Queen City's Rough Passage

Encountered a Succession of Very Heavy Storms off the Coast.

Worst Trip Experienced Since She Has Been on the Route.

Steamer Queen City arrived from Cape Scott and ports on the Vancouver island coast after one of the roughest trips the West Coast steamer has ever encountered, but Captain Townsend brought his steamer safely through the storms back to port in safety. The steamer had a number of passengers, including Colonel Hayes from Alberni, Capt. John Irving who has been visiting some of the coast mines, and other well known coast mining men, Capt. J. Haan, the well known master of the sealing schooner Umbrina was a passenger from Kyuquot, having been dismissed on the charge preferred against him by Constable Spain of Clayoquot. It seems that in the fall when the Umbrina was at Clayoquot, one of her sailors was accused of selling liquor to Indians, and on the return of the schooner the sailor left her at Victoria. Failing to apprehend this man, Constable Spain laid a charge against Capt. Haan of allowing liquor to be sold on his schooner and the master had to journey to the coast for trial. The case was dismissed.

The trip of the Queen City was the roughest she has ever made to and from the coast. Capt. Townsend, her master, says it is the worst he has ever seen, and he has sailed the West Coast for some considerable time. All the way up the coast heavy weather with gales and high seas was encountered, and when the steamer anchored off Cape Scott at the northern limit of her trip on the 23rd at 10 a. m., a living gale was blowing from the south-east. After the storm subsided but sufficiently to allow the landing to be made, the gale renewed its violence, and the steamer was obliged to lie with both anchors out under the lee of Cape Scott for 24 hours. On the 26th, the following day, she steamed against the gale for 11 hours, before she reached Quatsino, where a tremendous southeast gale was encountered, with a constant torrent of rain, and the barometer was standing as low as 29.40. The steamer ran for Winter harbor for shelter and on the 28th there was a howling gale from the southeast, and the sea ran terribly high. The steamer could not face this storm and there was nothing else for it, but the run back she could. The barometer stood at 29.10 on that day.

On November 30 the steamer left Friendly Cove to continue her voyage down, but the gales renewed their fury and unable to run back into Friendly Cove with safety Capt. Townsend had to make for Plumper's Bay, where the steamer remained sheltered from the storm for 17 hours. Yesterday morning when the steamer rounded Cape Beale it seemed that at last she was going to get a fine day without the ever present gale, and its accompanying torrents of rain, but after passing Carmanah Point at 10 a. m., yesterday the breeze freshened up and the glass went down to 29.28, and as the vessel was rounding Beechy Head the wind blew at something like 50 miles an hour. If told in detail the account of the trip of the steamer Queen City would be one long story of a succession of terribly heavy storms, of gale after gale, storm after storm, and, in view of the battle she has had to fight with the elements the steamer had by no means made a long passage, although she is over her scheduled time.

The Nippon-Yusen-Kaisha steamer Kinshiu Maru was at the Outer wharf yesterday laden with a heavy cargo of through freight, her large hold being well filled with flour, cotton, machinery, electrical dynamos, beer, tobacco, cigarettes, in fact, every sort and condition of thing, all consigned to the markets of the Far East. The Idzumi loaded more salt salmon and general freight here, and embarked a number of Chinese. The Chinuno Maru of this line is due here today.

The Brigantine Blakely recently purchased by the Pacific Exploration & Development company formed for the purpose of sending an expedition to Cocos island to search for the buried treasures will arrive from Fairhaven today in tow of one of the Puget Sound tugs.

Steamer Farallon has reached the Sound and is discharging her salmon cargo from the north prior to coming to Victoria to go on the ways. The steamer Senator is likely to come here shortly. The Dolphin and City of Topeka have sailed from Seattle for Skagway resuming their service, carrying an aggregate of 90 passengers.

BACK TO LIFE.

Two Indian Sealers Supposed to Have Been Drowned Brought by Arilla.

The two Indian seal hunters lost from the schooner Umbrina of this port in Behring Sea and who were given up as drowned are safe in their homes on the West Coast of the Island. They came down from Dutch Harbor on the schooner Arilla, which picked up the crew of the Highland Light. They were landed at Hesquoit and proceeded overland to their homes at Kyuquot. Capt. Haan of the Umbrina, who was on the coast, learned of their return before he started for home on the Queen City. The story of the Indians as told to Capt. Crowell is given in a report by that master marine as follows:

"Vincent Du Paul and Little Peter are the names of two Indians who were lost from the schooner Umbrina, Capt. Jack Haan, and owned by Capt. Peppett, of Victoria. On September 16 they left the schooner in a canoe to hunt for seals. Soon after leaving the schooner a gale of wind came up and a fog setting in they were unable to find their vessel. Two days later they were blown ashore in Bristol bay and landed safely on the beach and after walking some distance they came to an Indian village called Casco. From there they were taken in a small schooner to another Indian village, where they got on board the steamer New Port and October 21 were landed in Dutch harbor. October 22 I took them on board the schooner Arilla, and sailed the same day. On November 17 I put into Hesquoit, Vancouver Island, B. C., to land a shipwrecked crew that I rescued from the sinking bark Highland Light. There I landed these two Indians, who started for their homes some 40 miles west of Hesquoit."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

CENSUS.

Sir,—The police census of Toronto, November 10, shows a population 12,082 greater than the Dominion census. What is the matter of a police census of Victoria, or even a census taken by our citizens. One hundred active men could take the census of the entire city on a Saturday afternoon. I won't be one of them. Can you get 99 more?   J. F.

WHITE PASS RATES.

Sir,—Will you permit me to supplement the timely letter of Dr. Milne with an other suggestion in regard to northern trade. An Ottawa despatch of recent date conveyed the information that the Dominion government was considering the question of freight rates to the Yukon by way of the White Pass route, and the effect of Canadian interests and that a very great reduction would be demanded. A despatch of a more recent date from Seattle announced that the vice-president and traffic manager of the White Pass road would visit Ottawa during the present week for the purpose of effecting "a compromise with the Canadian government regarding tariffs." Now, while it is highly improbable that our very able minister of railways would assent to any "compromise" which would be likely to work an injury to Canadian interests, it seems to me it would be the essence of wisdom for our business men to make sure that the minister was kept fully informed regarding every detail which would assist him in deciding on what was best to be done in the interests of his own country. The matter is now open for discussion, and when closed, it will not be reopened for some time to come.   R. A. MUNN.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. Rattenbury in his objection to the hideous girders proposed to span the beautiful approach to the Selkirk water and the Upper Arm. I protest to the council some other ideas against the use of foreign material in place of the stone we find at our own doors. Not only would it be needing the ratepayers' money away from the town we seek to foster and build up, but it would be in-stilling upon them an annual charge of maintenance and repair which would last as long as the limited life of the girders. As an illustration, take the bridge across the Fitch of Forth. It is painted once in three years, and it takes three years to paint it, so trained experts thus the work proceeds year by year. We have at our door an unlimited supply of suitable stone, we have also the sand and lime and plenty of water, and every dollar that would be spent on a stone (or stone and brick) bridge, would be circulated amongst actual ratepayers. We should have a structure that should be as permanent as the earth itself, and if properly designed, should be a measure of beauty. A bridge built by reinforced concrete (the beton some of French construction) would present some advantages over stone, a considerable saving of time and some saving in first cost. But at any rate, one thing the total outlay would be sent abroad for the purchase of cement and steel, and the unskilled labor brought into use would be less advantageous to the town. The suggestion of a stone bridge is based upon the supposition that the Dominion government has already waived the statute which provides that all roadways over all navigable waters shall be in the nature of drawbridges.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

At the meeting of Pride of the Island lodge, S. O. E., last night, the election of officers for the year 1902 resulted in the following brothers being elected to office: W. P. F., Bro. W. H. Hemmings; W. Pres., Bro. Thos. Oliver; Vice-Pres. Bro. Geo. Gardner; Chap. Bro. J. Haynes; Sec. Bro. H. T. Grayjin; Treas., Bro. W. Norman; 1st Guide, Bro. W. Jones; 2nd Guide, Bro. J. Richards; 6th Guide, Bro. W. G. Roach; Inside Guard, Bro. W. Summonds; Outside Guard, Bro. F. Mullin; Trustees, Bros. J. A. Lee, J. Haynes; Auditors, Bros. F. Bullen, O. H. Pomeroy, A. Howell; Delegates to Federated Board, Bros. A. Lee and F. Dykes.

The business finished, an impromptu entertainment was held. P. D. D. Bro. L. Lee, who was voted to the chair, gave a humorous address, and the following programme was then given: Bro. Doncaster, solo, "Sweet Estelle;" Bro. Gardner, solo, "Many Happy Returns;" Bro. Fomeroy, solo, "Sailing"; and Bro. Hancock solo, "I'm the Plumber"; Bro. Brakes, solo, "The Flag of the Free;" Bro. J. W. Sexton, solo, "I'm a Gunner"; Bro. Woods, solo, "Five Cripples"; Bro. W. Jones, solo, "The Old Brigade"; Bro. C. Meads, solo, "The Hideaway"; Bro. T. H. Gillman, solo, "Two Sweethearts."

WANDERED FROM HOME.

Old Lady Left Home at Mount Tolmie and Traveled to West Saanich.

About 10 o'clock Monday night Mrs. Alexander Campbell wandered from her home at the foot of Mount Tolmie and early yesterday morning arrived at the home of Mr. Verdier on the West Saanich road after having walked all night, the distance being about 10 miles. She was sitting in the house Monday night with her husband, who was writing a letter. The old lady left the house quietly, and it was some time before her husband noticed her absence. When he did he made a hurried search, and failing to find her, he called in the assistance of neighbors and the Provincial Police. All yesterday the search was kept up, but no one thought of anything so quick a distance as West Saanich. In the meantime Constable Real of Saanich had been notified of her arrival at the residence of Mr. Verdier, and brought Mrs. Campbell to the city, and placed her under the care of Mrs. Jobs, matron of the Provincial jail. Mrs. Campbell is upwards of 60 years of age and has been ailing for some time. She wore only her house clothes during her long night walk and was not through when she arrived at Mr. Verdier's. After being cared for she appeared none the worse for her experience, but was unable to give a wrong name.

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LADIES OF R. E. CHURCH

Give Their Annual Bazaar and Entertainment at Philharmonic Hall.

The bazaar given by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church at the Philharmonic hall under the patronage of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, and Lady Joly and His Worship the Mayor, was opened at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and here was a goodly attendance. The many booths arranged around the sides of the transformed hall were gaily decorated and pretty in arrangement, and with their dainty and enticing wares, found many patrons. Tables were placed in the centre of the hall and there tea was served during the afternoon by Mrs. W. W. Wilson and her assistants. The different booths and stalls were in charge of the ladies. The provision booth, where a variety of things were offered, by Mrs. Simpson was the first that met the visitor's eye on entering the hall. Nearly in a corner was the silhouette booth where Mr. Parker Hibben cut out the shadow photos of the profiles of the purchasers, and many times was his deftly handled scissors obliged to cut out the lines of pretty faces, for this feature of the bazaar was well patronised. The plain work stall, curtained and draped with blue and festooned with ivy further set off the goods on sale there, was in charge of Mrs. Langley and Mrs. George. The fancy work booth adjoining, where the artistically worked goods ranging from photo frames to lace handkerchiefs and other works of clever hands, were on sale, was in charge of Mrs. Jacob and Mrs. McDonald. Then there was a handkerchief and tie booth, attended by Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Ella presided over the adjoining booth where things for the baby were offered to purchasers. The doll booth had a goodly arrangement of dolls, many of them very prettily dressed. It was attended by the Misses Newberry and Winnie Wilson. Across the hall, the candy booth looked inviting with its succulent array of candies and booth some delicacies, and here too was the paper work booth, which contained a fine exhibition of fancy worked articles made from paper. This stall was in charge of Mrs. Fleet and Mrs. W. H. Elggins. The flower stall with its pretty array of chrysanthemums, ferns and other flowers and plants was in charge of Mrs. (Dr.) Carter, Misses Lawson and Bolton. The tea tables there 3 o'clock tea was served to patrons during the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. W. W. Wilson, and a fish sound, where many anglers dabbled with line and rod for results, was in charge of Mrs. Vallean and Miss Dickinson.

Last night a musical programme was given, seats being placed for the occasion in the centre of the hall. The heavy rain and high wind made the audience a small one, however. The programme opened with an instrumental duet by the Misses McTavish and Franklin, which a tableau entitled "Sapho," was given, the stage being well draped and framed with curtains to give the tableau a more striking effect. Miss Schwengers contributed a vocal solo in good voice, and after a violin solo by Mr. Edwar Fawcett, another tableau, "Summer," was given, the living picture being arranged after the picture by Reginald Stevens, Miss Lombard sang in her usual good style, and a solo was given by Mrs. Schwengers. Two good numbers were given by Messrs. W. and L. York, as well as one other tableau entitled, "Art and Literature," and a number of posings illustrative of statuary. Several selections were given during the evening by the Douglas Mandolin club.

Today luncheon will be served from noon until 2:30, when the sale will be continued. Afternoon tea also will tend to retrieve those present, and an entertainment in the evening will bring the function to a close.

INTERESTING DEBATE

At Last Evening's Session of the Mock Parliament.

A large number attended the very interesting debate at the mock parliament last evening. The government's proposal to present the imperial government with $7,000,000 for naval purposes was under consideration. The first speaker supporting the government's proposal was Mr. H. G. Lawson, who argued that as Canada would, even though independent of Great Britain, have to spend a considerable sum for naval defence, it was only right that Canada should now assist Great Britain in the matter of naval defence.

The opposition argument was opened by Mr. O'Brien, who argued that the $7,000,000 for naval purposes was under consideration. Other speakers for the government were Messrs. Cubb, Black, Laird and Hall, and for the opposition Messrs. Bridgman, Corbett, Von Cramer and Grant.

A very marked improvement is noticeable this year over the debates of last session, and any person attending the debates will find that they do not waste time in oratory.

The next debate will be held in St. Andrew's church before noon on Tuesday, the 17th instant, when the government's proposal to build a railway north of the C. P. R. so that effective railway competition could be obtained, will be considered.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Brown born;
Brown cried.
II.
Brown laughed.
Brown played.
III.
Told the truth,
Also lied.
IV.
Brown lived.
Smiled, died.
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

Jules Grau's Opera Company Delight Large Audience in "El Capitan."

The opening performance of Jules Grau's opera company at the Victoria theatre was one of the most pleasing exhibitions of light opera ever given in the city. The house was well filled and would doubtless have been crowded had the weather not been so atrocious, but as it was the brightness of the opera and the vim with which it was rendered, from the first bar of the overture to the final curtain, kept the audience continuously amused and interested. John Philip Sousa's three-act opera, "El Capitan," was the bill of the evening, with the following cast:

Don Errico Medina, recently appointed
Viceroy of Peru ... Edward Eagelton
Senor Amabile Pozzo, Chamberlain, etc. ... Stanley Felch
Don Luiz Cazarro, ex-Viceroy Robert Kane
Count Hernando Verrada, a Peruvian gentleman ... Harry Davies
Scaramba, an insurgent ... Robert Dunbar
Nevada, his companion ... W. Ashley
General Herbana, Commander of the Spanish forces ... J. E. Arnold
Estrelda, Cazarro's daughter ... Mamie Scott
Princess Marghanza, Medina's wife ... Bessie Tannehill
Isabel, Medina's daughter ... Mary Carrington

Spanish and Peruvian Ladies and Gentlemen, Soldiers, etc.

The opera has been heard here before, and it is unnecessary to go into detail of plot, scenery or music, as these are known to all theatre-goers, but it may be said that the stage setting and costumes were artistic, rich and appropriate, and the light effects were most artfully manipulated.

Edward Eagelton, as "El Capitan," is a distinctly valuable addition to Mr. Grau's company. He is one of those rarities in comic opera who can be funny without coarseness, and who is not only a comedian of the first rank, but a powerful and trained singer. His acting throughout was entirely satisfactory, the drunken scene in the third act being particularly artistic and mirth-provoking. Mr. Eagelton was ably supported in the fun-making by Stanley Felch, who was an equally comic as ever, and who was received with welcoming plaudits by his host of friends where he made his first entrance. Harry Davies, too, was in excellent voice and greeted with warm approbation. His fine voice has lost none of its purity and strength, and all his numbers were enjoyed to the full. Robert Dunbar, "Scaramba," has a pleasing stage presence and a remarkably good voice, a combination which made him an instantaneous favorite and won him many a hearty round of well-earned applause.

The principal ladies in the cast shared the applause so equally that it would be impossible to say which made the most pronounced hit. Mamie Scott, "Estrelda," is a vivacious, petite person, with a well-trained contralto voice, which she knows how to use to the best advantage, and her sprightly movements gives a zest to all her work. Mary Carrington, "Isabel," is charming and graceful and sings divinely. Her duet with Mr. Davies was one of the gems of the evening, while her solos were deservedly admired by her heartfelt audience. Bessie Tannehill, "Princess Marghanza," stately and handsome, fitted her role to the life and won much admiration by her perfect vocalisation.

The concerted arias were all beautifully rendered and the choruses were well trained, given in full, well rounded, rich volume, in which there was never a suspicion of jar or discord. The ladies of the chorus are a pretty shape-y lot, trained to perfection and they are ably seconded by the men singers. The finale at the second act was a striking combination of harmony, movement and color, which roused the enthusiasm of the audience to the highest pitch of the evening. The encore-evoking "Sweet Sisters Forever," introducing a graceful march and the inter-weaving of the Union Jack and Old Glory—which was vigorously applauded, the audience no doubt remembering the distinguished honor bestowed upon the composer by His Majesty the King a few days ago.

It may be said confidently that never in the history of comic opera in this city has a better pleased audience rancorously dispersed than that which had the pleasure of witnessing last night's performance. If "El Capitan" be an earnest of the other operas to be produced during the week, the success of the season is a foregone conclusion.

Tonight "Fra Diavolo" will be presented, in the second act of which there ever-to-o-re and beautiful scene from "Lucia" will be interpolated.

The British battleship Mars recently scored 11 hits of 29 rounds fired from her 12 guns, and 62 hits out of 112 rounds from her 6-inch quick-firers.

JUDGE WURTELE RESIGNS.

Montreal, Dec. 2—(Special)—Judge Wurtele has resigned from the court of King's bench to become president of the Commission for the revision of the codification. He will probably be succeeded at Quebec by Judge Caron of the Superior court.

Northern Trade

C. P. R. Hotel

Two Important Subjects Discussed By Council of Board Of Trade.

Ottawa Asked to Help Coast Cities in Dealing With W. P. & Y. Ry.

Several matters of importance to the commercial interests of Victoria and the province generally were discussed at a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade, held yesterday. Members present were: L. G. McQuade, president, in the chair, Messrs. R. Seabrook, A. G. McCandless, J. A. Mara, C. E. Lugrin, C. Dubois Mason, D. R. Ker, Lindley Crease, Simon Leiser, Lt.-Col. Prior, Capt. Cox and F. Elworthy, secretary.

A communication was read asking the board to affiliate with and take part in a meeting of a Dominion Board of Trade to confer on trade matters, especially on closer relations between Great Britain and her colonies. The secretary was instructed to secure further information regarding the proposal and report result to the regular quarterly meeting.

Capt. Fletcher, post office inspector, wrote informing the board that he had asked the inspector at Vancouver if an arrangement could be made to forward delayed mails via Ladysmith.

J. J. Shallcross wrote enclosing copy of G. F. Knight's descriptive article on Victoria, which appeared recently in the London Morning Post, and recommending the printing and distribution of 500,000 copies. This was referred to the full board.

A request from the honorary secretary of the British Columbia branch of the Royal Navy League, asking for the use of a room in which to hold a conference with sealers, with a view of forming a naval reserve, was granted.

H. A. Munn wrote to draw attention to the fact that representatives of the White Pass & Yukon Railway are now at Ottawa arranging a schedule of rates for next year's freight traffic and suggesting that the board should take action to have the rates adjusted to the satisfaction of the merchants of Victoria and other coast points.

C. H. Lugrin considered the matter of very great importance. He said the Yukon output last year was $25,000,000, which would be augmented by Atlin and other districts to $30,000,000. The ten was showed a population there of 20,000 people. There was no population in the world producing more per head or living more expensively, than these people. He ventured the opinion that the taking out of the gold cost almost the value of the gold. What could Victoria do to hold and increase that trade? He had been informed by the president of a big company operating on the lower Yukon that freight could be landed at Dawson for a cent a pound. These companies had the advantages of the Nome and Kitzehue business, and were thus able to deliver their goods at a figure impossible for Victoria merchants. He was informed that fresh meats could be transported from New Zealand by cold storage and landed in Dawson cheaper than from British Columbia. He feared a loss of trade in staples by that lower river route.

The question that had been laid before Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and he had asked for suggestions how the existing difficulties could be met. He (the speaker) had suggested a method by means of which return freight could be secured by vessels on the Northern run, which would enable them to give much less favorable rates on north-bound freight. This it was urged could be secured by govern-ment subsidising the transportation companies, if necessary, to carry ores to smelters to be established on the East Coast of Vancouver Island. The scheme would include the building of a line of railway to the north end of the island over which unbroken cars of freight could be hauled from the east to the most northern shipping point and these same cars could be utilised to carry ore south to the smelters. He had discussed the matter with the heads of different railways who were experts in the carrying trade, and they all regarded it favorably. If not this scheme, at least some plan would have to be devised to retain that trade to Canada. A. G. McCandless was of the opinion that competition up the lower river would compel the W. P. & Y. to reduce their rate by one half.

After further discussion of the question the secretary was instructed to telegraph to the Minister of Railways urging him to complete no definite arrangements until the merchants of Victoria and Vancouver had had an opportunity to place the facts of their case before him from a Canadian standpoint. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Munn for his timely letter.

C. Dubois Mason corroborated Mr. Mason's statements. He thought the reason that a County court judge had not been appointed was the aversion to a life appointment to a district, the permanence of which had not been established. He urged the appointment of a deputy judge.

On motion of Mr. Lugrin it was resolved that a memorial be presented to the Dominion and provincial governments, urging the necessity of a County court judge. Mr. McCandless seconded, and the motion carried.

The president suggested the advisability of the board asking the C. P. R. for a site. He thought the reverse of trade Victoria gave the C. P. R. warranted them in taking this step. Now that a Dominion line of steamers was formed the suggestion was strongly supported. Mr. McCandless heartily supported the suggestion. The interests of the C. P. R. in this way would do the city immeasurable good. Victoria needed a first class hotel for tourists.

Col. Prior also welcomed the possible advent of the C. P. R., but he hoped the hotel would not be used as a site for carrying on the trade. The C. P. R. should be on a commanding site, and near the water. The flats could be laid out in gardens.

The president suggested that a committee be appointed to take up the matter.

H. E. Ker said that in conversation with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy he had pointed out that the C. P. R. had its holdings here, not even owning their own offices, and also that they had no hotel here. Sir Thomas said the latter matter had often been drawn to his attention. The speaker was of the opinion that the flats was a good proposal equaled to "The D. & L." the C. P. R. site close together would make a fine hotel site. Thomas said if the C. P. R. would entertain a proposal the speaker would bring it up. Sir Thomas replied that he would look into it when he went West. The C. P. R. was the greatest advertiser in the world, and the building of a big hotel here would help every other hotel in the place, as the general benefit would be advertising of which Victoria would get the share.

PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS

James D. Rae, Who Petitions Against Election of J. C. Brown Examined.

The preliminary objections filed in the New Westminster election petition came up for hearing before Mr. Justice Martin yesterday. James D. Rae, the petitioner, was examined on oath as to the allegations set forth in the petition, and the returning officer, the King's printer and the deputy provincial secretary gave evidence as to the holding of the election, the petitioner's status as a voter, and other technical matters. Further evidence will be taken on Friday. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., appeared for the respondent; Davis & Pooley for the petitioner.

In the Supreme court yesterday the trial of Lowenberg et al v. Dunsmuir continued before Mr. Justice Walkem and a special jury. The examination of Mr. Harris was continued and further the taking of evidence will proceed today.

On the case of Dean v. McRea being called, before Mr. Justice Martin, Mr. Cassidy, counsel for plaintiff, applied to further amend his pleadings and his motion was granted on payment of costs of the application. The hearing of the case was adjourned till next sitting of the court.

In Biggar v. City of Victoria, counsel informed the court that negotiations for a settlement were in progress and consequently the case was allowed to stand over.

Milne v. Macdonell is set down for trial for 10:30 this morning, before Mr. Justice Martin. The trial of Mitchell v. Chungranes is fixed for tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

MAYOR'S REGRETS.

Letter from His Worship Read at the Eagles' Banquet.

At the Eagles' banquet at the Eagle's hall, following the letter from Mayor Hayward was read by the chairman:

90 Vancouver Street, Dec. 3, 1901.
Dear Mr. Brayshaw: I regret very much my inability to accept the very kind invitation of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to their banquet tonight. I hope, however, that you will have a very enjoyable time, and that the toast you kindly proposed placing with me will fall into good hands. It is certain to be richly received and heartily responded to by all your festive Eagles. With kind regards, I am

Yours faithfully,
CHAS. HAYWARD.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Mass Meeting of Citizens in City Hall Tonight.

A mass meeting of citizens will be held tonight in the city hall to receive and take action upon the report of the special committee appointed to draft a constitution for the Tourist Association of Victoria. Several prominent gentlemen have signified their intention of speaking, and with the general interest which the movement has aroused, to spend an interesting evening.

LORD AYLMER DEAD.

Was One of the Prominent Men in the Eastern Townships.

Richmond, Que., Nov. 30.—Lord Aylmer, who has been ill for some months, died at 6:30 last night.

Richmond Hon. Sir Adolphus Aylmer, Baron of Balrath, was born in 1814, and came to Canada during the eventful days of the rebellion of 1837 and later became the Lord Aylmer. He served in the militia during the rebellion of 1837 and later became the 8th colonel of the 54th Richmond battalion, from which he retired, retaining rank in 1894. He lived at Melbourne in the Eastern Townships, Quebec, and took great interest in agricultural and educational questions. He was one of the founders of St. Francis College, Richmond, and was for a long time a warden of that institution.

WINNIPEG NOMINATIONS.

Arbuthnot Has Two Rivals for the Mayoralty.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—Municipal nominations were held in the city hall here today at noon, when Mayor Arbuthnot, Ald. Caruthers and ex-Ald. Ross were nominated for mayor. The aldermanic nominations are: Ward 1—C. Campbell (acc amation); Ward 2—F. J. Roberts and R. Barclay; Ward 3—William Scott, Geo. H. Greig, and Capt. McCarthy; Ward 4—Thos. Sharpe, T. H. Johnston; Ward 5—B. F. Fry, R. Snook and D. Ritchie; Ward 6—F. J. C. Cox and K. L. Wells.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Hanover Strikes at The Nore but is Floated Off.

London, Dec. 2—The British steamer Hanover, Capt. Phelan, from Philadelphia, November 16 for Gravesend, Hamburg, ran aground today at the Nore at the entrance to the river Thames. Later in the day the steamer Hanover was pulled off at high tide into the fairway and sailed on her voyage.

Leonard-Frye.—There was a pretty home wedding at the residence of Mr. A. H. Milne, O. M. G., collector of customs, yesterday morning, when Rev. Elliot S. Rowe, united in marriage Mr. George Franklin Leonard, of Los Angeles, and Miss Margaret, the youngest daughter of the late George Frye, surveyor of customs of the late port. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will leave on the steamer Majestic last evening on their wedding tour, at the conclusion of which they will take up their home in Los Angeles.

New Block—Lee Mong Kow is the head of a company, which is building a new two-story brick structure on Fisguard street. The building is to have a frontage of 80 feet and a depth of 60 feet. The stories will be 11 feet high. In the rear another structure will be built, and when completed the block will cost in all about $9,000. Part of the brick work for one story has been done, and the remaining portion will be finished in a couple of weeks. Several fine stores and apartments will be built in the structure. Will Ap Aquirente, the naymaster of H. M. S. Condor, gave this opportunity of meeting and kind friends who have so cordially and freely responded, to express my appreciation of the high regard in which we have been held by all my pupils. We recognized the one.

ADDRESS FROM PUPILS.

Former Principal of North Ward School Recipient of Address.

The pupils of the North Ward school presented Mr. A. B. McNeill, their former principal, with a gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed, and the following address:

North Ward School,
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 2, 1901.
Mr. A. B. McNeill, Principal North Ward School:

Dear Mr. McNeill: A short time ago we learned that you had decided to sever your connection with us, and now we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere regret at the course you have adopted.

We can hardly express to you the esteem in which we, one and all, have held you as our teacher, principal and friend. It is our earnest desire that you may succeed in your future life as you have done in the past.

In conclusion, dear sir, we beg you to accept this little present, in memory of the pupils of the North Ward school. And now, before we finally part, we would beg of you to accept this little gift as a token of the esteem and friendship with which you have been held by those that the then was a good parting gift. And all who've adorned the structure where Victoria would be drawn to this attention. The speaker was of the opinion that the flats was a good parting gift. All the teachers and all most pleased and appreciated, but that the labourers, who are comparatively rich but obscure, who are manifested in their well-being and will rest securely forever with the boy loyal Britishers, will be forgotten by the South Pacific, they are forgotten by the English.

DIED IN DENTIST'S CHAIR.

Heart Failed While Waiting to Have Tooth Pulled.

Brockville, Dec. 2—(Special)—About noon today Henry Soper, an old and much esteemed resident died in a dentist's chair to have a tooth pulled. He was apparently in his usual health which he sat down in the chair. After examining the tooth the dentist prepared to draw it, but it could not be done. Meanwhile within three minutes later, Mr. Soper, who was well known, had been troubled for some time with heart disease.

ANOTHER CABLE.

Fayal, Azores, Nov. 30—The cable steamer Faraday has landed the shore end of a cable between the Azores islands and the Commercial Cable company. This completes the fourth cable of that company between the United States and Great Britain.