Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH, 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, July 6, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

M. P. P. Dead.

Mr. L. S. A. Charlebois, M.P.P. for La Prairie, has died suddenly of inflammation of the lungs.

First Shipment.

The Canadian Pacific has a consignment of flour and leather from San Francisco to be shipped to Hong Kong by the Parthia. The agent there says it is the initial shipment from that city, but he expects it will be followed up by a number of others.

Sentenced.

George H. Miller, the murderer of James Manning Colman on Lake Washington, W.T., has been sentenced to hanging, on Sept. 23rd next. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, he replied: "I don't know anything about it."

Runaway Marines.

Port Angeles *Commonwealth:* Two runaway British soldiers landed last Friday at the mouth of the Elwha, and left a large ship's boat. It was picked up by "Cultus John" and "Moses," Indians of Elwha, and turned over to custom officer Croak, who has reported the matter to the custom authorities.

Protestant Orphans' Home.

The donations for June were as follows: Mr. Rodgers, milk; Mrs. Isaac Oppenheimer, Mrs. W. Pollard, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. A. A. Green, Mrs. J. H. Carmichael, clothing; Mrs. J. W. Williams, forms for school-room; Mr. Ahdeau, annual treat for the children.

For Portland.

The steamer Sardonyx arrived at the outer wharf from Vancouver last night at 10 o'clock and left immediately for Portland with ten or twenty passengers from the Parthia. No freight was taken from the latter vessel although she has 300 tons for Portland, it being deemed advisable for the Sardonyx to load 300 tons of flour at that port in order to allow the Parthia to get away in time.

Found Dead in Bed.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning the wife of Richard Andrews was found dead in bed at her late residence on Yates street. During the night she complained of not feeling well, but nothing serious was thought to be the matter. When Mr. Andrews awoke he found the dead body of his wife beside him in the bed. The deceased was 59 years of age and leaves a grown up family. An inquest will be held on the body by Coroner Jackson at 11 o'clock this morning.

The Parthia.

The steamship Parthia arrived on Sunday and anchored in Royal Roads, 13½ days from Yokohama. The cargo consists principally of tea, as follows: 140,000 pounds for Portland, 120,000 pounds for San Francisco, 1,225,000 pounds for New York and eastern cities, also considerable freight for Victoria. She brought 30 first class passengers and 80 in the steerage. The Parthia appears to be superior to the Abyssinia and is no doubt designed to become the favorite steamship on the line. She sails for China about the 11th inst.

Police Court.

Edward Eustice, drunk, fined $5.

Wm. Jeffrey and Billy, an Indian, charged with being drunk, bail estreated.

Thos. Hanson, vagrancy, bail estreated.

Ah Shue, supplying intoxicant to an Indian, fined $50 or three months at hard labor.

Annie, an Indian woman, in possession of an intoxicant. One month at hard labor.

Jim, an Indian, in possession of an intoxicant, fined $25 or one month at hard labor.

A Narrow Escape.

Vancouver *News:* As the work train in charge of Foreman Cole, drawn by engine No. 132, Scott, engineer, was going along the line on the other side of Granville, a man was observed lying on the track with his head on the rails. There is a curve in the road at this place and, consequently, the man was not observed till the train was within fifty yards of him. The engineer called for brakes as soon as he observed him, repeating the call eight times, reversed his engine, and sanded the track, finally succeeded in stopping the engine within about six feet of the man. He was found to be dead drunk.

Promotion.

The announcement of Mr. H. B. W. Aikman's appointment as a member of the Dominion Land Board at Winnipeg, has given general satisfaction and that gentleman's many friends are congratulating him. Mr. Aikman has been a resident of this province since 1862, and for a time was a member of the legal firm of Drake, Jackson & Aikman. He was appointed registrar general for the province, which position he creditably held for many years. Being tendered the office of Dominion land agent he accepted, and has held the same for over three years. When the offices were removed to New Westminster he repaired thither with his family, much to the regret of their friends. The appointment is a deserved one and Mr. Aikman has our sincere congratulations.

Guy, Bevan & Co.

The Canadian *Gazette* says: A first meeting was held under this failure. The debtors were timber merchants, trading in London as George Guy & Co., and in Canada as Guy, Bevan & Co. The accounts, which relate practically to the London firm only, return liabilities amounting to £179,286, of which £105,229 are expected to rank, with assets £25,323. The statement is also made out on the supposition that George Guy & Co. and Stewart Brothers were independent firms, it being alleged, however, that from February 1, 1882, the business of George Guy & Co. and Guy, Bevan & Co. was the property of Stewart Brothers. The debtors state that they entered into parnership in February, 1873, Bevan bringing in £30,000, and Guy's capital then standing at £30,000. The debtors have already been adjudicated, and the proceedings resulted in the appointment of Mr. C. F. Kemp, chartered accountant, as trustee of the estate, with a committee of inspection.

PERSONAL.

E. C. Baker, M. P., arrived from Ottawa last night.

John Grant, M. P. P., has gone to the interior on a business trip.

Capt. Gordon of the Hamilton Powder Works went to Vancouver this morning.

H. C. Becton, Agent-General for British Columbia at London, is in the city and will remain several months.

Hon. G. F. Vernon, Mayor Fell of Victoria, and Mayor McLean of Vancouver, were guests of the officers of H.M.S. Caroline, and reached Tacoma early yesterday morning on that vessel.

The Charlottetown *Patriot* of the 23rd ult., announces the presence in that city of Mr. A. L. McLellan on an extended visit to his friends and relatives. He was formerly a resident of Summerside.

Rev. P. McFarland McLeod, of Toronto, who has been visiting in San Francisco, arrived on the Mexico. He has consented to give one of his celebrated lectures in connection with the Pandora street Presbyterian church next week. Subject: "That Young Man."

Hon. James A. Grahame, whose return with his family was briefly noted on Sunday last, will remain during the summer with his old friends and may possibly carry out a long-cherished intention of permanently residing here. Mr. Grahame was governor of the Hudson Bay Company's territory with headquarters at Winnipeg, retiring several years ago.

THE OKANAGON COUNTRY.

A Country of Wonderful Resources—The Salmon River Mines Equal Expectations—A Region Absolutely Cut Off from Transportation.

Oregonian: Messrs. J. L. Atkinson and Seth L. Pope, of this city, have just returned from a trip of three weeks to the Salmon River mines in the Okanagon country. They went from here to Ellensburg, thence to Rock Island rapids, thence north inside the Big Bend to the Foster creek rapids, thence north through the Okanagon valley to Salmon river. Going and returning by nearly the same route, they got a very close and familiar view of the country and have come home greatly impressed with its value as a field for stock raising and general agriculture, and as a business district.

The promise of the mines is fully equal to the reports heretofore given to the public. They are of silver and lead, which seems to be stored in exhaustible quantities. Openings have been made for seven miles on one continuous vein. Very little development work has been done as yet, but all that has been done confirms expectations, and not a doubt is entertained of the wealth of the district. The mines are situated most fortunately adjacent to timber and water and in close proximity to steamboat navigation.

While Messrs. Atkinson and Pope found all and more than they expected in the mines, they were chiefly interested in the country as to its possibilities for general improvement. They saw enough of the Big Bend in a ride of ninety miles through it to confirm the favorable reports of recent visitors. It is a heavy rolling country with an average elevation of about 2200 feet. The native richness of the soil is shown by the luxuriant growth of bunch grass which abounds everywhere. There is little timber and the country is not very well watered as a whole. It is rapidly settling up with an industrious population, and very large areas are being brought under the plow. Crops looked well everywhere.

It was, however, the country west of and outside of the Big Bend that came especially under the notice of Messrs. Atkinson and Pope. Where they expected to see a broken wilderness they found a region as beautiful and fertile as the Willamette valley, the seat of prosperous settlement and established thrift. In describing the Okanagon valley, and the smaller valleys which lie south of it and directly west of the Big Bend, they are enthusiastic. In their judgment it has no match in the Pacific Northwest for beauty of aspect and wealth of soil and productions. They think that the settlement, already large, is destined to grow into a great and rich population.

The lack of transportation is the only drawback to this wonderful country. At the present time it is labor wasted to produce anything (excepting of course the local consumption) which cannot walk out of market. Enterprise and industry is paralyzed by an isolation which, in these latter days finds no counterpart in the Northwest. Merchandise is now hauled in wagons from Ellensburg, for the first stage of thirty-two miles (from Ellensburg to the Columbia river crossing near Rock Island rapids,) over a high range of mountains, the road in some places reaching an altitude of 5,300 feet. A scheme is on foot at Tacoma to put a boat on the river above the rapids, which is clear and easily navigable to the mouth of the Okanagon. This latter stream is also navigable for a distance of thirty miles above its mouth, and during a considerable time each year to the British Columbia line. A steamboat is now being built at Tacoma in sections, which is to be taken on the cars to Ellensburg, and from there hauled over the river.

The natural connection of this region is with Portland, and Messrs. Atkinson and Pope are eager that the Oregon Railway & Navigation company should be the first in the field, and that they should bring the trade this way. They believe that the first step should be to put a boat on the river above the Rock island rapids. This, which is impossible during low water, they think would be entirely practicable now while the water is high. Mr. Pope, who is a practical navigator, says it would be a very easy matter to take one of the idle boats of the old Snake river fleet over the Priest and Rock island rapids. A little later on this will be impracticable, and if the thing is not done within the next ten or fifteen days the chance will be lost for this year.

The business on the upper river is likely to be very large during the summer and fall and next spring. Besides the regular business of the country there will be the traffic of the Salmon river mines, certain to be great.

Mr. Pope carried instruments with him and made interesting and valuable observations of elevation at various points. He found Ainsworth to be 340 feet above the sea level; Rock island, 480 feet; the Okanagan valley 550 feet, and the Salmon river country 620 feet. These figures are surprising, and will correct the very general impression regarding the northern regions.

THE OKANAGON MINES.

Spokane Falls *Chronicle:* Many of our citizens interested in the mines of the Okanagon section and especially the editors of the *Chronicle* have looked forward to the opinion of Mr. Thomas Lowthain concerning that section, with considerable interest. In a conversation with that gentleman this morning he expressed himself as being much surprised at finding the ore and the promising prospects that he did find in this region. He pronounces that region the most promising he has visited in the west and our readers are all aware that Mr. Lowthain is a man of close research and a miner of wide repute. He considers the Arlington mine the best property in the entire northwest and the La Euna and First Thought are peer to any properties heretofore developed in any of the sections contiguous to Spokane. The ore being extracted from the Arlington will average about 200 ounces per ton while a major portion of the rock taken from the other two named will run away up in the hundreds and some in the thousands. He says no one can comprehend the full resources of that region until they have visited it and justly compared it with other sections and localities. The climate, he tells us, is fine, the altitude of these mines not exceeding 1,500 feet. All kinds of fruit can be grown and there are some thrifty ranches in this section. All kinds of small fruit, peaches and apples can be easily grown on the summit of these celebrated bonanzas. Mr. Lowthain predicts a grand country and the greatest ore producing mines in the Okanagon section that has yet been known in the northwest, and adds that too much cannot be said of the outcome and the fine prospects of this region.

MARINE.

Br ship Torridon sailed from San Francisco June 30th for this port.

Br bark W. H. Watson from Victoria, arrived at Queenstown June 29th.

Steamer Anson arrived at the outer wharf yesterday morning from Portland.

Steamer Port Augusta cleared from Hongkong on the 18th June for this port.

Ship Earl Derby is waiting at Hastings for a tow. The Pilot will probably take her to sea to-day.

Bark Pacific Slope has completed her cargo of lumber at Moodyville and will be towed to sea shortly.

Steamship Parthia arrived in Royal Roads at 5 o'clock p.m., Sunday, and after taking on a Burrard Inlet pilot passed on to Vancouver.

Tug Pilot left for the Inlet yesterday at 12 o'clock to tow the bark Robert Kerr to Departure Bay where she will load coal to be shipped on the Parthia.

Steamship Mexico arrived from San Francisco yesterday afternoon with 40 passengers and 315 tons of freight for Victoria and 232 for Vancouver.

Coal Supplies.

Following are the successful tenderers for provincial gaol supplies: Groceries, H. Saunders; meat and vegetables, J. Baker; bread, — Jordan; coal, Walker & Walker; clothing, D. Green.

CANADA'S "UNFAIR TREATMENT."

To the Editor:—While on some points I am in accord with your article of Thursday morning, I do not join with you in the idea that British Columbia has been "scurvily treated" in the matter of Victoria harbor improvement by the Dominion government. Neither do I accept "I. S. H.'s" advice to cease clamoring for government aid in all other matters save that of the Northern railway.

Mr. Shakespeare's explanation with regard to the harbor is entirely satisfactory. He and Mr. Baker applied for $100,000 to be expended in making our harbor navigable for large vessels; and Sir Hector Langevin most properly decided that before taking in hand a work so costly to send out his engineer to report on the nature of the job and its probable cost.

Is there anything unreasonable in that proposition? If you, Mr. Editor, were about to erect a new office, what would be, as a reasonable and cautious man, your first action? You would have a site surveyed, plans prepared, and an estimate of cost made as preliminary steps towards construction. Sir Hector has taken the same precaution and as the result it is more than likely that a much larger sum than $100,000 will be voted for harbor improvement.

"I.S.H." has written well and sensibly on the Northern railway, but he is not sensible when he advises us to relax efforts in every other direction and concentrate all our energies on his laudable pet scheme. If the Northern railway is to be an important factor in our future prosperity, must it not have all the harbor room that can be provided for the accommodation of the shipping that will be attracted to its southern terminus and should not that terminus be protected by fortifications?

The one answer to all these queries is, yes. I trust that agitation for more of the many meritorious projects (including the Northern railway) will not be relaxed by the public and the press. H.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The annual examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools commenced yesterday.

Yesterday was another bonanza for the hackmen.

News from the North gives encouraging reports for a good catch by the various sealing schooners.

The unusual flood of holidays has now subsided and business will again proceed uninterrupted.

Ex-Governor Stoneman, of California, is not looking as well as usual, and thinks his present trip to Alaska will restore his health.

After several attempts to establish a variety theatre permanently in this city, the scheme is pronounced impracticable. The Club Theatre failed to give a performance on Saturday night.

The next theatrical attraction at The Victoria is "The Corner Grocery."

Theatrical managers say that Victoria is not a city for great stars, but does well enough for something light.

The Ancon carried a large compliment of passengers to Alaska yesterday.

It is understood that a proposition is about to be made by an American sea captain to purchase the Otter, now lying in the harbor.

The Salvation Army representatives had large congregations both morning and evening on Sunday. It is estimated that they collected $50 during the day. Their meetings seem to be profitable in more ways than one.

The Amity base ball club of this city will play the Portland nine on Wednesday at Beacon Hill.

Government House—Mr. Nightingale has been appointed gardener at the Government House.

SKIPPED OVER THE LINE.

Departure of F. Davis, Proprietor of the Belvidere Restaurant.

The proprietor of the Belvidere restaurant has been missing for several days, and was last seen in Seattle on Saturday. He leaves several creditors, among them a partner in another restaurant, who mourn his untimely departure. Recently he moved his restaurant to the upper floor of Moody's building on Yates street, and fixed it up in first-class style, obtaining the furniture from Jacob Sehl on time and several articles from other merchants. It was known among his acquaintances that Davis quietly sold his trotting horse and converted all the property he could into cash. His liabilities will amount to nearly $2000. Yesterday morning at an early hour Mr. Sehl removed all his furniture from the restaurant upon which he held a bill of sale. The landlord was wrathful at this procedure as he claims that his rent should have been paid before the furniture could be removed. A wordy encounter took place over this point and considerable excitement was created but the furniture was secured by Mr. Sehl. It is reported that Davis had about $1000 on his person when he left though nothing certain is known.

ROCK CREEK QUARTZ.

A Large Ledge of Free Mining Ore Located.

Late arrivals from Rock Creek bring with them very rich samples of quartz. It is spotted all through with gold and must run into many thousands of dollars to the ton. The discovery was made by four men, Rice, Burnham, Lefevre and another, who prospected through the Colville country in Washington and camped on this ledge, the snow being on the ground at the time. One of them casually knocked a piece of rock off and found free gold in it. Several other pieces were taken off, all filled with the yellow metal. The party went back to Spokane Falls for supplies and returned with a $2,000 prospecting outfit. Work on the ledge has developed the fact that it is of wonderful richness. At the blowout it is about one hundred feet in width, but the ledge proper is about six feet. A large quantity of rock has been blasted out, and there is no piece picked up out of the heap but what contains free gold, some nuggets of considerable size. There have been several locations taken up, two of which are being prospected. The find is looked upon as being the richest ever made in gold quartz in this country. The ledge is situated about seven miles from Rock creek crossing, at an altitude of between four and five thousand feet in the gold range of mountains.

Quite a number of men have gone in to the section to prospect, and also to work on Rock creek placer ground. Two claims on this creek are paying an ounce per day to the man, while others are working well. It will be remembered that this section was mined in 1861, when the Cariboo excitement caused its desertion to the Chinese. However, the latter have not got it all yet, and good claims are to be had on the creek, while pay has been struck in the benches. While it would be premature to give an opinion on the possibilities of the district until further information is secured, yet there is evidence to show that the discovery is *bona fide*, and an enterprising trader has already arranged for a stock of supplies to go in to the camp from this city via the Northern Pacific.

American Defaulters.

There was a time in Montreal when American defaulters were received with open arms, provided their "boodle" was sufficiently extensive. However, that day is past, and they are refugees and scouted by all honest Canadians. Victoria is a little behind and several defaulters in this city are going into good society, especially one who is particularly wanted in Oakland, Cal., who, aside from the fact of his shortcoming (with his accounts) is quite a ladies' man and withal a pleasant fellow. Still it would surprise some of the fair sex to know that it only required a trip to Uncle Sam's domain to have their fascinating escort placed behind the bars.

A large assortment of Fire Screens just received at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s.

FOR AULD LANG SYNE.

Annual Gathering of the Caledonian Society.

Nearly Two Thousand People Present During the Afternoon.

List of Events on the Programme and the Winners—A Successful Day Closed with Fireworks and Dancing.

The annual picnic and games of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society have been held for many years on the 4th July, the great American celebration day, and the event has always been regarded as the most important of the kind of the year. It has afforded an opportunity for the sons of auld Scotia to gather together for pleasure and to perpetuate the games and feats of strength instituted by their forefathers; and it has also furnished a means whereby our many American citizens might celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of independence. The jubilee celebration occupied the attention and funds of our citizens this year to a large extent, and it might have been thought that the Scottish gathering would have been overshadowed. However, as the afternoon advanced yesterday, the crowds of people that came pouring in augured favorably, and shortly after the games commenced there must have been in the neighborhood of two thousand people on the ground, among whom were the youth and beauty of Victoria. Scattered through the crowd were a few adults and a number of children in the Highland dress of various clans. The arrangements of the committee were perfect in every respect. The arena in which the games were to take place was fenced in, and at equal distances the national flags on short poles floated, strung from which were small banners. A seat ran around the entire distance, and the grand stand against the Agricultural hall, and raised seats at two other sides of the grounds, provided ample seating capacity. From the building and the high fence surrounding the grounds floated a profusion of bunting, and with the large gathering of people the scene presented was both lively and picturesque.

For the refreshment of the inner man there were several booths where an excellent lunch could be had and where iced temperance drinks were dispensed, while in the building up stairs the cup that cheers was to be had.

In the absence of Captain John Irving, president, at Ottawa, Mr. Wm. Lorimer, vice-president of the society, did the honors of the occasion in the committee tent, and dispensed the hospitality of the society in a generous and genial manner.

The event was enlivened by music from the Queen City band, the members of which evidence constant progress in proficiency. They appeared in their new uniforms, a blue serge with white gold stripe, and were headed by a magnificently costumed drum major.

The national music was stirringly given by the piper of the society, David Kennedy, assisted by Piper Forrest from Cowichan. At one stage of the proceedings the two pipers and Messrs. Donald McKay, Jamie Russell and Thos. F. Sinclair, attired in full Highland dress, marched through the grounds to the tune of "The Campbells are Comin'."

Among those present it would be invidious to particularize. The most prominent professional and business men appearing among the throng.

Following are the members of the various committees:

Committee of Management—Captain John Irving, President; William Lorimer and John Robertson, Vice-Presidents; Donald McKay, Thomas Russell, James Hutcheson, R. Ritchet, A. B. Gray, John Ross, John Boyd, John Grant, M. P. P., George Mann, A J Smith, Wm Scott, W H Mason, J I Anderson, Robt. Mitchell, A. Grieve, A. Allan, George Webb, George Bishop, Ino Orr, Peter Steele, W. A. Robertson, J G Geddes, James Burns, James Macarthur, A. B. Murray, D. R. Munro, James Russell.

Judges of Games—James Burns, John Russell, Alex. McLean, R. E. Jackson, A. A. Gray, Jas. Hutcheson, Alex. Allan, James Crawford, W. A. Robertson.

Reception Committee—Capt. John Irving, P. John Robertson, Thos. Russell, A. J. Smith, John Grant, J. G. Geddes, R. P. Ritchet, D. McKay, D. R. Munro.

Starters—Thomas Russell and William Lorimer.

Floor Managers—George Bishop, John Orr and Wm. Scott.

Piper of the Society—David Kennedy.

Rangers—George Webb and J. L. Anderson.

Gate Keepers—Hugh McKenzie, A. Grieve and John Ross.

Shortly after one o'clock the events arranged for commenced, City Treasurer Russell acting as starter in his usual impartial and acceptable style. Following is the list of the games with the names of the winners:

Running high jump—1st, A. Bell, 4ft 10½in; 2nd, C. H. Tite and E. A. Pauline, tie.

Running long jump—1st, A. Shore, 17ft 9in; 2nd, W. Duck, 17ft 6in.

Hop, step and jump—1st, Shore, 43ft 1in; 2nd, Gowen, 40ft 4in.

Foot race, 3 miles—In this there were four entries, and for the first three rounds all kept well together, but after that two of the men began to flag and the race was practically left in the hands of W. Paine and R. Fawcett, the latter keeping close upon Paine's heels, until the last mile when with a bound Paine redoubled his efforts and dashed ahead, coming in just one lap ahead. The race was loudly applauded and considering the distance Paine deserves great praise for his powers of endurance which were obtained by hard exercise.

Foot race for boys under fifteen, handicapped—1st, J. T. Braden; 2nd, Ed. Dougherty; 3rd, Percy Bradley.

Foot race for girls under fifteen, handicapped—1st, Edith King; 2nd, Louisa Barnswell; 3rd Ada Barnswell. In this race there were about sixteen competitors and considerable amusement was caused by the frantic endeavors made by each to obtain first place.

Foot race for boys under ten, handicapped—In this race no less than 40 little fellows took part, and their excitement was great at the start, so much so that the lookers on were kept in roars of laughter. They got away finally and the following won: 1st, Copeland; 2nd, Hepworth; 3rd, Mansell.

Half-mile race—1st, Bell; 2nd, Fawcett.

Half-mile navy race—1st, Crelier; 2nd, Buckland.

Foot race for girls under ten, handicapped—1st, Gertrude King; 2nd, Isabel Milne; 3rd, Maggie Dougherty.

Tug of war—As usual, the tug was between civilians and sailors, and great interest was taken as several of our own local heavy weights participated. The result was not very gratifying to them, as the sailors, although they had hard work in the first pull, with one strong tug on the second, pulled our boys clear across the line with comparative ease.

Hurdle race, 300 yards—1st, Bell; 2nd, Shore.

Throwing the heavy hammer—1st, McKenzie, 76 feet 10 in.; 2nd, John Earsman, 76 feet.

Putting heavy shot—1st, McKenzie, 33 feet 1-5 in.; 2nd, Earsman, 31 feet ½ in.

One mile navy race—1st, Cain; 2nd, Harrison.

There being no entries for the barrel race and wrestling match they were omitted from the sports.

DANCING.

Highland fling—Donald McKay. The dancing was excellent in this, and several were of the opinion that Mr. McKay should not have obtained the prize; but he was entitled to it nevertheless, as his dancing was really remarkable considering his age.

The Sailor's hornpipe was strongly contested for, and the prize eventually fell to a sailor named Cain.

The sword dance was very well contested for, and the prize was carried off by A. Carmichael, whose grace and complete style was loudly applauded.

HIGHLAND COSTUMES.

The first prize for the best dressed boy was awarded to Charles J. Sheppard, as was the prize for best dressed girl to Rachel S. Sheppard. Mr. Donald McKay's little boy took the second prize. The children were well dressed and special praise is due Sergeant Sheppard for his good taste, shown in the beautiful Scotch costumes which adorned his children.

TOMBOLA PRIZES.

The following numbers of tickets in the tombola, held by ladies, won handsome prizes: 400, 764, 675, 789, 215, 296, 407, 515 and 391. Of these numbers only 400 and 407 were answered.

IN THE EVENING.

The interior of the building was handsomely decorated with flags and evergreens, the former being placed all around the panelling between the two floors and wound round the columns, evergreens being placed above. In the centre of the hall was a lovely floral crown, composed of a variety of beautiful flowers, and at either end of the decorations were the banners of the society. The floor for dancing was in splendid condition, and that part apportioned for the dancers was fenced off. The grounds and building were lighted with the electric light under superintendence of Mr. McMicking, power being supplied by Jumbo. When night drew its mantle of darkness over the scene, fireworks were set of in abundance, much to the delight of all.

In the interior there was a great throng of dancers, who whiled away the hours far into the morning to the inspiring music of the Queen City band.

Taken as a whole the gathering was a great success in every particular, and our Scotch friends, and especially those connected with the arranging and carrying out of the programme, are to be highly congratulated with the success that has crowned their efforts. They provided a day of pleasure and interest, and have undoubtedly reaped a large and deserved benefit therefrom.

NOTES.

Messrs. Adam Innes and T. F. Sinclair represented the New Westminster society.

About 5 o'clock in the afternoon the 14-year-old son of Mrs. Astrico fainted and was unconscious for some time. He was taken to his parents' home and attended by Dr. J. D. Helmcken, who soon brought the youngster to his proper senses.

Two bloods, who had imbibed a little too freely at Agricultural Hall last night, succeeded in having the handcuffs ornamenting them for some time, when they were released. The offending party got what he deserved—a good licking, while both will put in an appearance at the police court this morning. The exhibition they made of themselves in the gallery, where were many ladies and children, was disgraceful. The "cops" were right on hand.

Another and more serious affair took place about 8 o'clock in the evening, when a drunken individual attacked a stalwart man, well-known and feared for his strength throughout the province. The drunk evidently found that he had fallen against something hard, for his face a few minutes later was so badly beaten as to be almost unrecognizable. It was remarked that "that fellow had been aching for that all day."

THE ST. STEPHEN.

San Francisco, July 1.—Lieutenant George M. Stoney, of the navy, who achieved a reputation as an Arctic explorer, assumed charge of the hydrographic office in this city this morning. The detail is for three years.

Lieutenant Milton's administration of affairs has been satisfactory and efficient from the time he established the office, three years ago. He will probably be ordered east. The rules of the department do not permit of the same officer being kept at one station longer than three years. Lieutenant Milton has just completed his annual report to the chief hydrographer. The extraordinary number of disasters during the year and the frightful loss of life and property on the Vancouver coast and off Cape Flattery are made the subject of a special section. The disasters occurred mainly during heavy southwest and southeast gales, and some of them, it is thought, were due to captain's avoidance of the Vancouver coast. Sailing directions for Clayoquot and Barclay sounds should be provided, and property might be saved. During the storm of April 1st bark Elsinor found a refuge in Barclay Sound, while the St. Stephen, not knowing the coast, foundered with all hands. The report closes with a tabulated statement of the routine work of the year.

Law for $26,000.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

There is an epidemic of measles raging in Montreal.

The Chicago pool rooms have been ordered closed.

The Central American states are enjoying an era of prosperity.

General Lawton, United States minister to Austria, has arrived at Vienna.

The city council of Tacoma have moved into new and commodious quarters.

The reunion of veterans of both American armies at Gettysburg on Friday was a great success.

Several heavy seizures of smuggled cigars have been made from the steamer Newbern in San Francisco.

L. Harper and Benjamin Hopkins, of the defunct Fidelity Bank at Cincinnati, have been incarcerated in jail.

Parnell has issued an urgent whip, calling upon all nationalist members to be present in the commons to-day.

The forthcoming marriage of the Emperor of China is officially announced. The festivities will cost £1,000,000.

The Seattle baseball club was badly beaten at Seattle on Saturday by the Portland nine by a score of 31 to 10.

Commander Charles Lestrange, of the British dispatch boat Surprise, is missing from his vessel at Marseilles, France.

General Sherman says the rebel flag question is likely to play an important part in the next presidential campaign.

The coming conclave of the Rabbi's of the Jewish church of America will begin its celebration in Pittsburg on Friday.

Lord Hartington has decided that the liberal-unionist conference next week shall devote itself solely to consideration of the land bill.

Subscriptions for the first 10,000 marks of the new imperial loan will be opened July 5th at all the great banks of the German empire.

Boulanger, the French general, has asked for a holiday before joining the army corps, to the command of which he has been appointed.

Prince Ferdinand, of Saxe-Coburg, is in London to consult Lord Salisbury and agree on the subject of his candidacy for the Bulgarian throne.

A frightful accident occurred at Kingston, Ontario, Friday, in connection with the confederation celebration. A rocket struck Jos. M. Thompson and nearly decapitated his head.

During the temporary absence of Mrs. August Belmont of Mount Washington, Pittsburg, Saturday, three of her children were fatally burned by an explosion of a can of coal oil.

The examination has been made of the accounts of the late Levi Bacon, financial clerk of the interior department, Washington, who died on the 22nd ult., and reveals a deficiency of $28,000.

The letters of King Milan, of Servia, to Queen Natalie, are returned unopened to him. It is reported that the queen will seek advice from the czar before consenting to allow the king to obtain a divorce from her.

At the Windsor July meeting the Athena plate, five furlongs, for two-year-olds, was won by E. Jones' colt Admiral Benbow, Weaver's filly Variety second, J. Porter's filly Mon Droit, third. Lord Calthorpe's colt Toscano and Chidwick's colt Craven, also ran.

The section of growth is at last removed from the throat of the German crown prince. The emperor sent Prof. Virchow from Berlin for an examination. The latter has just made a thoroughly satisfactory report, which has delighted the emperor and prince.

The Right Hon. Viscount of Kilcourie, ex-vice chamberlain, and at present a liberal member of the house of commons for South Somersetshire, is arranging to send a deputation of English laborers to Ireland to investigate for themselves the condition of Irish laborers, and report the truth as a deputation to the laborers of Great Britain.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Observed Across the Sound by a Grand Celebration.

Five Hundred Victorians Enjoy the Hospitality of Tacoma.

Sir Wm. Wiseman the Lion of the Day—The Portland's Again Defeat the Seattle Base-ball Nine—Splendid Illumination and Fireworks.

(Special to The Colonist.)

Tacoma, July 4.—Sir William Wiseman was the lion of the occasion at the big joint celebration here to-day. He spoke at the grand stand to upwards of five thousand people, saying that himself and his people had been received as Englishmen are always received in America—with open arms. H. M. S. Caroline lay in the harbor and fired a salute while the ceremonies were going on. Ten thousand strangers are in the city, five hundred are from Victoria. The city is buried in a forest of flags and cedar boughs and an immense triumphal arch spans Pacific avenue. The day was perfect. The shipping in the harbor and all the business houses and residences are profusely decorated. The parade in five grand divisions moved to the grand stand and pavilion which occupied a commanding site on the bluff 200 feet above the Sound with Mount Tacoma on the right and the Olympic range to the left. Two of the divisions were composed of visitors and Indians from the neighboring reservation. Hon. Elwood Evans delivered the oration. Miss Florence Molinelli, the young actress, read the declaration of independence and a grand orchestra and chorus, led by ex-Lieut. Governor Laughton, sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Governor Semple presided. Admiral Wiseman was one of the honorary guests. After the parade and services, the firemen's tournament and Indian canoe races occurred between the British Columbia and territory Indians; the Victoria Indians won the race. In the evening there was a grand illumination of the city, fireworks and sending up of fire balloons. The festivities will continue for three days.

Seattle, July 4.—The day passed off nicely, the parade taking place at 11 a.m., was composed of representations of all the trades of the city. The address at the University grounds by Hon. John R. Kinnear was well received. The sloop race in the bay was won by the Lookout. The fireworks in the evening closed the day's programme. The utmost good order prevailed, and notwithstanding a great many people went to Tacoma, the town is crowded. The game of baseball played at the race-track this afternoon between the Portland and Seattle nines resulted in a victory for the Portlands by a score of 9 to 7, a tenth inning being necessary to decide the game. The day has been a perfect one, only one accident occurred from the use of fireworks, and that is thought not serious.

A DRUNKEN EMPEROR.

The Czar of Russia Going Fast to the Bad—A Hopeless and Helpless Sot.

London, June 22.—A British officer, who recently paid a visit to Russia, tells a startling story of the mental and physical condition of the czar in accounting for the erratic foreign policy of Russia. Alexander III., he says, shortly after the assassination of his father, had recourse to stimulants in order to nerve himself sufficiently to meet the real and imaginary dangers which beset him and the habit rapidly became one of necessity rather than choice. From this point began what would have been to a man in private life his downward career, but the divinity that erects and maintains a well-kept and ever green hedge around the sovereign also dulls the senses of his subjects to indifference as to whether he is a drunkard or not.

This, however, the czar of Russia is; a hopeless and oftimes helpless sot. Among those nearest to him it is well known, but never mentioned except in whispers, that he has several times suffered from that most frightful of all species of insanity, delirium tremens, and the narratoralleges, his cruelty to those who were so unfortunate as to come under his hand upon those occasions would have appealed to the finer sensibilities of the king of Dahomey and caused that fiendish monarch to shed tears of compassion.

THE CZAR'S FAVORITE TIPPLE.

In his lucid intervals he is reasonable and even sagacious, but when under the influence of champagne or brandy, which two liquors most delight the imperial palate, not even his ministers, much less of all his wife and children, can restrain his tendency to imperil his safety by exposing himself to the secret foes in his ungoverned consciousness. It is told of this common drunkard that on one occasion made for a time to retire from the council chamber, a single unfitted beer cheers, moreover he was so infuriated that the bill had been summoned by his sovereign to report upon matters affecting Russian foreign policy, and that the czar's conduct so outraged M. De Giers that he was only induced to retain his office at the earnest entreaty of friends and upon the czar's subsequent apology.

CATERING TO JOHN BULL.

Cleveland's Action in the Case of the Seal Fisheries.

The administration has settled the Alaska seal fisheries question to its own satisfaction by conceding everything the British government demanded, and is now showing a mild surprise that there should be any growling by citizens of the United States. The reports from British Columbia are that a large fleet of English vessels is *en route* to Alaskan waters, and, as the result of Secretary Bayard's diplomacy, they will be able to do immense damage to the seal fisheries. But, while the administration thus concedes that Behring sea is not a land-locked sea for England, its position closes the sea to the people of the United States, except the Alaskan Commercial Company. It is a curious chapter, but the Englishmen have no reason to be displeased with it. In the course taken by the president it looks as though both the law of congress and the treaty had been ignored, for neither was intended to give foreign vessels privileges denied to those of the United States. The law of 1868 provides that the laws of the United States relating to customs, commerce and navigation be extended over the Alaskan purchase as far as they might be applicable thereto. In 1870 an act was passed to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska. It is said that Attorney-General Garland on two separate occasions gave opinions that the president had no power whatever to order the release of the captured British sealers, and it is not presumed that congress in passing laws recognizes the right of the president to set them aside. This is precisely what Mr. Cleveland has done in the Alaskan seal-fisheries case.—*Washington Dispatch, June 18th.*

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

A serious disaster has occurred on the Vera Cruz railroad.

The Fourth of July was generally observed throughout the United States.

A riot occurred at Los Angeles on the night of the Fourth of July celebration.

The Indian government will issue 4 per cent. bonds for a loan of £2,000,000.

John Paulet, Marquis of Winchester, and Earl of Wilshire and Premier Marquis of England, is dead.

Mrs. Langtry disappointed an immense audience at the Grand Opera House, San Francisco, on July 4th, by failing to appear.

England and Russia have made mutual concessions regarding the Afghan boundary questions which will, it is expected, result in an early agreement.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Valencia and twenty-one persons have been arrested for complicity in rioting against the collection of the Octroi tax yesterday.

A crowd of people turned out to see Premier Norquay turn the first sod for the new Red river valley railroad, Monday. There was much speech making, cheering and general jubilation.

It is learned from the London foreign office that the commercial relations between Spain, England and the United States will remain *in statu quo* until the end of the year.

The London *Standard* says: If the Spalding election proves an isolated case it might be dismissed without thought, but if followed by others of the same sort the outlook will be very serious.

The *Post*, Lord Randolph Churchill's organ, says: The result of the Spalding election seems to show that the government had not met the demands of public opinion with reference to the crimes bill.

The nation's independence was celebrated in San Francisco with greater enthusiasm than for twenty years past. The feature of the day was the magnificent parade, which in size nearly equalled the G. A. R. demonstration of last year.

Mrs. Brooks, whose peculiar disappearance from her home at Junista, Michigan, and whose sensational letter from her place of imprisonment in Colorado was given wide publicity, has returned home with a remarkable story.

Advices from Cabul say that the Ameer suspecting the fidelity of Janishedies, near Herat, owing to visits from the Russian emissary, imprisoned Khan and threatens to execute him unless his tribe send to Cabul some of their chiefs as hostage.

Nothing further has been learned of the whereabouts of missing Secretary Whitney, of the Montreal harbor board of commissioners, but it is supposed that he is in Ogdensburg, as he crossed over to that point.

A