Beacon Hill Park.

Ratepayers of Victoria:

City Council is about to ask you to consent by vote, to a by-law for the use of setting apart $25,000 for improvement of our public park. Being on this we ought first to ask the question—Is such an outlay necessary to the health and comfort of the community at the present time? To which the reply from every sense person would be—*not essentially necessary.* The next question would naturally follow would be, Is it most necessary and highly essential to health and comfort, add to the comfort of the city? To which, no doubt the emphatic reply would be, a system of sewerage and a plentiful supply of water to all. If such, also, is the public opinion, (and I believe it is), and every ratepayer set his and strongly and steadily against applying one dollar for any purpose until we have our sewerage and water supply placed in a satisfactory manner.

A park will do very well as it is for us, although a small sum, from the revenues might be expended, year after year in making a beautiful wide drive through the park close to its boundaries. A judicious planting might be done on the side of the road on the east side, and other sheltered spots. A thousand dollars a year for ten years would do it this way. If artificial grass and flowers are to be tried gardeners are to be hired and water laid everywhere, and expensive ones into which we cannot afford to put. Some of the arguments used in council in support of the park bylaw are simply childish. One councillors said "that the more men employed on works of that kind the better for the place." This is a mistaken idea of the trust imposed in the council, and the uses to be made of the people's money, which are not levied and paid to work idle men, but for the good of the improvement of the city, though men must be employed to finish these objects, yet their employment is a secondary and not a primary consideration.

In the unmistakable tone of the times we see that the public funds are to be applied to the purposes for which they are intended, and not to sentimental purposes.

In conclusion I advise each and every one to vote against the $25,000 park.

Let us first have sewerage and then the ornamental.

RATEPAYER.

An Artistic Poker.

[illegible] York, Special Telegram, Aug. [illegible] stories floating concerning the young priest, Wade [illegible] who has just left Brooklyn [illegible] is said to be the [illegible] priest of the South Brooklyn [illegible] which he was [illegible] over the occasion. Those who are in a position to know say that Father Hand is responsible for the [illegible] of the young priest. Father [illegible] is one of those priests who are to be met only in the novels of Charles [illegible]. He is present at almost every [illegible] race at Brighton Beach. He is a [illegible] of the noble game of poker, [illegible] of whisky, tell and handle [illegible] men talk about [illegible] as a sport. This priest took the [illegible] priest under his patronage. [illegible] was never a piece of strong [illegible] or morals, and his companion [illegible] It is [illegible] that [illegible] in Canada, [illegible] the man his mother is almost [illegible]

[illegible] the Affect of Him.

[illegible] you would die for me,

[illegible] for you! Yes, a thousand deaths. [illegible] are a noble man, George.

[illegible] darling, you don't know me yet. [illegible] dearest, I do not wish you to [illegible] me, but I will tell you what you [illegible] for me to show your affection."

[illegible] is it my darling? Shall I pluck [illegible] from the cerulean dome? Shall [illegible] the sea, hat hat cease to flow, or [illegible] wills it? Shall I, sell you bright [illegible] constant moon that is glinting [illegible] hope with her light that she must [illegible] on thy face long roughly—ha!

[illegible] George, no," she smiling said, [illegible] not wish you to attempt such impossibilities. All I ask of you is this—[illegible] my darling, [illegible]

[illegible] I ask of you is this—don't call [illegible]

Boston Courier.

Getting Her Wrinkled Up.

[illegible]

"Not [illegible] Nice-[illegible]

Hush, I implore you. I had no [illegible] you were going to ask such a question. [illegible] shall never marry.

[illegible] You love another.

[illegible] love no one."

[illegible] "there is [illegible] for me to do but go back to my [illegible] Miss Peache."

[illegible] Peache! Oh, how the detest [illegible] girl."

[illegible] is the loveliest and most beautiful, [illegible]

[illegible] I will be your wife."

Magistrate Bayonetted.

[illegible] Aug. 16.—Occasional shots [illegible] throughout the day and evening. [illegible] from Queen's island, while marching, sang "No home rule for Ireland." [illegible] the Catholics." The mill[illegible] the mob, [illegible] Burke, who was assisting a [illegible] rioter. Burke was in plain clothes [illegible] consequently was taken [illegible]

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MARRIED.

[illegible] City, on the 19th instant, by the Rev. [illegible] Rocker to Miss Jessie [illegible]

[illegible] house, Monday evening, August 16, [illegible] at the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. [illegible] Meilli, Cornelius Gilman, of Ohio, late editor of "Life," to Miss Ella Ewing, New York City, and the present editor of "Life." [illegible] Gilman, the bridegroom, is a cousin of Mr. Hofer, grandfather of Hon. Alex Fraser, late Premier of this place, and of Mr. Fraser, [illegible]

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NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, ALBERNI, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COWICHAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, August 18.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Extends Its Operations to California.

Handling Through Freight from San Francisco.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 17.—Geo. Olds, general traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, is now in this city on matters of business pertaining to his road. In response to enquiries he stated that though the charter of the Canadian Pacific prohibited the company from entering into any pool within the Dominion, there was nothing stated regarding any combination with roads outside of the Dominion. He says that although the Canadian Pacific is not seeking to enter into any pooling arrangement with southern roads it is yet endeavoring to extend its operations as far as possible by making every available connection that would attract traffic over its route. A contract has already been made with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to handle the business of the Canadian Pacific between here and Vancouver, B. C., and the new steamer which leaves here for British Columbia will probably be announced as the first courier of direct connection between San Francisco and the Canadian Pacific. Steamers will be run thereafter as often as traffic will justify. Mr. Olds intends to establish an agency of the Canadian Pacific here, and will appoint as general agent some person in this city who is well acquainted with business people and railroad matters. He intends to remain here about a week and will then return to Montreal via Sante Fe route.

Personal.

Rev. Dr. Roy and Rev. T. Somerville have gone east; the one to his rectorate at Cobourg, Ont., and the other *en route* to his home at Glasgow, Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Young arrived down from the mainland by the steamer R. P. Rithet yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke, of Oshawa, Ont., who have been enjoying a visit to this coast, came over from the mainland by the steamer R. P. Rithet yesterday.

Mr. R. Cunningham, of the Skeena River Packing Co., and Mrs. Dempster were passengers by the steamer Boscowitz yesterday from the north.

Rev. W. W. Percival and Mr. G B. Wright, Capt. G. A. Ainsworth, M. Lenz, and Rev. Mr. O'Riley were passengers by the steamer North Pacific yesterday from the Sound.

At the Driard: Mrs. W. S. Gilman and daughter, Miss Gilman, Chas. W. Gilman, T. P. Gilman; W. Boston, New York; T. Rooney, Calgary; Mrs. Chureas, Louis Cuvreas Lytton; Wm. Guttan, H. P. Bell, Cowichan; T. C. Scollan, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Mr. F. R. Sargison, of the B. C. rifle team left by the Yosemite this morning to join the team at New Westminster *en route* for New Westminster.

Mr. N. Shakespeare, M. P. and Capt. Urquhart were among the arrivals from Vancouver last night.

Capt. O'Brien, of the ship Alden Besse, arrived in the city yesterday from Tacoma, where the ship is loading.

Mr. T. Mowatt, deputy inspector of marine and fisheries, is in the city.

Heavy Suit Against the N. P. R. R. Company.

On Wednesday a complaint was filed with the clerk of the District court in this city, which institutes suit against the Northern Pacific Railroad company for the sum of $18,824, in favor of Captain Albert Whyte, of this place. It seems that the Captain was the agent for some Scotch colonists, wishing to locate in this country, and that while searching for a suitable location for them, he met Mr. C. B. Wright in Philadelphia. Mr. Wright told the Captain of the Northern Pacific lands in this section, and suggested that he come out and examine them. This the Captain finally concluded to do. Mr. Wright gave him a letter of introduction to the Northern Pacific Land Commissioner at Portland, Mr. Paul Schulze. Captain Whyte came to Portland and entered into an arrangement for the purchase of certain lands. He now claims that the Northern Pacific refuses to appraise said lands so he can purchase them, hence the suit.

The complaint states that on or about the 26th day of May, 1883, plaintiff entered into a contract in writing with one Paul Schulze, agent for defendant, in which said defendant agreed to reserve certain lands north of the Columbia river, in Washington territory, for one year, and did then and there give plaintiff the exclusive privilege of selling said lands for the time aforesaid at an appraised valuation which said defendant stated should range from $3 to $7 per acre. That the said lands embraced 184,320 acres. That said plaintiff has been prevented from completing the sale by the refusal and neglect of said defendant to perform his part of the contract, and has sustained damage in the sum of $18,824, as follows:

One year's time spent and for expenses paid out for himself and his agents, the sum of $5,000. For damages in loss of commissions upon the sales of said land, $13,824. It might be mentioned further that Captain Whyte had men employed and was himself with them for some time examining the land in question, so that he could make a full and intelligent report to the proposed colonists in Scotland, and that he made a special trip from here to New York to make the necessary arrangements for their coming over to the country.

The suit will come up for a hearing at the next term of the District Court in this place.—*Tacoma News.*

A New Brand of the Salvation Army in Europe.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—Dr. Schast, one of the most prominent leaders of the salvation army of Prussia, has become disgusted with the manner of conducting the affairs of that body, and with a considerable following of dissenters from the teachings of General Booth, intends to found at Zurich a Swiss-German salvation church which will resemble as much as possible the national characteristic of Germany. All the eccentricities will be discarded, and the elimination of these features which have constituted the chief obstacles in the way of the progress of the salvation army in Switzerland will, it is believed by Dr. Schast, assure the success of his movement.

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A Prosaic Closing to a Romantic Episode.

Bailey the Ghost.

Alas for the marvellous! Another weird mystery has been rudely dispelled, and lovers of the supernatural have once more had their idol dashed to the ground, for—oh! it is so hard to say it—*the Cormorant Street Ghost has fled!!* It was not a tall man with dark hair and minus the first two joints of the third finger of the right hand. It was not a shade, that for four months followed with a persistency little short of devotion, inmates of the haunted house and made no sign. It was not a spirit who, when at last adjured to speak, replied with most unghostly levity that his initials were "H G," and departed, leaving it an open question as to whether his name was Hot Goose. No; the name of the ghost—the real ghost—is Bailey—Doc. Bailey—"the celebrated medium" of the day, who advertized that between the hours of 2 p. m. and 4 p. m., and 7 p. m. and 9 p. m., he was willing to impart spiritual information respecting departed grandmothers or other extinct members of extant families.

BAILEY WAS DEEP—

Bailey had laid his plans well; and Bailey raps and Bailey taps were heard in the haunted house morning, noon and night. Even the poultry in the back yard seemed to be in league with Bailey; for being early risers their peckings and patterings on the verandah walk in the rear were readily interpreted by agitated minds as spirit warnings to be prepared. The rooster, preliminary to crowing, was wont as roosters are, to flap its wings three times; and at the mystic sounds recumbent heads would be buried in fear beneath friendly sheets. But Bailey, working his point, waited not on their fears, and continued the manifestations—heard what they heard—saw what they imagined they saw—and when public interest was thoroughly awakened and gaping crowds had commenced to gather around the house at twilight, he burst into full bloom as

"THE CELEBRATED MEDIUM,"

ready to exchange unlimited cheek for ready cash, and live upon public credulity. But the stars were not propitious; for it is reported that the professor upon the first night upon which he commenced to sit was only called upon by two small boys at 50 cents apiece, whose money he kept, whose ears he boxed, and sent them about their business. Coming to the conclusion that there was nothing in it to speak of, and having "tapped" his acquaintances to the fullest extent, he "spirited" himself away on the Sound steamer to manifest elsewhere his efforts to live without working. At this early stage two people in Victoria

FIND IT HARD TO FORGIVE HIM,

—one, the worthy tenant, who, in search of murdered remains, has dug all over his back yard until it looks like a ploughed field, and the other a gentleman whose professional clairvoyancy sent him into an apparent epileptic attack, interspersed with heavy groans during one night, at the conclusion of which pantomime he described the appearance of the flippant ghost, "H. G.," whose modesty (or the medium's caution) prevented him from being more explicit.

Thus the tale ends. And when in future any reader is asked to explain the mystery of the Cormorant street ghost let him point significantly over his shoulder and say "Bailey."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Yesterday's Shooting by the B. C. Rifle Association.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 17.—The 13th Annual meeting of the B. C. Rifle Association opened here to day. Attendance fairly good. First match resulted as follows: 1st, Capsin Jones, V. R. A., 29; 2nd, Pte. Turnbull, N. W. R., 29; 3rd, Sgt. Scoullar, N. W. R., 29; 4th, James Wilson, 28; 5th, Mr. Jeffries, R. N., 28; 6th, Sgt. Roger, Y. R., 27; 7th, Lt. McColl, N. W., R, 27; 8th, Gunner Hill, N. W. G. A., 27. Lieutenant Woolacot, V. R, and Lieutenant Bonson, N. W. R. counted out.

Second match, 1st, Sergeant Trew, N. W. R, 41; 2nd, T. McDermott, H. M. S. Triumph, 40; 3rd, Gunner Wolfendon, V. G. A. 40; 4th, Gunner Carmichael, V. G. A., 39; 5th, Corporal Williams, V. G. A., 38; 6th, Gunner Hill, N. W. G. A., 38; Lieut. Bonson, N. W. R., 38; 8th, Lt. Woolacot, V. R. 37; Messrs. Curtis, Eade, and Collins of H. M. S. Triumph, Major Prior, Captain Fletcher, Lieut. Col. Wolfenden, and James Wilson counted out.

Third match now in progress

Marine.

The schooner Sea Bird, which sailed from Seattle on May 1st for Sitka on a trading cruise, has not been heard from since and has not called at any port in Alaska. She is supposed to have capsized.

The sloop Annie, Capt. Bangs, was seized at Junesu on July 30th, with 400 English blankets on board, and is now held by the customs authorities.

Ship Loanda, Capt. Scott, left the roads yesterday under sail for San Francisco, for orders.

British bark Archer, Capt. Chambers, 194 days from Liverpool, arrived in the roads last night. The vessel is consigned to Turner, Beeton & Co.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Arrived—Steamer San Pedro, Tacoma. Sailed—Ship Shirley, Puget Sound.

County Court.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

Smith *vs.* Hunt. This case was heard yesterday before the Chief Justice.

The action was brought to cancel a partnership deed which the plaintiff said he was induced to enter into by misrepresentation, and for a return of $1600 paid for his share under the deed, and for a dissolution of the partnership.

The deed was declared valid and the plaintiff not entitled to a return of the $1000.

The defendant consenting to a dissolution judgment was given for a winding up of the business according to the terms of the deed.

Mr. Theodore Davie for plaintiff. Mr. W. J. Taylor (Eberts & Taylor) for defendant.

A GANG OF MEN—quite a large number—arrived over the C. P. R. on Sunday en route for Portland, Oregon, to commence laying the new Canadian telegraph wire from that city to Vancouver.—*Vancouver News.*

THE RETURNED BELLA COOLAS.

Where They Went and How They Liked it.

Mr. P. Jacobsen returned from Germany on Monday with the nine Bella Coola Indians whom under direction of Herr Hargenbach on behalf of the Berlin Museum, he took with him to that country for examination by anthropologists and for public exhibition. The Indians were provided with all the varied dresses and head gear of their tribe, traditional and in vogue. Among others of these dresses was one in which, of old, those who

FELL DOWN WHILE DANCING

were immediately killed,—a custom that was scrupulously observed until fear of the white man's law caused it to become obsolete. Another and very expensive costume included a head dress, a cavity of which was filled with eagle's down which gently floating all around with the motions of the dancer gave a fair representation of falling snow. This dance even on great occasions among the tribe is only practised in winter time.

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was the first city visited, where at the Zoological gardens the group appeared for six weeks. From there they went to Dresden where upon one Sunday nearly 10,000 persons were present at the gardens. At Berlin they exhibited at the Crols theatre to which large grounds are attached, and here upon the first day the Crown Prince was among those present. Breslau was next visited, and on the return to Berlin the museum there was the scene of their dances and echoed their guttural song. In addition to less important places the cities of

COLOGNE AND HAMBURG

were visited, from which last place the troupe took steamer for Baltimore, arriving here as before stated after an uneventful journey. The trip, financially speaking, was not a success; though the men were taken there by the aid and direction of several scientific societies, and exhibitions were merely expected to lessen and not cover the attendant expenses. The uneducated classes would not believe that the men were in reality wild Indians of the west, but insisted that they were either Chinese or Japanese. All of the troupe say that they spent a "nice time," and intend to "live like white men" in future. They all received their pay yesterday and have formed good resolutions as to the uses to which they will put it. Mr. Jacobsen, who says that the Indians were without exception most tractable and good humored during the whole time they were away, will shortly leave for Bella Coola.

What Some People Say.

That the returns issued by the London Board of Trade show that the imports for the month of July decreased £2,150,000 as compared with the same month last year and that the exports decreased £690,000.

That detectives from Sarnia, Ont., have raided a house where two men were engaged in raising $1 and $2 American greenback notes to $10 and $20. All the tools used in the work were captured, but the forgers escaped.

That a clearance sale of Straw Hats, AT COST, is now going on at the "Golden Rule Clothing Store," Yates street. 2w

That an immens timber raft measuring 470 feet long, by 50 wide and 36 deep, which was constructed at St. John, N. B., left there for New York on Wednesday week, in tow of two steamers. It weighs several thousand tons, and to launch it more than a mile of timber was necessary for skids.

That a correspondent writes: "Genuine Ignatieff has presented the Mineralogical Society of St. Petersburg a mineral recently found on his estate in the government of Elizabethgrad. It belongs to the class of aluminites, and has not hitherto been found in nature. The Russian mineralogists have named it Ignatieffite."

That upon unloading a British steamer which arrived at Philadelphia, it was found that about one-half the cargo of 2,200 tons of sugar was a fluid mass of syrup instead of sugar in bags as it had been shipped from India. The sugar had been melted by heat, and the syrup was eight feet deep in the hold of the vessel, which had come through the Suez Canal.

That it is said that the Zion Hebrew congregation of St. Paul has adopted a heroic method for testing the sermonizing qualities of a candidate for its pulpit. He is not permitted to fire his very best sermon at the congregation, but a committee meets him on the way to church, gives him a text, and he is expected to preach from it without further notice.

That the war of rates between the continental steamship lines is still raging without any possibility of an early adjustment. This morning the Red Star Line cut to $15 on outward bound business. Soon after this was followed by the Rotterdam Line. Its rates are: Out, to Rotterdam, $13; to London, $12, and to Scandinavian ports, $15; prepaid from Rotterdam, $12; from London and Scandinavian ports, $15.

Excursion.

The excursion on the steamer Amelia last night was highly enjoyable. The number of those who participated was select and not too numerous to be incommodious. Those who chartered the steamer spared no pains to make the excursion a success; and during the trip dancing added a zest to the outing. In rounding the flagship in Esquimalt harbor the excursionists were greeted with vociferous cheering from the blue-jackets, responding in the same strain, while the steamer's band furnished appropriate music. Not the least pleasurable part of the excursion was when the boat steamed out to Race Rocks and back, the calm waters of the straits and the balmy air of August forming most congenial surroundings. In entering the harbor on her return the steamer Amelia presented a most attractive spectacle. As she approached the wharves the music of the band, growing more distinct each moment, could be heard, while from her decks, as if by magic, rockets shot up in the air, bursting into myriads of colored stars, while magnesium light balloons added a most striking effect to the conclusion of a thoroughly successful and enjoyable outing. A similar excursion will be given very shortly.

The Perfection

Of the age in the medical line is the liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Co., San Francisco, Cal. It is agreeable to the taste, acceptable to the stomach, harmless in its nature, painless yet prompt and thorough in its action. For sale by Langley & Co., Victoria 11dw

Board of School Trustees.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening at the city hall. Present, Trustees Higgins (chairman), Hayward (secretary), Walker, Heisterman, McMicking and Dr. Milne.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Superintendent Pope stating that he had forwarded a set of classical maps for use in the schools; acknowledging the receipt of the secretary's letter enclosing a letter from Miss L. Gallin on the subject of teaching elocution in the schools; and as to estimates of expenditures, etc. Received and filed.

From H. Jackson, asking for certain improvements in Johnson street ward school. Received and filed.

From several principals asking for additional apparatus for the use of the schools, and suggesting various improvements, also asking for an additional teacher for the boys' school. The chairman said he thought such an outlay unnecessary in view of the fact that the articles required had been supplied last year.

Trustee Walker said he had visited the schools and found them overcrowded.

Trustee Heisterman moved that a committee wait upon Hon. John Robson, and ask him whether some provision could not be made by which another teacher may be employed at the central school to relieve the boys' junior division from overcrowding, and that a committee of one from each ward be appointed to look into the various requests asked for by the teachers. Carried.

Messrs. Hayward, Walker and Heisterman were appointed such committee.

From R. Stuart Wood, tendering his resignation as teacher of the Rock Bay school. Received and accepted.

THAT EXTRA HOLIDAY.

The secretary stated that he addressed the principals of the different schools announcing a holiday on Thursday, the 5th inst., the regatta day. One of the principals, Mr. Muir, had taken Friday as well and he had consequently addressed a letter to him, asking his reason for closing the school. He received a reply from Mr. Muir stating that he had been in receipt of a semi-official letter from one of the trustees announcing a holiday by advice of the secretary; that he then informed his pupils there would be a holiday on Friday as well as on Thursday, and that subsequently, he received a letter from the secretary stating that only the Thursday would be given, and that he did not care to go back on his previous announcement to the pupils, also assigning other reasons for his taking a holiday, including the impure state of the atmosphere of the school and the laying of a corner stone.

The secretary said he had never sanctioned such use of his name.

Trustee Heisterman said he had, having asked him to send the letter through his son, who attended the central school.

The secretary said this referred to a letter to be delivered to the principal of the Johnson street ward school. He had never, he repeated, directly or indirectly, authorized Mr. Heisterman's writing the letter he had.

The chairman then spoke as follows:

Nothing can be clearer than that if the recent antagonism between the teachers and the Board of Trustees continues the schools cannot be well governed. Previous to an occurrence of a few days ago the relations of the members of the Board with the teachers had been of a most cordial character; and no one can regret more than I do the regrets that have taken place in those relations, though what I cannot help saying arises from an inordinate desire on the part of some of the teachers to consult their own ease, comfort and pleasure to the detriment of the scholars. No teaching staff in the world is more highly paid than that of British Columbia, and I am sure I can say overworked. Not only are the hours of school work few, but the holidays are long and frequent and no teacher is ever deprived of his or her salary on account of a holiday. When the board determined to grant the school's holiday on the 5th inst., they meaning the very extreme of liberality, and when certain of the teachers tried by an irregular method to have Friday declared a non-school day they acted in a matter that, in my opinion, can scarcely be excused. The receipt of an unauthorized letter from one of the trustees on the morning of Wednesday by Mr. Hallday, conveyed to that gentleman the intelligence that two days' holidays would be granted; but, gentlemen, that letter was followed in a few minutes by another from the secretary, the only authorized medium of communication between the board and the teachers; that there would be but one day's holiday. That should have been sufficient for ladies and gentlemen whose hearts were in their work. But what do we find? Pupils whose parents had sent them to school for the purpose of pursuing their studies, converted into errant boys and sent through the streets with a paper to secure the signatures of a majority of the board to override the letter of the secretary—the only authorized medium of communication (as I have said) between the board and the teachers. Fortunately a majority of the board did not acquiesce and Friday was not observed as a holiday, except at the high school, where a show of opening the establishment was made by the assistant master, but as the pupils had been informed by the principal of the school, that there would be no session on Friday only two pupils attended. The principal, meanwhile, proceeded to Coal Harbor, where he audited the accounts of the fire relief committee. It is unnecessary to say that as he did not report for duty on Friday he was clearly guilty of an act of insubordination. The letter upon which he would seem to have based his determination to take a holiday was from Mr. Heisterman, and it was addressed to Mr. Hallday, principal of the boys' school, while the letter of the secretary, which I am told Mr. Muir did not read to his staff, was addressed to him as principal of the high school. With these remarks, gentlemen, I leave the matter in the hope that you will mark with your disapprobation the conduct of Mr. Muir and that of the teachers who endeavored to secure a holiday by soliciting the consent thereto by a majority of the board in an irregular manner after the secretary's letter had been received at the establishment. I trust, also, that you will concedent the use to which certain of the pupils were put on that occasion.

He asked if any trustee present had given Mr. Muir permission to take a holiday.

Trustee Walker said that in the course of conversation with Mr. Muir, the latter had spoken of taking a holiday, and he had said, "well, if you must go, go and try and get somebody to take your place." He had not intended granting any holiday, nor had he done so, knowing he had no such power.

The Secretary asked Trustee Heisterman was he had on his own responsibility ordered twelve bells, thus breaking through the rules set by the Board.

A passage of arms here occurred between the Secretary and Trustee Heisterman, the former having rather the best of it.

Trustee Milne asked what had heretofore been the rule with regard to granting holidays.

The Secretary replied that by a resolution of the Board it was ordered that the order should come through the Secretary, upon the advice of the Board.

Trustee Milne, seconded by Trustee Heisterman, moved that hereafter no holidays be granted unless by the consent of the full Board on a written request.

Trustee McMicking said he was sorry the affair had occurred, but believed it was a mistake. He had been requested by telephone to grant a holiday and had answered that if the rest of the board consented, he would.

Trustee Walker failed to see the necessity of the resolution. There was no question that Mr. Muir knew thoroughly the mode of procedure in such cases, and had certainly shown a grave disrespect to the board. He, however, felt it would be better to let the matter drop; Mr. Muir had been taught a lesson which would do him good service in the future.

The secretary said the board's business did not lie in the direction of granting vacations—it was in reality in the opposite direction. If Mr. Heisterman would persist in meddling with affairs which did not concern him there would be further trouble.

The Chairman said that the passage of the resolution would open the door for further outrages of the kind he had before referred to—the sending pupils out to secure trustee's signatures. He felt that he must vote against the resolution.

Trustee Walker said he thought it would be better to withdraw the resolution, as the present arrangement was as good as could be desired.

The motion was then withdrawn.

Trustee Hayward moved, seconded by Trustee Walker, that Mr. Muir be reprimanded.

Trustee McMicking said there seemed to be fault on all sides. The matter was somewhat mixed up. To slight a variance had been shown in the statements of two trustees. He could not see the necessity of a reprimand.

Trustee Hayward said Trustee McMicking had stated that the matter was mixed up. He read the letter to Mr. Muir, which he said was as plain as anything could be, and added that the letter from Trustee Heisterman was addressed to Mr. Halliday, not to Mr. Muir.

The chairman said he was for the resolution. It had been seen that Mr. Muir was willing to seize upon a casual remark passed by Trustee Walker as an excuse to take a holiday, and he believed Mr. Muir had been guilty of a species of insubordination. The board ought to put its foot down and have such insubordination effectually and finally stopped. The teachers ought to show themselves actuated by a love of teaching for its own sake, and a desire to advance the interests of their pupils.

Upon the motion being put it was declared lost on a tie vote. The division was called for and is as follows:

Nays—Trustees Milne, Heisterman and McMicking.

Yeas—Trustees Hayward, Walker and Higgins.

ROCK BAY SCHOOL.

The board then went into committee of the whole, the principal business transacted being the reception of applications for the principalship of the Rock Bay school. The applicants were numerous and after several ballots had been taken the board failed to agree. An appointment will be made at an early date.

THE NORTHLAND.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz, which reached here yesterday, brought a number of white passengers, and some 100 Chinamen and Indians. Her freight list was as follows: Inverness Canning Co., 4,000 cases salmon, 130 bbls salmon; British America Packing Co. 1,900 cases salmon; Skeena Packing Co., 574 cases salmon; R. Cunningham, 13 skins and furs, five skins, 12 drums oil, 3 bbls oil, 250 buiscuit boxes; M. Moss, 4 pkgs furs; Welsh, Gilbert & Co., 2 bales furs, 2 boxes furs; J. Homens, 6 bales skins and furs, 10 sks appolonies, 13 boxes fish. The salmon season has closed on the Skeena, and has been one of the best on record. The

TOTAL PACK

to date is as follows: Skeena Packing Company, 16,000; Rivers' Inlet 15,000; British American 11,000, Inverness 10,500, Matlakatla, 8,000, Alert Bay 1,300, Total 61,800 cases. Mr. H. Helgesen has put up 800 barrels of salt salmon at Rivers Inlet, and will return home on the next trip of the Boscowitz.

Nothing certain is known as to the result of the

CASSIAR ELECTION,

the ballot boxes having only arrived at Fort Simpson just before the steamer's departure, and were to be brought over to Metlakatlah to be counted on the following day. According to estimates made, Mr. Dampster's majority on the coast would be thirteen votes, and his friends claim he is elected. The interior vote may, however, materially change the estimates formed, and nothing definite can be stated until the next return trip of the steamer.

HOSTILE INDIANS.

The day before the departure of the Boscowitz the schooner Skeena arrived from Masset, and Mr. J. Cunningham reported that the Graham Island Indians would not permit a number of men, representing the Yokoun Valley Coal Mining company to prospect for coal. They threatened the Rev. Mr. Harrison, and were most hostile in every way possible. Further particulars could not be had.

Mrs. Youmans, whose husband was murdered a couple of years ago, was married recently to George Huson, a Lorne Creek miner. It was a case of May and December reversed.

Kamloops Correspondence.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., Aug. 16.

Kamloops has been thrown into a state of great excitement and indignation in regard to the

MURDER OF JAMES GILLIS,

who has been a resident of this place and vicinity for some ten years. Constable Smith, and Louis, the chief of the Kamloops reserve, are now after the supposed murderer, and if they should have the good fortune to capture the fight man we hope that speedy justice will be his reward.

Hardly has this piece of excitement passed over this place than news came that Charles McMillan, a thoroughbred old timer, had been

STABBED SERIOUSLY

by a Chinaman, who was quickly placed in the "cooler," there to await the sentence he so strictly deserves. Two such cases in one week are sufficient to paralyze some 1000 people with fear, but we hope that no more such cases will be brought up in this section at least, or, in fact, any other part.

James Gillis hailed from Ontario, somewhere in Bruce county.

At present there is one great drawback to East Kamloops—the scarcity of water. It has to be packed from the river a distance of near 600 yards, and the sooner this is remedied the better for all parties concerned. Rumor has it that Mr. Hagan, of the

INLAND SENTINEL,

is on the eve of selling out to Messrs. McGutcheon and Fulbaion. The first named gentleman, is the good-looking purser of the "Peerless," and the latter hails from Fort Arthur. We expect the sale will be effected shortly. I suppose the people of Kamloops and vicinity will have the gallantry to make the esteemed editor the recipient of something substantial on his retirement. He has done a great deal of good to the country at large and, in fact, might be called "The G. O. M." on a small scale of the interior.

MOCKING-BIRD.

Shooting Contest.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 17.

In the third match of rifle competition to day the following are the prize winners. 1st, Sgt. Scoullar, N. W. R., 71; 2nd Lieut. Col. Wolfenden, V. G. A., 70; 3rd Sgt. Trew, N. W. R., 68; 4th Lieut. McNaughten, N. W. G. A.; 67; 5th Pte. Turnbull, N. W. R., 65; 6th Gun. Newbury, V. G. A., 65; 7th Capt. Green, V. R., 62; 8th Gun. Hill, N. W. G. A., 60.

A team match between Militia of Victoria and New Westminster takes place to-morrow afternoon. The teams are very evenly matched and a close competition may be expected.

Indian Reserve.

We understand that Ten Mile Point has been bonded as a reserve for the Songish Indians. The proposed reservation is about 800 acres in extent; and the selection is said to meet with the approval of the tribe. The property is at present owned by Mr. Ira Wilson.

This waters of the harbor were plentifully sprinkled yesterday with yellow insects about half an inch long. They floated on the surface in though dying helplessly.

OVERCROWDED.—According to Mr. Halliday's report read at the meeting of the school board last night the third, fourth, sixth and seventh divisions of the central school are now seated to their utmost capacity. There are 419 boys for seven teachers, an average of 60 for each.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

Religious Intolerance in France.

Britain's Future as an Empire.

The Warlike Feeling in Greece.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

French politicians are denouncing the Vatican for sending an envoy to China, maintaining that 500,000 Chinese Catholics should be placed under the protection of France. That is to say, the French government, now, as of yore, would fain play the Eldest Son of the Church, wherever political capital is to be made by the game. Finding at home that it pleases the political extremists better to be the enemy of the Church, the French government does its best to swamp the influence of the clergy, carrying their fanatical opposition to the extent of driving the sisters of mercy from the hospitals—sisters who went on their merciful errand into the very thick of the cholera plague, whereas there are cowards opposing them who fled at the very sound of its name.

RUSTEM PASHA,

the Turkish ambassador in London, has been congratulated by the sublime porte because of the excellent understanding which he has succeeded in establishing between himself and our foreign office. Rustem Pasha deserves all the credit he is getting; for there is not at the court of St. James' an abler and more far-seeing representative of a foreign power. Had the purpose been fulfilled to make Rustem at the outset governor-general of Eastern Roumelia, many besides ourselves believe that the last crop of troubles gathered in the Balkan provinces never would have been reaped nor allowed to ripen. Not less striking than the vastness of the population of the

BRITISH EMPIRE

is that of its area. Says Prof. Seeley: "England is now a realm 8,000,000 square miles in extent, a realm so young and in so early a stage of development that the greater part of it is not yet peopled, a realm which will yet require much organization, many new institutions, but which has been furnished by nature with an incomparable road-system connecting together the principal countries which compose it, viz., the sea." The report of his address on "Coffee Growing" in the conference hall of the

INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION

makes Colonel Campbell say that "from an analysis of samples of so-called co