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SALMON COMMISSION.

Official Declared to be a Positive Source
of Danger and Detrimental
to Settlement.

The Scavenger Fish a Boon in Colum-
bia Waters—White Fish, Chinese
and Indian Labor.

New WESTMINSTER, Feb. 26.—The Royal
Fisheries Commission resumed at 10:30,
this morning. William Arthur was the
first witness called. He had resided in British
Columbia for three years; is a farmer; was
aware there was a law regulating the dis-
posal of offal. His farm is two miles from
the Delta cannery, and is situated on a
slough, which at low water is dry. The
tide carries the cannery refuse to the lower
end of the slough, and when the tide re-
cedes the offal remains. There were seven-
teen cases of typhoid fever during last sum-
mer. There were about 800 cases of typhoid
in his own family, which cost about \$600 for
medicine and attendance. Did not believe
to say that the cause of this sickness was
the result of putrid offal in the slough. The
Delta cannery is badly situated for the dis-
posal of offal. At Canoe Pass, there are
little pockets in which the deposit of offal
is so bad that frequently residents have to
remove it to avoid the unbearable
stench. From the fact that offal is per-
mitted to be discharged carelessly, and
owing to the prevalent sickness, his land
has been depreciated \$300 a year. Others
are affected similarly. He used some of the
refuse from the cannery, and considers it
good as a fertilizer. There is no fear from
cannery refuse that the offal factory
gives an offensive odor. It would be a
simple process to do away with the offal by
fishing it out. People are deterred
from coming to the cannery by reason of
the offal nuisance. During an abundant
run the cannery gets choked with fish,
and large numbers of decayed fish are thrown
out. Last year about 2,000 gallons of fish
oil was sold. The cannery paid \$100 per
gallon for the oil. It was used for other
purposes. Offal is preferred to dog fish oil,
as it is not so offensive in smell. Witness
thought that in the interests of morality and
for the benefit of the fishing business, a
Sunday law should be passed, and that offal
should be removed from the cannery. He
thought that the lower parts of the
river. The Sunday law is good. All
British subjects should have a license and
they should not be transferrable. The
large number of licenses should be given
all canners.

A. L. Lord, a resident of fifteen years in
British Columbia, said: "I know little about the effects of
offal on fish. Fish average about seven
pounds in weight, about a hundred hands
are required in a cannery. The cannery
are put up. About seven or eight are white
men and the rest are Chinamen and Indians.
On the Columbia river, Chinamen are the
principal employees. I think the cannery
are the worst of the cannery. The
working time is much broken, and gen-
erally depends on the run of the fish. I
prefer a good white man to a good Chin-
ese. The Sunday law is right. The
hatchery is somewhat beneficial. Licenses
should be given to all British subjects and
not be transferrable. The
license should be uniform on all the rivers
of British Columbia.

Jas. A. Lidlaw was giving evidence when
the Commission adjourned.

THE CROFTERS.

Ample Provision Made for a Market for
Their Work at B. M. M. Rates.

Major Clarke, representing the syndicate
formed to dispose of the product of the
Crofters' labor, was called on by the
reporter, yesterday. The Major said that
matters had not as yet culminated. He was
not prepared to name the site on which the
Crofters would be asked to go, but said
that the fullest consideration had been
made, and that the best location would be recom-
mended, and, no doubt, approved. Of
the places favored by the company, he
named the Crofters' Mission. He was
in a position to say which of them he
believed to be the best. "As far as the market is con-
cerned," said he, "that is undoubted-
ly the best. The demand for fish and fish
products will be far greater than the supply
and we have all the cities of the States
within easy range—New York, Boston, Mil-
waukee, St. Paul, and many others. We
have the Canadian cities, which will be a great source
of demand. We can get the fish to all these
places in the best condition and fresh.
The fish will be brought in refrigerat-
ing cars, and sold as fresh fish."

"Do you intend going in for selling,
canning or preserving?" was asked.
"Not at present," replied Major Clarke.
"Our idea is to dispose of fresh fish. Of
course, as the trade develops, there will
arise the necessity for extending our op-
erations, but at the start, there is a great
market for fish, and for this, there is a great
market. Fish are migratory, but we have
taken steps to ascertain the best stations
for the Crofters' settlements, and these have
been submitted to the Government. There
is no limit to our market for fresh fish, the
only obstacle being to reach the source of
consumption in good order. Those cities to
which we calculate upon supplying the
fresh article, we can furnish without diffi-
culty, and for a long time to come, they
will be able to take our supply."

"What are the stations selected?" was
asked.

The Major declined to answer the ques-
tion definitely. He would say, was
that as the result of careful enquiry, several
places had been named, and that it was
for the Government to make the selection.
So far as the scheme had gone, there could be
no doubt as to its success.

Heavy Damages Allowed.

Boston, Feb. 25.—The Superior Court
jury, to-day, rendered a verdict giving an
aggregate of \$25,500 damages to N. R. O.
The plaintiff alleged that, in order to in-
jure O. P. and Bryon A. Osgood, who were
interested in another cash carrier scheme,
the plaintiff's property in the
Hanover street dry goods store, thereby
breaking up a prosperous business.

THE CITY.

No Meeting Held.

A meeting of the Melrose committee was
to have been held, yesterday morning, but
owing to the absence of several of the mem-
bers, it was postponed.

The First Road Ride.

A party of inland wanderers are arrang-
ing for a run out to Saanich Road, next Sun-
day, if the weather and roads keep good. It
will be the first road run of 1892.

Orange Grand Lodge.

The Orange Grand Lodge, of British
Columbia, will hold its annual session in
Vancouver early in March, the first meet-
ing being set for Tuesday, the 8th proximo.

In Token of Respect.

The wholesale houses of Messrs. Lee &
Leiser, and of Mr. Simon Leiser, on Yates
street, were closed yesterday afternoon
during the funeral of the late Mr. Emanuel
Cook.

The Clarence to Re-open.

Arrangements were completed, yesterday,
for the re-opening of the Clarence hotel, at
the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, by
Messrs. Ashton and Robrig, who have
secured a two years' lease of the premises.

Nothing New Develops.

Representatives of the city, who are op-
posing the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's
bill, now before the Legislature, have no
new developments to report. There are no
further developments in the matter.

Clear Makers' Union.

At Thursday night's meeting of the cigar
makers' union, it was decided to adopt the
Pacific Coast Union label, so that those who
smoke domestic cigars may know the differ-
ence between union and non-union
made goods.

Adam's Aile.

To the city official who ordered that the
water be again turned into the trough at
the junction of Yates and Wharf streets,
the back and expert drivers tendered their
thanks. Their horses are grateful too,
though their pleasure cannot be testified to
by words.

Funeral of Mrs. Carvin.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Carvin took
place yesterday afternoon, the interment
being made in Ross Bay cemetery. As the
service was held at the home of the de-
ceased, the funeral was a private one. Many
friends accompanied the remains to their
last resting place.

To Be Opened Thursday.

The extension of the Tramway company's
Douglas street line along the Saanich road
will be opened at 4 o'clock on Thursday.
The new line will be a complete one, and
will remain to be done by the
curves. It is expected that the first
car carrying passengers will run over the
new piece of road on Thursday next.

The Writ Amended.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Sid-
dall, armed with an amended writ issued at
the instance of the Sehl, Hastie & Reikine
Co., served it a second time on Mrs. Fox,
who, it will be remembered, some days ago
refused to comply with a legal technicality.
She will now be proceeded against on a judg-
ment through the courts.

Funeral of the Late E. Cook.

The services of the Jewish church were
conducted, yesterday, by the Rabbi, Dr.
Philco, at the funeral of the late
Emanuel Cook, which took place at 2
o'clock from the family residence at the
corner of Cook and Yates streets. Very
many friends attended, and the service was
very touching. The deceased was buried in
his memory the last token of respect.
The pall-bearers were Messrs. Isaacs, Moss,
Kornstein, Lerner, Thuringer, Strauss,
Frank, and Bevan.

Peach Trees in Blossom.

If the present weather continues, the
winter of 1892 will go down into history as
one of the best for peach and plum trees.
Columbians have never known. One evidence
of the extreme mildness of the weather is
the fact that the peach trees show four
well developed blossoms and many number
of buds. It is a safe assertion that nowhere
else in Canada at the present time can be
seen such a large number of people in this
city who have rose bushes in their
gardens have had to pinch the newly-formed
buds off, as in case of a frost, the buds
would be killed and there would be no more
crop that year.

Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church, Missionary Society, held
on Thursday evening, the following officers
were elected for the ensuing year:
Vice: Hon. President, the pastor; President,
Hon. John Robinson; Vice-President, Dr. G.
L. Milne; Sec. Treas., A. R. Fraser; Exe-
cutive Committee, Messrs. J. F. Smith, D.
McLean, Bethune, Laing, Crockett, Mc-
Donald, Kerr, Macdonald, A. Carmichael,
McNee, Russell, Misses Gordon, Russell,
Mortimer, and Murray. The treasurer's
report gave evidence of the highly satisfac-
tory nature of the work done during the
past year, the donations towards missions
having amounted to \$222.15.

They All Come To It.

All over the city, merchants are preparing
for the war on American silver money
initiated by the bankers declining to accept
it at par, and little signs as below are be-
coming familiar to the eye.
American silver money is being refused
at 62 cents.
The city and public offices have followed
the bankers in giving notice, and the tram-
way company have adopted a sliding scale,
at which American money will be accepted.
It is:
American dollar—95 cents.
half dollar—45 cents.
quarter—25 cents.
nickel—10 cents.
nickel—two for one faro.

Some Important Notifications.

Fisheries guardian O'Neill intends, as
soon as Mr. Wilnot reaches here from New
Westminster, to make requisition upon him
in connection with the plaintiff's property in
the Hanover street dry goods store, thereby
breaking up a prosperous business.

ties have allowed those trespassing in this
respect to go free, but that the future of the
road will be no more shown to those who will
break the law and do so much harm to the
future of the industry.

Credit Where Credit is Due.

In reporting the concert in aid of St. Bar-
nabas church, at Spring Ridge, on Thursday
evening, the name of Mr. J. J. Simpson, who
was unintentionally omitted from the list of
those taking part.

Gone Over the Sound.

Joe Hess, the ex-pugilist, did not speak
at Temperance Hall, last evening, the an-
nouncement of his second lecture being the
result of a misunderstanding. He was origi-
nally to have spoken at the hall, but spoke
in Seattle, last night.

Charged With Larceny.

The Provincial Police, last evening, ar-
rested a man named Sullivan upon a war-
rant, information having been laid by V. G.
Bowman, livable stable, who was charged
with the larceny of a number of pigs and
a quantity of personal property.

The Greer Case.

The decision in the case of Samuel Greer
has not yet been rendered by Mr. Justice
Cree. Greer is still breathing the air of
liberty in Vancouver, anxiously waiting for
a call from this city, which will settle his
one way or the other, for the next two
years.

An Important Meeting.

A number of gentlemen prominently
identified with the Victoria-Aberdeen rail-
way scheme, will be over from the coast
to-day to consider the establishment
of a ferry to Victoria, and also to decide
upon the Straits terminus of the main line.

Will Probably Build.

It is understood that arrangements are
now being made by the trustees of the
Yates estate for the erection of a three
storey brick and stone building, on their
Wharf street property. It is not yet
definitely settled, however, pending receipt
of advice from England.

A Combination Attraction.

The Entertainment Committee of the
Victoria Athletic Club, hold a special
meeting in the club rooms, to-day, to
consider the plan for the approaching
exhibition, promenade concert and ball,
which is to be held in Assembly Hall in
about three weeks. The affair will be a
grand one in every way.

That Bow Window.

Mr. Turner has filed his answer to the
corporation's application for an injunction
to compel him to tear out the part of his
new building on Broad street—the now
celebrated bow window. The case will
be heard at 10 o'clock on Thursday next.
The corporation is anxious to get the
building through the various stages required
to bring it into the Supreme Court.

A Street Squabble.

Two men named Harvey and Rourke
appeared in the dock in the police-court,
yesterday, to answer to a charge of creat-
ing a disturbance on Johnson street,
the night before. Both were very peni-
tent, and pleaded guilty to having indulged in
a very pleasant rough and tumble fight
with the police. The trial was
promptly and promptly paid.

Too Quiet to Suit Them.

The one of quiet and rest have deserted
the upper portion of the Supreme Court
building, and is at present visiting the
Provincial Police Station down below.
The official of the court, who took place
at the department against the dull time of
having and the utter absence of any excit-
ing work to make life interesting. They
sincerely hope that this will mend.

Lives to Fight Another Day.

Two followers of the sea, by ordinary ap-
pearance, at least, and who were engaged
in a battle on Yates street, just below
Government, yesterday afternoon, and a crowd of
200, or more, soon gathered to see the fight.
It was a very exciting one, and the result
was a draw. The two men, who were
called "Police," caused one of the combatants
to take to his heels with a celerity that was
commendable.

To Build a New Wharf.

Messrs. Spratt & Gray intend building,
shortly, a new wharf on the old one, and
the new wharf will be 100 feet long, and will
project into the water a distance of 40 feet.
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and will be a great help to the
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Paid Dear for His Whistle.

Several days ago, a man named White,
who was charged with the larceny of a
number of pigs and a quantity of personal
property, was arrested by the Provincial
Police. He was charged with the larceny
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The Harbour Liquor Case.

The case against L. Markham, in the
police court, yesterday, charged with sell-
ing liquor between prohibited hours at the
Poodle Dock, between the 6th and 7th inst.,
was finally disposed of by Police Magistrate
Belyea. The honor who had, it will be
remembered, adjourned the case from the
previous day in order to consider the legal
points raised by Mr. Hunter, came to the
conclusion that they were sound, and there-
fore dismissed the charge.

The Old Standby.

The rule nisi granted by Mr. Justice
Drake for a new trial in the case of Gray v.
McCallum, is now being opposed in the
courts. Yesterday the Chief Justice and
Mr. Justice Giesse sat to hear the argu-
ments on both sides. Mr. F. Walker
appeared for the applicants, with the At-
torney General and Mr. Bodwell against him.
The whole day was taken up by the argu-
ments on both sides. Mr. Walker argued
the granting of a new trial. He will con-
tinue his argument to-day, and it will prob-
ably be Monday before he concludes.

Good Advice.

Yesterday morning, young Van Horst
and his companion in crime, Jeff Nibby,
were sentenced by Messrs. Justice Giesse
and Mr. Justice Giesse to three months' im-
prisonment for stealing a horse. The lad
seemed most penitent, and Mr. Ward
advised him to take advantage of the
occasion to give them both a sound lectur-
ing, and a good deal of honest, sterling
advice about their future.
The magistrates took some length, showing
them very plainly where their present be-
haviour would land them, and entreating
the shores.

them, with great kindness to turn over a
new leaf. Probably those sensible utter-
ances will