tly reported by the Arietas are the
and Ethel, of Seattle, with a catch of
n August 7, and the Favorite, with
on the 9th, while the Triumph, with
and Sapphire, with 125, were indirectly
from. The Henrietta was spoken by
Arietas just after she had left Ouna-
, and at that time, of course, she had
ins. On the way home the Arietas
ed but one sail and that was a bark off
n Charlotte island, supposed to be in
st and bound to the eastward.

TACOMA'S FAIR.

e delegates of the B C. Board of Trade
Tacoma Exhibition returned on Sun-
vening and express themselves as well
ed with their mission and its results.
party reached Tacoma early on the
ing of September 1, and noticing from
Ledger that a deputation would meet
at the Hotel Tacoma, they proceeded
. Shortly after 9 o'clock Henry Bucey,
tor general of the Interstate Fair Asso-
n, and Samuel Collyer, secretary of the
ber of Commerce, waited upon them.
Mayor Ed. S. Orr joined them and it
ecided to proceed at once to the office of
ecretary of the Chamber of Commerce.
G. L. Holmes, President of the Cham-
f Commerce, Geo. H. Stone and several
gentlemen were in attendance.
esident Holmes extended to the visitors
rty welcome, and invited Mr. Flumer-
o outline his proposals. This was done
efly as possibly. It had been suggested
steamer be chartered for an excursion
ve Victoria some Saturday morning
to return from Tacoma the following
the round trip ticket, with coupon
admission to the Fair, not to cost
than $2. It is estimated that at least
ickets can be sold. What, it was asked,
e best terms for redemption of the
ns, and what reciprocal excursion ar-
ments might be expected from Tacoma?
. Bucey was unable to state exactly
rates could be offered, but he promised
the terms offered Victoria should be
alent to the most favored. He was
ily in sympathy with the proposal to
to Victoria a big excursion party dur-
e Fair week, and would assist it by
means in his power.
esident Holmes spoke in similar terms
romised the best efforts of the Chamber
mmerce towards making the excursion
cess.
yor Orr then, an behalf of himself and
ty council, promised warm support.
Geo. E. Stone spoke of the good re-
which must follow the intermingling of
eople now dwelling on either side of the
dary line.
assistant director general of the fair
ext visited. Mr. Gorman received the
ates most courteously and when their
ess had been unfolded offered terms
will doubtless be accepted. He ex-
d himself very desirous of getting
en to the fair and stated that all
en from Britirh Columbia under the
14 years, would be admitted to the
rounds free of charge.
he evening Messrs. Bucey, Gorman,
r and Franklin K. Lane dined with
legates at the Hotel Tacoma. The
ates have every reason to be pleased
the very marked attention paid to
at Tacoma, Messrs. Bucey, Collyer
ane placed themselves entirely at their
al.
excursion will probably be arranged
e here on Satvrday, the 22nd inst., to
the following day. The round trip
to include admission to the fair, will
2.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

ing the past three days the Salvation
has been engaged in the celebration
annual harvest festival. Their new
Broad street, near Pandora, was de-
d for the occasion with numerous ban-
nd legends appropriate to the season.
s "first fruits," to say nothing of
and vegetables, were artistically ar-
on a huge table back of the plat-
On Sunday the services were all
d toward the season, and in the ad-
and sermons many references were
o the bountiful harvest of the year
On Sunday evening the attendance
nusually large, completely filling the
m building and leaving scarcely stand-
om.
nerous contributions of fruit, vege-
and live stock were received, and the
days' services closed last night with an
n sale of the various articles.
entire corps had dressed in "farmer"
nes for the occasion, and the effect was
nce novel and pleasing. The
n sale of rhe contributions began about
ck in the evening and continued until a
our. The list of articles covered a
range, and in most cases brought good
Strange to say one enthusiast had
buted his faithful dog to be
by auction (Deut. xxiii-18).
auctioneer remarked with cheer-
andor: "Well, friends, I don's
much about dogs, but this here is a
ghbred something or other—('Setter,'
ed a friend)—yes, a setter. Come up
. The intelligent canine let out a
ful howl and bolted. Lugged back
howls of "Pedigree," "Name,"
him, Tony," and cat calls, the bid-
gan and the animal was perhaps sur-
to find that he was valued at $7.
so it went on. The chaff was for the
rt good natured, and the bidding
. The proceeds of the past three
will be devoted especially to the
ing Fund," which is being raised to
n the General Booth building jubilee
. The contributions are coming in
erally considering the hard times,
local corps are very much encour-
night the lady friends of the army
d an appetising array of refresh-
the sale of which materially assisted
d.

HAYTI'S REVOLUTION.

YORK, Sept. 4. — The Herald's
n, Jamaica, special, says the steam-
vens, which has arrived here from
reports that rioting has taken place
streets of Port au Prince. Another
has been made on the life of Presi-
ippolyte, which has greatly excited
ple. Five leaders in the conspiracy
ndemned and shot without the for-
f a court martial and the incipient
on has been crushed in all parts of
ntry where it showed its head.
at Hippolyte is said to be mortally
when he dies it is thought a very
actory state of things will prevail.
evolution will be among the possi-
On Saturday seven people were
ly shot in connection with the abor-
spiracy to murder Mrs. Gauthier,
te's favorite daughter. This has
tremendous political excitement.
nsorship is rigorously controlling the

attacked severely last winter with
cramps and colic, and thought I was
die, but fortunately I tried Dr. Fowl-
ract of Wild strawberry, and now I
this excellent remedy for saving my
. S. Kellett, Minden, Ont.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

James Bays Win at Lacrosse After a Rattling Game With the Stars.

Junior Association Footballers Organize for the Season—Wheelmen's Meeting To-Night.

A good turnout greeted the James Bays and Stars when they met on the Caledonia grounds yesterday afternoon. The match, outside of the ordinary interest felt in these exponents of intermediate lacrosse, carried with it a point that made it especially attractive. For some time it has been understood that to the winners of yesterday's match would fall the honor of representing the Island against the Mainland in the final great intermediate game which will close the season. With this point in view both teams have been practising faithfully, and when they lined up yesterday they looked a hardy lot of boys and fit to play for their lives. A few minutes after 3 o'clock the whistle brought them into line as follows:

James Bays.		*Stars.*
L. Netherby	Go.	S. Norman
W. Greenfield	Point	J. Fairall
G. Snider	Cover Point	R. Finlayson
A. Smith	First Defence	A. Finlayson
W. Stephen	Second Defence	W. Clark
W. Bland	Third Defence	J. Braden
J. Murray	Centre	R. Campbell
E. Marshall	Third Home	D. Sinclair
J. Bland	Second Home	H. Cooley
F. Schnoter	First Home	T. Norman
J. G. Miller	Outside Home	G. Rookledge
F. Smith	Inside Home	L. Campbell

The first game was business from the word "go." Up towards the Bays goal sped the rubber and a short savage attack followed, relieved by Greenfield. Then Schnoter got the ball but was heavily checked at the end of a splendid run and lost the rubber. Back and forth then into a scrimmage in front of the Stars goal passed the ball and for a moment it looked sure for the Bays. Norman stopped a couple of hot shots, and Finlayson relieved. This carried the war down to the Bays goal. Sinclair secured and passed to Rookledge who scored for the Stars. Time six minutes.

The second game was a prolonged repetition of the first. Strong attacks at both ends were made time and time again, only to be fought off with desperate energy. Greenfield and W. Smith, of the Bays, played like veterans and more than once their long throws down the field came just in time. Fairall and the Finlaysons were on deck when needed, Rookledge was disappointed in two well meant efforts when Schnotter secured the ball and after some pretty dodging and a speedy run scored for the Bays. Time 32 minutes.

Despite the killing pace the boys came up strong for the third game. Up toward the Bays' goal for a moment, then back to centre surged the play. Then Murray made a try but fell short, but F. Smith secured the ball and passed it through.

Time, 3 minutes.

The fourth game was short and warm. Before the boys were well into position Rookledge captured the rubber and with a swift side shot scored.

Time, ½ minute.

Without taking a rest the teams lined up again. The Bays took a hand at the swift business, and after a few rapid passes Bland scored.

Time, 1 minute.

With nearly a half hour to play the Stars made great efforts to tie the match, but failed. The Bays wisely played away from them whenever possible, and by careful defence managed to hold their opponents down. The play was growing more rapid every moment when the whistle sounded, much to the disappointment of a thoroughly interested and enthusiastic crowd.

SUMMARY.

Game.	*Won By.*	*Scored By.*	*Time.*
1	Stars	Rookledge	6 min.
2	Bays	Schnoter	32 "
3	Bays	Smith (F.)	3 "
4	Stars	Rookledge	½ "
5	Bays	Bland (J.)	1 "

THE NEXT GREAT MATCH.

The C. P. N. have arranged to run an excursion by the Yosemite next Saturday to Westminster, where the Victoria and Westminster seniors play the next game of the championship series. The Westminsters are said to be in good shape, but there seems to be a likelihood of one of the Peele's and Dalgleish not playing. Victoria, however, needs to put in some strong work, as owing to the bad weather last week, and Blight having had an attack of mumps, regular team practice has not been possible. There will be practice every night this week and all the members should make it a point to turn out and do their best to get into shape for what will undoubtedly be a hard struggle for victory. A big crowd of Victorians will go up on the Yosemite as the round trip is only $1.50. The boat will leave for Victoria after the close of the game.

A PROTEST.

On the ground that Greenfield, one of their former number, was not a member of the James Bay team for a period of 21 days prior to the game, the Star Lacrosse club have protested the match on Monday and an investigation into the cause of their objection will be held this evening by the committees in charge. As the Stars made their protest before the match took place it is expected the game will have to be played over again.

FOOTBALL.

FERNWOOD'S ORGANIZE.

The Fernwood Association Football Club was organized last evening with a membership of twenty. The officers elected for the season were: W. Wrigleswortb, manager; W N. Winsby, president; Walter Winsby, captain; A. Huxtable, vice-captain; L. Camusa, secretary-treasurer. The club begin their regular practices on Saturday, and would like to hear from any junior club desirous of a match.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE TACOMA LADIES' TENNIS CLUB

The First Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament for the Championship of the Pacific Northwest in Ladies' Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles, will be held on Monday, September 10th, and following days on the grounds of the Tacoma Tennis Club, North First street and Yakima avenue, Tacoma. Play will be governed by the rules of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. All matches will be best two in three advantage sets. First prize will be given in the singles and doubles, and a runners' up prize in the singles. A challenge cup (presented by Mrs. A. B. Ball) will also be presented to the winner in singles. The holder of said cup will have to win same three times (not necessarily in succession) before claiming ownership.

Play will begin each day at 3:00 p.m. The order of the matches, and as nearly as possible the hour, will be posted on the club house bulletin board, and players will be expected to report at time set; any failing to do so will be scratched unless notification has been sent to the referee. Forms for application to be obtained from Mr. E. A. Jacob.

YACHTING.

THE "VIGILANT" A LIKELY WINNER.

COWES, Sept. 3.—The Yankee sloop Vigilant is here preparing for the Cape May cup race on Wednesday. The race will begin at 8 a.m. and will extend from off Alum Bay pier, Isle of Wight, out of the Needles, the passage being to the western end of the Cherbourg breakwater, thence to Cherbourg Roads over the eastern end of the breakwater and back through the Needles channel to the starting line, a total distance of about 122 miles. The opinion this evening is that if the wind continues the race will be a steady reach and will be won by the Vigilant.

UNLUCKY "VIGILANT."

COWES, Sept. 4.—The Vigilant on her passage from Portland yesterday struck one of the obstructions near the Needles and lost her centreboard. A crank flew from the centreboard winch and struck the table at which Howard Gould was sitting, narrowly missing him, and breaking off a large piece of the table. Gould has withdrawn his challenge for the race for the Cape May cup in consequence of the accident, and the race is off.

CHESS.

OPENING OF INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

LEIPSIC, Sept. 3.—The international chess tournament began at 2 p.m. at the Europaeis-Cher Hof in this city to-day.

THE WHEEL.

TANDEM RECORD BROKEN.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 3.—The world's tandem bicycle record for one quarter mile was broken here to-day. Perry Okey and Wm. S. Dent rode it in 26 seconds. The best previous time was 27 1 5 seconds.

THE WHEEL.

HYSLOP AT WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 1.—(Special.)—At the combined bicycle meet held here today, Hyslop, of Toronto, carried off the honors, with McCulloch, of Winnipeg, a good second. There was a heavy wind, preventing any fast time.

The quarter mile provincial championship was won by McCulloch, Griffiths second; time, 35 2 5.

The quarter open was taken by Hyslop, McCulloch second; time 36

Half-mile handicap. — McDonald, first; Thompson, second; Hyslop, third. Hyslop was unable to catch the limit man, but made the half in 1:09

One mile open.—Hyslop, first; Snider, second; time, 2 30 3 5. McCulloch won the first trial of this race with Hyslop second, but as the limit was not reached, it was declared no race, and McCulloch would not ride again.

Mile provincial championship.—Thompson, first; McCulloch, second.

Half-mile open.—Hyslop, first; McCulloch, second.

Five miles provincial championship. — McCulloch, first; Toye, second.

A FIFTY MILES RUN.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Five citizens of the Royal City cycled to Whatcom yesterday. They completed the distance of fifty miles in five hours over rough roads and had to carry their machines across two ravines, the bridges being burned out.

LORD DUNMORE'S WINTER WALK.

The crossing of the Behring straits on the ice, which the Earl of Dunmore and Mr. Benjamin Lavigne are to attempt next winter, although apparently an adventure for amusement rather than a scientific quest, will yet have a many-sided interest. The comparatively narrow waterway that separates Asia and America near the Arctic circle has often been studied, at least on the maps, with a view to its prospective uses for communication between the two continents, and long ago, before the problem of submarine cables had become as simple of solution as it is to day, there was a project for a land telegraph through British Columbia and Alaska, crossing there to Siberia. It is no longer thought of, apparently.

Another project that has often been considered is that of bridging Behring strait, and so constructing a railroad across it. Ex Gov Gilpin, of Colorado, used to be interested in studying this enterprise. He considered that the valleys and plateaus of the Rocky Mountains could be followed by a line of railway up the strait. Estimating this last as 48 miles wide at the point to be crossed, it would be broken nearly midway by the Dromeda islands. These extend in such a way that practically the problem would be further reduced to two bridges of a little over 20 miles each on either side. Still, a 20 mile bridge over water is no child's play, even in these days of triumphant engineering. But he believed that a depth of not more than 40 feet could not be relied on with a solid bottom. Besides, a warm current from the south passing through the channel and corresponding in some measure to the Gulf Stream of the Atlantic, keeps the strait, he held, always open, and icebergs unknown there.

It will be observed, therefore, that the theory on which this enthusiastic projector proceeded would be fatal, if correct, to the coming trip over the ice. But undoubtedly in speaking of the strait as always "open" ex-Governor Gilpin may have used the term in only a relative sense. It was open enough, he thought, to insure the safety of bridges. Exactly to what extent it is open the proposed journey may determine, and thus after all it may have a certain practical value. If people cannot go across in boats and maintain a ferry in summer, perhaps they will be all the more sure of being able to travel between the continents on sledges in winter. Then in our time may come the question whether there will be enough adventurous persons, or persons who have an uncontrollable horror of seasickness, to support a great northwestern railroad to the Old World.

Meantime, if the trip of the Earl of Dunmore and Benj. Lavigne proves successful, the next thing in order may be a sleigh from Canada to St. Petersburg.

LAURIER AT WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 4.—There were but few new points in Mr. Laurier's speech here last night. He referred at length to the school question, re-affirming his position as expressed in Quebec that he would abolish the present school system in Manitoba, if he found it a Protestant system. The rink was packed to suffocation this morning. A delegation of Roman Catholics visited Mr. Laurier regarding schools and asked his assistance to secure the rights they claimed. He gave the delegates but little satisfaction. This afternoon he addressed a meeting at St. Boniface and left for Regina, where he speaks next, thence proceeding to Victoria.

Sirs,—My baby was very bad with summer complaint, and I thought he would die, until I tried Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. With the first dose I noticed a change for the better, and now he is cured, and fat and healthy. Mrs. A. Normandin, London, Ont.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, September 5.

CITY COUNCIL

Will Arrange to Receive Prince Galitzin—By-Law Money Coming In.

Jubilee Hospital Full—Ald. Baker After Official Scalps—The Causeway Plans.

The city council held its regular meeting last night. His Worship the Mayor and the full aldermanic board were present.

A communication was read from the board of school trustees, calling attention to the urgent need of sewer connections in the North Ward school.

ALD. STYLES—This matter should be attended to at once if possible; let it be referred to the sewerage committee for a report.

It was so ordered.

The Department of the Interior wished to inform the city of an application from John Brown for permission to anchor a floating boat house in James bay. Referred to the streets committee.

The deputy provincial secretary transmitted a minute in council regarding the proposed visit of Prince Galitzin. This was accompanied by a number of official communications bearing on the subject. Referred to the Mayor with power to act.

The secretary of the Jubilee hospital notified the council that the hospital was now full with the exception of two beds. It would be impossible to receive further guests in a short time unless some steps were taken to provide further accommodations.

Referred to the Old Men's Home committee.

"Coeur Fidele" wished to point out that his plans for the James Bay causeway were all that could be desired under the circumstances. Such a work, in his opinion, should not be carried out along cheese-paring lines.

"Horatius," who took second place, asserted that the causeway could be built along the lines he had suggested for the $80,000. Mr. Adams, for one, would be pleased to undertake such a contract. Referred to the special causeway committee.

E. G. Prior called attention to the claims of a disinfectant for which he is agent. Referred to the sewerage committee.

Thomas Barrie applied for admission to the Old Men's home. Referred to the committee.

Mr. Minckler's claim was referred back to the city solicitors.

A communication on Arthur Payne's claim was received and filed.

The sewerage commissioners reported recommending sewer connections from Douglas to Quadra streets on Fort street; also connections on Blanchard and Vancouver over to Pandora.

Chief Engineer Gray of the V. & S. railroad, asked for specific directions for the filling in of the trestle on Elk Lake. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Gray that a top width of 10 feet is required.

The Market Superintendent reported $135 85 as the monthly receipts.

J. Holland and eleven others presented a petition for sewerage for the North Ward. Referred to the committee.

Messrs. Winter and Robinson, of the Plumber's union, urged the council to appoint practical men as plumbing inspectors.

ALD. BAKER—Now that we are putting in the new sewers it is time that we had an inspector of plumbing. This matter should be referred to the sewerage committee for a report. It was so ordered.

ALD. DWYER was granted leave to introduce a market by-law amendment by-law.

The finance committee asked for the expenditure of $1,720 27 for sundry accounts. Ordered paid. The same committee asked for $47 out of the "electric" fund, $25,000 on the Agricultural Association by-law, and $35,000 on the Jubilee Hospital by-law. Ordered paid. The finance committee asked for the transfer of $92 70 left over from the old Sewerage by-law. Also granted.

ALD STYLES wished to know what had been done in the matter of widening Herald street.

ALD. KEITH-WILSON—Let us know who owns the property. If it belongs to the city let the church people move. If it don't, we can't buy real estate for other people.

ALD BAKER—If a committee should wait on the church people I think they could be induced to move.

After some further discussion the council adjourned.

The city clerk reported that since the last regular meeting of the city council the following communications have been received and have been referred to the respective committees hereunder mentioned, viz:

Sewerage—H Dallas Helmcken, president J B.A.A., re drain at foot of Menzies street; Maritta Lee and others, calling attention to the condition of a drain on Cadboro Bay road, and requesting that a box drain be put in.

Streets—John H. Meldram, complaining of damages being done to his lots No. 7 Burnside road, and requesting that it be made good; T. M. Brayshaw, requesting that a box drain be put in along Edmonton road, between Cedar Hill and Fernwood road; Heistorman & Co., pro Andres Keating, desiring to have a sidewalk laid on the north side of Princess avenue, between Douglas and Government streets; Mrs. A A Davis and three others, petitioning to have a sidewalk laid on the north side of Belcher street, between Cook and Vancouver streets; Rev. P. H. McEwen and seven others, referring to the uncompleted sidewalk on North Chatham street, and requesting that it be completed; Archer Martin, requesting that a street sign be affixed to the corner of McGregor avenue.

Water.—W. P. Winsby, with reference to the diversion of a water course at Spring Ridge from his property by the construction of Spring Ridge surface drain.

ALD BAKER has given notice that he will move that the City Water Commissioner be notified that after the 30th of September his services will no longer be required; and also that the caretaker of Elk lake be notified to a similar affect.

AN UNUSUAL, amusing and yet rather too serious form of advertising was that adopted by Professor Tyndall, the mind reader and hypnotist, well known to Victorians, during his recent visit to Portage la Prairie. A young resident named Wallace Chapman was the victim, while Police Magistrate Wolff and the city force also played a part in the deception. Chapman was hypnotized and at the suggestion of Tyndall paid a visit, unaccompanied, to the office of the magistrate, and confessed himself to be "Jack the Ripper," supplementing his terrible confession with numerous horrible details. The magistrate reduced the confession to writing and the police had been called in when Professor Tyndall appeared on the scene and releasing the subject, explained matters.

THE CITY.

WILLIAM J. ARNOLD, late of Victoria, died in New Westminster yesterday. The body will be sent to Victoria for burial. He leaves a wife and child.

FRANK MCCAIN, the defaulting city clerk of Tacoma, has gone to Walla Walla to serve his term of five years at hard labor. He still denies that he had accomplices.

THE alleged contempt case against the corporation for erecting poles in front of the property of Hon. Amos De Cosmos on Government street, came up in court yesterday, but the matter was laid over without action or date.

PUTMAN VYE, the boy who was injured through a gun accident on Sunday last, and who is a patient in the Jubilee hospital, is recovering nicely from the effects of his wounds. They are of such a serious nature, however, that it will be many weeks before he entirely recovers.

"PEERLESS" is the name chosen for the new lodge of the I O. O F., the fifth subordinate lodge of the great and growing order in his city, which is to be formerly instituted on Friday evening of this week. Dr. Lang, the lodge physician, is at present kept busy passing prospective members.

THE commandant of the Royal Engineers now occupying Work Point barracks, Major Muirhead, announces that two of the roads at Macaulay Point, viz: Sea View road and Stephenson road south of Vaughan street, have been expropriated by the Imperial government for military purposes, and are now closed to the public.

NO NEWS—which in this case is not good news—has yet been received of the restoration of the provisional allowance to the carriers and third class clerks of the post office department. All that they ask is that they be placed on the same footing as their comrades in the customs and inland revenue departments of the civil service.

Two little boys who belong to the Protestant Orphan's Home, thought that they had not seen enough of the world and on the way back from the Spring Ridge school concluded to run away. They were rounded up by the police about 10 o'clock last night and turned over to Officer Mitten. The lads, who are about 8 and 10 years old say they have had enough of the world now and will be "good" in future.

THROUGH Metchosin, Lake and Esquimault districts, the hay crop this year has been above the average and well saved, while roots and potatoes have turned out equally well. The oats and what little wheat has been grown have proved excellent crops, and the harvesting is well under way. The rain of yesterday and the night before, which was welcome as it put an end to the bush fires, will retard harvesting operations, but it is not thought that it will do any serious damage.

WILLIAM MCLELLAND, a farmer residing in the neighborhood of Spokane, paid Victoria a visit on Sunday evening, in the expectation of here finding his daughter, a girl of eighteen, who ran away from home with a farm employe named Davison about ten days ago. The father says that all he wants is to see that the young couple are married and happy, and to convince himself that Davison has not, as he had heard rumored, another wife living in or near Westminster.

A WELL KNOWN resident of Macaulay Point, Mr. J. E. Williams, has a vegetable curiosity to present for the entertainment of his friends and the public generally, samples of which are on view in the window of the COLONIST office. The "freak" is a potato vine of considerable proportions, bearing fully developed tubers not below the ground, as is the habit of its kind, but on the branches. The quality of the strangely found potatoes is said to be quite good.

ALTHOUGH it is regarded as unwise to make the details known as yet, it is understood that the Songhees Indians resident upon the unwelcome reservation in the heart of Victoria, have intimated their willingness to accept of a new home in the neighborhood of Rocky Point, refusing to consider any other location. The authorities are now it negotiation with the owner of the favored property, and it is hoped that before very long the reservation here will be only remembered as a cause of complaint of the past.

THE school of gunnery under Lt.-Col. Rawatorne, R.A., will be organized in the drill hall in the course of a few days. In order to meet the requirements of the men it has been decided to make 8 o'clock p m., the hour for assembling. The commanding officer has stated that he quite appreciates the disadvantage under which many of the men will labor, and he will do all in his power, in the way of leave of absence, etc, to make attendance at the school popular. There are now but few vacancies, and non-commissioned officers particularly are expected to take advantage of the course of instruction. The duties are not especially heavy and the chances of earning the bonuses offered are very favorable.

THE Corporation of the City of Victoria was yesterday served by Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken with papers in a suit for damages brought by Mr. A. Payne, a conductor on the electric tramway line. The plaintiff's claim is for $10,000 for personal injuries received on the night of July 20 last, on Store street—as he alleges, through the negligence of corporation employes in leaving unguarded or improperly protected an obstruction in the street named. The city a few weeks ago looked into the claim and the conclusion reached by the aldermen was that the corporation could not be held blamable for the accident. Messrs. Eberts & Taylor, the city solicitors, have now been instructed to defend the action. Conductor Payne is fast regaining strength; he is anxious to thank his many friends for kindnesses extended to him since his mishap.

THE hope that His Excellency the Governor General would be able to visit Victoria in time to formally open the exhibition of the B C. Agricultural Association, has been terminated by the receipt yesterday of a telegraphic reply to the letter of invitation which Secretary C. E. Renouf forwarded on the 27th of July. The message indicates that His Excellency has planned to include a visit to Victoria in his fall programme, and reads as follows:

HALIFAX, September 1, 1894.

C. E. RENOUF,
Victoria.

Your letter of the 27th of July received. I should much like to visit the exhibition, but am afraid I will not be able to arrive until after the 6th October. Letter follows.

(Sd) ABERDEEN.

Exhibition arrangements go merrily forward. The people of Duncan are the last to be heard from; they propose to select the cream of the exhibits at their own fair, to be held the Saturday previous to the opening of the Victoria exhibition, and therewith to make a special Duncan display at the big show. They will have their own people in charge, and their exhibit is promised to be one thoroughly representative of and a credit to the fertile district.

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

Corporation Fails to Cut Off the Cold Storage Company's Esquimalt Water.

Water Supplied by the City Pronounced "Unfit for Human Use."

The case of the Corporation of the City of Victoria v. the Esquimalt Water Works and the Cold Storage and Ice Company, came up in the Supreme court yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake. The corporation made application for an injunction to restrain the Esquimalt Water Works Company from furnishing water to the Cold Storage and Ice Company, and the latter from using the same. The case grew out of the fact that the cold storage company, finding the city water unfit for use, arranged with the Esquimalt company to place a plug on the west side of the upper harbor. From this hydrant the cold storage company laid a pipe on their own property and conveyed the water to their plant.

The case was opened with a deposition of Edward A. Wilmot, city water commissioner. This was to the effect that he had visited the premises lately known as the Janion hotel, (now the cold storage plant), and had found the city water cut off. He also found that pipes had been laid across the harbor by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railroad bridge, and that the said pipes were brought on to the Janion hotel premises. He had entered these premises and had drawn some water from a tap there. He had inquired from a clerk of the cold storage company as to where the water was obtained, and received a reply that it was supplied by the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

Thomas Preece, foreman of the city of Victoria water works, deposed that he had received notice from Mr. Stamford, for the cold storage company, that the pipes which supplied the Janion hotel property were to be disconnected, and that connections would be made with the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

On visiting the premises on August 15 he had found the pipes in the cellar disconnected, and a pipe laid as described by Mr. Wilmot. He had drawn water from a tap, and had been informed by a clerk that it was supplied by the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

Mr. D. M. Eberts, Q C., for the city, produced a copy of the letter sent to the secretary of the Esquimalt Water Works Co., warning the company to desist from laying the pipes and supplying the water.

The motion for an injunction was then read, asking for an order restraining the Esquimalt company from supplying water to the cold storage company, and the latter from using or allowing to be used water so supplied.

For the defence, Mr. Theodore Lubbe, manager and secretary of the Esquimalt Water Works Company, deposed:

1. That the Esquimalt company, at the request of Mr. James Dunsmuir, placed a meter for the supply of water on the west side of Victoria harbor, that he might obtain such water as he required there.

2. That the defendant water works company had not laid any pipes beyond the limits allowed by their act of incorporation and amending act, and that they had not laid any pipe to carry water from the west side of the harbor of Victoria to the city of Victoria. This had been the substance of the reply to the letter of Messrs. Eberts & Taylor for the city.

Mr. James Dunsmuir deposed that he had made arrangements with the Esquimalt Water Works Company to place a meter for him on the west side of Victoria harbor; that a cold storage building and ice works had been built in Victoria city on property adjoining the harbor; that for the purpose of conducting this business it was necessary to obtain a supply of good wholesome water; that the defendant, Joan Olive Dunsmuir, has a large number of persons in her employ on on these cold storage premises who require good and wholesome water to drink. For the purpose of obtaining such a supply for the cold storage plant and the employes a pipe had been connected with the meter put in by the Esquimalt Water Works Company, this pipe to be brought under the harbor to the cold storage building.

The connection of the city water works with the cold storage building had been severed because the water supplied by the city water works was of a disgusting character, foul smelling and full of living organisms and totally unfit for human use and in the business of ice making. In proof of this the following letter, marked exhibit "A" was submitted:

To His Worship Mayor Teague and Board of Aldermen:

"GENTLEMEN—By request of His Worship the Mayor I accompanied him to Elk and Beaver lakes, with the object of examining the sources of the city's water supply, to ascertain the local causes by which the water might be deteriorated.

"In the course of our investigation we sailed over the lakes and walked along the surrounding banks, and thus obtained a practical knowledge of the conditions under which the water is stored and those through which it passes on its way to the supply pipes.

"We found the water in the centre of Elk lake apparently pure, its appearance giving every indication of this quality; but on the banks tracts of sedgy, marshy land were seen, the drainage from which could not fail to detract from the quality of the water however good it might appear to be.

"The banks in many places were overgrown with underbrush to high water mark, and decaying vegetable matter extended into the water, forming the habitat of germ life.

"Besides, on the one side the Saanich road passes, forming a portion of the shore, to constitute in itself a considerable volume of matter by which the water is polluted.

"The railroad on the opposite bank overhangs the lake, but from its sandy, gravelly nature does not furnish the same deteriorating factor as does the highway; another source of impurity arises from the drainage of cultivated fields near the lake.

"Elk lake is a natural lake, but as you may see its condition might be improved materially, to render it eligible as a receptacle of good water.

"Beaver lake, through which the water passes, is practically an artificial lake, and in its construction care was not taken to clear its surface and also its banks of all vegetable matter before letting in the water, and raising it to a height, which causes it to cover its present new area; hence we have in the lake decomposing vegetable matter and large floating islands of vegetable growth, which in no way conduce to the purity of the water, particularly in the hot season, as it passes through the lake.

"I would suggest that, at the present time, nothing more be done than to put the present filtering system in an efficient state, which I might state should not exceed five thousand dollars ($5000), and before a large amount of money be spent on the present source of supply, I would further suggest, with a view to settling upon the best and cheapest source of supply for our city at its present size, and also when grown to double its population, that a commission of engineers be formed, of which our city engineer be one, to investigate and report upon the three available sources, Elk and Beaver lakes, Goldstream and Sooke lakes, keeping in view in examining each source the following points:

"1 The purity of its water.
"2 The volume of water obtainable.
"3 The head of water.
"4 The total cost.

"At the present time the citizens should thoroughly boil the water before using it for drinking purposes.

"I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
"Your obedient servant,
"(Sgd.) GEO. H. DUNCAN,
"M. H. O.

"Victoria, July 31, 1894"

To this was added the following affidavit from the public analyst:

"I, Herbert Carmichael, of Victoria, British Columbia, public analyst, make oath and say as follows:

"1. In my capacity of public analyst I received samples of the city water for analysis. The water was reported to me as being brought from four different places, viz: One sample from a city tap, one from Beaver lake dam, one from the middle of Beaver lake, and one from the middle of Elk lake.

"2. I analyzed each of the said samples of water, and I classified each of the said samples as amongst the waters totally unfit for human use.

(Sd.) "HERBERT CARMICHAEL."

At the conclusion the application was refused with costs. Hon. C. E. Pooley for the Esquimalt Water Works Company and Messrs. R. Dunsmuir & Co.; and Eberts & Taylor for the corporation.

A LEAF FROM HISTORY.

In his annual report for the year just closed, Mr. Peter Summerfield (shortly before retiring from the office of water commissioner, which he had held for some years) said, under date of January 9, 1891, after describing in detail the improvements during the year and the condition at its close, of the city mains, hydrants and meters, workshops, tools, etc.:

"The condition of the lakes is about as bad as it well could be, the whole of the submerged swamp from the present dam to the mouth of Elk lake being obsolutely unfit as a source from which to obtain potable water. The improvements necessary to provide the citizens of Victoria with good water consist of building a dam across the mouth of Elk lake proper, raising the surface elevation of the lake so as to store the rainfall in the reduced area, and instead of submerging low, flat land, raising embankments wherever necessary.

"The completion of the 24 inch main to the city, the construction of the dam across the mouth of Elk lake (thereby raising its top water elevation several feet, and cutting off all the objectionable, shallow, swampy portions); and the conduit from Elk lake to the present filter beds, would utilize everything available as a source of water supply for the city of Victoria; and any increased supply for the now largely extended city, will have to be obtained from some other gathering ground.

"The question of water supply to the city of Victoria is one that is increasing in difficulty every day, and will require very careful consideration at the meetings of the next board of aldermen, inasmuch as the fact that a city of 20,000 inhabitants requires more water than one of 10,000 should now be realized, and provision made accordingly."

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON CITY, Sept. 3.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued by the treasury department to-day shows a decrease in the public debt of $1,713,654, including certificates and treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. Including the certificates and treasury notes the decrease was $91,917. On August 31, 1894, the interest-bearing debt was $635,042,670, an increase for the month of $30. The debt on which interest has ceased since maturity was $1,831,750, a decrease for the month of $9,100. The debt bearing no interest amounted to $379,867,593, a decrease of $82,877. Certificates and treasury notes outstanding, offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury, was $615,250 572, a decrease for the month of $1,621,757. The aggregate debt August 31 was $1,632,092,585

The several items of cash in the treasury is given as follows: Gold coins and bars, $120,885 869, silver, $513,167,260, paper, $130 819 260; bonds and minor coins, $17,330,897, aggregating $781,708,357, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to $654 535,260, leaving a cash balance of $127,148,097, of which $55,216,900 is gold reserve. The increase in the cash during the month was $8,802,745.

A comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the government, issued by the treasury department to-day, shows the total receipts during August to have been $40,417,605, as against $34,809,339 for the previous month. Of the receipts for August, $11,804,914 were from customs; $27,582,278 from internal revenue, and $1,050,413 from miscellaneous sources. The expenditures aggregated $31,656,636, which leaves an unexpended balance for the month of $8,760,969.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Sept. 4.—(Special)—The formal opening of the Industrial Exhibition took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Sir John Thompson delivered, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering, the customary address, and touched the button which set all the machinery in motion. The exhibition bids fair to eclipse its predecessors in Toronto.

The first batch of passengers from Winnipeg since the change of the C.P.R. time table arrived last night, making the trip of 1,060 miles in 44 hours.

The attorney-general's department received word yesterday of the arrest at Gibraltar of Augustine Lasita, who is wanted for swindling several wholesale fruit merchants out of sums aggregating $2,000. Lasita is a Sicilian by birth and has been engaged in vending fruit in this city for eight years past.

KILLED BY HIS DUPES.

ATLANTA, Sept. 4.—Information was received here to-day that Rev. B. F. Gaston the negro who has been inducing people to emigrate to Africa, was shot and killed together with six of his friends, at Devereaux in Hancock county this morning. Gaston has been there for some time, working his scheme. It is said his assailants were negroes whom he had duped on a former occasion.