

Local News.

ALLIANCE OF CITY AND PROVINCE NEWS IN A FEW PARAGRAPHS.

—Friday night a large party of Royal Engineers arrived for work on the new barracks. They came from the Old Country by way of Halifax and the C.P.R.

—At the residence of Rev. Dr. Campbell, 277 Port street, a quiet wedding took place on Monday, October 3rd, when Mr. Simon Billings and Miss Mary Pollock, of the city, were united in marriage by Rev. Joseph McCoy, M. A., of Knox church.

—The full court will begin its sittings in Vancouver on Tuesday next. It is expected that it will be quite prolonged as a considerable number of cases will come before it. The Hon. Mr. Justice Dunsmuir will be heard at this sitting.

—Dr. A. E. Bolton will preside at the "Good Times Social" in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium on Wednesday evening. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music and readings has been prepared, so that a pleasant time may be expected. It is a good plan to keep every Wednesday free from the Y. M. C. A., as there will be something good each week.

—The third annual dinner of the Victoria College of Education will take place on Wednesday next, November 9th, at the Victoria Hotel. The dinner will be given by the Victoria College of Education, and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the college.

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—The third lecture of the Victoria College of Education, entitled "Grip and Get," was delivered Friday night in the High school assembly hall by Rev. G. R. Adams, and was well attended. The audience showed a keen appreciation of the forceful, eloquent and at times humorous address, in which the speaker described the power of determination and push as factors in a young man's success in life. The next lecture of the course will be given on the 18th inst. by Mr. Denison, of the meteorological department, upon "Our Atmospheric Ocean." This lecture will be well illustrated by limelight views, and promises to be one of great interest.

—There was a large attendance at the gymnasium classes held at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms Friday evening. Instructor Waddington had charge, and introduced a new and interesting new course, equally as beneficial as that which has been followed during the past weeks. The management committee of the association are to be congratulated on the success of their classes, all of which already have a large membership. The "business men's" class, meeting every Wednesday and Friday evening, between 5 and 6 o'clock, is becoming very popular, and a large increase in the number attending is expected during the next month.

—Friday evening a banquet was held by members of the Perseus Young Men's Association at the Royal Cafe. It was given by the management committee in honor of the very successful summer season just concluded. The Perseus club teams were victorious in every line of sport they entered, and the cricket, naturally they are proud of their victories, and last night's banquet was given so that these might be recalled and prospects for the winter season discussed. The chair was occupied by Mr. Snider, and great enthusiasm prevailed throughout. Speeches were delivered by members and friends. The toast list was as follows: "The President," "Executive," "Baseball Team," "Gymnasium," "Perseus Club," "Sister Clubs," "Ladies," "Mine Host and Hostess," "King and Queen."

—A special committee of the school board, of which Mr. J. J. Law, of the city, has been engaged during the past few weeks testing the fire alarm system of the different local public schools. Only a short time ago the bell was sounded in the Boys' Central school, and teachers and pupils assembled on the grounds in a quick and orderly manner. From the time the bell rang until all were on the grounds, scarcely two minutes had elapsed. In the Girls' school equally as good time was made, and the children of North Ward and South Park also were reported to have responded promptly. Trustee Mowat is much gratified and intends recommending that fire drills be held at reasonable intervals without notifying teachers the time fixed for the alarm.

—A very pretty and interesting wedding was solemnized at St. John's church on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The contracting parties being Mr. Edward W. Gray and Miss Katie A. Braid, both of whom are well known in this city. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Albert J. Gray and a cousin of the bride, Miss Louise Wright, of Seattle, acted as bridesmaid. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Fred Braid, of Seattle. Rev. Percival Jones officiated, and Mr. A. Longfield presided at the organ. After the event the friends of the happy couple were entertained at a wedding supper at the residence of the bride's aunt, Miss Wright. The popularity of the young couple was evidenced by the many visible presents. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Gray took the boat for the Sound, where they will spend their honeymoon.

All those suffering with Boils, Scrofula, Eczema will find

Weaver's Syrup and Cerate

Invalid to cleanse the blood Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., Montreal.

—Special evangelistic services will be held this week in the Strawberry Vale Methodist church. The pastor will be assisted by a number of Christian workers from Victoria.

—The Dairywomen's Association of Victoria district announces that the following prices for milk will take effect from the first of November: Pint, per month, \$1.50; quart, per month, \$2.75; gallon, wholesale, 25 cents. This increase has been found necessary owing to the increased cost of feed.

—Dr. Briest Hall, of Vancouver, this morning purchased a 90x120 foot lot in Yates street, belonging to the old De Cosmos estate. It is his intention to erect a modern dwelling thereon. Dr. Hall has disposed of his interest in the Bursar sanatorium in Vancouver, and will resume practice in Victoria shortly.

—On the evening before the election, Ralph Smith held a monster meeting in the Salvation Army barracks, Nanaimo. J. H. Hawthorthwaite attended, and also given the privilege of speaking first. After including in personal abuse of Mr. Smith, the Socialist speaker left the hall without listening to the reply. Mr. Smith, it is needless to say, did justice to his opponent on the occasion.

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—Fred Sherbourne, who had the misfortune of the new freight shed on the C. P. R. yard, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the offices in connection therewith.

—The Ladies of the Macdonalds will meet at 9:30 this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clyde, No. 149 Quadra street, to continue their work in aid of the rally fund.

—The crew of H.M.S. Shearwater gave an excellent entertainment in the O. P. W. hall on Saturday night. The concert was not known to be taking place except by a very limited number. The patronage was therefore limited. The concert was an excellent one.

—The death took place in Seattle Sunday of Helen, eldest daughter of H. J. McCurdy, foreman of the B. C. Photo Engraving Co. of this city. She was aged about 10 and had been sick for a few days, her father being summoned home by telegram on Saturday.

—H. M. S. Shearwater goes to Vancouver on Thursday to meet her new crew expected to arrive from England on Friday. The flagship Grafton sailed on Saturday evening. So far as known no reason has been advanced for her recall home, and residents of Esquimalt continue to speculate on the cause.

—All arrangements have been completed for the St. George's masquerade ball to be given in A. O. U. W. hall on Thursday evening. The best characters represented are to be awarded prizes of such value as to insure the keenest interest in the matter of competition. The prizes are on exhibition in the show windows of B. Williams & Co., Yates street. Music will be provided by the Davis orchestra.

—Within a fortnight between one hundred and one hundred and fifty men now employed in sewer and other work will be paid off by the city. In about ten days a large force of laborers engaged in permanent sidewalk laying will be discharged, as by that time the drainage programme for these improvements for the

present season will have been carried out. The rainy season setting in will also interfere with sewer construction, and this will shortly have to be suspended.

—There was a superfluity of pretty cases in the city police court Monday. No less than eight drunks appeared in addition to those in the list included one of assault, two of supplying liquor to Indians, one of carrying concealed weapons and one of stealing. Convictions were secured in all but one case, which was remanded. A young Chinese named Lee On Loo was convicted on the double charge of stealing from a greenhouse and carrying concealed weapons.

—The Ministerial Association met Monday in the parlors of the Y.M.C.A. There was a good attendance, and Rev. A. Ewing, president, occupied the chair. A large amount of business was transacted, and important questions dealing with the welfare of the city dealt with. Rev. G. B. K. Adams read an exhaustive and able paper on the "Epistle to the Colossians," in which modern agnosticism and theosophy were shown to be not modern, but ancient forms of error. An interesting and general discussion followed the reading of the paper, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Rev. Mr. Adams for his paper.

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—The assertion was made by Judge Parker that the contributions he charged Chairman Cortelyou had received from the trusts are not in violation of the democratic statement. The democratic candidate followed this declaration with a statement directed to the President personally, to the effect that if Parker had issued a request that no money for campaign purposes should be received, directly or indirectly, from any trust, that he would rather be defeated than to be defeated by the trusts.

—The executive board of the newly organized Manufacturers and Jobbers' Window Glass Association met at Pittsburgh on Friday and fixed the selling price of window glass for the next sixty days. The price so arranged is the minimum and may be sold higher if the members so desire. The rate was fixed at a discount from the manufacturers' list of 90-20-2-2 for the first three brackets; clean, 90-20-2-2 for sizes not included in the first three brackets.

—Judge Lombie, in the United States Circuit court, New York, signed an order authorizing George J. Gould and Helen M. Gould, as receivers of the income of their sister, the Countess of Castellina, to make such annual payments to the attorneys who are engaged in straightening out the legal affairs of the Countess when she was in financial difficulties.

—Ralph Smith, M. P., and son, are in the city to-day.

—A Seattle dispatch contains the announcement that B. O. Lavender, formerly of this city, was drowned from the steamer Lydia Thompson on Thursday last week. The deceased was a well known sailing navigator of this port. He brought the Henry Dennis to Port Townsend from the Atlantic and commanded the Geneva, Ocean Belle and Allie I. Alzar at different times. Later he was sent to Seattle. The dispatch referred to says: "R. O. Lavender, night watchman on the Sound steamer Lydia Thompson, fell overboard and was drowned near Olga early Thursday morning. The vessel reached port Thursday night from Bellinham, and the officers reported the death of Lavender to the Puget Sound Navigation Company. About 1 o'clock

Thursday morning Lavender went below to call the members of the crew so that they would be up before the boat reached Olga. Someone heard a splash, and going below, a port hole was found open and Lavender was missing. It is presumed that he accidentally fell through the port hole into the Sound. Lavender lived with his family at 271 Nob Hill avenue. He leaves a widow and two daughters. He was 55 years of age."

—The mystery connected with the finding of a body on the beach at Nanaimo a few days ago has been cleared up. At the coroner's inquest held on Saturday it was shown by letters found on his person that the man had committed suicide. These letters showed that his real name was W. C. Henricson, of Williamsport, Pa. He attributed his downfall to drink, and claimed never to have done a criminal act. He had, according to his statement, left Williamsport on account of money trouble, travelled under assumed names and endeavored to make his way to the coast. He had been absent from his wife and family about six years. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide.

—Geo. Bostin, agent of the evangelical and colonization mission of Algoma and the Northwest, is visiting Victoria in behalf of his mission. The mission was instituted in Toronto in 1884, and has worked since then over a very wide district in the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures and scriptural literature, having supplied over 40,000 copies in 20 languages that have been taken account of, and many thousands more that have been distributed. It also published 67 editions of tracts and books for its