From THE DAILY COLONIST, September 13.

THE CITY.

ANDREW MILLER, who will appear before the police magistrate on Tuesday on a charge of assaulting an Indian, was admitted to bail last night.

A NUMBER of old men, some of whom have been inmates of the Old Men's Home here, started for the provincial home at Kamloops this morning under the guidance of Provincial Constable Anderson.

PROVINCIAL appointments gazetted this week are those of Harrison P. Millard, M.D.C.M., to be resident physician at Comox; Ernest Crompton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be a coroner for Victoria and Esquimalt; and Edward L. Kirkland, to act as assessor and collector for the county of Westminster.

THE B.C. Benevolent Society have received from M. A. Van Lookeren, of France, through his agents, Messrs. Lowenberg Harris & Co., a donation of $25. Mr. Van Lookeren writes: "The reason I subscribe is that I understand that as a non-resident, it is fair I should contribute towards the needs of your poor."

ANOTHER social dance was given in the Daughters of England hall, View street, last evening, on this occasion under the management of the Y.L.I. It was the society's second dance of the season and was manifestly a success. The Bantly family orchestra discoursed a pleasing programme of music and refreshments added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

A VERY impressive harvest festival service was held at St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, last night. The service was full choral. Ven. Archdeacon Scriven read the lessons, the prayers were read by Rev. J. F. Flinton, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Columbia. The service was concluded by the singing of the Te Deum. The church was very prettily decorated, wheat and barley being used and with happy effect.

D. MCNICOLL, Montreal, general passenger agent, C.P.R.; W. R. Callaway, agent for the C.P.R. Soo lines; R. Kerr, general passenger agent, Winnipeg; M. M. Stern, San Francisco agent of the C.P.R., and D. McL. Brown, Vancouver, are a party of C.P.R. men who arrived by the steamer Geo. E. Starr, from the Sound yesterday. Mr. McNicoll is on a trip of inspection to the various offices along the line. The party returns to Vancouver to-day.

MR AND MRS. W. J. MACAULAY on Wednesday evening entertained the visiting Lieut.-Governor of Quebec and his party at their residence, "Highlands," among those invited to the dinner being the following: Lieut.-Governor and Madame Chapleau; M. Kleczkowski, Consul General for France; Hon. Joseph Royal, formerly Lieut.-Governor N.W.T.; Colonel and Mrs. McNamara, St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Marquis, Victoria; and Miss Green and Mr. Molyneux St. John, Winnipeg.

"THE VICTORIA" is the title of a first class hotel in Seattle under the direction of W. K. Tulloch, formerly proprietor of the Wilson here. The hotel has recently been furnished, and the writer can attest to the elegance and comfort of its rooms and the excellence of its table. The hotel is on the corner of Front and University streets, is convenient to the railway and steamer depots, and is in every way up to its claim of "strictly first class." Victorians visiting Seattle are recommended to put up at the Victoria.

JOHN MEYLER and William Hall, the two bluejackets who assaulted contables Carter and Clayard, were sentenced yesterday morning by Mr. Justice Walkem to twelve months' imprisonment. Lieut. Church, of H.M.S. Wild Swan, to which the men belonged, stated that Meyler and Hall were two of the worst men aboard the ship, and Mr. Justice Walkem taking all the circumstances into account gave the prisoners a year's sentence, at the same time telling them he considered their conduct had been very cowardly.

YESTERDAY'S Tacoma Ledger says: "A quiet wedding in the presence of a few friends of the bride and groom took place yesterday morning at St. Peter's church, Old Tacoma. The groom was J. E. Macrae, agent of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company at Victoria, and Miss M. S. Brown, of Scotland. Rev. J. B. Alexander performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Macrae will reside at Victoria." The young couple will make their home at No. 113 Superior street. They will spend probably two weeks on their honeymoon trip, during which they will visit the principal cities of the coast.

MR. ADAM ROSS, of Saanich, who has had the experience of the best part of a lifetime in mining, is amongst the latest to bring a good report of the Alberni district, to which he has just paid his third visit. Mr. Ross says he considers the prospects excellent for profitable results from the extraction of the gold which so plainly appears in the ledges, and that the prospectors are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the stamp mill which they have heard is to be set up there. They believe that the results of the first smelting operations would be such as to bring with a rush the capital that is needed for development.

THE funeral of George E. Martin, which took place yesterday from his mother's residence on Simcoe street, was attended by a very large number of sympathizing friends. Services were conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, both at St. Andrew's church and at the graveside, while the Foresters—of which order the deceased had been an honored officer—turned out in a body, and had also the usual service of the craft, conducted by P. C. R. Bro. A. Johnston. The pall-bearers were: H. L. O'Brien, E. E. C. Johnson, J. R. Collister, J. H. Wark, G. Chadwick and G. N. Gowen, the first four mentioned gentlemen being Past Chief Rangers of the A. O. F.

THE act passed by the legislature at its last session re-dividing the province for judicial purposes into seven counties, is by proclamation appearing in the current number of the official Gazette to go into effect on the 1st of October. Heretofore the boundaries of the several districts have varied for the purposes of the Supreme court act, the County court act, and the Sheriff's act respectively, but now they will be uniform for all such purposes. The seven counties will be Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay. Another act passed last session provides that it shall be lawful to assign to each of the counties of Westminster and Vancouver one of the judges of the Supreme court, and to the county of Victoria three of such judges, and to direct that the judges so assigned shall reside and usually discharge their duties in the counties to which they are respectively assigned; while a further provision makes it necessary for the judges assigned to Westminster and Vancouver counties to reside in each case not more than six miles from the cities so named. The object of the acts was to gratify Vancouver's desire for a resident Supreme court judge.

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

"At Home" in Honor of Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec and Madame Chapleau.

List of Those Who Received Invitations for the Occasion—A Brilliant Affair.

Several hundred ladies and gentlemen attended the "At Home" at Government House yesterday afternoon to meet His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec and Madame Chapleau. Among those present were Hon. Mr. Royal and M. Kleczkowski, consul-general of France. The guests were received by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dawdney and Mrs. Dewdney, whose kindly hospitality made the afternoon pass very pleasantly. The guests were:

Angus, Mr, Mrs and the Misses James; Mr Forrest and the Misses Angus; Anderson, Mr and Mrs J R; Aspland, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Abbott, Mr H H.

Baker, Colonel and Mrs; Burrowes, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs; Barnes, Captain G E; Bryden, Mr and Mrs John; Bostock, Mrs; Booth, Mr and Mrs G W; Burton, Mr and Mrs W F; Bialklock, Mrs; Bramsdon, Mr and Mrs W H; Brown, Miss P C; Bell, R N, Surgeon A S G; Beanlands, Canon and Mrs; Browne, R N, Surgeon R H J; Brady, Mr Mrs and Miss; Blanchard, Miss; Beaven, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Beaven, Messrs H R and Wm; Bullen, Mr and Mrs W F; Bullen, Mr J R; Burns, Mr and Mrs Gavin H; Byrnes, Mr, Mrs and Miss Geo; Bowden, Miss; Barnard, Mr and Mrs G H; Barber, Rev W D; Blackwood, Mr and Mrs E E.

Crease, Hon Mr Justice and Mrs, the Misses, and Messrs Lindley and A D; Corsan, Mr and Mrs T; Chapman, Mr and Mrs Hedley; Croft, Mr Henry; Combe, Mr and Mrs Harvey; Cox, Fleet Surgeon H T; Courtney, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Curwen, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Charles, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Cuppage, Mr G V; Cridge, Bishop and Mrs; Cridge, Miss.

Davie, His Lordship the Chief Justice and Mrs; Davie, Dr and the Misses; Davie, Miss S; Drake, Hon Mr Justice and Mrs Tywhitt; the Misses Tyrwhitt Drake; Mr B H T Drake; Dunsmuir, Mrs and Miss; Mr and Mrs James Dunsmuir; Mr R Dunsmuir; Duncan, Dr John A; Duncan, Surgeon-Major G H; Day, Mr and Mrs R S; Dumbleton, Mr and Mrs Allan S; Dupont, Major and Mrs; Dickinson, Mrs and Miss; Devereaux, Capt, Mrs and the Misses; Dent, N, Mr Frank.

Eberts, Hon D M and Mrs; Earle, Mr and Mrs Thos; Ellis, Mr W H, Mrs and Miss; Erb, Mr, Mrs and the Misses.

Fletcher, Mr and Mrs E H; Fisher, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Foulkes, Mr J F; Flumerfelt, Mrs A C; French, Capt G A; Finlayson, Mrs, the Misses and Mr R Li; Fossett, Flag Lieut B Godfrey; Finnis, R N, Captain.

Gordon, R E, Mr H W; Greig, Mr and Mrs Wm; Gillespie, Mr and Mrs Geo; Galpin, Messrs H V and F W; German, Mrs J L Hill; Gore, Mr & Mrs W S; Gray, Mr and the Misses Hamilton; Grahame, Mr, Mrs and Miss, Mr F R; Green, Mr and Mrs Ashdown; Goffin, Mr and Mrs C A; Galletly, Mr and Mrs; Gaudin, Captain, Mrs and the Misses.

Huntingford, R N, Capt Geo; Hunter, Mr and Mrs Joseph; Harvey, Miss and Miss L; Harvey, Mr and Mrs Rout; Harvey, Miss and Mr Geo; Hall, Mr and Mrs Thos B; Holland, Mr and Mrs; Higgins, Hon D W; Higgins, Mr Frank Higgins, Mr and Mrs W R; Helcken, Hon Dr J S; Helmcken, Dr and Mrs J D; Henderson, Rev Mr and Mrs; Heisterman, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Heisterman, Mr B S; Harris, Mr and Mrs D R; Harris, Mr E A; Hamilton, Capt and Mrs Andrew; Messrs L J and F O; Haines, Mr H B; Hasell, Dr E S; Harrington, Mrs E Templer; Harkin, Mr W A (Montreal).

Irving, Major and Mrs P Æ; Irving, Capt and Mrs John.

Jones, Dr and Mrs O Meredith; Jones, Mr Richard; Jones, Major A W; Johnston, Mr and Mrs M T; Johnston, Mr Geo C; Johnson, Mr and Mrs E M; Jenns, Rev Mr, Mrs and Miss; Jay, Mr and Mrs Geo; Jones, Dr and Mrs T J; Janion, Mrs.

Kleczkowski, Mons A; Ker, Mr and Mrs R L; Ker, Mrs D R; Keast, Mr, Mrs and the Misses; Keefer, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Kains, Mr and Mrs Tom; King, Mrs E H; Kent, Mr and Mrs Chas; Kent, Mr and Mrs Herbert.

Langley, Mr A J, the Misses and Mr W H; Langley, Mr and Mrs Walter; Langton, Mr H J; Lawson, Miss; Loewen, Mr, Mrs and the Misses; Lowenberg, Mr Carl; Lobb, Mr W H; Rt Rev Bishop of Vancouver Island; Luxton, Mr A P.

Martin, Hon G B; Muirhead, R E, Major H H; Martin, Mr and Mrs Archer; Mackenzie, Miss; Macdonald, Hon Senator, Mrs and the Misses; McInnes, Hon Senator and Mrs; Mouat, Mrs and Miss; Mathews, Mr and Mrs G F; Milne, Dr and Mrs G L; McCarthy, R N, Surgeon, M J and Mrs; Marquis, Mr and Mrs; Marvin, Mr and Mrs W T; Morley, Mr S F; Marwood, R N, Rev Geo H; Moggridge, R N, Captain and Mrs; Mohun, Mr and Mrs E; McCallum, Captain and Mrs A E; Macrae, Mrs and Miss; Macrae, Mr and Mrs Lawrence; Millingen, Mr O H Van; Mytton, Mr Henry F.

Napier, R N, Captain Macvey; H M S Nymphe, officers of the ward room; Newton, the Misses.

O'Reilly, Hon Mr, Mrs and Mr Frank; Oliver, Mr W E; Oaksmith, Mrs.

His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin; Perrin, Mr Edward; Pooley, Hon Mr, Mrs and the Misses; Pooley, Mr T E; Peters, Lieut-Colonel and Mrs J; Pemberton, Mr and Mrs F B; Pemberton, the Misses and Mr J D; Pinder, Mr and Mrs W G; Powell, Mrs, the Misses and Mr Geo E; Puckle, Miss; Penny, Mr and Mrs J L; Pearse, Mr and Mrs S W; Pearse, Captain C St A; Potts, Mr A S; Parkes, Mr and Mrs G E; Palmer, Captain E; Prior, Mrs and Miss; Prior, Mr C J.

Royal, Hon Joseph; Reid, R N., Sir John; Royal Arthur—Officers of the Ward Room and Gun Room; Rhodes, Mr C W and Miss; Rawstorne, Lt.-Col and Mrs G A L; Rithet, Mr and Mrs R P; Rich, Mr, Mrs and Miss; United States Consul and Mrs Roberts; Roberts, Mr Sydney; Raymur, Mrs; Raymur, Mr and Mrs J L; Reed, Mr, Mrs and the Misses Baynes; Richards, Hon Mr and Mrs; Robson, Mrs; Redfern, Mr and Mrs C E; Richardson, Dr and Mrs.

Stephenson, C B, Rear Admiral H F; Stokes, R N, Capt R H S; Scaife, Mr and Mrs A H; Shaw, Mr and Mrs Geo C; Shaw, Miss; Shipster, Mrs H R; Snowden, Mr and Mrs N P; Scriven, Ven Archdeacon and Mrs; Sharp, Rev Mr and Mrs; Smith, Mr and Mrs T R; Smith, Mr and Mrs J McB; Smith, Mr A G; Sorby, Mr and Miss; Senkler, Mr and Mrs J H; Seabrook, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Stahlschmidt, Mr C B; Stuart, Mr G Roland; Scott, Miss Lillian.

Todd, Mr and Mrs J H; Mr C Todd; Tolmie, the Misses and Mr J W; Tiarks, Mr and Mrs J G; Templeman, Mr and Mrs Wm.

Vernon, Mr and Mrs C A; Vowell, Mr A W.

Walkem, Hon Mr Justice and Mrs; Ward, Mr and Mrs Wm C; Ward, Miss and Messrs C W and Frank; Ward, Mr and Mrs W A; Wyman, Miss; Worlock, Mr, Mrs and Miss; Wolley, Capt and Mrs Phillips; Wolfenden, Lt-Colonel, Mrs and the Misses; Wilson, Mr W Ridgway; Wilson, Mr, Mrs and Miss J Keith; Wilson, Mr, Mrs and Miss, Wm; Wilson, Mr Joseph; Wilson, Mr J E; White, Mr E, Mrs and the Misses; Walbran, Captain, Mrs and the Misses; Worsfold, Mr C C; Watt, Dr A T; Wild Swan, H M S, Officers of the Ward Room; Wootton, Mr S Y.

Lieut.-Governor Chapleau and party left this morning for Vancouver, where they leave in the private car Earnscliffe for the East. They will visit the Governor General and Lady Aberdeen at their Okanagan ranch.

A MEETING at A. Oleson's place, Lansdowne road, was held last evening to consider the Oaklands fire hall question. There were 30 persons present including Aldermen Wilson, Bragg and Macmillan. Ald. Wilson occupied the chair and B. H. West was chosen secretary of the meeting and business started with a vote being taken as to whether a fire hall or sidewalk would be preferred. There were but few opposed to the fire hall, but both are required. Two sites were offered for the hall and the choice of the meeting as shown by a vote of 17 to 6 was one belonging to Mr. Watson Clark on Oakland avenue. Mr. Mewburn's place on the Lansdowne road was the other site which had been offered and it was not till after a long discussion that the decision was arrived at. When the fire hall matter was all settled the other wants of the settlement, such as sidewalks, etc., were talked over but nothing in particular was done.

"THE Teaching of Geography" was the subject of a highly interesting paper by Miss Kermode read at the meeting of the teachers' association yesterday.

THE PREVOST CASE.

Yesterday the preliminary hearing of the indictments against J. C. Prevost was resumed in the city police court. The second charge, that of stealing $824, partly heard on Tuesday, was temporarily laid over and the third was taken up. This was of stealing $1,565, in October, 1893

A. P. Luxton, barrister, of the firm of Davie, Pooley & Luxton, was the first witness sworn. He was managing clerk for C. E. Pooley on 19th October, 1893. He recognized a receipt which he had given J. C. Prevost in the matter of the Leigh estate, on that date, for $1,565. He also identified a check for the amount, drawn and signed by J. C. Prevost. The check was paid into the bank to Mr. Pooley's account and was not protested. The amount was Mrs. W. Dawdney's share of a sale of property belonging to the Leigh estate.

Two exhibits were then put in by the prosecution, these being orders of court one signed Sept. 13, 1889, authorizing J. C. Prevost as administrator of the Wm. Leigh estate to sell lands belonging to the estate; the second, signed October 30, 1890, confirmed the sale of certain land to J. Boscowitz.

At this point R. E. Brett, of the Attorney-General's office, identified a letter received at the Attorney-General's office March 1, 1895. It was from Drake, Jackson & Helmcken and dated Feb. 28, 1895. (This letter referred to the second charge of stealing $824.)

Here a slight difficulty occurred. The prosecution wanted Mr. Aikman, counsel for the defence, to admit certain facts in regard to the letter. Mr. Aikman did not want to raise any needless difficulties, but did not think he should be required to admit facts. He would admit the letter, and thought it self-explanatory. Mr. A. G. Smith, for the Crown, wanted the Court to call Mr. Aikman as a witness, but this Mr. Aikman asked time to consider, as it did not seem he should be called to give evidence against his client. The Court allowed the matter to lie over for a time, and proceeded again with the hearing of the third charge.

J. Boscowitz, merchant, sworn, stated that he had purchased the Leigh estate property mentioned in the court order of October, 1890, already filed. The lots were 539, 539A, 540 and 548, and the price was $8,135. He gave a check to Prevost for $6,000 on January 13, 1891, having previously given Capt. Clark, the auctioneer, the difference, on September 10, 1890. Both checks were paid by the Bank of British Columbia and charged to witness' account.

G. A. Goffin, accountant of the Bank of British Columbia, produced a deposit slip showing that on January 30, 1891, the accused made a deposit of $6,142, a portion of which was a check from J. Boscowitz of $6,000. The deposit was passed to Prevost's private account. Witness also identified a check for $1,565.08 drawn on account of the registrar for the time being.

The accused, to this charge also, declared that he had nothing to say; and his counsel did not wish to call any witnesses.

The court adjourned to meet at noon today, then to again take up the second charge.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Bark "Enoch Talbot" Waits in Esquimalt to Be Docked—Alaskan Competition.

The Prevost Island Lighthouse Will Probably Be Taken Over From the Contractors To day.

According to the Seattle Times, "the Pacific Coast Steamship Company have entered the Alaska rate war with renewed energy. They announced a cabin rate of $10 to Juneau and a $5 steerage rate to the same place for the steamship Alki, which was advertised to sail to-day. What is very unusual, tickets which were sold previously to this last reduction were, in some cases at least, rebated to the purchasers. A $30 round trip cabin rate had previously been made for the steamship Topeka, advertised for the 5th. After her departure tickets were sold for the Alki at reduced rates, when news came from below to cut the rate to $10, and it was said by some of the passengers that no round trip tickets were being issued for the Alki. There was a belief around the Ocean dock this morning that word might be received before the vessel got away to cut the rate below $10. The statement was made by outsiders that the Pacific Coast Company will in all likelihood announce a $5 cabin rate soon, if not a lower one."

A CHANGE OF PLANS.

As the bark Enoch Talbot was about to proceed to Vancouver for her lumber cargo the other day, having been delayed on account of the non-arrival of a tug to tow her there, she received orders to discharge ballast and make ready for docking. On her arrival in Esquimalt this was what she intended doing, but owing to the marine railroad being occupied her plans were changed, and the bark will await the launching of the collier Wellington, which is expected to be on the stocks until the end of the present month. The foul condition of her bottom makes it imperative that she should dock.

THE PREVOST ISLAND LIGHT.

In all likelihood the new lighthouse just completed on Prevost island will be taken over from the contractors to-day. Captain Gaudin, agent of the Marine and Fisheries department, leaves on the Dominion steamer Quadra to-day to inspect the structure, and if everything is found satisfactory the lighthouse will be taken over by the Captain on behalf of the Dominion. The globe for the light, which is coming out from the East, will be taken out to the station as soon as its arrival.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamship Willapa sailed North from the Sound yesterday with a big cargo of freight. Her upper deck was altogether taken up with lumber and green goods and her lower deck pretty well taken up with cattle from Tacoma.

A Woman Customs Inspector.

The best inspector in the French custom house is a woman. She is in the Havre office, and she has a nose that can detect dutiable goods without opening a lock. She is naturally amiable and slow to anger, but woe to the foreigner or countryman who provokes her ire.—New York Press.

For Red Arms.

Rough, red arms are a source of much annoyance to many women, especially to those who are given to wearing short sleeves. They should be washed every night in very hot water and scrubbed vigorously until quite red with a coarse turkish towel. Before drying rub in a little lemon juice mixed with an equal amount of lime water.

HALL MINES.

The Smelter Will Be Ready to "Blow in" by the New Year.

A Hundred Ton Plant Now on the Ground—Active Development Operations.

Speaking of the mining development of the Kootenay country Mr. H. E. Croasdaile, manager of the Hall mines, yesterday remarked that people on the Coast do not even yet seem to realize the magnitude of the industry. Take for instance the three main mining districts, the Slocan, that round Nelson, and the Trail and Rossland country. These are no longer in the preliminary stages of "prospects," but have well developed mines that are constantly producing an immense quantity of ore. Speaking more particularly of the Hall mines, Mr. Croasdaile stated that the tramway for carrying the ore from the mines 4½ miles to the smelter is about completed, the smelter plant is now on the ground and by the beginning of the year the smelting operations will begin. The smelting plant will have a capacity of 100 tons a day, and the tramway will bring the ore from the mines at the rate of ten tons an hour. There are 7,000 tons of ore now on the dump and 100 men working at the mines. One great advantage of the ore is that it is practically self fluxing. It averages across the whole vein without any sorting, and taking a very conservative estimate, between 40 and 50 ounces in silver, and 5 per cent. in copper; besides it runs well in manganese, iron and lime, which will obviate the necessity of other fluxes, with perhaps the exception of a little iron. The product of the smelter will be a medium grade copper matte, running several hundred ounces in silver. Tests of the ore have been made in both Swansea and New Jersey and it has been proved to be practically self-smelting—a most important factor in its economical treatment. Ore bins have been erected at the mine of 5,000 tons capacity and at the lower terminus of the tramway of 7,000 tons capacity; so that a supply may always be kept on hand and prevent any delays. A railway siding has also been put in and every care taken to make quick and economical handling of ore, coke and matte. At the mine the vein is being thoroughly tested by means of borings by power drills, which are operated so as to prospect the vein below the present workings. The results are proving quite satisfactory. With the smelter in operation a means will be at hand for the owners of such properties as the Poorman and other gold producing claims in the district to get their ore treated at home, and in that way the development of mining will be directly assisted. A mill will probably be erected in Nelson to concentrate such ores before they are sent to the smelter. Mining development is going ahead very busily in the Nelson district at present.

WORLD'S RAILWAY RECORD.

TO THE EDITOR:—I notice in this day's issue of your paper a telegram from Buffalo under the heading, "Railway Record Broken," in which it is said that the New York Central has covered the distance of 440 miles between New York and Buffalo in seven hours. The paragraph claims this as the "world's long distance record," and three quarters of an hour better than the record established lately by the west coast route in the railway race from London to Perth and Aberdeen.

As I have by me the Edinburgh Evening Despatch of August 23, I am happily able to correct this vainglorious American misstatement. A train leaving Euston at 8 p.m. on August 22, reached Aberdeen at 4:32 a.m. on August 23, having run the distance of 540 miles in 8 hours, 32 minutes, which gives an average speed of 63¼ miles an hour. The average speed of the American railway is under 63 miles an hour, and that, too, for a run shorter by 100 miles than the British road.

The fastest part of the N.Y.C. journey was done from Syracuse to Buffalo—149 miles in 141 minutes—giving an average of 63 2-5 miles per hour. The British line steamed 135¼ miles between Crewe and Carlisle in two hours; or at the rate of 67½ miles an hour, and this in face of the heavy gradients at Greyrig and Shap. As this remarkable record only beat by eight minutes the previous day's run of their East coast rivals, it may be that since August 23 the time has been yet further diminished.

It seems curious that Buffalo railway men should not have heard of this extraordinary journey. In the meantime it is gratifying to know that they have been premature in their triumph, and that British railways can still eclipse in speed those of any other nation, including the United States of America.

JOCK MCCRAW.

THE LAW DISREGARDED.

TO THE EDITOR:—Any ratepayer having doubt as to the justification for the oft-repeated charges of civic mismanagement ought surely to have been convinced by the letter signed "John Macmillan, Alderman," which appeared in your issue of this date. I will not dwell upon the grossly misleading nature of that letter, the writer's lofty assumption of superiority over his fellow aldermen and his critics, or his hollow claim to credit for having "saved" the corporation a paltry sum when he chose the product of Chinese cheap labor from Seattle in preference to that of the deserving white workingmen of Victoria. What I wish to call attention to is the monstrous folly of the council in delegating absolutely to a committee the authority to misapply the corporation funds in the way that the amount sent to Seattle for sewer pipes has been misapplied. The result has been that two aldermen have set at defiance the wishes of all the rest of the board, to whom they now coolly say in effect: "Why did you give us authority if you were not prepared to take the consequences?" Why indeed? Is it any wonder that the ratepayers, notwithstanding the shameful condition of the principal streets, are reluctant to see any costly permanent improvement undertaken by the present board?

ONE WHO PAYS.

Victoria, Sept. 12, 1895.

An afternoon piano recital was given by the pupils of Miss S. F. Smith, A.T.C.M., at her studio, 57 Fort street, yesterday afternoon. The following pupils took part:—Albert Chudley, Walter Keating, Misses Keating, Phillis Eberts, Beth Hall, Winnie Johnson, Winnie Gabriel, Maude Chambers, Genevieve Grant, Rose Brash, Marie George, Florence Phair, Edna McKeon, Gertrude Meyer, Stella Meyer, Blanche Cooves, Dollie Cooves, Cassie Morrison, Laura Morrison, Marion Honesby, Erskine Smith.

A good appetite and refreshing sleep are essential to health of mind and body, and these are given by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

From THE DAILY COLONIST, September 14.

THE CITY.

A GOVERNMENT street saloon was on Friday night robbed of $150 odd. It seems that the safe of the saloon was left open, and in the morning it was found that the above sum was missing.

THE Notch Hill Indian murder case comes up for preliminary hearing at Kamloops on Tuesday, and the evidence obtained by the authorities seems to point strongly against some of the prisoners now under arrest there.

TWO little girls playing on the logs in Rock Bay had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday. They fell in the water but were fortunately noticed by a lady who was just in time to save the lives of the little ones.

JAMES KAY, under the mistaken idea that the shooting season was the same here as in the East, shot a grouse at Saanich on Thursday. He was yesterday fined $25 and costs for having in his possession a grouse out of season.

ALD. BRAGG has given notice to move at the next city council meeting that owing to the dangerous condition of a portion of Lansdowne road the city engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of repairing same.

CHARLES BOOTH, a butcher boy, was fined $15 and costs in the police court yesterday for cruelty to a horse. There were several witnesses to prove that on Wednesday afternoon Booth sawed the mouth of his horse in a cruel manner. In explanation he told the magistrate that the horse was hard mouthed, but the magistrate in imposing the fine remarked that if the horse could not be driven without cruelty, it should not be driven on the streets at all.

GUSTAV BRANDEBERG, one of the crew of the bark Shakespeare, lying at the outer wharf, was brought to the provincial police station in irons at an early hour yesterday morning. He had been on the spree the night before, and when he returned to his ship got into a fight with one of the crew. The captain, roused by the noise, went on deck and ordered Brandeberg forward. The sailor refused, and began to abuse the captain, who applied the old sea remedy of putting him in irons. At the provincial police court Brandeberg had to answer to a charge of being disobedient to his captain, and also of stealing a shirt from a lad named Kerr, an apprentice on the vessel. Brandeberg was found guilty and sentenced to a month's imprisonment for stealing, and two weeks more for disobeying his captain.

A LITTLE before 10 o'clock last night flames coming through the roof of a one story frame house near the Centennial Methodist church attracted the attention of a passerby and caused him to send in an alarm from box 41. The fire brigade on arrival found plenty of work on their hands, the entire building then being in flames. Two lines of hose were promptly laid and no draft being allowed, an hour's work was sufficient. The residence was that of Mrs. Pyatt, who with her family had left at 8 o'clock to spend the evening with friends at Esquimalt. The lamp, which had been left burning on the mantel, is believed to have exploded, thus causing the blaze. Upwards of $600 damages on house and contents is the result, there being a partial insurance with the B. C. Land and Investment Agency.

THE Sir William Wallace society held their usual weekly meeting last night at which there was a good attendance. A very good programme of pipe music, song and reading was given by the members, after which Dr. John Lang delivered a short but interesting lecture on "Thomas Guthrie, D.D.," one of the most prominent church leaders in Scotland. He was born in 1803, the same year in which Dr. Chalmers was ordained to his first charge. In 1835 he was ordained to his first charge. Principal McCosh of Princeton, then his copresbyter, speaks of him at this time as already showing his outstanding traits, while "I consider him the pictorial preacher of the age." He soon became the most popular preacher of the district. The part he played in the home mission work in the great disruption, the institution of ragged schools, the great cause of total abstinence and national education and in influencing the minds of his fellow country men, will receive attention on a future occasion. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

VICTORIA WATER WORKS.

Work is being rapidly pressed ahead at the city water works by the contractors, Walkely, King & Casey, who are all practical workmen and are present at the work daily. They have just now 75 men at work under foremen Murray and Burnes. The number of men is to be increased before long to 150 to 160. The work which the men have to perform is exceedingly varied—levelling the ground for the foundations, blasting rock and drilling—this latter work is done by steam drill. There is also a stone-crushing machine. A large quantity of stone on the east side of the reservoir has been broken by hand, to be used for rubble work and with concrete. The contractor for this hand work employed several laborers who had not bodily strength to endure the heavier sorts of labor. A rotary pump is engaged in getting rid of the mud and slush remaining in the old basin, so as to obtain a firm and level floor for the new reservoir, which will be six feet deeper than the bottom and outlet of the filters.

Each of the filters (three in number), each having an area of 12,000 square feet, is expected to furnish, if required, an average flow of 12 cubic feet, or nearly 90 gallons per square foot every 24 hours. This gives each filter a capacity of one million gallons per diem. The reservoir will have a capacity of five million, five hundred thousand gallons for the permanent supply of the city. About 7,000 barrels of Portland cement will be used by the contractors in completing the work, which is expected to be finished by the end of December, 1895.

The superintending engineer of the works, Mr. G. E. Jorgenson, was the successful competitor among fourteen plan or designs, and resides at the works. The city council appointed Mr. J. G. Brown as clerk of works, but he has not yet arrived at the station. The city council have about twenty-five men employed around Beaver and Elk lakes removing decayed and fallen timber These workmen take advantage of the Victoria & Sidney railway to convey them to and from their work.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The Delayed Australian Liner R.M.S. "Miowera" Arrives From Suva Direct.

Colliers From Cardiff and Philadelphia in Port—The "Kingston" on Her Regular Run.

At noon yesterday the Canadian-Australian steamship Miowera, Capt. James Stott, berthed at the outer wharf after a longer passage than usual. She left Sydney, N.S.W., on the 20th of last month, calling as usual at Suva. She did not berth at Honolulu, on account of the cholera and it being desirable that the ship should be exempt from all quarantine restrictions. Consequently when off Honolulu she signalled for the pilots and after a delay of about eight hours made her presence known. The pilot boat which came out in that time reported 33 cases of cholera in Honolulu, but there had been no new cases heard of for 48 hours previously, giving cause for cheerful anticipations of a clean port of call when the ship returned. Some three or four passengers bound for Honolulu went ashore in a boat but came on to Victoria afterwards, leaving everything behind them. The voyage was considerably prolonged by strong head winds and seas experienced throughout the entire passage. The R.M.S. Warrimoo, bound south, was passed on September 2 and signalled all well. It was two days later that the ship called off Honolulu. The Miowera passenger list is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. Collen, Mrs. Stott, Mr. and Mrs. Voute, Miss Voute, Miss Leuring, Miss Campbell, Rev. M. Gaughren, W. A. Lingham, W. Collins, P. Vanarsdale, J. Lyons, A. G. Cleamow, A. C. Wallen, T. Lanson, H. Evans, M. J. Morton, T. W. Greene, A. Giddings, W. N. Short, Mrs. Redgrave, H. McCleer and Captain Pierce.

Only a small number of the above landed here. Capt. Pierce is on his way from Sydney to look after some estates in Boston left him by relatives. He is very prominent in Sydney, being a musician, artist, lecturer, politician, cricketer, etc. Mrs. Redgrave is a former resident of Vancouver, and is returning to live there again. Mr. and Mrs. Voute are going to Holland in search of health, the former being a well-to-do Java business man. Miss Campbell has labored for some years as missionary among the aborigines of the South Sea islands, and is now on a pleasure trip, while Rev. W. Gaughren is the officiating priest of All Saints church, Sydney.

The list of the Miowera's cargo is as follows: 227 cases meats, 86 cases treacle, 196 cases fruit, 2,278 bags sugar, 1,038 ingots tin, 226 bales skins, 31 bales wool, 42 packages sundries. The steamer remained in port for three hours before proceeding to Vancouver. She brought no mails whatever from Honolulu.

ANOTHER SALMON SHIP ARRIVES.

An early morning arrival in Esquimalt yesterday was the British bark Sardhana, Capt. Miller, one of this year's salmon fleet. She came in in tow of the American tug Wanderer, which picked her up outside. The vessel is out 163 days from Cardiff, and brings a cargo of coals for H.M.'s navy. She met with bad weather on the voyage and was considerably detained, but came through all in good shape. During the trip but one merchantman was sighted, and she proved to be the Mary Josiah. As soon as the Sardhana discharges cargo she will be taken to the Fraser river and will be loaded with salmon on Robt. Ward & Co.'s account by stevedores Cates and McDermott.

THE "OLD RELIABLE" AGAIN IN SERVICE.

Looking as trim as ever the steamer City of Kingston, which has been at Tacoma for the past 17 or 18 days for overhauling, took her place on her old run yesterday and was a welcome exchange for the Sehome. The latter has been very irregular in her time of arrival and her accommodation does not nearly compare with that of the Kingston. The Kingston has been completely overhauled and is now looking in the best of condition. Local business men will probably appreciate the Kingston's return.

PHILADELPHIA COAL FOR VANCOUVER.

Ahead of the bark Sardhana as she came up the Straits yesterday morning was the American ship Louisiana, in tow of the Sound tug Sea Lion. She is coal laden from Philadelphia, part of her cargo being for Tacoma and the remainder for Vancouver. This is the second shipment of Philadelphia coal brought to Vancouver, the first having arrived some time ago on the bark Sterling.

MARINE NOTES.

The big tea steamer Yanariva has arrived at Vancouver from Yokohama with 2,155 tons of tea and curios for the East.

The N. P. steamship Tacoma, en route for the Orient, leaves the Sound early this morning.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Sept. 13.—(Special)—Hon. Wilfred Laurier will address a series of meetings in Ontario during October next, beginning on Tuesday the 8th prox., in the county of Dundas.

A cable was received by Acting Mayor Shaw yesterday from Mayor Kennedy stating that the British association will meet in Toronto in 1897. The mayor also states that he will sail for home next week.

Members of the Red river expedition of 1870 had a re-union last night. Col. Denison, M.P., presided. The toast of Lord Wolseley was responded to by Col. Denison, who said the success of the campaign proved the wisdom of choosing Lord Wolseley to command it.

A very grave crisis has arrived in the position of Toronto with regard to its water supply. The Rose Hill reservoir, for all practical purposes, is empty. According to the most sanguine estimates the fresh lake water will not be available for several days. The gravity of the situation led to a conference of city officials at the city hall yesterday. The result was that a deputation paid a visit to Mayor Bond at Toronto Junction, the waterworks of which are of large capacity, and as a result of the interview an endeavor will be made to connect the waterworks system of that town and the city.

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