From THE DAILY COLONIST, May 15.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

South Bound Passengers.

The following passengers left for San Francisco, yesterday morning, on the steamer Walla Walla: George Gillson, Geoffrey Lavell and wife, E. G. Anderson and Mrs. Renouf.

A New Brick Block.

Messrs. Hooper & Goddard, in this issue, invite tenders for the construction of a three story brick block with basement, at the corner of Government and Johnson streets. The block is for Messrs. Wilson & Dalby, and its construction is to proceed without delay.

At the Outer Wharf.

The exterior of Wm. Jensen's new hotel at the Outer wharf is now about complete. The building is graceful in design, well situated from a sanitary outlook, as well as a scenic one, and will, without doubt, answer all the purposes for which it has been constructed. The proprietor aims to make it one of the most popular summer hotels on the coast.

Source of Danger.

Complaint is made of the danger to vehicles and foot passengers along Quadra and other streets over which an old dwelling is being transported. The house fills up almost the whole roadway and is left at night without any lamp or any other signal to indicate danger Several very narrow escapes are reported on this account. It may be that neglect of this kind may let the city in for damages.

The Chinese Gambling Cases.

The Chinese gambling cases were finally disposed of, yesterday morning, in the police court. His honor, who has been weighing the evidence for several days, decided that the best way to deal with the case was to fine the gamblers $100 and to dismiss the spectator, as there was not sufficient evidence to convict him. The decision will be appealed. Three drunks forfeited $5 apiece for the usual offence.

Almost a Sad Accident.

A few days since while Sir Joseph Trutch's coachman was exercising one of the horses—riding bare-back—the animal bolted and commenced to buck-jump, finally succeeding in dislodging the rider. The unfortunate individual came on the hard road with a fearful concussion, which rendered him insensible. The horse, after galloping some distance, returned and stood by its victim until he was removed home. After about a week's attention from Dr. Milne, Frank was able to be about again yesterday.

W. C. T. U.

The ordinary meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held, yesterday afternoon, at Temperance Hall, Mrs. Grant in the chair. An interesting paper was read and discussed, after which a statement was presented of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the Star entertainment course. The total receipts amounted to $2,099.55, a balance being left, after the payment of all expenses, amounting to $200. The sum paid for companies was $1,200, and the rent of theatre, attendance included, was $452.50.

Coast Buoys.

The Albion Iron Works are at work upon ten large buoys to the order of the Department of Marine, which are to be placed on the British Columbia coast. This is no doubt the first instalment of the answer to the applications of the B. C. Board of Trade and the members of Parliament for this Province. In the course of his conversation the other evening, Rear-Admiral E. H. Seymour remarked that he had understood upon excellent authority that the requirements of this coast were urgent in respect of coast improvements. Outsiders manifestly understand the condition of affairs in this particular which fully justifies the most persistent efforts on the part of those who are specially concerned.

A Prosperous Institution.

The Protestant Orphan's Home is a prosperous and fortunate institution. One year ago, it was struggling to make ends meet, dependent for its existence upon the voluntary contributions of the friends of the orphans. A few weeks ago, Mr. J. G. Taylor died, leaving to the Home a fortune amounting to from $20,000 to $30,000. Then came a check for $1,000 from a friend who does not wish his name mentioned; and Mr. Piper has offered five acres of land at Cadboro Bay for a summer home. The idea of such an institution is received with favor, and Rev. P. McF. Macleod, Mr. Noah Shakespeare, and Mr. Charles Hayward have been appointed a committee to consider and report upon the project.

Common Sense.

The American papers in referring to the Behring's Sea question put forward as the chief argument of their government in favor of the closing of the sea, for a time at least, that the seals on the islands are becoming exterminated. This argument Victoria sealers regard as something of a boomerang for those who use it. The schooners from this city hunt in the sea, not on the islands, and the seals in the sea are as plentiful as ever. If the islands are depopulated of seals, it is directly the fault of the U.S. government, who alone have given hunting rights ashore, and who are responsible for the actions of the Commercial companies to whom they have leased privileges. If the islands are frequented by fewer seals than in days gone by, why does not the U.S. government stop sealing on the islands, not in Behring's Sea?

Marvin-Kewen Wedding at Menlo.

The San Francisco Call of May 4th, says: Miss Maye Kewen, a daughter of the late Judge E. J. C. Kewen and a sister of Col. Percie Kewen, was married to Mr. William T. Marvin last Wednesday at high noon, in the little chapel at Menlo Park. The groom is the son of the Hon. Edgar Marvin, United States Consul at Victoria, B. C., and a nephew of United States Senator Charles N. Felton. He has a legion of friends, and his bride is very popular in society circles here and in Sacramento. The drill corps of young ladies which she recently organized in this city in behalf of a worthy charity, was only one of the many instances of a kindly esprit and original force most successfully exerted. She is a beautiful tall blonde of stately carriage and highly accomplished. The ceremony was performed in the flower-perfumed chancel by the Rev. Dr. Stowe. The ushers were Mr. Harry M. Holbrook and Mr. C. A. Adams. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Eyre as maid of honor, and Miss Phœbe Brown and Miss Della Magann as bridesmaids. The groom was supported by his cousin, Mr Charles N. Felton, Jr. The ceremony concluded, the bridal party and a limited number of friends present proceeded to the residence of Colonel and Mrs. E. E. Eyre, where an elaborate wedding breakfast was served. The same day Mr. and Mrs. Marvin came up to the Palace Hotel, leaving on Thursday for Redondo Beach. On the 10th inst. they propose starting for Victoria, B. C., where Consul Marvin has an elegant new home in readiness for their reception. The wedding gifts were remarkable for their rich nature and elegance of form.

A Smelter for Seattle.

Seattle is to have smelting and refining works. The company that will build and operate the works is already organized, has the capital ready and will have its plant constructed by the time ores can be shipped there from the rich outlying districts in the Cascades. The company has chosen the corporate name of "The Seattle Reduction and Refining Works." The incorporators are: Frank Brooks, president; Edward Blewett, Frank L. Leslie, Elihu Wood and John H. McGraw. The capital stock of the corporation has been placed at $500,000, in 5,000 shares of $100 par value each, and the duration of the company's corporate existence is fifty years.

B. C. Agricultural Society.

The executive committee of the B. C. Agricultural Society met last night in the City Hall to consider the plans for the proposed exhibition building. There were present Messrs. D. R. Ker, in the chair, Dr. Milne, M.P.P., Wm. Dalby, R. Seabrooke, C. Hayward, W. Thompson, W. J. McKeon, jr., W. Lorimer, J. H. Todd, J. Braden, W. Templeman, T. W. Carter, and C. E. Renouf. Mr. Dalby on behalf of the building committee reported that it had been determined to refer the plans for the proposed exhibition building to the general committee for them to make a choice. The plans having been thoroughly examined, on a ballot being taken, those of Mr. Soule were chosen, and it was resolved to have specifications prepared. The secretary was instructed to enter into the necessary correspondence with a view to securing judges for the forthcoming exhibition, and after some further minor business had been disposed of the committee adjourned.

Kootenay Doings.

H. Carster, of Portland, Or., who came down from Kootenay last night, says that a project is on foot for the bonding of the Hall mine for $2,000,000 by Montana capitalists. The tunnel at the Hall is now in 500 feet, and the cross cut to the left 33 feet, both in solid ore, as is also the vertical shaft sunk from the surface which the tunnel taps The Danby, recently bonded for $175,000, is working with good prospects. At the Poor Man a 12 stamp mill has just been put in operation. Mining operations have been considerably delayed by the snow, and the town is filled with miners waiting for a chance to go to work. They expect it to come soon now. Mr. Miller, an expert from Glasgow, has just arrived from the old country to inspect the Hall property in the interest of English capitalists. Warm Springs is attracting more attention every day, and in Nelson, with its 500 population, things are unusually lively. The hotels are filled to overflowing, and the new railroad is expected in the town within 14 days.

Badly Scared.

Copeland, Reid, and Gordon, three young men piscatorially inclined, decided upon going a fishing last Sunday, and to make sure of a good bag they invaded Doctor Hanington's fish preserves and breeding grounds at Aldermere on the Millstream. Sam, an intelligent Chinaman, who is overseer of this place, being awakened at an early hour by the barking of the dogs, came out in Chinese deshabille to find his master's ponds invaded. After a long expostulation, in which English and Chinese blanks were intermingled, and while the trout were being rapidly drawn from the feeding pond, Sam told the boys that he would shoot if they did not go. The leader told Sam to shoot and be ——. Sam fired an old cut down, wired-breech gun in the air. The boys left and the present ending of the affair is that the case is remanded until two o'clock this afternoon, Doctor Hanington in the meantime having such confidence in an old and tried servant that he has gone bail for one thousand dollars for Sam's re-appearance.

Presentation to Capt. Power.

At Government House, yesterday, a number of the old friends of Lieut.-Governor Nelson were entertained at lunch. The chief feature of the event was the presentation to Capt. W. Power, of Moodyville, of a handsome gold English chronograph, by several of his old friends, as an evidence of their high esteem, and as a memento to carry with him on his contemplated trip to Europe. At the same time a lovely gold watch was also presented to Mrs. Power. Lieut.-Governor Nelson made the presentation in a few appropriate words, referring to the long friendship existing between himself and Mr Power, they having been among the first pioneers of the province. Capt. Power, in thanking his friends for their handsome gifts, said that he valued them more for the kindly feeling that had prompted the giving. The maker had guaranteed the chronograph for twenty-five years, and he only regretted that he could not have also guaranteed himself and his friends as long a lease of useful life. The inscription on the watch is as follows: "Presented to William Power by his friends: Hon. Hugh Nelson, R. P. Rithet, John Irving, W. P. Sayward, L. E. Eib." After the presentation many incidents of the old days were recalled, and the lunch pleasantly ended.

Viewfield Property.

J. P. Davies & Co.'s auction rooms held an eager crowd of purchasers, with maps and lists in hand, at noon, yesterday, when the first sale of the Viewfield, or Macaulay Point, Puget Sound Agricultural Company's, property took place Mr. Joshua Davies announced that he would select the first one of ter plots which would be sold without reserve, after which the buyers could call for any lot catalogued. The plot selected was No. 1, Block 20, which was purchased by Dr. Duncan for $1,800 per acre. The bidding was spirited and generally good prices were realized, the following being the transfers completed:

Lot.	Blk.	Purchaser.	Portion of Acre.	Price per Acre.
14	5	P. Hickey	1.06	$1,400
15	5	—Blackquire	1.67	1,175
16	5	H. Moss	1.72	1,075
9	15	Jos. Levy	.92	1,100
14	15	J. G. Tiarks	.95	1,425
15	15	F. Carne	.82	1,400
5	22	H. Moss	.54	1,400
7	22	H. Carmichael	.52	1,062
3	16	H. F. Bishop	.44	1,300
5	16	H. F. Bishop	.33	1,500
8	16	Capt. Grant	.44	1,625
9	16	Capt. Grant	.34	1,625
7	16	Capt. Grant	.45	1,625
1	17	H. Jardine	1.37	1,350
10	17	Jno. Robertson	1.01	1,150
12	17	S. J. Pitts	.89	1,250
1	18	J. Phœnix	1.56	1,350
5	18	J. G. Tiarks	1.17	1,175
7	18	T. Fell	1.17	1,150
8	18	L. B. Trimen	1.56	1,400
4	19	H. Moss	1.05	1,600
6	19	MacKenzie	1.05	1,250
11	19	R. Retford	1.05	1,100
13	19	J. Phœnix	1.05	1,500
1	20	Dr. Duncan	1.15	1,800
3	20	Dr. Duncan	1	1,900
4	20	R. A. Butler	1	1,400
5	20	L. B. Trimen	1	1,700
1	21	J. G. Tiarks	.67	1,275
3	21	C. F. Newcombe	.33	1,550
6	21	J. F. Fell	1.22	2,050
10	22	J. F. Fell	1.31	1,200

The sale aggregated $42,049.75, prices ranging from $1,000 to $2,050 per acre, or about $1,356 on an average. The sale must be considered a good one, although the property is most desirable. No further sales will be made for several months, which will probably be extended until next year.

The Northern Pacific.

Mr. Paul Schulze, land commissioner of the Northern Pacific, was in Vancouver the other day, and returned to Tacoma via New Westminster, his private car awaiting him at Liverpool. To a World representative he stated that the Northern Pacific system was to be extended to Port Crescent and a closer connection made with Victoria than at present existed. That city was growing at a rate that was astonishing. He was surprised at the freight coming into the city as well as the passengers flocking thither from every quarter. Railway companies were aware of this, and more than one company was anxious to secure a liberal share of this trade. He was not in a position to state anything relative to the intentions of the Northern Pacific coming into Vancouver on its own line, and independent of all others. That was a matter yet to be dealt with. The policy of his road had been to go wherever it could get sufficient traffic to warrant the expenditure of construction and maintenance. When Vancouver's trade warranted increased railway facilities no doubt they would be forthcoming.

DARCEY ISLAND.

Home for Unfortunates Who Are to be Isolated for Sanitary Reasons.

The fact of the city endeavoring to secure Darcey Island for sanitary purposes, has attracted a greater or less amount of attention to this subject, and the question has not unnaturally been asked, what is the exact location of this peculiarly eligible spot, and what is going to be done with it now that the authorities have acquired possession of it? In the first place a home or hospital is to be established there for unfortunates, whose isolation is necessary for sanitary reasons. Darcey Island, where the home is being built, is situated about 20 miles from Victoria, between San Juan Island and the regular channel for steamboats. It is a beautiful location, with an area of about 220 acres. The west coast is rugged and rocky, and the interior is covered with willows, alder, maple and some fir. On the east and south-east sides are beautiful slopes, with bays and a gravelly beach sloping nicely to the water. One of these bays has been called Holland Bay, and is situate at the south-east with sufficient water for a vessel to sail in, and within one hundred feet of fresh water. There a site has been chosen for the erection of six new cabins, which will be large and commodious. Each will be eight feet by fifteen feet, well built, lined inside with dressed lumber, and filled in with sawdust to keep it warm. There will be a door, window and chimney in each cabin, with table, iron bedsteads, stove, and all other appliances for the comfort of the inmates. The cabins will be run lengthwise, due east and west, facing the south, and along the entire front will be a verandah. They are protected from the south-west, north-west and north-east winds, whilst they have a beautiful view from the south—including the Olympian range and the daily steamers passing on their regular trips. A pole will be erected on the island with a flag to hoist in case of distress, so that steamers passing can report to the proper authorities. The new premises will be completed by Wednesday.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE OAR.

TEEMER CHALLENGES GAUDAUR.

John Teemer has challenged Jake Gaudaur to row him three races for $2,500 a side, best two out of three, the winner to take the entire money and a fair proportion of the gate receipts.

THE RING.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Pool-selling on the Corbett-Jackson fight will begin, to-morrow night, at a saloon on Ellis street, the pool-rooms having been closed recently by an ordinance passed by the board of supervisors. Charlie Stenzel, who is Corbett's backer, will go broke on the fight if his man is whipped. Stenzel has raised about $5,000 on his real estate, and intends to bet every cent of it and much more, so that it is evident there is no weakness in the Corbett camp. Some facetious sports have been offering to bet that Corbett would not enter the ring; that his father would stop him at the last moment. No harm is felt on that score, however. Every one who knows Corbett feels confident of his determination to make a game fight. His club-mates are all staking their money on him.

PERSONAL.

E. A. Jenns of Westminster came over last night.

G. B. Wright returned from Kootenay last night.

Sir Joseph Trutch was a passenger by the Islander this morning.

H. E. Harlock and wife, of Ladner's Landing, are at the Driard.

Sir Richard Musgrave was among the Islander's passengers last night.

G. C. Mesher and Simon Leiser returned from Vancouver last evening.

C. D. Rand and D. E. E. Brown came down from Vancouver last night.

W. R. Mackenzie, travelling auditor of the Union Pacific Railway, was in town yesterday.

E. G. Anderson left by the Walla Walla yesterday on a five weeks' tour through California.

O. P. St. John, formerly steamboat inspector for Ontario, arrived last evening to establish himself here as a consulting engineer.

Rev. Mr. Dean, of Banff, who will be here for the Methodist conference, preaches in the Gorge Road church on Sunday evening.

H. M. Cunningham, of the firm of Cunningham Brothers, crossed over to the mainland this morning and will return on Saturday.

John Sutton, C.E., of Tacoma, for several years connected with the Southern Pacific, in charge of the bridge department, is in the city.

Rev. J. E. Starr arrived from Winnipeg last night, and will preach the dedicatory sermon at the new Methodist church next Sunday morning.

Joshua Davies, Fred. J. Claxton, D. Douglas Dick, W. Newcombe and other prominent Victorians went over to Vancouver this morning, intending to take a special train at the terminal city for Abbotsford and Sumas. The Abbotsford sale takes place in Vancouver at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Judge Crease.)

Gibson vs. Blackett and Gibson—Application to deliver statement of claim—granted; defendant's costs in any event; statement to be delivered before Monday.

ENCOURAGING NEWS

From the Kootenay District—Property Steadily Rising in Value—Rich Ore on the Silver King.

From Mr. G. B. Wright who returned from Kootenay last evening, we learn that everything is lively in that district. In Nelson and Ainsworth town property has rapidly advanced, and is continually rising in value. In each place lots have more than doubled within the last six months. A good deal of building is going on in both towns.

The mining news is very encouraging. On every mine where development is going on the prospects seem to grow better as the shafts attain greater depth. The Silver King was exhibiting very rich ore. At the time of Mr. Wright's visit, three specimens were taken out of different parts of the mine, on the last day, assaying respectively 2000, 10,000 and 14,000 ozs. of silver to the ton.

At the Hot Springs camp, Wheeler had bonded his interest in the Skyline and Krao mines for a sum reaching up into the thousands, to members of the First National Bank of Anaconda. They will proceed to erect a larger concentrator in the Krao and heavy pumping and hoisting works upon both mines. Some capitalists from Minneapolis, represented by a gentleman named Dunsmoor, have examined several mines at this camp, and will undoubtedly take hold of two or three. Several other strangers are looking for property in which they can invest.

The Columbia and Kootenay Railway Co. is now running cars to the waters of the lake, and discharging goods on the Galena, which makes one trip per week to Bonner's Ferry, and then trips between Nelson and Ainsworth. Goods and passengers are thus subjected to no delay when they reach the end of the track.

The sale of one fourth interest in the "Le Roi" mine at Trail Creek, for $22,000 to Spokane parties has caused a small boom in that camp, and a consequent advance in town lots in the town of Trail. Mr. Topping, the owner of the townsite, and of the mine mentioned above sees his way to a goodly competence.

Mr. Corbin's new steamer at the Little Dalles will be delayed by the non-receipt of the machinery, but will be ready some time early in June. The Lytton is now making bi-weekly trips from Revelstoke to the Little Dalles.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Straw hats are ripening slowly this season.

The remains of Martin Caulfield have been taken to Seattle, where they were interred.

The steamer Hope cleared from Whatcom on Wednesday with 456,836 feet of saw logs for Victoria.

The Louise brought over from the Fraser, yesterday, one car of flour, 300 sacks of oats, 400 bales hay and a lot of hides.

Yesterday's overland train was only from Winnipeg, the recent accident near Sudbury delaying the eastern train.

Capt. D. B. Jackson, manager of the Puget Sound & Alaska Steamship Company, is in San Francisco. It is rumored that the purpose of his visit is to lease the steamship Queen of the Pacific for the Alaska trade this summer.

The Davis Sayward Sawmill Co. of Kootenay Lake have purchased the steamer Surprise from Dr. Hendryx, owner of the Blue Bell mine. She is intended to tow logs and to deliver lumber from the mill to the towns of Ainsworth and Nelson.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.)

Canada Wire Mattrass Co., v. Weiler—Application for dismissal of action. Dismissed with costs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for plaintiffs; Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Mutual Glass Co. v. Weiler—Application for dismissal of action. Trial ordered to take place two weeks from date. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for plaintiffs; Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Gray v. Hobson & Co.—For garnishee order. Made returnable in one week. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for applicant

Gray v. McCallum—Two applications for the dismissal of action. In the former, three days given for statement of claim to be delivered; and in the latter, one week. C. E. Pooley, Q. C. for plaintiff; Theo. Davie, Q C., for defendants.

EVER INCREASING.

Figures Which Show the Healthy Condition of Victoria Trade.

Appended is a comparative table of the Customs' collections at this port from January, 1889, which shows the satisfactory and steady growth of business in Victoria. Since Collector Milne assumed charge of the affairs of the department here, $173,000 has been contributed to the Dominion revenue by the Victoria Custom House alone. The receipts are constantly increasing and the outlook for May is that there will be $20,000 or $25,000 more collected in duties than during May last year:

CUSTOMS' COLLECTIONS.

	1889.	1890.
January	$ 51,313 75	$ 46,680 56
February	36,417 09	42,918 18
March	75,61 65	97,160 73
April	66,267 27	78,6 7 24
May	72,203 12	7 ,960 08
June	61,101 89	76,732 26
July	58,249 65	67,[illegible]07 72
August	85,1 9 23	77,385 88
September	74,262 84	91,893 57
October	70,863 13	90,304 09
November	62,610 34	75,451 64
December	52,389 12	66,013 03
Total	$770,473 08	$890,331 96
INCREASE for Year ending Dec. 31, 1890		$119,858 88
	1890.	1891.
January	$ 46,680 56	$ 58,750 27
February	42,918 18	63,690 42
March	97,160 73	93,448 91
April	78,657 22	103,106 81
Total	$285,446 69	$319,056 41
INCREASE for first four mos. of '91		33,609 72
" for past sixteen months		173,471 60

A Good Opportunity.

The agents for the well-known Matsqui lands, H. E. Croasdaile & Co., offer to pay the expenses of any visitor to Mission City on the 19th inst., who invests in the property represented by them. These lands are the most attractive and fertile on the Fraser River, and all who are looking for this class of investment should take advantage of this good offer. *tf

American Priests Faithful.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 16.—With reference to the dispatch from Rome about the dissentions that have arisen among the Catholic bishops and priests of America, Cardinal Gibbons said to a United Press reporter, yesterday, that he was not aware of any such dissention. He stated he had received a letter from the Pope, as stated in the Rome dispatch, and in it the Pope spoke in the highest terms of the priests of America, and their devotion to the Holy See.

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Northern Excursion.

Arrangements are in progress for an excursion by the Princess Louise, about the 1st of June, to Queenstown, Quatsino Sound, and the new townsite at Fort Rupert.

To Mount Tolmie's Top.

Mr. J. H. Brownlee is inviting tenders for the grading and graveling of a carriage road to the top of Mount Tolmie. The view from this eminence is particularly fine.

St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod leaves on 2nd June for the East, and will have his pulpit filed by Rev. J. C. Smith, of Guelph. While away he will attend the session of the General Assembly at Kingston.

North-Bound Passengers.

The following passengers left on the steamer Danube for Port Simpson and way ports: G. B. Proctor, J. J. Cawgill, W. R. Trail, W. Trail, W. McKenzie, D. Nichol, S. Reid, R. Soggie, J. Carey, C. Christenson, Rev. W. H. Collison and D. Ardah.

The Pilot Released.

Capt. Lawrence brought the tug Pilot safe back to port last evening, she having been released on bonds by the Port Angeles officials, during the afternoon. The case will now be proceeded with through the regular process of the courts.

No Mails Till Sunday.

The Islander again arrived without through mails, last evening, the reason being that the train was only from Winnipeg. The through train from Montreal is not expected to reach Vancouver until to-morrow evening.

A Sample of the American Hog.

An exchange suggests that United States Vice-Consul Jay Ewing, at Vancouver, who refused to rise to a toast to the Queen, be shipped to Germany as a sample of the American hog. Not much. Do you want those ports closed tighter?—Seattle Telegraph.

Injured at a Saw Mill.

Late on Thursday night Dr. Milne was sent for to attend a man of the name of Misener, a resident of Third street, who had had his leg broken just above the ankle by a blow from a strip axe, at Sayward's mills, which had become detached. At latest advices the sufferer was progressing favorably.

A Sure Thing.

A Victoria real estate man has a sure thing in a bet which he made with a Vancouver friend on Thursday night. The latter, enthusiastic over his own city, offered to wager $100 that Victoria hadn't a population of 17,000 whites. He was taken up so quickly it surprised him.

Progress on Yates Street.

The plans for Mr. Lewis Lewis' new building on Yates street show that it will be three stories high, in the same style as the Humphrey's building adjoining. It will have a frontage of 30 feet, by a depth of 72 feet. The ground floor will be devoted to two stores; the second will be divided into six large rooms suitable for offices or the display of samples, and the upper flat will make an excellent society lodge room. Tenders, it is expected, will be invited at once, and the contract let in about two weeks.

Police Court.

In the police court, yesterday morning John Cameron was charged with keeping a ferocious dog unchained. The other day a lady, while passing Mr. Cameron's place had her dress badly torn by the dog. Mr Cameron gave the woman $25 as compensation, and the magistrate, deeming this sum sufficient, dismissed the case on payment of costs. A man was charged with an infraction of the street by-law, and a Chinaman charged with an infraction of the provincial revenue tax by-law. The former paid the costs of court, and the latter the costs of court and the tax.

Vancouver's Half Holiday.

Vancouver is having any amount of trouble over the Wednesday half holiday. Many of the leading merchants say they will not close their stores again in the middle of the week under any consideration, while others think the half holiday the correct thing. Vancouver is said to have resembled a big grave yard last Wednesday afternoon; the streets were deserted, store shutters up, blinds pulled down, and the gay and festive clerk was afar upon the blue Inlet making love to his best girl in a dainty little plush cushioned hired row boat.—Westminster Ledger.

Naval Notes.

It is now about certain that the U. S. gunboat Pinta will remain until after the celebration, and Commander Farenholt and his officers have received a pressing invitation to participate in the regatta and other sports. They will, no doubt, accept.

H.M.S. Warspite is expected to remain at Esquimalt, when she arrives, until the end of the year. It will take a month or six weeks to strip her for the necessary repairs, and four or five months to do the work.

Commander C. E. Turner, of the Nymphe, at present senior officer at Esquimalt is entering heart and soul into the preparations for the regatta. A warrant officer has already been up to secure the necessary measurements, and a party of bluejackets will complete the decorations at the Gorge on the morning of the 25th.

An Old Time Potlach.

The Nanaimo Free Press gives an account of a hiyou potlach recently held on the Upper Skeena at the Kish-pie-axe village. The old custom of devouring live dogs was indulged in by the "medicine men" of the feast. The Indians also, to show their utter contempt and disregard for the value of personal property, burned in the camp fire a large number of crisp and new $20 Bank of British Columbia notes. They also destroyed by fire thirteen valuable canoes, showing that they were "tyhees" (head men) and did not care a picayune for the value of the canoes or the bank notes.

The Wilson & Dalby Block.

The plans for this projected building, at the corner of Government and Johnson streets, are now on exhibition at the offices of Hooper & Goddard, the architects, who are inviting tenders. They show an edifice 120 feet long on Government street, and 60 on Johnson street, three stories in height, with a basement underneath the whole. The building will be in the plain Romanesque, if any particular style can be ascribed to it. There will be a bevelled corner and handsome entrance at the intersection of the two streets, and here will be placed a neat tower, one story higher than the main building. The basement will be utilized for hotel purposes, and at the corner will be situated the first underground beer saloon in the city, which has been already spoken for by the proprietor of the Germania. The entrance, a very ornamental one, will be from the Johnson street side. The ground floor of the building will be divided into six handsome stores, two of which are already under lease to the Messrs. Cunningham. The second and third floors will contain 60 well arranged, light and comfortable bedrooms, with baths, etc., the principal portion of the block being for hotel purposes. Iron pilasters will be used in the place of the usual brick or stone piers, and the finish of the building will be first-class all through. It is expected to be completed in about four months.

Trades and Labor Club.

A meeting of the Trades and Labor Club was held last night, the President in the chair. A considerable amount of important business was disposed of, and it was determined to at once take steps to secure incorporation under the act.

Mme. Carrington's Farewell.

Mme. Abbie Carrington and her small, but excellent operatic company, presented two acts of Martha and one of Rose of Castile, as a farewell performance, last evening. They expect to come again next season, with a thoroughly balanced company, including effective chorus and orchestra.

For Victoria.

The following passengers left San Francisco, yesterday morning, for Victoria on the City of Puebla: Mrs. S. J. Barry, Mrs. Wm. Parker, G. T. Atkins, Miss T. Jones, C. S. Laumeister, wife, son and daughter, T. H. Baxter, Mrs. W. R. Clifton, Mrs. B. Humphries, Miss F. Cox, J. J. Donovan and brother, Mrs. McLaren and daughter.

First in the Province.

Westminster has ordered a double, fifty-gallon tank, Holloway chemical engine. The contract price is $2,650, and the engine is to be thoroughly tested after arrival before it will be accepted. The agents expect to receive the engine in 60 days' time, and invitations will be sent to the chiefs of the Victoria and Vancouver fire brigades to be present at the trial. This will be the first engine of the kind brought into the Province.—Columbian.

Full of Powder.

The magazine at Beacon Hill Park is not, as many have supposed, empty, now that the battery have folded their tents and departed to their new home over the harbor. On the contrary, it contains about 11,000 pounds of powder, mostly in kegs, enough to wreck the entire neighborhood. The city council do not think it is safe to allow this danger to remain in the heart of the park during the Queen's birthday celebration, when immense crowds will frequent it. Col. Holmes has done all in his power to induce the minister of militia to order the removal of the source of danger, but has, up to the present, been, like the council, unsuccessful. There was an excuse in years gone by for the existence of the powder house in the park; when the battery left the excuse was destroyed.

Comparative Mortality.

The statement of mortality, published by the Dominion Government, showing the number of deaths in the principal cities of Canada, gives the total number of deaths in Victoria for the month of March as 27, of whom seven were females. The causes of death were, lung diseases, 7; phthsis, 4; cancer, 2; cerebo spinal affection, 2; heart diseases, 2; enteritis, 2; whooping cough, old age, apoplexy, epilepsy, disease of the bladder, teething, and hemorrhage being responsible for one each; the cause of death not being given in one instance Among the ratios per thousand were: Sherbrooke, 3.63; Quebec, 3.19; Hull, 2.50; Three Rivers, 2.21; Peterborough, 2.15; Montreal, 1.96; Ottawa, 1.93; St. Hyacinth, 1.87; Kingston, 1.85; Fredericton, 1.78; Galt, 1.64; Halifax, 1.57; St. John, N. B., 1.53; Hamilton, 1.51; Toronto, 1.25; Victoria, 1.20.

Indian Affairs.

Mr. A. W. Vowell, Indian commissioner, and Mr. P. McTiernan, Indian agent, returned to Westminster on Thursday, from a tour of inspection among some of the upriver reserves. On Monday they visited Seabird Island, the scene of the late troubles, and found everything quiet and orderly. A number of the Indian residents are putting in crops, principally potatoes, but the area cultivated is small. On Tuesday they attended the examination of the Indian mission school at Chilliwhack, which is managed by missionaries of the Methodist church. They were amazed at the wonderful progress made by the scholars Children who could not speak English 18 months ago, when they entered the school, can now read and write, and speak English fluently, and their answers to many difficult questions were wonderfully accurate. The school has only been established three years, but in that short time splendid progress has been made. Mr. Vowell expressed himself as delighted with the results attained.—Columbian.

Whit Sunday.

Sunday next is what is known in the Catholic church as Pentecost, and among English Protestants as Whit Sunday. It is a day held in considerable esteem in England, the week, or the early part of it, being observed as a holiday, particularly in Lancashire and the Midland counties. The clubs and benevolent societies are accustomed on this occasion to hold their annual parades and church celebrations, a curious feature in some districts being the Women's processions, members of the female clubs turning out, bearing staffs and wands, decking themselves arrayed in appropriate regalia. While the men folks have a jolly good time after their own fashion, the women have a club tea, and thus celebrate, once a year at least, what they regard as their anniversary. Whitsuntide may be said to be a great season. Excursions are accustomed to run from many parts of the surrounding country among other points to the city of Manchester, where the Belle Vue Gardens present a scene never to be forgotten. There the pyrotechnic displays are, indeed, a wonderful creation.

Knuckles were Used.

On Thursday evening, a daring highway robbery was committed upon one of the principal streets of Victoria, the victim being the paymaster's clerk of the U. S. gunboat Pinta. He was waiting for a car, on his way back to Esquimalt, and entered a saloon to have a glass of beer in the meantime. Receiving the beverage, he drank it slowly, and then, feeling in his pocket for change, discovered that a $20 gold piece was the smallest coin in his possession. This he tendered the bartender, received his change and walked out, followed by a young man who had been sitting in the saloon. While walking up the road, this person addressed him, and as he turned to see what was wanted he was given a blow in the face, evidently with brass knuckles, which deprived him of his senses. He can just remember a band in the pocket in which he put the change from the $20, and then everything became a blank. When he was found lying on the roadside the money was gone, but his gold watch and other valuables were not molested. It is thought his assailant was disturbed before he had time to "go through" the man scientifically, and so about $15 was all secured. Dr. Milne and Dr. Watt attended to the young man's injuries, which are quite serious.

Mr. Lopatecki in Luck.

Maurice de Lopatecki, who was for some time connected with the defunct Standard in this city, and afterwards contributed several valuable and interesting papers on botanical and mineralogical subjects to the COLONIST, is in great luck. According to a Tacoma dispatch, he has just received notification that he has fallen heir to one-fourth of the immense estate of his brother-in-law, the Duke of Fedorvitz, who died on the 7th of last month, leaving a fortune of $40,000,000. Three-fourths go to the widow, now Countess Lopatecki, and the remainder to her brother Maurice. The latter is said to have come to America on account of a disagreement with his brother-in-law, who was chamberlain to the Czar, owing to M. Lopatecki having become identified with the revolutionary movement. The duke died childless and without any direct heirs; his estates are said to be in Radon and Lithuania, in Russian Poland. Shortly after his arrival here, M. Lopatecki was married to the daughter of Mr. J. M. Sparrow, of Fort street, this city. He was connected with the Standard until its death, when he embarked in the, to him, more congenial pursuits of languages and science. He left here to prepare a paper upon the peculiarities of the flora of lower California about six months ago, and was in Tacoma when he received the news of his big windfall. Though a member of a titled and very ancient family, M. Lopatecki is himself an ardent democrat, and it is not likely that he will forsake the land of his adoption, although he expects to go home shortly to look after the immense interests that he has fallen heir to. Mrs. Lopatecki knew nothing of her husband's good fortune until a COLONIST man spoke to her about it last night; she is living with her parents in Victoria.

Max. Leiser returned from the mainland last evening.

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