

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, MAY 4.
SPORTS AND PASTIMES.Athletic Events for the Birthday
Celebration—Challenge for
Wrestler McLeod.

The following additional subscriptions towards the celebration of the Queen's Birthday have been received since the finance committee made their last report:

Brackman & Ker Milling Co.	250
Victoria Brewing Co.	25
John Leahy	10
G. G. Sauer	10
McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard	10
Henry Gribble	10
Tal Yune & Co.	10
H. A. Lilley	10
James Baker	10
Stomler & Barrie	10
Frank Campbell	10
Robinson Wall & Co.	10
Muirhead & Mann	10
G. A. McDougal	10
Mr. J. C. Davis	10
Joshua Davis	10
John S. Hill	10
Matthews, Edwards & Tyne	10
S. Perry Mills	10
Peter Steele	10
James Hutchison & Co.	10
T. Leith	10

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the sports and games committee was held in the committee room of the city hall last evening, and promptly settled down to business by electing Mr. John Braden chairman.

The following gentlemen were added to the committee: Geo. Borthwick, J. G. Brown, G. McCain and F. P. Gough.

Several communications were received, among which was a request for a trophy to be competed for by the Maple Leaf and Fernwood baseball teams. The trophy was awarded to the Maple Leaf team.

Mr. Gough stated that three local teams would compete between themselves shortly in order to select a champion team to play against the baseball club from the Sound cities. It was decided to hold the match at Beacon Hill on Thursday morning, to start at 9 o'clock; it is expected that the competition of all the gun clubs of the province and neighboring States, shooting to begin at 10.30 a.m., and the traps to be set on the bank near the Finlayson Point battery.

On Friday there will be Association football, bicycle races and cricket matches; in the afternoon field and athletic sports.

On Saturday morning it is proposed to hold a Firmsmen's tournament at Beacon Hill, to start at 9 o'clock, the first race to be a wet test—teams to be composed of ten men and the distance to be run 500 feet to a hydrant, then lay 200 feet of hose and get water.

A speed race is second on the list, teams of ten men, and the distance 700 feet straight-away. It is expected that teams from Nanaimo and Wellington will be down to compete.

On Saturday afternoon the lacrosse match will take place in the Caledonian grounds. A rifle match will be shot off at Clover Point range on one of the three days of the celebration.

Among the bicycle races are the following: Half-mile, novices, one prize; one mile, open, two prizes; one mile, roadsters, wheels not to weigh less than 40 lbs., one prize; three miles, open, two prizes; five miles, open, three prizes.

The committee decided to ask for an appropriation of \$1,500 from the finance committee to defray the expenses of the sports and games committee to be divided into: Baseball, \$150; gun club, \$125; football, \$125; bicycle races, \$75; athletic sports, \$50; firm'smen's races, \$350; incidentals, \$75.

A resolution was passed asking the finance committee to call a meeting of the general committee and consult it in the apportionment of the funds collected for the celebration among the various committees.

Alderman H. A. Munn was elected a representative to the hand committee and the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

LACROSSE.

The South Manitoba lacrosse association held their annual meeting recently, and elected officers as hereunder: Hon. president, A. J. Falconer, Deloraine; first vice-president, Dr. R. C. Boyle, Morden; second vice-president, E. J. Crawford, Souris; secretary-treasurer, Dr. F. Woodhill, Hartney; committee members—J. N. Bircho, Boisvauin, and J. B. Kilgus, Hartney.

The chief business of the annual meeting was arranging a schedule of matches, the following dates being finally fixed on:

Souris vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, June 24.

Souris vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, June 27.

Souris vs. Hartney, at Hartney, June 8.

Malta vs. Boisvauin, at Boisvauin, June 9.

Hartney vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, June 12.

Deloraine vs. Hartney, at Hartney, June 15.

Boisvauin vs. Souris, at Souris, June 23.

Deloraine vs. Boisvauin, at Boisvauin, June 25.

Malta vs. Hartney, at Hartney, July 2.

Malta vs. Souris, at Souris, July 5.

Souris vs. Malta, at Malta, July 9.

Boisvauin vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, July 10.

Boisvauin vs. Malta, at Malta, July 13.

Deloraine vs. Souris, at Souris, July 15.

Hartney vs. Malta, at Malta, July 20.

Hartney vs. Boisvauin, at Boisvauin, July 23.

Hartney vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, Aug. 3.

THE WHEEL.

NORTHFIELD, May 3.—(Special)—The three bicycle races included in the programme of May day sports at the Northfield athletic grounds were all well contested and decidedly interesting. William Gray, of Nanaimo, won the one mile event, and Fred. Hunter second; the three mile went to Gray also. A. Deering (handicapped) taking second place, the ten mile run was won by James Deering, his brother Albert finishing a close half wheel behind.

THE OBSCURE CYCLES.

The Crescent Cycling Club of Mountain district has re-organized for the season with the following officers: Robert Scott, sports, C. E. Cooper and Dr. D. W. Ebert, honorary presidents; Alexander Clarkson, Northfield, president; James Deering, Northfield, captain and secretary-treasurer; Theo. Bryant, Wellington. These gentlemen, with L. A. Murphy, of Wellington, and Albert Deering, of Northfield, form the board of management. The plan of campaign for 1894 is to have the club represented by one good man or more at each and every race meet in the Province, and to place a team of three in any team races arranged. Mr. Theodore Bryant, of Wellington, is the local C.W.A. coach.

TO HIDE A CIRCUIT.

Messrs. Thomas Moody, E. W. Bradley and E. A. West of this city are taking active training at present, and will doubtless give a good account of themselves this season. They propose making a tour this summer, taking in a number of race meets, and commencing with Vancouver on Dominion day.

BEER AND THERE.

Charles Wilson, the Chicago wrestler, having vanquished Evan Lewis, has now challenged McLeod.

THE CITY.

J. B. McLarny, R. H. Port and F. G. Turner, of Westminster, have organized the Fraser River Fish Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$25,000.

L.O.L. No. 1810 gives an entertainment to-night in Temperance hall, Pandora street, and all Orangemen and members of the Ladies' True Blue lodge are cordially invited to attend.

One of the artistic features of the Queen's Birthday celebration will be a grand public concert by the Arion club at Institute hall, on the evening of Friday, the 25th instant. The programme, now in preparation, will be exceptionally good.

APPLICATIONS for the position of plumbing inspector for the city of Victoria will be received, with references and testimonials, at the city clerk's office up to 4 o'clock next Monday. There is a salary of \$75 a month attached to the newly created office.

Mrs. (Capt.) Gould, Mrs. Walt, Misses Robertson, Wilson and Gill, W. F. Gold and W. C. Wilson, members of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian church, left on this morning's boat to attend the first annual convention of the Christian Endeavor in Vancouver to-day.

On behalf of Wong Yee, one of the Chinamen put through the distorting process at an aspect station on Tuesday, a test case is to be made. Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken, under instructions, will to-day institute proceedings in the court for \$1,000 damages for wrongful imprisonment.

This evening what is termed a photographic social under the auspices of the ladies of Calvary Baptist church, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Dyer, 187 Upper Pandora street, the second house above Fernwood road. The affair will doubtless be a very pleasant one, the geniality of the hostess being well appreciated.

Mr. W. G. HENRY, of Clover Point, while fishing yesterday, succeeded in landing a pretty twenty-five inch specimen of the finny tribe, known to children as the nemichthys-olcopocopus. The fish will probably be given to the High school as a prize for the students pupil first discovering the missing letters in its name.

In Chambers yesterday, before Mr. Justice Walkem, in Laumister v. Bowker, an application was granted on the part of E. T. Dunning that the share of Mary A. Laumister (\$1,835.10), now in court to the credit of the above action, may not be sold or disposed of without due notice to Mrs. Eberts for applicant; Mr. Lutton for defendant; and Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken for plaintiff.

COMPETITIVE plans and estimates of the cost of construction of a passenger roadway across James bay, on the line of Government street, between Humboldt and Belleville, will be received at the city clerk's office on or before the first day of July. The particulars of the competition are obtainable at the office of the city engineer, and the awards are \$550 and \$150—first and second prizes respectively.

The Inland Revenue collections for the month of April have been very small, owing no doubt to March being exceptionally heavy. The returns for April are as follows:

Spirits	622.98
Tobacco	2,426.76
Excise	2,426.76
Income	633.15
Inspection Petroleum	89.81
Total	\$6,771.38

Dr. G. L. MILNE, M.P.P., on Wednesday evening entertained the members of the municipal council of B. C. and a number of friends at dinner at his private residence, "The Pineries," Dallas road. The repast was served in a style that could not but please, and the genial doctor was the beau ideal of a host. The table was decorated in old gold satin with a border of lovely pantries. Everyone of the twenty five present voted the event a most delightful affair.

The children of the Centennial Methodist Sunday school held their annual tea meeting on Tuesday evening, and after partaking of the good things provided in the way of refreshments, informal recitations and other entertainments made the evening pass pleasantly till 8 o'clock. Afterwards the teachers and officers of the school held a social, when addresses were made, and the new superintendent, Mr. E. J. Gray, was introduced by Mr. Kernode, and outlined the plans he would follow in the work of the school for the ensuing year.

The board of management of the Maternity home thankfully acknowledge the following donations: Eggs and rhubarb, Mrs. Higgins; eggs and butter, Mrs. Plummer; sack of potatoes and old linen, Mrs. E. H. Hall; eggs, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton; carbolic acid and medicine dropper, J. W. Hansen; drugist; clinical thermometer, D. E. Campbell; drugist; butter, Brakine & Wall; flowers and papers, Mrs. T. R. Smith; magazines and old linen, Mrs. A. Davis; Mr. Redmond, \$20; Mr. Wilson, \$1; Mr. Joshua Davis, \$5; A. Frisby, \$5; and Mr. Quinlin, 50c. Thanks are also tendered to Dr. Lang for attendance during the month.

NOTICE is officially given that the annual examination of candidates for certification to qualification to teach in the public schools of the Province will be held as follows, commencing on Wednesday, June 4, at 9 a.m.: Victoria, in South Park school building; Vancouver, in High school building; and Kamloops, in Public school building. Each applicant must forward a notice, thirty days before the examination, stating the class and grade of certificate for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above-named places he will attend. Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonials of moral character. Candidates are notified that, all of the above requirements must be fulfilled before their applications can be filed. All candidates for First Class, Grade A, certificates, including graduates, must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 14 and 16, and to undergo required oral examinations.

CHAS. E. NIXON, of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, P. J. Smalley, Daily Globe, St. Paul; E. V. Smalley, Northwest Magazine, St. Paul; D. E. Molins, Sunnyside, Wash.; D. W. Wood, Ramsey, Vicer, Chicago; J. A. Judd, Orange, Judd, Ramsey, Chicago; C. D. Colman, Rural World, St. Louis; E. S. Brooks, Rural World, St. Louis; D. H. E. Whitford, Ohio Farmer, Cleveland; and J. B. Conner, Indiana Farmer, Indianapolis, are a party of prominent newspaper men who are at present making an extended visit to the Pacific coast. Yesterday they made a somewhat hurried trip to Victoria, arriving by the Sound steamer in time to take a very hasty look at the city, and after dining at the Driford went back to the Sound on the return trip of the steamer. They made the journey from the East on special cars, and say that their trip has been a most delightful one.

They are charmed at what they have seen and will take back home with them very pleasant memories. The progress of the Pacific Coast was a revelation to them, though a few had already made the journey to the West.

COURT was held yesterday, presided over by Mr. Justice Walkem. A number of cases were heard and several foreigners took out naturalization papers. The court adjourned in the afternoon till 10 o'clock this morning. Among the interesting cases was one of Drybough and five others v. Adams, a claim for work done in caulking the wrecked steamer in Esquimalt harbor. There was no agreement as to wages, and the plaintiffs claim that according to general custom followed in shipyard yards they should receive \$5 a day and double pay after 5 o'clock. The defendants claim that \$3.50 a day is all plaintiffs are entitled to. Mr. Fell for plaintiffs; Mr. Aikman for defendants.

The total number of provincial voters appearing on the printed list dated 31st December was 4,111; the number of names dropped from the list, in terms of the Legislative Elections Act, 1894 (which provides that all non-residents whose names are dropped from the list, and the requirements of the act), 1,244. The number of those transferred to other districts is 220, so that the total number dropped from the list of voters is 1,464, leaving the list at a total of 2,647, but there have been added since December last to the register, in consequence of those who have been dropped, 2,165, besides about 200 who have been transferred to the city from other districts, making the total additions about 2,365, and the total list of voters to date 5,012. Of course, these are not yet entitled to be placed on the list of voters for the next election, as the date of filing their application is not yet due. It will be about the number of voters in this city. It may be that there are a few errors and omissions in the dropped list, but the collector has, with the aid of his assistants, tried to be as correct as possible, and they have been given every assistance by the different societies, labor organizations and other citizens and officials in their scrutiny. It will be noticed that every facility is given to those whose names may have been erroneously dropped to have them re-instated during the next four weeks before the Court of Revision on 5th June next, when all such cases will be dealt with.

METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING.

Representatives Chosen and Recommendations to Be Made to the Annual Conference.

Nanaimo Selected as the Next Place of Gathering—Committee Appointments.

The Methodist district meeting of Vancouver Island convened yesterday at the Metropolitan Methodist church to transact the business of the district which commences properly before them preparatory to the annual conference, the latter opening in Vancouver on the 10th inst.

The various representatives of the churches present yesterday were: VICTORIA—(Metropolitan) Rev. S. Cleaver and Mr. John Jessop; (Centennial) Rev. Joseph Hall and Mr. N. Shakespear; (James Bay) Rev. E. Robson and Mr. Christopher Spencer; (Victoria West) Rev. G. E. Morrison and Mr. S. M. Okell; (Chinese Mission) Rev. J. E. Gardner and Mr. Tom Chue.

NANAIMO—(Wallace street) Rev. R. R. Mathland and Mr. S. Gough; (Halliburton street) Mr. E. V. Smith and R. A. Cairns.

NORTHFIELD—Rev. R. Wilkinson and Mr. Baines.

WILLIAMSBURG—Rev. J. V. Southall and Mr. J. Haggart.

MAPLE BAY—Rev. James Calvert.

SANITON—Rev. R. J. Irwin.

UNION—Rev. W. J. Stone.

UNION—Rev. J. Robson.

In the forenoon the ministerial portion of the representatives held a meeting, and at 2 o'clock the deliberations of the body opened with Rev. Joseph Hall in the chair. Rev. John Robson secretary, and Mr. E. V. Smith assistant secretary. The afternoon sitting was mostly confined to financial questions. The amounts raised for all purposes by the churches in the district was nearly \$29,000 for the past year—a very satisfactory showing for the time.

After recess the members met again in the evening, when among the resolutions passed was one recommending to the favorable consideration of the annual conference four ministers' decisions in their salaries.

One probationer, Mr. E. V. Smith, it will be remembered to the conference should be allowed to attend the Wesleyan theological school and McGill university, and he granted aid in full.

It was also decided that a recommendation be made that Salt Spring be separated from Maple Bay district, and a mission established; to which a young man be assigned under the superintendence of Maple Bay.

The following appointments were made: the annual conference: Stationing committee, Rev. R. R. Mathland; Sabbath school, Rev. J. Calvert, Mr. J. Jessop; Epworth League, Rev. S. Cleaver, S. Gough; mission committee, James Haggart; lay members, Mr. Gough, Rev. J. Calvert, Mr. N. Shakespear, Mr. S. M. Okell, James Haggart, R. H. Cairns, D. Spencer, J. Homer and J. E. McMillan.

The next meeting will be held at Nanaimo. It was half-past eleven before the members adjourned.

The following petition, numerously signed, was presented to the Quarterly Conference of the Centennial church last Tuesday evening:

"To the Quarterly Board of the Centennial Methodist church, Victoria, in business assembled: We, the members of the church and congregation, wish to express our appreciation of the services of our dear and dearly loved pastor, Rev. Joseph Hall, through whose ministrations many of us have been edified and blessed, and believing it to be desirable that he continue with us, and hearing that some of the quarterly board have been endeavoring to remove him, we hereby respectfully request you to take our wishes into consideration and do all in your power to retain his services to our church and community."

PARIS, May 3.—The Prince of Wales publishes a story that the Prince of Wales, during his recent visit to Paris, expressed the wish that France and England had adopted a common European policy. It is said that the Prince thought it possible for England to act as a buffer between France and Germany, guarantee peace and facilitate general disarmament.

THE SEALERS' FLAG.

All Vessels of the Fleet to in Future Display a Distinguishing Banner.

Steamship "City of Puebla" Labeled for Heavy Damages—The "Quadra" Home.

Collector of Customs A. R. Milne has been instructed that a uniform distinguishing flag has been agreed upon, which all sealing vessels will now have to fly. The flag is to be four feet square—two equal pieces of yellow and black; joined upper right hand corner of flag to left hand lower of left—part above, to left, black; and part below, to right, yellow. The Collector is requested to have the flags made here at once. All licenses will be signed by the collector of customs at Victoria, and a number will then be forwarded to the British minister at Tokyo, Japan.

THE "PUEBLA" IN PORT. The U. S. survey steamer Gedney, Capt. Lucius S. Survey, arrived in port from the Sound yesterday evening on her way to San Juan Island, where the work of the triangulation of the straits will be again taken up. The greater part of this difficult undertaking is now complete, and it is expected that the work being entirely finished this year, a final report will then be made to the authorities at Washington. The Gedney reports that all the American patrol boats for Behring Sea are assembled at Port Townsend, the Mexican having reached there yesterday. It is thought that the start for the North will be made either tomorrow or Monday.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer City of Puebla was yesterday labelled in the United States district court at San Francisco by the owners of the steamer, collector of customs for \$30,000. It will be remembered that while on her way from Victoria to San Francisco a few months ago, the Puebla broke down; the Montserrat attempted to tow the disabled vessel to port, but the hawser parted, and a few hours later the tug Wanderer happened along and towed the distressed steamer into Puget Sound. The Montserrat is at present loading coal cargo at Departure Bay.

TO AND FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Two of the P. C. Steamship Co.'s fleet were in port yesterday. The Queen from California arrived in the early morning, and left for the Sound at daylight. Her inward passenger list was much larger than that of the Umatilla outward, while her freight for this port amounted to 555 tons. The Umatilla, which left here for San Francisco in the morning, carried as saloon passengers from Victoria: P. K. L. Daley, Chas. Farrow, Mrs. S. L. Chamberlain, C. Louie and two children, F. Norris and wife, Mrs. Sleep and Mrs. Falconbridge.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

At Philharmonic hall, last evening, the members of B. C. Circle, No. 118, Companions of the Forest, presented a delightful entertainment to a crowded house. The programme was an agreeable change from the customary, and gave evidence of much study and careful preparation. An opening address was given by Mr. E. J. Salmon, D.S.C.C., who put all present in a fit state of sociability, and in the proper frame of mind to enjoy the pleasant programme which followed. He referred to the aims, strength and standing of the order, whose claims have always been effectively advocated by him.

Following came an instrumental duet by Misses B. Wall and E. Ashworth; an excellent character song by little Miss Lyons; a vocal solo and one or two good comic songs by Mr. Dudgeon, and a recitation by Master Isador Cohen.

The operetta, "A King Winter and the Fairies," was next presented with fifty bright-eyed, picturesque costumed boys and girls participating, and showing by the smoothness and generally satisfactory character of their performance the care that had been taken by those who prepared them for their triumph—of whom Mr. Lung was the most prominent—and their own talent and willingness to do their share of entertaining. The cast of characters was as below:

King Winter.....Master S. Sherbourne
Fair Queen.....Miss Emma Johnson
Prince Frost.....Master Willie Craigie
The Elf.....Miss C. Lewis
Sunbeam.....Miss Mable Lyons
Princess Snow.....Master S. Johnson
Princess Snow.....Miss King

"A Day at the Gorge" was the title borne by the second half of the programme, the stage being set for a picnic and the performers being the pluckiest; the programme consisted of a pleasing variety of musical numbers, as hereunder:

"Sitting by the kitchen door," Mr. J. Penketh
"A Dream of Love," Little Mable Lyons
"Only to See," Miss C. Lewis
"Now he's sorry that he spoke," J. Dooley
"If the Waters could Speak," Mr. F. Sehl
"McGinnes' Birthday Party," Mr. C. Chambers
"A Dream of Love," Little Mable Lyons
"These Girls at the School," Mr. G. Wilkes
"Canadiana," Mrs. J. Dudgeon
"Near It," Mr. G. H. Shaw

Recitation.....Mrs. C. Wilkes
A scarf and diamond drill by the young ladies, accompanied by Miss Dollie Dault, brought the evening to a close.

PARIS, May 3.—The court has confirmed an arrangement by which the executors of Baron de Belsnach will pay 1,550,000 francs (\$310,000) and Dr. Cornelius Herse 1,500,000 francs (\$300,000) to the liquidators of the Panama Canal Company.

BELOIRADE, May 3.—The civil tribunal here has approved King Alexander's proposal to make ex-King Milan regent during the six months of his tour abroad.

DUBLIN, May 3.—The employees of the Great Northern railway of Ireland have given twenty-four hours notice of a general strike. Their dispute with the directors concerns hours and wages, and all efforts to settle it by conference of employers and employed have failed.

GRAZ, May 3.—Certain tourists who were imprisoned by a flood in a cave at Lubeth, Styria, have not been released. Tourists from all parts of Austria are gathered at the cave and are trying to hasten the work of rescue. The efforts to force a small entrance to the cave have failed, as no wood has collected as fast as the men have removed the old wreckage.

The Spring Medicine.

"All run down" from the weakening effects of warm weather, you need a good tonic and blood purifier like Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Do not put off taking it. Numerous little ailments, if neglected, will soon break up the system. Take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for general disease and give you strength and appetite.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best family cathartic as a liver medicine. Harmless, reliable, sure.

AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION.

Ald. J. Keith-Wilson yesterday gave notice of the following resolution which he will present at the next regular meeting of the city council:

Whereas the municipal council of the corporation of the city of Victoria, has by resolution passed on the 22nd day of January last, deemed it advisable to extend the system of sewerage adopted by the said council in 1890 in order to completely sewer the portion of the city of Victoria in the area bounded by the following streets, viz: Douglas street from Herald street to Humboldt street; Humboldt street and Wharf; Johnson street from Wharf street to Store street; Store street from Johnson to Herald street; Herald street from Store street to Douglas street.

"And whereas the said council has caused a by-law to raise the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for sewerage purposes upon the credit of the municipality of the corporation of the said city, and as the Sewerage Loan By-Law, 1894, to be prepared for the assent of those entitled to vote on same on the 15th day of May next.

"And whereas under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon the said council by the Municipal Act, 1892, the Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893, and the Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1894, the said council may, subject to the provisions contained in the said acts, pass by-laws for the appointment by the said council by resolution, of a commissioner or commissioners (not exceeding three in number in all) to manage and superintend the construction of sewerage works and to define his or their duties and fix his or their salaries or other remuneration as the council may by by-law decide; and for assessing a special rate of tax against, and levying same upon any lands benefited by the construction and laying down of any main, branch or common sewer or house or building connections, and for collecting said rate or tax.

"Therefore he resolved:

"1. That this council hereby affirms the desirability of carrying out the work of sewerage construction in the area described in the resolution of the 22nd of January last, above-mentioned and endorsed in full at the meeting of the council held on the 13th day of May, in the manner provided for in the Municipal Act, 1892, and amendments thereto, hereby pledges itself to pass a by-law (1) to appoint by resolution, so soon thereafter as may be deemed expedient, one or more persons (not, however, exceeding three in number) to be commissioner or commissioners to manage and superintend the construction of sewerage work in the area above described, and (2) to assess a special rate or tax against, and levy upon any lands benefited by the construction and laying down of any main, branch or common sewer in said area, and for collecting said rate or tax, said rate or tax as to assessment and collection to be distributed over a period or term not exceeding 25 years, the right being reserved to any property owner interested to commute payment of the same at any time within said period or term."

SPEEDY TRIALS.

In the Supreme court yesterday a big space inside the railing was devoted to furniture, dishes, books, crockery and a "miscellaneous assemblage of household furnishings," as the auction advertisements say. These were the multifarious objects which Edmond Haines and Ada Grant were charged with having in their possession—property stolen from a number of residents in this city—and the prisoners were on hand to be tried under the Speedy Trials act before Mr. Justice Drake.

Before the case was called, however, William Johnson, the lad who tried to hang himself on April 11, was charged with unlawfully attempting to commit suicide. The boy pleaded guilty, in an almost inaudible voice, weeping bitterly meantime.

"I shall take time to consider what I shall do with you," said His Lordship. "Come up before me to-morrow at 11 o'clock," and Johnson was removed from the dock.

Edmond Haines and Ada Grant were then called forward to the dock. There were six indictments against them for being in possession of stolen property, and to all they pleaded not guilty. Mr. A. G. Smith, Deputy Attorney General, appeared for the Crown, and Mr. A. L. Belyea for the defence, with Mr. Lampman as solicitor. Mr. Belyea asked for a separate trial of the prisoners but His Lordship ruled otherwise.

The first charge was that of being in possession of property stolen from E. J. Salmon, the evidence of Mr. Salmon, Constables Palmer, Mosatt and McKay, being practically a repetition of that given in the police court as to the goods being found in prisoners' house.

Mr. Belyea, for the defence, contended that there had been no proof of guilty knowledge.

His Lordship took a different view and sentenced Haines to two years in the penitentiary with hard labor and Ada Grant to one year.

Afternoon's second indictment, of being in possession of stolen property from Mrs. Hickey, was taken up and proved, resulting in a second term being imposed, of similar length to the first.

The Crown considering the prisoners to be sufficiently punished let the other indictments drop, but the owners of the various pieces of property identified them without opposition from the defence, and took them away.

The court then adjourned till 11 o'clock to-day.

WINDSOR, May 3.—While playing with a needle on Monday the two-year-old daughter of "Mac" Way, Hilbury Centre, fell, the needle passing through