to last year a glance at the entry list would soon dispel any such idea. With the exception of a few departments the exhibits are far more numerous than at the last exhibition—quite one third more. Cattle, sheep and swine are far in advance of any former year in point of numbers. All the stalls for horses are taken up, though perhaps there are not quite so many animals entered.

There will be no poultry show this year, the house usually devoted to them being used for grains, vegetables, field and dairy produce. This particular place will be one of the most attractive and interesting of the whole show, for here it is that the travelling dairy, under the charge of Mr. J. A. Ruddick, of the Dominion dairy commissioner's department, and his assistant Mr. C. Marker, will practically demonstrate the making of butter and the testing of milk. From 9 30 to 10 in the forenoon and 1 30 to 2 in the afternoon the cream separator will be operated; from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. the churn and butter-maker will be running; and from 11 to 12 m. and 3 to 4 p.m. there will be milk testing. Practical advice on dairying will be given by the gentlemen in charge and Prof. James W. Robertson, dairy commissioner, who arrives in town on Wednesday, is also to give addresses. Dairymen and farmers are invited to bring small samples of milk to be tested, and in a real, live, practical way the whole operation of making butter will be shown.

As last year the lower floor of the main building is principally devoted to manufactures and a very fine display they will make. New ideas have been introduced and though few of the exhibits had been completed yesterday the general effect gave promise of success.

In the carriage and agricultural implement hall there are a good number of entries and the space is all well taken up.

The ladies' department, under the management of the Local Women's Council, is so large that the exhibits have overflowed the large space set aside for them.

Flowers, always one of the great attractions at the fair, will prove particularly so this time, for the display is larger and the plants are set out to better advantage, as more space has been given to this branch. Fruit is exceptionally fine and larger than ever, there being no less than 260 entries in apples and pears alone.

The art department is smaller than it was on the last occasion, but it presents a very pretty appearance. It is one of the few departments that was complete last night. Mr. Rene Quentin, under whose superintendence the department is conducted, has made the most of the pictures and art objects, placing them so that they could be seen to the best advantage.

The school children's show will certainly secure a large share of attention. The excellent map drawing in the competition for pupils in the various schools is uniformly good, and, besides well executed; all the work looks neatly and carefully done.

The restaurant and lunch counter are under Mrs. W. J. Dwyer this year, so that people can procure their meals on the grounds. Mrs. Wilkins manages a light refreshment tent, which is certain to be well patronized. Aunt Sally and the usual side shows for the youngsters are as much in evidence as ever.

The exhibition will be open to the public at noon to-day, the programme for the day being:

2 p.m. Formal opening of the exhibition by Hon. Col. Baker, acting premier of B.C.

8 p.m. Dancing in the pavilion.

An additional attraction for to-day is a polo match, which starts between 4 and 5 o'clock on the driving park grounds.

Horsemen are gathering for the race meet, opening on Thursday. At least 25 horses will take part.

The experimental farm, Agassiz, which under the able management of Mr. T. A. Sharpe has provided practical object lessons for the farmers of the province, will show 91 varieties of apples, some thirty varieties of plums, besides pears and peaches.

The committee appointed by the Fruit Growers' Association to label the fruit on exhibition with the correct names of the different varieties, is this year composed of Messrs. G. W. Henry, Maple Ridge; A. H. B. Macgowan, Vancouver; T. A Sharpe, Agassiz, and R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, Victoria.

The Westminster steamer brought down last night a large number of exhibits from the Mainland, mostly fruit and other farm produce, from Westminster and the Lower Fraser.

So far as completed yesterday the following is the

PRIZE LIST.

Business penmanship—1, C. F. Moore; 2, George Chan, North Ward school.

Business penmanship, boys or girls—1, Victoria Douglass, North Ward school; 2, Ethel Young, Victoria West.

High school—Map drawing, Elsie Cartmel; writing, Bibianne Moore.

Public schools—Map drawing, first division, Roberta Reid, Victoria West; second division, Florence Williams, North Ward; third division, Edith H. Bamford, South Park; fourth division, Jennie C. McDonald, North Ward; fifth division, Choo Loy Jong, North Ward.

Public schools, writing—First divison, Harriet McKay, South Park; second division, Florence Amy Carter, Girls' Central; third division, Henrietta C. Batchelor, North Ward; fourth division, Beatrice Berryman, Girls' Central; fifth division, Myrtle O. Jones, Girls' Central; sixth division, Edna Rendall, Spring Ridge.

Special school exhibit—South Park school, diploma.

Entries for the horse races close to-night and must be accompanied by full amount of entry money.

THE Stronachville assault of a week ago, which it was feared would result in the death of West Coast Willie, will be officially inquired into in the city police court this morning, the victim of the fracas having under the care of the hospital doctors recovered sufficiently to attend and give his evidence. Andrew Miller, the caretaker of the Phœnix cabins, who is charged with the assault, claims that he acted entirely in self-defence.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

All Tenders for Civic Supplies to Be Dealt With Publicly in Future.

View Street Paving to Go On—The Oaklands Fire Hall—The Legal Advisers.

At the regular weekly council meeting last evening there were present Mayor Teague, presiding, and Ald. Cameron, Bragg, Williams, Wilson, Macmillan and Humphrey.

ALD. BRAGG, rising to a question of privilege, called attention to a letter from Ald. Macmillan which appeared in the COLONIST last week in connection with the sewer pipe contract, and which he said not only bristled with figures which were not in accordance with the facts, but used only the weak argument, "you're another," in making reflections upon other aldermen. He thought that if any member of the board had any criticism of another to make, he should express himself at the meetings of the board and not first rush into print. He contended that so far at least as the electric light committee, of which he is chairman, is concerned, the argument "you're another" does not apply.

ALD MACMILLAN argued at length that Ald. Bragg's committee had done as alleged in his letter.

An invitation to attend at the opening of the exhibition to-day was accepted, the Mayor remarking, "You get your tickets at the wicket, before you go in, gentlemen." An application that the annual grant to the exhibition association should be forthwith mailed to the treasurer, was referred to the finance committee, Ald. Cameron declaring that the corporation is not, so far as he is aware, committed to the grant.

Mrs. Mary Hooper, Lansdowne road, applied for exemption from taxation on her property if, as she believed, people over 60 are exempt. She will be informed that the exemption does not apply to real estate.

Eberts & Taylor, city solicitors, wrote reporting the receipt of demands from Thornton Fell for $160 for costs in four assessment appeals in which he had appeared on behalf of appellants; and from Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, who appeared for Senator Macdonald, for $40. Referred to finance committee.

The city assessor reported on the street paving assessments, as follows:

	No.	Assessment.
Broad Street—		
Against the assessment	10	$ 229,680
Non-petitioners	6	114,215
Fort Street—		
Against the assessment	9	211,905
Non-petitioners	4	73,235
Yates Street—		
Against the assessment	29	637,000
Non-petitioners	7	124,660
Government Street—		
Against the assessment	33	1,045,870
Non-petitioners	7	147,785
View Street—		
Against the assessment	4	82,350
Non petitioners	2	86,200

He stated that, as will be seen from the above, the assessment has been defeated in every case except that of View street.

ALD WILLIAMS moved that the work of block-paving View street be proceeded with. He thought a good opportunity would thus be presented to make a test of block pavement, and stated that if this street be paved he will have the blocks extended across Broad street, to his building, which faces View.

After Ald. Macmillan and Bragg had spoken in its favor the motion was adopted.

Electric light superintendent Hutchison reported that as the light desired at the corner of Beta and Alpha streets would be on the Victoria West circuit, which is already fully loaded, it cannot be placed. He also reported that a spare armature is required; and he advised that a quantity of old material be sold. Referred to committee.

H. Fairall wrote complaining that the E. & N. railroad occupies a street in Victoria West, to the exclusion of vehicular traffic; and W. J. Ledingham wrote with reference to the same matter that the railway people had told him, when a member of the council, that the road is closed for safety only, and will be opened when required. Referred to streets committee and city barristers.

Tenders for police clothing were received, from J. W. Creighton, W. D. Kinnaird, Wm. Stewart and Thomas & Grant, each enclosing a variety of samples with prices attached. There were two tenders for boots—H. Mansell at $6, and Geo. H. Maynard at $5½. Referred to committee to award.

A petition received in response to the invitation for tenders for printing was read. This asked that the work be divided amongst the several printing offices in the city, and stated the prices at which it would be done. Referred to the printing committee.

C. E. King and twelve other dairymen wrote requesting the council to postpone action on the dairymen's by-law for two weeks, while they look into the matter. Request granted.

A petition from residents of Oaklands asking that the Mewburn site on the Lansdowne road be chosen for the proposed fire hall, was received and tabled.

Several routine reports from committees were received and adopted. A report from the finance committee recommending that the claim of Rev. T. W. Glover for compensation for being struck by a street car in Victoria West, be not entertained, was also adopted.

The fire wardens reported amongst other things that the tender of F. C. Holden for five miles of copper wire has been accepted.

The market committee in their report stated that the bill for light for the Salvation Army food and shelter home in the city market building was for August $28 85, and that it would certainly increase during the winter months. They objected to having this charged against the market. It was decided that the Army be informed that they must pay for the lighting in future.

A report from the streets committee declared that in the matter of Tom Kains' letters with reference to the lane between Menzies and Lewis streets the city barristers see no occasion for the city to interfere. They did not recommend the construction of a six-foot cement sidewalk on Pandora street, the city to contribute 7½ cents per square foot, there being no funds for the purpose. This last matter was referred back for further consideration.

With reference to the proposed Oaklands fire hall the committee recommended that as the money would come out of the streets appropriation it would be better to lay a four-foot sidewalk, and to send out a hose reel if any resident will house it. After a long discussion the matter was laid over for a week on the deciding vote of the Mayor, the other "ayes" being Ald. Wilson, Bragg and Williams. The point in dispute is whether the money available shall be laid out for a proper shed to house the reel, or for a sidewalk.

ALD. BRAGG moved that in future whenever tenders are called for for a supply of material they shall be laid before the city council before any contract in excess of $50 is awarded. His idea was, he said, to prevent a repetition of the sewer pipe contract affair, that being claimed to be according to the present rule. At Ald. Macmillan's suggestion the resolution was amended to read: "That for all purchases of material for city purposes exceeding $50, tenders be called in a local daily and such tenders be opened before the council." This was adopted unanimously, though Ald. Bragg expressed himself as not sure that the change was an improvement, as in some instances the plan might not work well.

ALD BRAGG moved that the city engineer be asked to report upon the best manner of safe-guarding against accident because of the open water course on the Lansdowne road. Carried.

ALD WILSON inquired why the gentleman chosen as city solicitor some weeks ago has not yet entered upon his duties.

THE MAYOR said the hitch occurred because of the desire to lay down a hard and fast rule as to the duties of the office.

ALD CAMERON called the attention of the Mayor, as a police commissioner, to the fact that some persons have been sticking posters on the electric light poles—for instance on the street leading to the park.

The council adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y.M.C.A. hall and parlor was crowded last night by the members and friends of the association—a great contrast indeed to the small, discouraged meeting held just twelve months since. W. H. Bone, president, occupied the chair. An unusually long list of committee reports was read, detailing the work which had been intrusted to their care, all of which were very satisfactory and showed earnest, aggressive work.

The following were the reports: President's, W. H. Born; treasurer, Dr. S. G Clemence; general secretary, George Carter; invitation, Ernest Whittington; cabin work, F. Allett; music, A. Wheeler; rooms committee, H. Siddall; women's auxiliary, Mrs. Jenkins; entertainment, A. Lee; lacrosse, G. E G. Brown; football, A. Lee; rowing, C. Wrigglesworth; gymnasium, Herbert Roper, and social, W. Bell.

Vocal solos were rendered during the evening by Mr. A. Wheeler and Mr. R. Spice. The treasurer's report showed an income of $2,609 69 with an expenditure of $2,609 19, leaving a balance in hand of fifty cents after paying all liabilities on current expenses to September 1, and reducing the old debt from $590 05 to $342 95.

A large increase was reported in membership nearly 200 having joined during the year.

The women's auxiliary reported having reduced their old debt some $50 leaving them only a small sum to raise to clear them of debt. The general secretary in his report thanked the press of the city for the uniform kindness received from them in the furtherance of the association's work.

At the close of the reports Mrs. Jenkins, assisted by Mr. Carter, presented the prizes to the successful contestants in last Saturday's regatta, the names of whom were published in Sunday's COLONIST.

The election of the board of directors was next taken up and the following were duly elected by ballot: W. H. Bone, Dr. Ernest Hall, F. Davey, J. Hastie, A. Lee, H. Siddall, A. B. McNeil, D. McMillan, W. J. White, Herbert Roper, J. T. Bethune and A. J. Pineo.

The rooms committee of the Women's Auxiliary had tastily decorated the platform with cut flowers, and at the close of the meeting served coffee, cake and sandwiches. The new board meet on Friday evening to elect officers for the ensuing year.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

THE WHEEL.

THE VISITORS DEPART.

The last of the cycling visitors who were here for the championship race meeting—that is, all save Ecary, of Seattle, who will spend a week or more with Victoria friends—left for home yesterday. One and all express the same genuine and hearty satisfaction at the success of the meeting and with the entertainment by the local club. On Sunday the visitors were taken on a club run in which the lady wheelers participated, and afterwards the party was grouped and photographed by Mr. M. C. Reynard—honorary photographer to the club. With the championship meeting the racing season in Victoria is practically brought to a close, though a club meet may possibly be given in a month or so if the weather holds good, and the V.W.C. will be represented at the Nanaimo, Westminster and Vancouver races. A road race is also on the tapis from the city to Sidney, everyone to start from scratch. It is expected that eight or ten local flyers will participate, and Mr. T. W. Patterson, of the V. & S. has promised a valuable first prize.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Itinerary of One of the Party of Merchants Travelling in the Kootenay.

The Trip Bids Fair to be Successful From a Business Point of View.

(Written for the COLONIST.)

NELSON, Sept. 12.—After a ramble through Vancouver we left at 2 10 p.m. on September 8, all well, arriving at Revelstoke at 9 o'clock next morning. The high-water mark of the Fraser at the last flood was pointed out by the train hands and was greatly wondered at. A few of the party were seen to look down the steep embankments of the Fraser and admire the rushing waters, others were seen to look away—they could not look down, the Vancouver water had been a little too much for them. What threatened to be a very serious difficulty was happily overcome on the way up. The secretary had not furnished himself with any cash, expecting to pay all accounts by cheque. The dining-car conductor refused the checque, but afterwards consented to accept the same if endorsed by Mr. E. G. Prior, M.P. Mr. Cassidy remarked that the cheque would hardly then be in order as according to law, the endorsement should be subsequent, but in this case it would be Prior.

The newly formed board of trade of Revelstoke interviewed our party at a hastily called meeting and set forth one or two grievances which they would like the B. C. board to lend their aid towards obviating. A new bridge is to be built here and the citizens request a draw in it to allow steamers to go up the Columbia to the fast developing and rich Big Bend country. The other grievance stated was the fact of the C.P.R running a store car through the section and selling goods at a cheaper rate than the storekeepers could afford to sell. Our members gave a little advice as to the channel and manner of forwarding their petition re these grievances and promised to do all in their power to assist them. We left Revelstoke at 7 p m. on the same day, passed Nakusp at 1 a.m., arrived at Robson at 11:30 a.m, left Robson at 3:13 p.m. and arrived at Trail at 4:45 p.m.

The trip down the river and through the lake on the magnificent steamer Nakusp was a pleasure long to be remembered and the sight that met our view at Trail was an eye opener—numbers of six horse wagons discharging their loads of ore, packhorses, stage wagons and dozens of men hanging around. We left Trail at 5 p.m. for the great city of Rossland, some on horseback, some on the stage wagon. Uncle Billy (Brown) having joined the party at Robson he formed the most conspicuous figure on the stage, and his fine tenor voice enlivened the mining camp on the way. Needless to say he is the life of the party—to say nothing of the spirit. We arrived at Rossland at 7 p.m., on the "dead jump," singing a rattling chorus, all the town coming down to see us. It is impossible to attempt a description of the town in this short and hurried article, but if the reader can picture a sea of mountains, and on one of these innumerable wooden, unpainted houses, shacks, cabins, etc., just as if they had been dropped from the skies, and dotted on the outskirts with tents of all descriptions, and with hundreds of men standing on street corners and through the streets with apparently nothing to do, a slight idea may be formed of the wildness of the scene.

The best of accommodation was obtained, and a grand ball given on the evening of our arrival tended to enliven the proceedings and put us in good humor with the world. The following day excursions were made to the principal mines—the War Eagle, Le Roi, Josie, Cliff, etc., and a most enjoyable morning spent. The regret at the non-attendance of a photographer was universal. Especially good would have been the picture of Col. Prior and Mr. Cassidy descending the shaft of the Le Roi mine in old overalls, slouch hats, and both crushed together in a large dirty iron dipper. It was regretted that the admiration of the two latter gentlemen for Rossland kept them so long in leaving, that they missed the steamer at Trail and had to ride to Northport and joined us 12th inst. at Nelson. We arrived at Trail at 3:50 p.m., and left Trail at 4:30 p.m. on the Nakusp. After a grand trip up the Columbia against the rushing tide and stemming the roaring rapids we arrived in Robson at 7:30 p.m. Mr. E. V. Bodwell joined the party here. We left Robson on the train at 9 p.m., and after one or two mishaps, one of which might have been quite serious, we arrived at Nelson at 12 noon. I will relate our mishap: Uncle Billy, E. B. Marvin and another gentleman were enjoying a quiet smoke in the smoker, when all of a sudden a car of lumber immediately preceding the smoker undertook to enter this car without any intimation or warning. The end of the smoker through which the lumber entered presented a very wrecked appearance, and the hurried exit of Uncle Billy and Mr. Marvin was something quite worth remembering.

Taking it from a business point of view the trip bids fair to be entirely successful; the big members have secured very good orders in every town so far and are more than pleased at the manner in which the merchants have met them. Their desire is to trade with Victoria and the coast, and it is quite apparent that with proper looking after the bulk of the trade of this country can be made profitable and can be controlled from the coast. Present arrangements make the party due in Victoria on Friday evening.

The "Christian Era" was suggested or devised by Dionysius Exiguus, a Roman monk, who, in 527, began its use and proposed that all public and private documents should be dated "In the year of our Lord." It did not come into general use in France until the eighth century, nor in England until July, 816; in Spain it was not adopted until the eleventh century; in Portugal it was made legal in 1415; in the Empire of the East it was established by royal edict in 1453, a few weeks before the fall of Constantinople.