COWICHAN'S EXHIBIT.

The Fair Formally Opened by the Lieutenant-Governor With an Interesting Address.

Root Crops and Fruit of High Standard—Recently Imported Prize Live Stock.

DUNCAN, Sept. 26.—(Special)—The annual show of the Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Scciety was held here to-day under the most favorable auspices, the weather being beautifully fine, the attendance large, and the exhibits not only numerous but well varied. The whole district turned out as a matter of course, and the morning trains from Victoria and Nanaimo were crowded with visitors from those cities. Entries having closed last evening, the exhibits nearly all passed inspection by the judges this morning, so that by two o'clock the greater number of the prize cards were in their place. Then the Lieutenant-Governor, with Mrs. Dewdney, was given a brief private view, and this being over the doors were thrown open for His Honor to pronounce the opening address. In doing so he referred to the fact that the Duncan show is one of the oldest if not the very oldest in the province, and expressed great pleasure to see that the society and the industries which are more particularly its concern are in so flourishing a condition. He was always glad to be able to visit Duncan to meet his many friends in the district, and was particularly satisfied that the fair had given him the opportunity this season as because of his trip to the old world he had not been able as usual to spend a few weeks in fishing here. The attendance gave evidence of the increase of the population in this district, an increase which he felt sure will prove rapid in the near future because of the development of the mining riches which now are causing British Columbia month by month to stand higher in the estimation of the people of Eastern Canada and of the mother country. The new attention being given to this province everywhere had very much impressed him during his recent travels. While abroad the Kootenay is the district most talked about, he was happy to be able to congratulate the people of Duncan and vicinity on the promise of great mining development nearer home—he referred more particularly to the operations on Texada Island and at Alberni. If these mining properties turn out anything like what is anticipated the result must be very encouraging to the farmers of Vancouver Island, for it will give them a market for their produce, and—what they will most appreciate—a cash market too. It had always appeared singular to him that, as he was told was the case, while the merchants of our cities have been year by year sending so much money to Seattle and other points outside the province for produce it has been necessary to import, they have not been willing to shell out the ready cash to the producers at their own doors. He wished to congratulate the people of this vicinity on the establishment of the Cowichan creamery, in successful operation a few yards from these grounds; and he hoped it would continue to flourish, for he could think of no more beneficial institution for the farmers, giving them as it did a substantial cash return for all the milk they could send to it. Such enterprises he considered were well worthy of encouragement by the government, and he hoped to hear of others in the vicinity in the near future. In conclusion he wished to congratulate the president, Mr. W. C. Duncan, on his evident restoration to health, for he had heard with regret that during his travels this summer that estimable gentleman had not been at all well. He hope the President would be spared for many years more, to assist in directing the affairs of many exhibitions even more creditable than that which he would now declare formally open. His Honor concluded amidst applause, and the strains of the National Anthem, by the Bantly orchestra from Victoria, greeted the visitors as they then streamed into the hall.

The prize lists are as follows:

Stallion, pure bred, draft, any age—G. T. Corfield 1.
Mare, draft brood with foal—G. T. Corfield 1.
Mare, light brood with foal—H. Simpson 1.
Horse, saddle—R. Bazett 1, G. Mellin 2, G. Elliott 3.
Pony under 14.2—F. M. Jackson 1, E. S. Lomas 2, J. M. Mutter 3.
Pony ridden by boy under 14—Foot 1, J. M. Mutter 2.
Pony ridden by girl under 14—B. Jaynes 1.
Colt or filly, 3 years old—D. Evans 1.
Colt or filly, 2 years old—G. T. Corfield 1.
Colt or filly, 1 year old—P. B. Johnston 1, G. T. Corfield 2.
Hurdle Jumper—G. Lilley 1, G. Elliott 2, J. M. Mutter 3.
Buggy horse—H. Keast 1, H. R. Harrison 2.
General purpose horse—D. Evans 1, W. H. Elkington 2.
Single turn out—Ashdown Green 1.
Heavy team (pulling competition)—H. Keast 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

CATTLE.

Pure bred Jersey bull, over 1 year—Capt Barkley 1, G. T. Corfield 2.
Pure bred Holstein bull, over 1 year—W. Ford 1, H. Bonsall 2.
Pure bred Red Polled bull—R. Barkley 1.
Bull of any pure breed, over 1 year—W. Ford 1, H. Bonsall 2.
Pure bred Jersey cow—C. Bazett 1, Capt. Barkley 2.
Yearling Jersey heifer—W. Ford 1.
Pure bred Red Polled cow—R. Barkley 1.
Pure bred Holstein cow—H. Bonsall 1 and 2.
Cow, any other pure breed—R. G. Barkley 1.
Grade cow—A. S. Drummond 1, Wm. Wilson 2.
Milch cow, sweepstake—H. Bonsall 1 and 2, A. S. Drummond 3.
Two-year-old heifer—H. Bonsall 1, Jas. Evans 2.
Yearling heifer—J. McPherson 1, R. Barkley 2.
Fat beast, steer or cow—W. Ford 1, Chas. Bazett 2.

SHEEP.

Pen, 1 ram and 2 ewes, pure bred—G. Heatherbell 1.
Ram, pedigreed—G. Heatherbell 1.
Ram, Southdown—J. M. Mutter 1.
Ram, Shropshire—G. Heatherbell 1.
Ram, Oxford—G. T. Corfield 1.
Ram, Cotswold—J. R. Musgrave 1.
Ewe lamb bred from V. I. F. A. ram, Shropshire—W. H. Elkington 1.
Ewe lamb bred from V. I. F. A. ram, Southdown—J. Shopland 1 Peter Flett 2.
Ram lamb bred from V. I. F. A. ram, Southdown—J. Shopland 1, Peter Flett 2.
Two ewes, Southdown—J. M. Mutter 1.
Two ewes, Shropshire—G. Heatherbell 1.
Three fat sheep—A. S. Drummond 1.
Ram lamb—J. Shopland 1.
Two ewes, large—A. S. Drummond 1, W. C. Brown 2.
Two ewes, small—J. Shopland 1, E. M. Skinner 2.

PIGS.

Boar, any age—M. McDermid 1.
Boar, under 12 months—J. Shopland 1.
Sow, under 12 months—J. Shopland 1.
Sow, any age—J. Shopland 1, Wm. Wilson 2.
Sow, with litter—J. Shopland 1, W. Ford 2.

FIELD PRODUCE.

Spring wheat—J. Menzies 1, D. Evans 2.
Fall wheat—J. Menzies 1.
Barley—J. Shopland 1, J. Menzies 2.
Oats—D. Alexander 1, J. Shopland 2, Petel 3.
Peas—J. Menzies 1, D. Evans 2.
Winter rye—W. C. Brown 1.
Spring rye—W. C. Brown 1.
Field corn—W. C. Duncan 1, Geo. Hadwen 2.
Timothy seed—Angus Bell 1.

ROOTS AND VEGETABLES.

Swedish turnips—C. Livingston 1, P. B. Johnston 2.
Turnips, any other kind—Angus Bell 1 and 2.
Mangolds, long—H. Bonsall 1, C. T. Gibbons 2.
Mangolds, Globe or Yellow Tankard—C. T. Gibbons 1, F. H. Maitland-Dougall 2.
Carrots, white or yellow—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, G. T. Corfield 2.
Carrots, long red—Angus Bell 1, A. McKinnon 2.
Potatoes, early Rose—Angus Bell 1.
Potatoes, Beauty of Hebron—D. Evans 1.
Potatoes, any other kind, early—James Moss 1
Potatoes, late Rose—A. Pimbury 1.
Potatoes, Dakotah red—Peter Flett 1.
Potatoes, Burbank seedling — Rogers Bros. 1.
Potatoes, any other kind, late—Angus Bell 1.
Kohl Rabbi—A. Bell 1.
Onions, red—A. Bell 1.
Onions, yellow—James Moss 1.
Onions, white—A. Bell 1.
Eschalots—A. Bell 1, J. Menzies 2.
Red cabbage—D. W. Maniqui 1, C. Livingston 2.
Cabbage, any other kind—J. C. Brown 1, A. McKinnon 2.
Cauliflowers—C. Livingston 1, James Moss 2.
Early Horn Carrots—D. Alexander 1, W. Ford 2.
Parsnips—A. Pimbury 1. A. Bell 2.
Beets—M. Eagson 1, Wm. Wilson 2.
Salsify—A. Pimbury 1.
Celery—D. Alexander 1, E. Tweed 2.
Sweet Corn in ear—A. Pimbury 1, C. Livingston 2.
Cucumbers—W. Wilson 1.
Vegetable Marrows—W. Kingston 1, A. McKinnon 2.
Squash—C. Livingston 1, A. McKinnon 2.
Pumpkins—W. Kingston 1, D. Alexander 2.
Tomatoes—W. Bazett 1, G. Hadwen 2.
Garden Vegetables—W. Wilson 1.
Special prize (presented by M. Baker & Son) best collection vegetables—James Moss.

FRUITS.

Fruit, best collection—E. S. Lomas 1, D. Alexander 2.
Winter apples—E. S. Lomas 1, F. Maitland Dougall 2; autumn apples—W. Ford 1, Jas. Nightingale 2; commercial apples—F. Maitland Dougall 1, J. Richards 2; box of apples—J. C. Dwyer 1 and 2; Duchess of Oldensburg—W. Ford 1, Jas. Nightingale 2; Alexander—J. Morton 1, J. Nightingale 2; Wealthy—J. Nightingale 1, J. C. Dwyer 2; Pippin—A. Pimburyl; Red Pearman—H. O. Wellburn 1; Blenheim Orange—A. Pimbury 1, D. Alexander 2; Ribston Pippin—A. Pimbury 1, E. M. Skinner 2; any other variety—E. S. Lomas 1, W. Ford 2; Baldwin—F. Maitland Dougall 1, W. Wilson 2; Northern Spy—J. Richards 1; Golden russet—F. Maitland-Dougall, 1. R. I. Greening—A. C. Wilson 1; Ben Davis—G. Hadwen 1; Canada Reinette—E. S. Lomas 1; King of Tompkins—A. Pimbury 1; any variety, winter—J. C. Dwyer 1; crab apples—G. Hadwen 1.
Plate of pears—L. A. Good 1; pears, Bartlett—A. S. Drummond 1; Beurre d'Angon—G. Hadwen 1; Flemish Beauty—A. C. Wilson 1; Louise Bonne de Jersey—G. Pannell, 1; any other variety—E. Tweed 1.
Plums, Red Egg—J. R. Anderson 1; Yellow Egg—G. Lilley 1.
Plate of Prunes—H. Burchell 1.
Peaches—E. Fawcett 1, G. Hadwen 2.
Quinces—Miss Roberts 1, A. Tweed 2.
Watermelons—A. Bell 1, A. Pimbury 2.
Muskmelons—D. W. Maniqui 1, A. Pimbury 2.
Citron Melons—A. Bell 1 and 2.
Grapes—T. G. Earl 1, J. Blair 2.

POULTRY.

Turkeys—W. C. Brown 1.
Geese—G. T. Corfield 1.
Aylesbury ducks—J. W. Flett 1 and 2.
Leghorn fowls, brown—G. T. Corfield 1.
Leghorn fowls, white—R. Kellert 1.
Hamburg fowls—D. W. Maniqui 1, W. Topling 2.
Spanish fowls—R. Kellert 1 and 2.
Plymouth Rock fowls—R. Kellert 1 and 2.
Wyandottes— — Mayo 1, G. Hadwen 2.
Brahma fowls—D. W. Maniqui 1.
Bantams, any kind—J. T. Pargeter 1, R. Kellert 2.
Any other kind—J. T. Pargeter 1 and 2.

DAIRY.

Printed butter—H. Bonsall 1, D. Alexander 2.
Fresh butter for table use — Miss T. Edgson 1, Mrs. Maniqui 2.

LADIES' PRIZES.

Fancy work—Mrs. Mesher 1, Mrs. Elliott 2.
Child's frock—Mrs. Maitland Dougall 1.
Cotton or flax embroidery—Mrs. Hadwen 1.
Man's flannel or flannelette shirt, hand made—Mrs. G. Hadwen 1, Mrs. Kingston 2.
Plain needlework—Mrs. J. Campbell 1, Mrs. Maitland Dougall 2.
Knitted stockings—Mrs. Flett 1, Mrs. Leather 2.
Knitted socks—Mrs. Maitland Dougall 1.
Crochet work, wool—Mrs. J. W. Winslow 1.
Crochet work, cotton lace—Miss Dessie Evans.
Knitted lace—Mrs. T. W. Carter.
Drawn work—Mrs. T. W. Carter.
Darning men's socks—Miss Mary Blake 1.
Home made bread—Miss Blyth 2, Mrs. Maniqui 3.
Home made wine—Mrs. J. Ramsay 1.
Jelly—Mrs. D. Alexander 1.
Currant jam—Mrs. Blyth 1.
Plum jam—Miss Richards 1.
Any other jam—Miss Blyth 1.
Bottle cherries—Mrs. J. W. Winslow 1.
Bottle pears—Mrs. W. C. Duncan.
Bottle plums—Mrs. Lomas.
Bottle any other fruit—Mrs. H. Bonsall.

FLOWERS.

Flowers, bouquet—Miss Roberts 1.
Flowers, basket or vase—Mrs. Pimbury 1.
Flowers, pot—Mrs. Townsend 1.
Flowers, cut—Mrs. Pimbury 1, Mrs. Elkington 2.

PRIZES FOR GIRLS UNDER FIFTEEN.

Fancy needlework—Agnes Grassie.
Plain needlework—Miss Livingston.
Crochet work—Miss Clara Shaw.
Knitted stockings—Miss Maitland-Dougall.
Pencil drawing—R. Livingston.
Loaf of bread—Miss Nellie Drummond.
Plain cake—Miss Richards.
Six Button holes—Miss Livingston.

FOR BOYS UNDER FOUTEEN.

Writing—F. Corfield 1, — Foot 2.
Fret work—Harry Evans 1.
Pencil drawing—F. Corfield 1.

BOYS UNDER ELEVEN.

Writing— — Foot 1, A. Leighton 1.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

By M. R. Smith & Co., Victoria, for pony ridden by boy under 14— — Foot.
By J. Wenger, Victoria, for pony ridden by girl under 14—B. Jaynes.
By E. G. Prior & Co., Victoria, for best pure bred Jersey cow—Chas. Bazett.
By A. & W. Wilson, Victoria, for best yearling Jersey heifer—W. Ford.
By Major J. M. Mutter. M.P.P., for best milch cow—H. Bonsall.
By Robert Porter & Sons, Victoria, for best fat beast fit for butcher—W. Ford.
By Major J. M. Mutter, M.P.P., for best pen, 1 ram and 2 ewes, pure bred—G. Heatherbell.
By H. Young & Co., Victoria, for best collection of garden vegetables—W. Wilson.
By "The Nursery" St. Charles street, Victoria, for best collection of fruit—E. S. Lomas.
By Andrew Ohlson, Victoria, for winter apples—E. S. Lomas.
By Richard Layretty, Victoria, for best commercial apples—F. Maitland-Dougall.
By C. H. Dickie, Duncan, for box of apples packed for market—J. C. Dwyer.
By E. Hutcherson, Ladner's Landing, for best plate of prunes—H. Burchell.
By Major J. M. Mutter, M.P.P., for five pounds printed butter—H. Bonsall.
By. M. & L. Young, Victoria, for man's flannel or flannelette shirt—Mrs. G. Hadwen.
By Mrs. Bickford, Victoria, for knitted stockings—Mrs. Flett.
By Erskine Wall & Co., Victoria, for crocket work, wool—Mrs. J. W. Winslow.
By C. Bazett, Duncan, for specimen of darning men's socks—Miss Mary Blake.
By Weiler Bros, Victoria, for home made bread—Mrs. Blyth.
By Langley & Henderson Bros., Victeria, for collection of pot flowers—Mrs. T. Townsend.
By Hickman Tye Hardware Co., Victoria, for collection of cut flowers—Mrs. Pimbury.
By M. J. Henry, Vancouver, for best display of comb honey from Simplicity bee hive—Mrs. Maud Wilson.

The judges for the several classes of exhibits were: Horses, J. McNeill, C. Bailey and Bryce; cattle and sheep, W. Smith and Watson Clark; field produce, D. R. Ker, M. Baker and J. D. Bryant; fruit, R. M. Palmer, E. Hutcherson and T. A. Sharp; poultry, Dr. Walkem, M.P.P.; dairy, H. Moss, Mrs. J. D. Bryant; ladies' work, Mrs. E. Johnson and Mrs. Ashdown Green; writing, C. Narcross.

The expected exhibit from the experimental farm at Agassiz was not on hand, being unfortunately delayed in transmission so that it only arrived at Nanaimo near noon yesterday. Superintendent Sharp, however, was present himself, and rendered valuable assistance in the judging.

The deputy minister of agriculture, Mr. J. R. Anderson, was, with Mrs. Anderson, amongst the visitors to the fair; and he was also an exhibitor, showing some prize grapes and other fruit that had been sent to him by Mr. Earl, of Lytton.

Mr. Layrity, of the Carey road nursery, at Vicioria, had some of his choice trees on exhibition.

Among the few Victoria exhibitors were the Okell & Morris Co., who with characteristic enterprise made an artistic display of their preserved fruits, jams and confectionery, as well as of preserved vegetables, a new branch of their rapidly extending business. They were given the place of honor in the hall, on the platform, where their wares, in plain and fancy jars, bottles and tubs, all prettily and neatly labeled, were very generally admired.

The Red Poland Norfolk cattle shown by Capt. Barkley attracted no little attention and admiration, not only because of their evident merits whether for milking or beef purposes, but because they are said to be the only animals of that class in the province. They were imported lately from Chehalis, Wash.

Master J. Spears' collection of original drawings, designs, models, etc., was very generally praised for the artistic merit and application it evidenced. A portrait of the artist, by his own hand, formed part of the collection.

One of the samples of fodder corn shown stood fully fifteen feet in height.

A plate of prime walnuts offered further proof of the capabilities of Vancouver Island in this branch.

There were no less than ten varieties, all good specimens, in Mr. E. S. Lomas' prize collection of winter apples. These were the Baldwin, Rambo, Pe-wau-kee, Codling, Mann, Gloria Mundi, Ben Davis, Northern Spy, and Tolpehocken.

The fruit was pronounced by the judges to be of prime quality, though the season has been a hard one on account of the drouth. There was great variety, too, showing the suitability of the Island soil and climate for fruits of all kinds. The same may be said of the root crops, which for either quality or variety it would be hard to surpass.

Mr. Geo. Heatherbell, of Hornby Island, showed a yearling Shropshire ram said to weigh 225 pounds, and a magnificent specimen. This, with two ewes, was imported from Western Ontario six months ago and will be a valuable addition to the stock of this sheep raising district.

A dance in the pavilion on the fair grounds to-night fittingly closed the proceedings.

READING CIRCLES ARRANGED.

The Local Council of Women, as already intimated, are preparing for the formation of reading circles during the winter months, the plan to be followed being that adopted by the National Home Reading Union for the purpose of developing a taste for reading among all classes of the community. A course of reading has been mapped out and divided into three sections—young people's, general and special.

The young people's section embraces history, literature, romance and travel. The general section includes science and social economy, in addition to the subjects mention in the young people's section; while the special course section is intended to be a complete curriculum of reading, taking the place, in so far as may be, of a college education.

Each circle will be composed of not fewer than five members, who under the guidance of one of their number acting as a leader, meet together at intervals arranged at the discretion of the circle to discuss the subjects read. The members must agree as to the subjects to be chosen, and, as far as possible, read the same books on those subjects at the same time. Members are advised to choose three courses—say, literature, science and history—and are required to read at least two books on each subject if they wish to obtain the full benefit and to get a certificate from the society at the end of the year.

There is as well a magazine (published monthly) in all three sections in which articles are written and suggestions written as to the best method of reading the required books.

HAVE COME TO TERMS

The Pile Bridge at Point Ellice to Be Completed for Temporary Convenience Only.

Must Be Replaced by a Substantial Structure Within Two Years.

There is every likelihood that work will be resumed during the present week on the temporary pile bridge spanning the Arm at Point Ellice, and that this structure will be completed and ready for ordinary vehicular traffic within three weeks. The last difficulty was, according to a member of the city council, removed yesterday, and now formalities alone require to be disposed of.

The last obstacle in the path of the pile bridge builders was, it will be recalled, the condition imposed by the minister of public works that the city should guarantee to replace the temporary avenue of communication within two years by a bridge fulfilling all the requirements of the department—that is, a substantial stone and steel structure.

To this the council replied that they could not bind their successors in office and that the power to provide funds for such a bridge as specified rested with the ratepayers, who might negative the necessary by-law. They suggested that they would guarantee to present a by-law to the people, if this would be accepted as sufficient to secure the necessary permission to complete the pile bridge.

But it wouldn't. Hon. Mr. Tarte declined to depart from the ground he had taken, and so after an interchange of telegrams and letters and numerous interviews another proposition was presented and finally closed with, the injunctions against the pile bridge obtained in the courts being withdrawn and the city paying all incidental costs.

The arrangement now reached is in effect that the pile bridge will be completed for the purpose of restoring communication between Victoria West and the city proper, on the distinct understanding that it shall be a temporary expedient and that alone. The opposition of the Dominion government is withdrawn on the guarantee that the city will within two years substitute a substantial structure of stone and steel, and remove the pile bridge at their own cost and expense.

In order to carry out the terms specified, Ald. Marchant yesterday gave notice of the following resolution, which will be presented to the council at their regular meeting to-morrow evening:

"That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute on behalf of the corporation an agreement between Hon. J. Israel Tarte, the Minister of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada, acting for and on behalf of Her Majesty, of the first part, and the Corporation of the City of Victoria, of the second part, as to the Point Ellice bridge, as settled by their respective solicitors; and to attach the seal of the corporation thereto."

The basis of the agreement appears to be variously interpreted in municipal circles, some holding that the corporation is bound to erect the stone and steel bridge out of the general revenue, in the event of a special loan being refused by the ratepayers; while others hold that, should the loan be negatived, the city will be obliged to tear down the pile bridge, leaving Victoria West without direct communication as it is at present. Another point of dispute that arises is whether the location of the new permanent bridge must necessarily be that of the old—some say yes and some say no. The latter would like to see the stone and steel bridge placed further down harbor to carry the general traffic more directly between the city and Esquimalt or Victoria West, the pile bridge being retained if possible as a purely local convenience.

WRECK OF THE "TONQUIN."

TO THE EDITOR:—The account of the wreck of the ship Tonquin published in the COLONIST of August the 6th seems to have created new interest in the matter. That the ship Tonquin was blown up by one of the men on board is a well known historical fact. The only matter in dispute seems to be the locality where the catastrophe occurred. According to different opinions it is supposed to have taken place at Fort Rupert, New Wittee, Nootka and Clayoquot Sound. Now, whatever claim other localities put in for the occurrence, I am convinced that a ship was "blown up" in Clayoquot Sound off Lenard island, Citsape, about the time the Tonquin is reported to have been destroyed, and I have never heard or read of any other vessel that met a similar fate in these regions in the earliest years of this century.

That the fact, or rather some of the circumstances are not better known is very easily explained—the only man who escaped was a Kanaka or an Iroquois belonging to the trading post at Astoria, who was on board as interpreter and being of Indian or mixed blood was treated kindly by his Indian friends. Being ignorant and a stranger his report would naturally be very defective so far as the locality is concerned, the coast being so little known would cause different parties to form different opinions, some locating it at Fort Rupert, others at Nootka, New Wittee and Clayoquot.

The Indians of this coast and particularly the Indians of this neighborhood always knew when the wreck occurred, and I have in my own experience often heard the different tribes speak about the matter and use it as an argument to prove the wickedness of the Clayoquot Indians and their ancestors! It is, however, erroneous to call this tribe the descendants of the "Wickaninish-es"—Wickaninish being the name of a chief and not of a tribe.

As to the report of Chief Ceetoka, I think it quite correct and reliable. He gave me this same account more than twenty years ago, However, some six months ago I was written to by a friend for a historical society back East, anxious to place the locality of the catastrophe. I made new and most exhaustive inquiries, Chief Ceetoka going over the entire matter again and his statements being corroborated by those of several other men. I kept a copy of my letter, and Captain Walbran of the Quadra, who seems to take much interest in such matters, had at his request the privilege of taking a copy of this letter. The report is not an "Indian yarn"; the fact is too well and too generally known, and the different accounts agree too well on all the main points. Now I will only add that here in Hesquiot an impression used by a dying Indian, as he had been struck by a piece of the wreck, is very often used in a derisive way. I might give more proofs, but must confine myself for the present to the above.

A. J. BRABANT, R.C.P.
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MARINE NOTES.

The rumor that a new steamship line running between Vancouver and New Zealand was to start up at an early date no doubt rose from a report in the COLONIST a week ago, to the effect that a third steamer would be placed on the Canadian-Australian route. The C.P.R. have not, however, been notified of any new trans-Pacific line to run to British Columbia.

The Japanese steamship Konourai Maru, commanded by Kuzo Ito, sixth knight of the Empire of Japan, from Hakodohe Jitum, arrived in Port Townsend on Friday night after an uneventful voyage of twenty days. The vessel is wholly officered and manned by Japanese.

A GRATIFYING absence of crime or even serious misdemeanor is reported by the police for the week just closed. Yesterday there were no offenders for trial in the city court and only empty cells at the police station.