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(From The Daily Colonist, Oct. 18)

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Corrected.

Mr. F. C. Gamble, Dominion Government Engineer, having been over the ground, denies the statement that the telegraph line at Bonilla Point has been allowed to fall into disrepair. The service is well maintained.

Mourning a Mother's Death.

Mrs. Luke Pither, of this city, has received the sad news from Leroy, N. Y., that her mother, Mrs. Mary Thompson, has just died in that town, at the advanced age of 60 years. Mrs. Pither has the sympathy of many friends.

Heavy Mail Bags.

The steamer Mexico left Port Townsend for Alaska on Friday, with fifty sack of mails on board. Among her passengers were Mrs Lyman Knapp, wife of Governor Knapp, of Alaska, and Edward de Graff, Alaska's World's Fair Commissioner.

Chinese Lepers.

Since the Chinese lepers have turned their backs on Vancouver, a close look-out is kept for them here, the impression being that the diseased ones will make for Darcey Island. So far they have not made their appearance, and it is scarcely possible that they can do so, so closely are all the boats being watched.

Stranded.

A member of the Innes Band was conspicuous by reason of his uniform, on Government street, last night. His combination played at Fairhaven, and yesterday morning when they left New Westminster for that town, a stupid hotel clerk failed to call the stray sheep in time for the train.

Surveyors' Work.

W. F. King, of the Geological survey, has returned from an extended trip to the Chilcat and Lynn Canal district. His object was to determine the best means of placing survey parties in the field for the purposes of the boundary survey. He leaves for Ottawa, to-night, but cannot say whether the work will be commenced at once or deferred till next year.

Association Football.

The Victoria Association Football club, had their first game at the Hill, yesterday afternoon. Sides were chosen, and the practice was in every way satisfactory. The club will be able to put a strong team in the field, and, as matches will be arranged with the teams of the Sound and provincial cities, Victorians will have the opportunity of witnessing some good games the winter.

Puget Sound and Alaska.

It is stated, on good authority, that the North American Commercial Co., which leases the seal islands of Alaska from the United States government, is arranging for a line of passenger steamers between Puget Sound ports and Alaska. The boats will be put on the line next spring. This will prove a great convenience to the travelling public.

The Steamer Emma Sold.

At Capt. Clarke's auction sale of the wrecked steamer Emma, yesterday afternoon, the vessel was sold, as she now lies, to Capt. McCloskey, of the steamer Mascotte, for the sum of $270. The Emma is at present in 25 feet of water off Trial Island, and it is thought if no heavy southeast or southwest winds arise, the vessel can be easily lifted. The work of raising the wreck will be commenced this week.

A Growing Congregation.

The Calvary Baptist Church is growing fast. Since it was first built no less than three additions have been made to the main building, and the last of these is now in progress. The congregation is increasing every week, and the new addition comes none too soon. The church building is now practically a new one, for so many alterations have been made to the original that it is hard to tell what it was once like.

And Still One More.

Mr. John Clark, shipbuilder, is to commence work, to-morrow or Tuesday, on another new schooner, for Mr. J. L. Penney. Her dimensions will be something like 71½ foot keel, 20 foot beam and 9 foot hold, and her lines will be similar to those of the one now building at Mr. Clark's ways, being especially constructed for seaworthiness, as well as for speed. This last new schooner, when finished, will register about 75 tons, and is to be completed by February 1st.

Agreeably Surprised.

Mr. Phil Davies, the popular and efficient treasurer of the V.A.C., had another surprise party at his residence last evening. The members of the club assembled in their strength, and as a token of their esteem for Mr. Davies and his bride, asked them to accept an egg stand and spoons (silver and gold), which they hope will be made useful as well as ornamental. A pleasant evening was spent, and another link forged in the chain of friendship which binds the treasurer and members of the V. A. C. together. Of course the band was present to contribute to the pleasures of the evening.

Too Hasty.

There has been a great deal of talk in some sealing circles in this city lately with reference to the so-called delay in the presentation of the reports concerning the seizure of the schooners Manvin and Otto, and a good deal of blame has been thrown on the shoulders of the authorities in consequence. But it must be remembered that H.M.S. Nymphe, which vessel brought down a great deal of official information in reference to both schooners, arrived here two weeks ago, and there has been up to the present barely time for the report of Commander Turner to the Admiralty to be received, let alone dealt with and made public. The case will next be heard from no doubt through the Admiralty.

Provincial Land Surveyors.

The examinations for provincial land surveyors' certificates have concluded, with the result that four additions have been made to the list. There were in all fifteen applicants for the final examination, only six of whom, however, presented themselves. Two of the number were "plucked." The successful candidates are; Messrs. Peter Burnes, D. L. S., Vancouver; John Fielding, Victoria; James H. McGregor, Victoria, and R. E. Palmer, Vancouver. Mr. Jones McMaston, Victoria, passed the preliminary examination. For the final the examination is pretty stiff, including plain geometry and mensuration, solid geometry, spherical trigonometry, dividing and laying out land, measurement of areas, descriptions for deeds, astronomy, practical surveying, Land and Registry Acts. All the candidates passed very creditably in every subject except the Land and Registry Acts—these were their weak points. They have each been presented with a very neatly gotten up certificate or commission, signed by Mr. T. Kains, the Surveyor General. The examiners were: Messrs. T. Kains, J. A. Kirk, John McKenzie, Peter Leech, J. H. Brownlee, and Wm. Pinder.

The Royal Commission.

It is understood that Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., and Hon. Justice Drake, will constitute the Royal Commission to enquire into the management of civic affairs.

Postal Facilities.

Arrangements are being made for postal clerks to be put on the Alaska mail steamers, between there and Port Townsend. The post office inspector has recommended this improvement, which he hopes will take effect early next spring.

Alleged Indian Troubles.

The Boscowitz and Louise are daily, if not hourly, expected from the north, and both are expected to bring interesting news. On one or other of the steamers Hon. P. O'Riley, Indian Commissioner, will, in all probably, be a passenger, and what he will have to say on the recently reported Indian troubles will be looked forward to with great interest.

Paper Chase.

The first paper chase of the season took place, yesterday afternoon, the meet being at "C" Battery Barracks, the hares were Colonel Holmes and Captain Ogilvie. Starting from the barracks the route lay to Macaulay Point, thence to Craigflower, and then by a circuitous route back home. The hares managed to get to the battery about a minute before the leading hound. The event was a success in every way, and it is probable that many more runs will be made before the year closes.

Another Spallumcheen Farmer.

Everybody interested in the growth and prosperity of the Okanagan and Spallumcheen districts will be pleased to learn that the Earl of Aberdeen has just completed the purchase of 12,000 acres in the latter, which he intends to utilize as a farm and model ranch. The noble Earl is a shrewd, practical man, and knows a good thing when he sees one. The fact of his having made such a large purchase is strong proof that he is very much impressed with the prospects in that portion of the country.

Horse Racing.

The races held in connection with the O. & S. Agricultural Show, last Wednesday and Thursday, were witnessed by a large crowd of people, and were, for the most part, well contested, though in some of the events the Calgary horses had it all their own way.

The results were:

FIRST DAY.

Half mile dash, weight for age. Purse $90 (1st $75; 2nd, $15); 1st, Gray Eagle; 2nd, Shamrock; 3rd, Jimmie.

Mile dash, weight for age. Purse $250 (1st, $200; 2nd, $50); 1st, Malina; 2nd, Rifton.

SECOND DAY.

Saddle horse race. Purse $25 (one prize only.) 1st, Maggie May; 2nd, Pablo; 3rd, Dude.

600 yards dash, weight for age. Purse $75; (1st, $65; 2nd, $10); 1st, Shamrock; 2nd, Malina; 3rd, Maud; 4th, Good Hope.

Mile and repeat, trotting or pacing to harness. Purse $125 (1st, $100; 2nd, $25); 1st heat—1st, Bob White; 2nd, Royal Revenge; 3rd, Enderby Dick. Time 3 34. 2nd heat—Won by Bob White.

Quarter mile dash, weight for age. Purse $60 (1st, $50; 2nd, $10.) Open only to horses bred in Okanagan and Spallumcheen districts. 1st, Black Bess; 2nd, Mollie May; 3rd, Brownie; 4th, Jennie.

NOTES FROM DUNCANS.

(Correspondence of The Colonist.)

A few days ago the bartender of the Quamichan Hotel was assaulted by a man, who attempted to steal some liquor from the bar. It appears that during the absence of the bartender, this lover of whiskey appropriated a bottle of the above mentioned liquor and was marching off with it in triumph when the bartender returned, and seeing what had taken place, expostulated with the thief. This gentleman (?) evidently did not like such an unpleasant interference, and brandishing the bottle, struck the intruder (the bartender) a violent blow in the face with it. A loud yell of pain apprised all, who were within hearing, of what had happened, and after receiving a sound thrashing from the injured, but not disabled, barkeeper, the would-be thief was secured and lodged in one of the new cells in our new court house. The injury to the barkeeper was not as great as might be imagined, for he escaped with a deep cut and a few bruises on his face, which, although very disagreeable and uncomfortable, are not dangerous.

The prisoner was brought before Mr. Wellburn, J. P., in due time, and, after being relieved of about $10, was allowed to depart to seek new fields for his pilferings.

This town has been troubled of late by semi-vags, and it is feared that more trouble may ensue before long.

Mr. Henry Fry, J. P., is just recovering from a rather severe illness; his many friends will be glad to hear that he is about again.

Mr. W. P. Jaynes, who was away, in company with Mr. Lomis, the Indian agent, has just returned from a week's visit to some tribes of Indians on the Island. The Indians are returning from the fishing and hop fields, and are proceeding to replace some of the houses burnt this summer. They report that it has been a bad season all round and the *chickamin* is consequently very scarce.

It is feared that the loss they experienced by fire in the summer, will cause considerable distress among them this winter as many families lost everything, and they appear to be unable to replace it. The small sum granted by the Dominion Government will do but little toward their relief.

The work of enlarging the Quamichan hotel has begun, the contractor being Mr. Ford.

A man, hailing from Kokefilah, has just been lodged in jail here, to-day, for some misdemeanor. It is thought he is a fit case for the Westminster asylum.

The new cells in the court house are turning out to be very useful; they have been ready for occupancy only a few days and to-days catch is the third that has been consigned to them. The toughs must have a desire to test them.

Mr. James Evans has been awarded the contract for making and filling up the approach to the new road bridge, or bridges. He has commenced the work with a good force of men, and hopes to get it completed very shortly.

Erratic.

Cincinnati, Oct. 19.—Members of the staff of the late President Balmaceda of Chili, Dr. F. Rivers and Signor Carlos Del Roo, passed through here, yesterday, bound for New York. They speak no English, but through an interpreter they stated that Balmaceda is alive, and that they expect to meet him either in New York or in Europe.

New York, Oct. 19.—Chas. R. Flint & Co., of this city, discredits the assertions made by members of Balmaceda's staff, now in this country, that the ex-president is alive, or in Europe. One of the members of the firm said that the proofs of Balmaceda's death by suicide were too well authenticated to leave room for doubt.

TWO GRAVE CHARGES

Which J. P. Haydon, of Fairhaven, is Required to Disprove.

A Father's Remarkable Offer in Regard to His Child—Investigation Continued.

The case of the Queen vs. J. P. Haydon, alias Harrington, which opened in the city Police Court, before Mr. A. L. Belyea, P. M., yesterday, promises to be one of the most sensational ever tried in the courts of British Columbia.

Haydon, the accused, is a well-to-do wholesale grocer of Fairhaven, where he has lived for several years, and where he has a wife, who enjoys the respect of all who know her. He has moved prominently in religious and charitable work, being a member of the hospital board and an active worker in the church, and until the present his general character has been without a stain. In personal appearance he is of medium height, with regular features, blue eyes, "sandy" hair and moustache, and ruddy complexion. He has little the appearance of the "lady's man," and no one would look upon him as likely to weave a spell of fascination around a girl possessing the education, talents and good looks of the young lady whom he is alleged to have so sadly wronged.

It was late on Thursday night when Haydon was arrested by Officer Hendry of the city police, on the information and complaint of Patrick Walsh, a contractor and builder, residing with his family on John street, Rock Bay. The original information charges that J. P. Haydon did unlawfully entice from her home and the custody of her parents, one Nellie Walsh, she being unmarried and a minor. In common terms a charge of abduction was laid. Yesterday this was amended, the revised charge being that Haydon allured and enticed the girl from her home for an immoral purpose, she being an heiress. A second information was also drawn up, signed and sworn to, charging Haydon with seduction under a promise of marriage. It is these two very serious charges that Haydon is required to disprove.

The story of his acquaintance with Nellie Walsh, as told by the latter's family, before the investigation opened, is briefly as follows: In the spring of 1890, Patrick Walsh and his family arrived in Fairhaven from California, the head of the family expecting to better his condition in the busy and prosperous Western town. He at once settled down to work, and for a time did fairly well. In the next street to the one on which he lived was the large grocery of which Haydon is proprietor, and here it was that the family bought the household supplies, Nellie being frequently sent to make the purchases. She was then a tall, graceful girl of sixteen years, and an accomplished musician. A friendship soon sprang up between her and Mr. Haydon, of which nothing was thought by her family, or the grocer's wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haydon were looked upon as friends of the Walshes, until the latter moved to Victoria some two months ago, Fairhaven having grown too dull to enable Walsh to earn more than a bare living. Haydon accompanied them over on the boat, telling Mrs. Walsh that he was going to California on a business trip, by way of Victoria. Two days after their arrival here, he called at the house with a buggy, and asked if he might take Nellie for a drive. Permission, of course, was given, the mother not suspecting any harm, and, until he went back to Fairhaven, he met the girl frequently. Then Mr. Walsh secured a contract for putting up some of the Mount Tolmie cottages, and took his daughter with him, to cook for himself and the employes at the park, leaving his wife in charge of the house on John street. The subsequent developments are best told in the evidence produced in the police court.

Mr. E. E. Wootton appeared to conduct the prosecution, and Mr. P. Æ. Irving was present for the defence. The father was first put in the box, and deposed that his daughter Nellie was 17 years of age, and had, with the others of the family, been living in Victoria for about two months and a half. He identified the prisoner and explained how Haydon became acquainted with his daughter, between June 11th and July 1st, 1890, at Fairhaven. Before coming to Victoria he had not noticed that Haydon and Nellie were more intimate than common friendship justified. Haydon was a prominent man in Fairhaven, the proprietor of a large wholesale grocery, a trustee of the hospital, and a member of the church in which Nellie was organist. Witness had recently secured the contract to build certain houses at Mount Tolmie, and taken his daughter with him to cook for the men. On Tuesday last, a telegraph messenger came to the camp and asked if Miss Nellie Walsh was there; she went to the door herself and received a telegram, which she read quickly, and tore into a thousand pieces, so that he, her father, could not read it. Witness asked her who it was from, but she refused to answer; and was equally resolute in declining to say what it was about. A man came out to the park with the messenger boy, and waited for him at some distance from the house. Having had his suspicions aroused, both by the incident of the telegram, and certain things his wife had said to him; witness went, next day, to the C.P.R. telegraph office, and asked to see a copy of the message, but was told that to show it was against the rules of the company. He then waited at at the wharf for the City of Kingston, and on the arrival of the steamer, saw Haydon get off. Rather expected that he was coming from the remarks made by Mrs. Walsh as to her suspicions. Leaving the dock, witness went to the house on John street, saw his wife, and told her that Haydon came over. Then went out to Mount Tolmie and was told that Nellie had dressed and gone into town. Witness returned at once to the city, with his son, and went down to the City of Kingston. It was then about a quarter to eight. Looked through the boat and over the passenger list, but could find no trace of either Haydon or Nellie. Then made a tour of the hotels, examining the registers, but without making any discovery. Did not visit the Clarence, as he was not aware that it was a hotel. Next called upon Chief of Police Sheppard, who detailed an officer to accompany him, with whom he again started out. As they were passing the Clarence the officer asked if he had looked at the register there. He said no, and they entered. There was only one entry for the day, and witness recognized it as being in the prisoner's handwriting. It read:

"T. D. Harrington and wife, Whatcom."

Accompanied by the night clerk and the officer, witness went up to room 2, and the clerk knocked at the door. It was then between 9:30 and 10 p.m. The door was opened by Haydon, and in consequence of what he then discovered, witness laid the information, upon which subsequent proceedings had been taken.

On the suggestion of His Honor, the witness was spared the recital of details, which were equally well known to the policeman and the clerk of the hotel. In concluding his evidence-in-chief, the witness stated that he had valuable interests in the United States, real and personal property worth about $8,000. Also owned property in Victoria.

To Mr. Irving—Walsh stated that he was married in 1873, in Holyoke, Mass., Nellie being the eldest of six children. In cross-examination he was then carried into a detailed statement of his business affairs for several years back. His United States property, he said, consisted of six lots in North Platte, Neb., upon which were erected five houses, a large carpenter shop and a stable. On these, and upon stock held in the Lincoln County Agricultural Society and the Cooperative Meat Market, were several incumbrances, which were fully explained. Witness said that he left Fairhaven because the town was played out, and, at the time, owed Haydon a bill for goods. It was not paid, because the money was never asked for. Gave Haydon a check a year ago, which was never presented at the bank, though there were funds to meet it for eight months after it was made. When leaving Fairhaven, Walsh admitted that his goods had been seized by the sheriff of Port Townsend, at the instance of the First National Bank, where he had an overdraft of about $300. The seizure was made because he was leaving for a foreign country; and he at once returned to Fairhaven for the purpose of securing bonds and releasing the goods, his intention being to go back and fight the matter out. Haydon, however, offered to satisfy the bank, and acting under a lawyer's advice, witness acceepted his proposition. The bank he understood released the goods for half the claim, $150, which Haydon said he put up. Witness insisted on giving prisoner a bill of sale at the time, not wishing to be under any obligation to him, and that bill of sale Haydon still held. It was, witness affirmed, not asked for nor demanded, but given voluntarily.

Re-examined by Mr. Wootton, witness said that it was not with his permission that Nellie left home.

William Christie, manager of the C.P.R. telegraph office, was sworn, and asked to produce a copy of the telegram received by Miss Walsh on the 15th. He declined to do so, claiming that a telegram was a privileged communication, and could not be called for except on an order of the Court.

The magistrate explained that a subpœna was an order of court, given under signature and seal.

Mr. Christie held that a subpœna was not such an order as would justify him, in presenting messages to the public, and stated that he had taken legal advice on the subject

The point was fully debated, and the telegram was finally produced and exhibited to the court and learned counsel.

Nellie Walsh was then called. She was very much agitated, and clutched the arms of her chair nervously, as she settled herself to undergo examination. She was dressed entirely in black, and her eyes showed plain traces of recent tears. She proved, from the first, a most reluctant witness, and it was only by cross-examination that her evidence could be obtained. She received a telegram on the 15th inst. (Copy of message produced.) It was something like that. The signature to the message received was "P. P." Thought she understood what it meant but declined to tell. Was 17 years of age, but would be 18 in December next. On receiving the telegram referred to in evidence, wired to Haydon, in reply, to come over.

The message signed "P. P." was placed in evidence. It was as below:

Seattle, Oct. 14.

Miss Nellie Walsh,
at. Tolmie Park,
Victoria, B. C.

Be sure leave on Olympian to-morrow morning; will meet you in Port Townsend. P. P.

Witness wired her reply to Seattle, and the next day met Haydon at Mount Tolmie and drove down town with him. Went to the wharf till he looked after his baggage, then to the livery stable while he put the horse up. Then they had dinner together, and afterwards went to the Clarence hotel, where prisoner took two rooms—a sitting room and a bed room. Sometime ago, in Fairhaven, Haydon had told her that he would marry her. She knew then that he had a wife, but thought he could get a divorce and redeem his promise. After talking for a while with prisoner in the sitting room witness retired. Haydon did not accompany her, nor had he hinted that he intended to. She denied emphatically that Haydon had ever had improper relations with her, or attempted to.

Counsel for the defence suggested that it would be well for the prosecution to abandon their case.

No notice was taken of the suggestion, and Patrick Walsh was recalled by the defence. He admitted that on Friday he spoke of a compromise with the prisoner, and told him that if he would give $1,000 in cash and surrender the bill of sale held by him, he (witness) would drop the prosecution, and keep the matter out of the papers. Again, in the evening, when he was going to bed, an officer came up and said that Haydon wanted to talk to him. Went down to the police station, and again a compromise was talked of. Prisoner said that he would give $500 if witness would agree to his release and would not appear against him. Witness finally consented, and prisoner said he would have to go to Fairhaven to get the money. To this he refused to consent. The surrender of the bill of sale was mentioned each time as part of the bargain.

To the Court—Nellie was referred to in the talk of a settlement. On the evening of the arrest, my wife said it would be better to keep Nellie out of the courts and publicity, by compromising. The next day, when I was talking to the prisoner, the latter said, "I'll take Nellie to California, get a divorce there, and marry her. You know I can't get a divorce here." I said to him, "Go and get a divorce, come back and pay me a thousand dollars and you can have Nellie." They must have been corresponding for some time past; Nellie received many letters, but always kept her mother from seeing their contents. The Clarence hotel register shows that the same entry appears three times, so Haydon and the girl must have been there twice before. He has told me that he spent over $1,000 on her in the last year; I know she got many presents, but I did not know from whom. Haydon also said that his wife would not live with him, on account of the girl, and that he loved Nellie and she loved him passionately. She promised since she was arrested not to give any evidence that would hurt him.

His Honor remarked that in offering to compromise, Walsh had been guilty of a grave offence.

The investigation was then adjourned until Monday.

To Sporting Men.

Horse timers from $9 to $300, at Jackson and Mylius', 76 Government street. tf

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Open For Business.

The B. C. District Telegraph and Delivery Co. open up this morning, for business, having two circuits complete. The others will be completed as soon as possible.

The New Time Table.

Attention is called to a change in the time table of the E. & N. Railway which comes into operation, to-day. It will be noticed that the alteration consists in the departure and arrival of the afternoon trains on Saturdays and Sundays, an hour earlier than before.

Another New Wharf.

Capt. Wm. Grant is having a new wharf built on the south-east side of Point Ellice bridge, which, when finished, will be utilized especially for the owner's schooners. The wharf is to be 100 feet long and 90 feet wide. Mr. Williams, who has the contract, says that the wharf will be complete in about a week.

Confirmation Service.

There was Confirmation service held in St. Saviour's, on Sunday evening, when seven candidates were duly admitted to this ordinance. The Lord Bishop preached a very appropriate sermon, which was listened to with marked attention by a large congregation. The church was beautifully decorated, the flowers and sheaves which served to illustrate the bounties of harvest being still in place.

Secular Thought.

Mrs. Krekel addressed a large audience in the Victoria Theatre, on Sunday evening last, on the subject, "Natural Morality Superior to Theological Restraint." She held that the salient points of ecclesiastical law were but the result of the high standard of morality practiced and taught ages before Judaism was a recognized religion. Science, she held, had done more than religion to elevate the race, by removing superstition and teaching men to look to themselves rather than for any supernatural power.

The Boat Capsized.

On Sunday night last, a particularly sad drowning accident occurred at Plumper's Pass. Three young men—namely, Fred Jack, Wm. Smith and Melvin Collison—went for a sail in a small boat. They did not get very far from land, however, when the boat capsized, throwing all into the water, the two former being drowned and the latter being rescued just in time by some friends on the shore. The young men were all residents of the Island, and Fred Jack, one of the three, lived in Victoria a short time ago.

Sealers' Association.

A full meeting of the Sealers' Association was held, last night, at the office of Messrs. Hall & Goepel. The principal question discussed was the manner in which the members should proceed in their petition to the Government for indemnity, for the seizure of schooners and loss in other ways, and, eventually, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Morris Moss, Penney, Munsie, and Captains Warren and J. G. Cox was formed, which was instructed to report on the matter, and call another general meeting as soon as possible.

Speedy Trials.

Prisoners Cleary, charged with larceny; Robinson, charged with stealing a heifer, and Burke, on a charge of highway robbery, were, yesterday, brought before Sir Matthew B. Begbie, C.J., and asked to elect whether they would be tried before his lordship or by a jury. Cleary and Robinson chose the jury trial, and in the case of Burke there were no informations forthcoming. His Lordship asked how this was, and rather censured the sheriff, who in turn shouldered the blame upon the city clerk, who does duty in the police court. The trio were, in the meantime, escorted back to the provincial jail. Burke will be brought up again as soon as the official information turns up.

Tram-car Tickets.

A warrant was, yesterday, issued for the arrest of Walter King, late conductor on the Esquimalt route of the street tramway line. The case has been worked up by Officer Campbell, of Esquimalt, who claims to have brought home guilt to the conductor in question, and a strong suspicion against others in the service. The *modus operandi* was as follows: Tickets issued by the company are always punched, and instead of cancelling the pasteboard the conductor is charged with having reserved them for future use, and to have resold them at greatly reduced prices. This system of checking was altered, and then came the discovery, when cancelled tickets were reproduced. How many hundred dollars the company have been thus cheated out of it is difficult to estimate.

Delighted With Victoria.

A Colonist representative visited Mr. Ramsay, manager of the Standard Life Assurance Co., and Mr. Gillespie, a well-known Montreal merchant, a director of the company, yesterday. Both gentlemen, neither of whom has ever before been farther west than Winnipeg, expressed themselves delighted with Victoria, which they describe as one of the most charming little cities they have ever seen. Since leaving Montreal they have not only called at the various towns on the route, but, since they reached the west, have stayed off at several ranches and farms, enquiring into the prospects of the interior stations and making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the resources of the country. Both deprecate the scattered appearance of the new towns, but express their astonishment at seeing electric tram cars, electric light, perfect water service, and every adjunct of modern civilization in this part of the continent.

Traffic in Chinese Women.

In response to an appeal made from the various pulpits in the city, on Sunday last, asking the ladies of the various churches to meet in order to consider some matters of vital importance, nearly one hundred ladies of all denominations assembled yesterday afternoon in the Methodist church at the hour appointed. In a few well chosen words it was explained that the business of importing Chinese women for immoral purposes was again resumed, and a lot of girls of tender age were being decoyed here, through false promises made by designing men and women. An appeal was made to the Christian women of the city to do all in their power to protect their Chinese sisters from this terrible slavery. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that two delegates should be selected from each of the denominations to wait upon Mr. A. R. Milne, collector of customs, and confer with him regarding the matter. After the deputation were selected, they proceeded at once to the office of the collector of customs, and were received with the greatest courtesy by Mr. Milne, who, with his usual kindness, soon made the committee feel at ease. He assured the ladies that while there were many difficulties to contend with, his full sympathy was with them in their desire to protect the Chinese women, and that he would do all in his power to assist in preventing the continuance of this infamous practice. After some wise suggestions from Mr. Milne and associates, the deputation withdrew, satisfied that in Mr. Milne they had a friend in need, and a friend indeed.

A Correction.

In the preliminary examinations for Provincial Land Surveyors, the name of the successful candidate, instead of being "James McMaston," should have read Fred Wollaston.

Bow! Wow! Wow!

From a recent number of the Canadian Kennel Gazette, the official organ of the Canadian Kennel Club, we should say that, "our friend the dog" is making great headway in Canada. The Gazette contains practical and instructive articles on dogs by the best known writers and veterinaries in Canada; the canine news of the day; critical reports and full lists of awards of all dog shows held in Canada; a question and medical advice department, and a register of whelps, sales, etc. It is indeed a valuable periodical, and is published at the popular price of $1 per year. Mr. H. B. Donovan, the Editor, Toronto, was elected Secretary of the Canadian Kennel Club, at the annual meeting held last month, and will be pleased to answer any questions regarding the national canine organization of the Dominion.

A Runaway Team.

While one of the Wellington Coal Co.'s wagons was discharging coal at 74 Yates street, yesterday afternoon, the horses took fright at the tramcar, and darting off, turned the corner at the Pritchard House and dashed up Government street, clearing everything before them. The man supposed to be in charge of the horses, the time of the runaway, was in the store collecting an account. George Vienna's delivery wagon was the first collided with, and it went smash, as did also a couple of hacks. Joe Tway's car was struck opposite Brackman & Ker's store, and knocked clean over, the car being smashed to pieces and the horse badly injured. The animals under the coal wagon also came to grief at this point, and their further progress put a stop to. That no human life was lost appears miraculous, as the streets were crowded and every car collided with was occupied. It is said that the amount of damage done by the runaways will not be covered by $200.

The Rothesay Bay.

The bark Rothesay Bay, from Glasgow, Scotland, has been in port for some time past, and in difficulties also. The charterers, in the Old Country, appear to be in some trouble. They had paid nearly the whole of the freight, but scarcely had the bark arrived here than her owners telegraphed instructions to the captain to hold the cargo as a lien on freight. The consignees are in this position, therefore, that they cannot get their goods until the owners are satisfied. The consignees hold that this is an illegal proceeding, and in this they are sustained by Collector of Customs Milne. Goods cannot be held in this port because of any delinquency on the part of the consignors, or difficulty on the part of the shipowners. At the most, there could only be retained a sufficient portion of the cargo to cover freight. It would be unjust to call upon merchants here to pay twice or three times over for their goods. This point having been demonstrated to Captain Partridge, he is likely, on legal advice, to remove the barrier and let the cargo go.

Ordinary or Extraordinary Insanity.

A Nova Scotian registered at the Occidental Hotel as "T. Murphy," and who is known about town as Capt. Murphy, was yesterday arrested on board the steamer Islander, as a person showing symptoms of insanity. The "Captain" has been this season one of the crew of the sealer "Teresa," and since the arrival of that craft in port has been drinking rather freely. He yesterday put in an appearance at the Occidental and asked why his luggage had not been given over to the expressman, averring that he had sent for it, while no call had been made for the trunks at the hotel. He explained that he was going East at once, but added that he would wait for the "swell dinner," which was to be served up on the occasion of an imaginery wedding, which, he persisted, was to have taken place in the house yesterday at 1 p.m. He then went down to the Islander, and entering the purser's room, proceeded to make himself quite at home. An explanation was demanded, as a result of which the police were communicated with. Two constables came down to the wharf and made Murphy a prisoner, taking him through the city minus his coat and hat. He is lodged in the lock-up, pending medical examination.

THE SEIZED SEALERS

Have Been Released Unconditionally to the Satisfaction of all Concerned.

The sealing schooners Otto and E. B. Marvin, seized for alleged infractions of the Behring Sea Fishery Act, 1891, have been unconditionally released. H. M. Collector of Customs, Mr. A. R. Milne, yesterday, received the following communication:

Warspite, at Esquimalt,
19th Oct., 1891.

Sir—I have the honor to inform you that I have received telegraphic instructions, dated 17th Oct., from the Commissioners of the Admiralty, to release the sealing schooners "E. B. Marvin" and "Otto," under seizure for contravention of the Seal Fishery Act, 1891, without further proceedings, other than informing the owners and masters of the penalty they have incurred in contravening the above-named act, under sections 103 and 104, and part of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and therefore, in accordance with the instructions, I have the honor to request you will cause the release of the vessels named, and would also be obliged if, at the same time, you would deliver to the owners and masters of the respective vessels the accompanying letters.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obed't. servant,
Chas. F. Hotham,
Rear-Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief.

The letters alluded to were in the following terms:

Warspite at Esquimalt,
19th October, 1891.

Sir,—In accordance with instructions from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated 17th October, 1891, I am directed to release the schooner E. B. Marvin without further proceedings against the owner and master, but to inform you at the same time that in contravening the Behring Sea Seal Fishery Act, 1891, you have incurred the penalty laid down in Sections 103 and 104, and part x of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, i. e., seizure and forfeiture of ship and equipment and imprisonment not exceeding six months, or a fine not exceeding £100.

H. M. Collector of Customs at Victoria has therefore, in compliance with the above mentioned instructions, been requested to release your vessel forthwith.

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,
Chas. F. Hotham,
Rear-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief.

The owners of the vessel are more than satisfied with the result, and feel thankful to Mr. Milne and the Admiral for having brought a troubled question to so speedy a termination.

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A VETERAN DEAD.

Hon. A. F. Pemberton Passes from the Scenes of an Eventful Life.

By the death of the Hon. A. F. Pemberton, one of the most striking figures of the early history of the city of Victoria, has passed away. He was a man just fitted for the times. British Columbia was on the threshold of a new and enlarged career brought on by the gold discoveries of 1858. The government required a firm and wise hand to control the multitudes which were suddenly landed in our midst.

Born in Dublin, the youngest son of a stipendiary magistrate, and having been educated for the bar, the deceased filled for several years an office in Dublin Castle. Mr. Pemberton came to this colony in December, 1855, with a view to devoting himself to agriculture. But a more important career awaited him. In 1858 he was commissioned by Governor Douglas to organize a body of police, and in his two-fold capacity of commissioner and magistrate he was for several years the prefect of the city, which up to that time had depended for the preservation of its peace on a single constable. To Mr. Pemberton's conduct and prudence was mainly due the good order which obtained when the city was filled with men who, to the number of some ten thousand, were waiting for the fall of the Fraser river to proceed in quest of the gold the fame of which had attracted them to these shores. It is not too much to say that, next to Governor Douglas, there is no man to whom the country is more indebted for starting on a law-abiding career than to the late honorable gentleman. Mr. Pemberton, as member of the Executive Council, retired with the well-earned title of honorable and a pension for life on the confederation of the colony with the Dominion. He also filled the office of County Court judge for a period, and afterwards that of stipendiary magistrate of the city. He was 84 years of age when he died, leaving a son, Chartres Cecil, and a daughter, Evaline.

Of the courage and coolness of the deceased gentleman in hours of extremist danger, many interesting anecdotes are related. At the time of the great influx of miners, in 1858, he was the sole representative of law and order in Victoria. To secure the preservation of peace, he appointed a number of colored policemen, with whom the miners at once declared war, carrying their enmity so far as to threaten to throw one of the objectionable officers into the harbor. The miners were rioting at the time, and a moment's indecision would have been fatal. It was not shown. Mr. Pemberton, alone, entered the ranks of the rioters, and by his quiet determination compelled them to release their prisoner. Though a quiet man, the late Mr. Pemberton was an enthusiastic sportsman, and, in his younger days, one of the best cross-country riders in Ireland, where "Pemberton's leap" is still spoken of as the greatest ever made.

RESERVED HIS DECISION.

The Evidence in the Abduction—Seduction Case All In.

The evidence taken with closed the doors in the police court, yesterday, in the case of the Queen vs. Haydon, was rather in favor of the prisoner than otherwise. Miss Nellie was returned to the witness box, and said that she had been at the Clarence with Haydon on several occasions. On the night of the arrest she had one drink with him in the room. Had corresponded with Haydon since coming to Victoria, but kept none of his letters. Was sure that she had none of his letters in court, at home, or anywhere else. Denied that she had promised Haydon that she would not testify against him. Remembered her father telling Haydon that she was 18 years old; that was while they were in Fairhaven.

To Mr. Irving—Her mother visited Haydon at the police station; their conversation appeared to be friendly. Haydon had sent her and the family presents from the store; did not know whether her father knew of this or not. Haydon was in the habit of sending her father an occasional present of whiskey. Did not know whether or not the promise of marriage was made in seriousness or joke; they were joking at the time. Was not an heiress, that she knew of. Absolutely denied having had, at any time, improper relations with the prisoner. The telegram sent to Haydon was brief; it said, "Come over; in trouble," and was signed "Nell."

To Mr. Wootton—The whole trouble was caused by my refusal to show the telegram I received from Haydon to my father.

To Mr. Irving—I had trouble with my father before I received the message, and he said I could go whenever I got ready.

To the court witness explained the manner of Haydon's visits to her family and herself since they had been residents of Vict