Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Sale of Timber Limits.

It is reported that a transfer of timber limits on Cowichan lake was recently made by private parties to Wisconsin lumbermen, and that it is their intention to erect mills for sawing for foreign shipment. An expert sent out reported favorably on the feasibility of floating logs down the Cowichan river from the lake to salt water.

Sneak Thieves.

A few days ago we called attention to the number of sneak thieves at present "working" the city, and advised our citizens to be on the lookout for the unwelcome intruders. Yesterday morning one of the thieving crew was brought before the police magistrate and sentenced to six months imprisonment. The superintendent of police is evidently well aware who the culprits are, and will lose no time in bringing them to justice.

An Uneventful Trip.

The ship Argyleshire is now discharging at Janion's wharf. She had a quiet and uneventful trip and sighted only one sail in the 149 days she was out. The stranger was seen first at the Horn and was rigged with double main top-gallant yards. She was seen again in 30° south latitude. Nothing was seen of any craft answering the description of the missing Viola.

Dined and Wined.

Commander Emory and the officers of U. S. S. Thetis were banqueted at the Driard last evening. About one hundred and fifty gentlemen, including officers of H. M. S. Espiegle and of "C" Battery, R. C. A., and well-known civilians, surrounded the well filled tables and did ample justice to the excellent supply of dainties provided.

This evening His Honor Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson will entertain the Thetis' officers at dinner at Government House.

Projected Improvements.

On all sides it is admitted that 1888 has been the best year for business that Victoria has ever enjoyed. The volume and value of goods moved have been one-third greater than that in any previous twelve months. Under these prosperous conditions the reader need not be surprised to learn that many improvements mostly of brick are in contemplation for next year. It is said that several blocks on Government and Douglas streets will be undertaken early in the spring and that numerous residences will be erected in the suburb.

Inland News.

Charles Johnson, a Kamloops painter, drank a bottle of catarrh remedy, thinking it chloroform. Mr. Jas. Lambert, his employer, found him in a state of stupefaction in the Colonial hotel, and noticing the odor of the catarrh remedy, sent at once for Dr. Clarke, who succeeded in saving the man's life. Geo. Loney, a resident on the north side of the Thompson river, near Kamloops, was thrown from his horse, the latter falling upon him. Mr. Loney's left leg was broken in two places and he was also badly cut and bruised.

Y. M. C. A. Reception Committee.

The reception committee of the Young Mens' Christian Association took lunch with their chairman, Mr. Dee, at his home last evening. The work for the winter months was talked over and matters of interest to the committee were discussed. The gentlemen named below are on duty the following evenings at the rooms, and will be pleased to greet strangers and their friends: Monday, J. Plummer; Tuesday, A. Gonason; Wednesday, H. Roper; Thursday, Wm. Twiss; Friday, J. J. Daley; Saturday, G. S. Stirtan, and W. J. Ledingham.

Development of a Kootenay Mine.

Messrs. King and Snider who located a ledge of free milling ore on Toad Mountain, four miles from Nelson, Kootenay Lake, were in the city last week. It is reported they have disposed of a three-fifths interest to Mr. Stanley, lately from London, Eng., a capitalist who is interested in Mexican and Californian mines, for a considerable figure. It is understood that Mr. Stanley represents a number of capitalists and will at once develop the property. There is about two hundred tons of ore on the dump and enough ore in sight to warrant the erection of machinery, and it is the intention to take in machinery from the Northern Pacific railway during the winter for that purpose. Mr. Stanley and his nephew, Mr. Davis, personally inspected the property, and both were satisfied that it will repay its development.

Unrequited Hospitality.

A few weeks ago Mr. John Pollick, who is proprietor of a fish market on Johnson street, became acquainted with a brother Austrian named Dominicks, whom he allowed to write some letters in his sitting room, and, seeing that he was "hard up," treated as hospitably as a man possibly could. After Dominicks had left the hospitable host found that the sum of $50 which he had left in a cigar box in the room had also disappeared. Suspicion pointed directly to Dominicks and a warrant for his arrest was sworn out. Sergeant Walker succeeded in locating and arresting his man as he was boarding the Sound steamer on Sunday morning. A part of the stolen money was found upon his person. In the police court yesterday, Dominicks acknowledged stealing part, but not all, of the money and was sent up for trial.

A Lively Row in Chinatown.

Early yesterday morning a Chinaman calling himself Sing, and who was arrested about three weeks ago on a charge of insanity, effected an entrance to a house on Fisgard street, occupied by a brother Celestial named Soo Hee and his wife. Sing is supposed to have entered by the side window and had made his way into the bedroom when Mrs. Soo Hee awoke, and discovering the intruder gave an alarm. Sing was ejected by the occupants of the house, assisted by neighbors, and then turned at bay and assaulted those who put him out. Officer Thomas arrived on the scene just as the midnight prowler was going to strike one of the other Chinamen with an iron bar. The prisoner was locked up and afterwards pronounced perfectly sane by the medical men called in to examine his bump. He will be brought before the police magistrate this morning.

A Disgraceful Affair.

On Friday night of last week a fracas occurred between two fallen women, inmates of a Broughton street bagnio, which for brutality and fiendish ferocity is fortunately seldom equalled. Both women had been drinking, and began to quarrel. A jealousy had for some time existed between them and the quarrel soon terminated in a brutal fight, in which the younger of the two, a former resident of Portland, had both her eyes closed by stinging blows. Not content with inflicting this punishment, the elder woman set her teeth in the arm of her opponent, biting a piece of the flesh out. The extent of her inhuman work then appeared to calm her, and the combat was brought to an end. A surgeon was at once summoned, the wound in the arm stitched up and the sufferer left to recover from the effects of the disgusting battle. And this occurred in the presence of several who have the audacity to call themselves men, and yet made no effort to put an immediate stop to the disgraceful exhibition.

The Accident to the Maude.

The steamer Maude has been placed on the ways at the Star shipyard and was yesterday morning examined by the inspector of hulls. A small portion of the keel has been broken away and a hole was found in the starboard side, near the stern, just about water mark. The injuries to the steamer will be made good in a few days and the steamer floated again this week.

Concert and Entertainment.

A concert and entertainment will be held in Philharmonic Hall on Monday evening next, under the auspices of the St. Joseph Social and Literary Society. The first part of the programme will comprise music and recitations, and will be under the direction of Prof. Agius. In the second part, the comedy, "His Last Legs," will be produced, the parts being taken by lady and gentlemen amateurs.

Returning to England.

Mr. R. D. Atkins, who has been occasionally in Victoria for the past several months, left for England this morning *via* the C. P. R. Mr. Atkins during his stay in the province has visited several mining sections, and is most favorably impressed. He is confident that the region surrounding Kootenay lake—including Toad Mountain, the Hot Springs Camp and the Lead Camp—will in the near future become a large bullion producing field. In his opinion it possesses the best ores of any section that he has yet visited. Mr. Atkins has made many friends in the city and province, who wish him *bon voyage*, and trust to meet him again in the spring, when it is his intention to return.

Quarantine Regulations.

The San Francisco agent of the P.C.S.S. Co. recently requested Dr. Wm. Jackson, health officer of this port, to board the mail steamers arriving during the night, and examine the passengers, in order to facilitate the vessels' departure for Puget Sound. Dr. Jackson, however, replied that although perfectly willing to do so, the quarantine regulations required the examination to be conducted during the day-time. He would telegraph to Ottawa, however, and ascertain if the desired request would be granted. In reply to the telegram the following was received yesterday:

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 19.

To Dr. Wm. Jackson, M. D., quarantine officer, Victoria:

Pending amendment to the quarantine regulations, and the better to afford facility of night inspection for the San Francisco steamers, act the same as at Grosse Isle, which permits of vessels being examined at all hours. LOWE,

Dep. Min. of Agriculture.

AGAIN ADJOURNED.

Dr. G. Hamilton Griffin Remanded Until To-day.

It was half-past one o'clock yesterday afternoon when Dr. Gustavus Hamilton Griffin walked into the police court and took his seat beside his lawyer, Mr. Walker. He looked troubled and worn, and anything like the gay and happy man he appeared to be when he first stood up smiling in the dock when the charge of "threatening to kill" was read over to him.

Mr. Eberts appeared for the prosecution in the absence of Mr. Taylor, and asked for a further remand until this morning. The prosecution, he said, was ready with a part of the evidence remaining to be given, but if the adjournment was given, they could produce the remainder of the evidence and close the case on Tuesday.

Mr. Walker offered no objection to the request of the prosecution, with the understanding that all the evidence was to be put in and the case was accordingly adjourned.

PERSONAL.

D. M. Gillivray, of Vancouver, is at the Driard.

S. C. Burris returned to the city on the Olympian yesterday.

B. H. Johns came over on the Olympian yesterday.

Capt. and Mrs. Dale, of London, Eng., are at the Driard.

Steamboat Inspector Russell arrived down on the Louise last night.

A. Harris, representing J. M. Fortier & Co., Montreal, is at the Driard.

J. McB. Smith returned to the city by the steamer Yosemite on Sunday.

A. Todd and wife, Cowichan, have returned from a visit to Scotland.

J. A. Carthew arrived from the north on the steamer Barbara Boscowitz.

John Fannin, curator, provincial museum, returned from the mainland on Sunday night.

Morris Moss returned on Sunday night from a trip to Okanagan and Rock Creek mines.

C. M. Beecher, of the New Westminster woolen mill, and Mrs. Beecher are at the Driard.

Father Cathaldo, superior of the Jesuits west of the Rocky Mountains, arrived in the city Saturday night.

Father Brabant, the zealous west coast missionary, expects to leave for Hesquiot to-day by the schooner Favorite.

W. Dalby, manager of the Belmont Shoe Co., has returned from Toronto greatly improved in health.

Harry Fraser, of Winnipeg, has arrived in Victoria and announces his intention of settling down in the Queen City.

J. C. McLagan, business manager of the Vancouver *World*, spent yesterday in the capital, and returned this morning on the Yosemite.

The Earl of Listowel, father of Lord Ennismore, at present ill at St. Joseph's Hospital, is *en route* to Victoria on the S. S. Gelic.

Archbishop Gross, of Oregon, and Bishop Brondel, of Montana, left by the Sound steamer for their respective dioceses yesterday.

Grand Master Joshua Davies and Grand Instructors tha Messrs. McIntosh, I. O. O. F., returned on Sunday night from an official visit to Vancouver.

Mrs. Dr. G. Hamilton Griffin left for the home of her father, London, Ont., this morning. She is said to be in a very delicate state of health.

T. J. and Mrs. Armstrong, of New Westminster, are at the Clarence. They arrived from Portland yesterday by the Olympian and leave this morning for Westminster.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

It is probable another salmon cannery will be erected on the North Arm of the Fraser this winter.

The Louise will discharge 1,000 bundles of lath into the bark Cathonia this morning.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* and *Examiner* both publish the records and portrait of Dr. Griffin.

The collections taken up at the anniversary services of the Reformed Episcopal Church, held on Sunday last, amounted in all to $487.90.

One Good Point

Out of the many possessed by Burdock Blood Bitters is that it may be taken at all seasons of the year, and by either young or old. In this way the three busy B's are always at work and doing good.

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BETWEEN TWO CONTINENTS.

Victoria Talks to London with Seven Thousand Miles Between.

As announced in Sunday morning's COLONIST, one of the longest direct conversations ever held over a telegraph wire, was listened to on Sunday by Sir Donald A. Smith, of the C.P.R. and H. B. Co., in the London, England, office, and Mr. Thomas R. Smith, assistant commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, in this city. The Victoria office was in charge of Mr. Wilson, district superintendent, of New Westminster, and Mr. W. F. Archibald, the local manager. At 12 o'clock Mr. Wilson took his seat at the instrument in the Victoria office and "called" New York; "repeaters" having been put in at New Westminster, Winnipeg and Montreal. The New York office answered at 12:20, over the 3,500 miles of direct wire. The cable to Canso from New York is worked by the Morse sound system, the instruments being perfection in their delicate mechanism. From New York Canso was called, the repeating instrument connecting the regular line with the cable wire at New York, and affording Victoria direct communication over 4,500 miles, 1,000 miles by ocean cable. London answered "OK" to Victoria's call at 12:40 (about eight o'clock by London time) and the conversation commenced, the messages being transmitted without the slightest difficulty over the 7,000 miles of wire, across the continent and under the broad Atlantic. Dr. Hannington was present in the Victoria office, in addition to Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Archibald, and furnished Sir Donald with a report on the condition of Lord Ennismore, who now lies sick at St. Joseph's Hospital, in this city, under his care. It was expected that several English physicians of eminence would be present in the London office to give advice in regard to Lord Ennismore's case, but through some misunderstanding they were not on hand.

The conversation lasted until 1:30 p. m., and was perfectly satisfactory to parties at both ends of the wire. The words sent from the metropolitan office were received clearly only a few seconds after they were transmitted by the London operator. Little only repetition required was at the end of the trans-Atlantic cable, where the differing of the systems necessitated the repetition of the messages, letter by letter, as they came over the wire. Probably not more than two or three seconds at the most was lost, however. The conversation is remarkable, not only as showing the perfection that has been attained in the telegraphic and cable service, but also as one of the longest direct wire-talks ever carried on. Only once before has Victoria been in direct communication with London, when Mr. Henry Norman last year held a similar conversation. In direct overland work New Orleans has probably been the most distant point yet reached, the connection being made with "repeaters" at Westminster, Winnipeg, Montreal and New York. The perfection of the arrangements made for the interesting conversation, by Mr. Chas. R. Hosmer, general superintendent of the C. P. R. and Postal systems, and the splendid working power of the wires, cannot fail to be marked and favorably commented on wherever the telegraph is known, and its perfection occupies the attention of scientific men.

DOG AND POULTRY SHOW.

List of Special Prizes—A Beautiful and Costly Collection of Silverware to be Awarded.

The officers of the Victoria Dog, Poultry and Pet Association have been successful in securing the following special prizes for the forthcoming exhibition which is to be held at the skating rink on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th:

Silver sugar bowl and dozen spoons, for the best dog (most points) of any breed or age in the yard. Presented by Ald. John Bradon.

Silver butter dish on stand, for the best bitch (most points) of any breed or age in the yard. Presented by G. H. Burns.

One year's subscription to THE DAILY COLONIST, for best terrier dog, bitch or puppy in the yard. Presented by Ellis & Co.; one handsomely bound volume of natural history for second best for terrier dog, bitch or puppy. Presented by R. T. Williams.

One year's subscription to the *Daily Standard* for the heaviest dog or bitch of any age or breed in the yard. Presented by the *Standard* company.

One year's subscription to the *Daily Times* for the smallest dog or bitch of any age or breed in the yard. Presented by the *Times* Co.

One hunting coat for the best dog, bitch or puppy, retriever. Presented by John Barnsley.

Silver cake plate, for the best trick dog or bitch in the yard. Presented by Mayor Grant.

Silver claret jug, for the best setter dog or bitch in the yard. Presented by Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P.

Shot belt, for the best deerhound dog, bitch or puppy. Presented by M. & H. A. Fox.

Silver water pitcher on stand, with cup and tray, to the person who takes the greatest number of first prizes. Presented by G. A. Perrin.

Silver card receiver, to the person who takes the greatest number of second prizes. Presented by G. A. Perrin.

Pair of roller pigeons, for the best collection of pet stock exhibited by one person. Presented by R. Merritt.

Pair of tumbler pigeons, for best breeding pen of poultry. Presented by R. Merritt.

One dozen Pearline washing powder, for best cat with kittens. Presented by Brown Bros.

Silver cake plate, for finest child over 6 and under 12 months of age. Presented by H. D. Helmcken.

Silver cake plate, for finest child under 6 months of age. Presented by H. D. Helmcken.

Box of soap, for the prettiest child under 6 months of age. Presented by Pendray & Co.

Gold medal, for the best pair of beagles. Presented by D. M. Eberts.

The above special prizes are now on view in the show window of Braden & Stamford, Fort street. The silver articles make a handsome display, and are attracting much attention. The regular prize list offers silver medals for 112 varieties of dogs. There are 84 prizes offered under the heading of poultry, and 5 silver medals for best cats. Prize lists can be obtained from the secretary of the association, Mr. G. A. Perrin.

An Explanation.

What is this "nervous trouble" with which so many seem now to be afflicted? If you will remember a few years ago the word Malaria was comparatively unknown, —to-day it is as common as any word in the English language, yet this word covers only the meaning of another word used by our forefathers in times past. So it is with nervous diseases, as they and Malaria are intended to cover what our grandfathers called Biliousness, and all are caused by troubles that arise from a diseased condition of the Liver which in performing its functions finding it cannot dispose of the bile through the ordinary channels is compelled to pass it off through the system, causing nervous troubles, Malaria, Bilious Fever, etc. You who are suffering can well appreciate a cure. We recommend Green's August Flower. Its cures are marvelous.

THE ASHBOURNE ACT.

A Bill Introduced Increasing the Sum to be Applied for by Five Million Pounds.

Mr Gladstone Speaks Against the Measure —The Ex-Premier in Fine Voice and Form —He Moves an Amendment to the Bill in Order to Reduce or Cancel Arrears of Rent.

[Special to THE COLONIST.]

LONDON, Nov. 19.—In the Commons this evening D. H. Madden, solicitor-general for Ireland, brought forward a bill adding £5,000,000 to the amount applicable under the Ashbourne Act. In introducing the measure, he said that the government thought that the great success of the Ashbourne Act justified their seeking to enlarge its operations.

Gladstone moved an amendment that, in lieu of voting £5,000,000, it would be expedient, in view of the sufferings arising from the evictions which had recently taken place, to extend the land law so as to empower the courts to reduce or cancel such arrears of rent as might be found excessive. He stated that the amendment did not strike at the Ashbourne Act. He did not desire to stop its operations. He objected to the bill because he believed the government ought to have asked instead for a limited grant to enable it to continue the operations of the Ashbourne Act until spring, when parliament could reconsider the whole matter. Instead of doing this, the government had introduced a bill involving parliament in a fresh approval of the land purchase policy. (Cheers). Mr. Gladstone, continuing, said it was the manifest design of the government to withdraw the land question from parliament for several years. That could not be allowed. He did not desire that landlords should be removed in a body. He wanted to see them resident and not absentees. Under the Ashbourne act five million pounds had been obtained apparently as a precedent for getting the other five. It was slowly drawing the house into a system of making the state an immediate landlord without proper guarantees. He objected to the act of giving landlords the initiative of purchase instead of peasants. Did the government, he asked, refuse to deal with arrears, because arrears would ensure servitude of the tenant? This bill would enable landlords to increase the rents, while it would enable only a handful of tenants to acquire holdings. Doubtless the Irish tenants could be eulogized as scrupulous in paying fair rents, but if another collapse in agricultural prices occurred the farmers might be unable to pay even instalments. The government, he declared, was not qualified in relying upon the good will to pay after the declaration of Lord Salisbury that the majority of the people of Ireland were bent upon rifling the pockets of the minority. If Irishmen did not respect the pockets of their country men, would they respect the English exchequer? The land purchase had not an immediate claim to the character of an arrears question. The necessity for the settlement of the arrears had been acknowledged in the case of the crofters in Scotland, and there was much greater need of it in Ireland, where the arrears had been defeated and annulled, and a land law passed for the benefit of tenants which made the landlords masters of the conditions of sale and the fortunes of the tenants. If the government desired to relieve the tenants they should deal with the question of arrears instead of pressing the measure providing facilities for augmenting rents and multiplying evictions.

Goschen denied that the government was pledged not to introduce measures involving a protracted controversy during winter session. Gladstone's statement that if the government had asked for just enough to keep the Ashbourne act in operation till next session the motion would have been agreed to was not correct. Inquiry had been made into the matter, and the response met with did not encourage the government to make the attempt. Dealing with the question of land purchase was not incompatible with also dealing with the arrears. The government would deal with the arrears in due course. The suggestion of the ex-premier that the government was practically conspiring to allow the arrears to continue and to encourage evictions was scarcely worth answering.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—All of the parliamentary parties have issued urgent whips summoning their adherents to be present during the debate on the bill increasing the sum to be applied under the operation of the Ashbourne act, which the Irish solicitor-general introduced to-day upon the very shortest of notice. The measure has astounded the tories and highly delighted the liberals, since it can be construed only into an admission that the interests of a majority of the tenants in Ireland are paramount to the interests of landlords. This point has all along been contended for by the liberals, but no tory official has ever before recognized its validity. Gladstone was in fine voice and form to-night and made a strong speech in favor of his amendment to the bill.

AMERICAN NEWS.

The Church and the K. of L.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The *Catholic News* has received from its Roman correspondent the following text of a reply sent by Simeoni, prefect of the propaganda, to his eminence Cardinal Gibbons: "It is my duty to inform your eminence that fresh documents relative to the association known as the Knights of Labor, forwarded to this sacred congregation, were examined by it at a sitting of the 16th August of the current year. After having attentively studied the whole subject, the sacred congregation has directed me to reply that so far as at present appears, the association of Knights of Labor cannot for a moment be tolerated. The sacred congregation merely requires that the necessary modifications should be introduced in the rules of the society to make clear whatever might seem obscure or might be interpreted in a bad sense. These modifications are required particularly in passages of the preface to the rules concerning local association and all words savoring of socialism and communism must be corrected in such a way that they shall only affirm the right conferred by God on man, of acquiring property, using legitimate means and respecting the proportionate rights of all others. I am most happy to be able to inform your eminence that the sacred congregation has highly approved of the design of the American hierarchy to see with us that this and similar associations, nothing should be secretly introduced which is contrary to justice and morals, or not entirely conformable to the regulations regarding the Masonic sect. Whilst confirming your eminence in this excellent design, in the name of the sacred congregation I beg you to accept the assurance of our respectful sentiments.

A Rough Ocean Trip.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—One man killed and five injured is the record of the trip of the Cunarder Etruria, which arrived at her dock this evening, after a voyage of a little over seven days of terrible weather, during all of which the passengers remained in their cabins, badly frightened and suffering great discomfort. It was one of the roughest experiences that the Etruria's officers have ever known. The passengers express some displeasure over the fact that the speed of the vessel was never slackened, and the time made was nearly up to racing standard. The officers, on the other hand, say that this complaint is unreasonable, as the rate of speed has nothing to do with the comfort or safety of those on board during gales and heavy sea. On Tuesday afternoon a huger wave than any yet encountered was seen approaching. The seamen uttered cries of warning and attempted to seek places of safety, but when a mountain of water fell with a crash upon the vessel the men were swept in heaps against one of the deckhouses. When the water receded it was found that George Wconald, an able seaman of Liverpool, was fatally crushed and bruised. He died soon afterward. Seamen Murphy and Moett and two others, names not heard, and a steerage passenger named Gold were cut, bruised and lamed. All were cared for by the ship's physicians. The officers of the vessel are reticent and the attempts of reporters to obtain particulars of the trip were met with some exhibition of ill temper. Among the passengers were George Mason and Archie Sinclair, English pedestrians, who came to take part in the six days' walk at Madison Square Garden; Signor Depuente, the baritone, was also a passenger. The White Star steamer Republic also reports very heavy weather, but no accidents occurred. She was ten days making the trip. Her passengers speak highly of the management of the vessel. Among her passengers were Sir Roderick Cameron and wife.

Fastest on Record.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Cunarder Umbria which arrived at Queenstown last evening, made the fastest eastward run on record. Her corrected time was 6 days, 2 hours, 35 minutes. Her best previous eastward run was 6d., 7h., 15m. The best eastward run of the Etruria is 6d., 4h., 40m., made in April last. The Umbria thus beats this record 1h., 45m.

Chamberlain's Honeymoon.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Joseph Chamberlain and his young bride are spending a portion of their honeymoon at Chevy Chase, Capt. and Mrs. Rodgers having courteously placed their old country home at the disposal of the newly wedded couple. Bride and groom spent the greater part of this afternoon in driving about the country roads and the city of their temporary quarters, Mrs. Chamberlain handling the reins. Chevy Chase is about as lonesome a place as could well have been selected for the honeymoon, but the couple appear to greatly enjoy the solitude. As heretofore stated, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will spend a few days in the city as guests of the latter's parents previous to sailing for England on the 26th instant.

Flour Mills Shut Down.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 19.—Five of the Minneapolis flour mills, representing 7,000 barrels daily capacity, or 25 per cent. of the city's daily capacity, are now shut down. To this number there will be several additions this week, when navigation closes or anchor ice begins to get troublesome in the river. There will be a general curtailing of the flour production. The reasons given for this are the shortness and dullness of the flour market. Most of the big millers have large quantities of flour in stock ready to take advantage of an improvement in trade. It is estimated, however, that stocks will not be larger than normal by January 1st.

THE SEAL FISHERIES.

The U. S. Revenue Cutters Still Under Instructions to Seize Sealing Vessels.

No Seizures in Behring's Sea This Season Because no Vessels Were Seen—The U. S. Government Believe That the Continuation of This Vigorous Policy Has Already Broken up the Sealing Business.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Treasury department officials deny the truth of the report that there has been any change in the policy of the administration or department towards the Alaska seal fisheries. There has been no relaxation this season of their watchfulness in Behring's Sea. The revenue cutter Rush has been cruising in the waters near the seal islands all through the season. There have been no seizures of vessels for catching seal this season, they say, for the simple reason that none have been discovered. The latest reports from the islands are dated October 1st, the close of the season, and up to that date not a single vessel had been seen trespassing in those waters. Last year sixteen vessels in all were seized and several the year before, and it is thought at the department that the continuation of the vigorous policy inaugurated by the administration two years ago of seizing these vessels, has already broken up the business.

AN IMPROBABLE CHARGE.

A Father Accused of Murdering His Son and Daughter to Secure Their Fortune.

A despatch from Montreal of the 10th inst., says that in June last the community of Danville, near Montreal, was startled one morning by finding in the millpond at that place the body of Miss Lilly Powell, the handsome daughter of the Rev. Mr. Powell, the Congregational minister residing at Sherbrooke. Investigation showed that the girl was undoubtedly murdered. George and Fred Allen and a woman, to whom the latter was paying attentions, had been acquainted with Lilly Powell, and the night before the latter's body was found the four had attended the Salvation Army celebration. The Allens were arrested. Fred Allen and the woman proved indisputably that they were not near the scene of the murder. George Allen proved an alibi by the testimony of the murdered girl's father, Mr. Powell. All the prisoners were discharged. A reward of $1,000 was offered for the murderer's apprehension. Detectives from Montreal were put upon the case, and the result was that two weeks ago George Allen and the woman were re-arrested and indicted for the murder of Lilly Powell. A strict watch was also kept over the father of the murdered girl. The trial began Thursday, but no evidence directly connecting the Allens with the case was adduced until this morning, when Mrs. Scheneven, a neighbor of the Powells, was asked if George Allen had said anything to her about Lilly before the latter was murdered. She said she had been told that the Rev. Dr. Powell paid a man $300 to kill his daughter. It seems Powell's wife when she died left $60,000 to a son and daughter. Powell went sailing with the son one-day, but the son never returned. The father said he fell overboard and was drowned. It is believed by the people here that Powell killed the son and had the daughter murdered so that he could get the money. The case is still being worked up by the detectives and the trial goes on. Powell is under surveillance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—President and Mrs. Cleveland have accepted an invitation from Secretary and Mrs. Whitney to be their guests for a week after the fourth of March.

CABLE NEWS.

Lord Randolph Revenges Himself Upon the "Standard" when it Rejoiced over His Downfall.

Lord Carnarvon Opposes the Suggestion that Colonial Governors be Appointed by the Colonies.

Fishy Story About the Prince of Wales Failing to Attend the Opening of the Lyric Club.

Lord Randolph and the "Standard."

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Lord Randolph Churchill has at last been provided with an opportunity to revenge himself upon the *Standard* for its rejoicing over his downfall when he left the cabinet. Churchill has never had any love for the *Standard*, which heartily detests him, and it was with the keenest satisfaction that on Saturday he characterized that paper's recent American articles anent the Sackville affair as the cheapest and most transparent kind of bluster and braggadocio, since they reflected the opinions of nobody, with the possible exception of the man who wrote them. The remarks of the young tory democratic leader have received almost general endorsement, and few persons, accepting the *Standard's* views, are of the belief that the articles would better not have been written.

London Socialist Meeting.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The anniversary of the socialist demonstration at Trafalgar Square and the execution of the Chicago anarchists, was celebrated in Victoria Park to-day. The gathering was immense and speeches were made from three platforms. Mrs. Lucy Parsons spoke from one of the them, advocating the use of bombs, and Commoner Graham occupied another in denouncing capitalists and landlords. Unpledged workers, he asserted, were organized to take possession of land, capital and machinery for their own benefit, and they would continue this agitation until something was accomplished toward the ends sought. Failing to attain these objects they would remain slaves until the scenes at Trafalgar Square and Chicago were repeated.

Very Fishy.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—It has transpired that the real reasons for the failure of the Prince of Wales to attend the opening of the new Lyric club last night are totally different from those given out by the manager of that organization in explanation of their royal patron's failure to attend. It is stated on good authority that a gentleman, who has a grudge against the club, wrote to the prince threatening to subpœna him as a witness in a pending law case involving some scandal if he accepted the club's invitation. Upon receipt of the letter the prince informed the club's executive committee of the circumstances and asked their advice. A meeting was held and the committee reluctantly counselled the prince to absent himself.

Colonial Governors.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Lord Carnarvon has written to the *Times* opposing the suggestion that colonial governors be chosen by the colonies. The plan, he says, implies the appointment by whatever in the control of the colonial parliament, and the abandonment of one of the few prerogatives remaining to the crown, which he believes are in a great measure in the interests of the colonies, as enabling the crown to satisfactorily discharge its duties to them. Concluding, he says: "The dispute requires careful handling. We must trust to the temper and good senses of both sides."

Another McGlynn Case.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—It is announced that the Vatican authorities intend to proceed with the utmost sternness against Bishop Logue of Raphoe, for presiding at a banquet given in celebration of the release of Father McFadden from prison, and also for permitting McFadden to be absent from his parish for the purpose of making a political tour of England. The case is beginning to resemble that of Dr. McGlynn in New York.

Henry George in London.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Henry George, the famous advocate of single tax on land, and William Saunders, philanthropist and ex-commissioner for Hull, were met as they landed at Southampton to-day by a large and enthusiastic delegation of radicals. They were given a very cordial reception and proceeded to London, accompanied by a jubilant company.

Mr. Spurgeon Starts for France.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Mr. Spurgeon started for the south of France to-day to recuperate. He was extremely weak, but expressed himself as hopeful of a complete restoration to health.

Will Reside in England.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—It is reported that Empress Frederick will eventually take up her residence permanently in England, and already agents are casting about for a suitable location.

An Avaricious Landlord.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Lord Portman, the richest land owner in London, has doubled his rents in all cases where leases have recently expired.

Balfour Ill with Fever.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, is confined to his bed with an attack of chills and fever.

John Bright's Illness.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—John Bright passed a restless night, and to-day his bronchitis has increased.

Balfour's Condition Improved.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Balfour's condition is much improved to-night.

Denounced from the Altar.

DUBLIN, Nov. 18.—At Dunmanway, County Cork, to-day, the parish priest at last mass took occasion to denounce from the altar the murderer of Lynch, and in each outburst of indignation he urged the people to become detectives in order to capture the criminal.

Unwilling Witnesses.

DUBLIN, Nov. 19.—Mullet and McCaffrey, the invincibles, were escorted by officers to London to-day to give testimony before the Parnell commission. At Downpatrick railway station McCaffrey said: "God save Ireland. We want the people to know we are coerced and go against our will."

Police Charge a Meeting.

DUBLIN, Nov. 19.—Ten thousand persons attempted to hold a meeting at Rear Cross, County Tipperary, yesterday in defiance of the government's proclamation forbidding it. The police charged upon the crowd and dispersed it, many persons being injured. The attempt to hold a meeting, however, was partly successful, as several speeches were made before and after the charge of the police.

French Journalists Expelled From Berlin.

BERLIN, Nov. 19.—The police have expelled M.M. Lotapach and Cariot, French journalists who have lately been engaged in sending correspondence to Parisian newspapers. The official reason given for their expulsion is that they have made themselves obnoxious. It is presumed they have been removed because of the character of the articles they have written for fatherland.

King Milan Talks Big.

BELGRADE, Nov. 19.—At a recent sitting of the commission on constitutional revision, King Milan declared he would as little tolerate the predominance of the Russian eagle at Constantinople as he would countenance the authority of the Austrian eagle at Salonica.

The East African Blockade.

BERLIN, Nov. 19.—The government has sent a torpedo boat and a despatch boat to assist in the blockade of East African ports.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Death of Miss Macdonald, Sir John's Only Surviving Sister.

Commission on Canadian Defences to Begin Operations—Duty on Dogs to be Enforced—Railway Commissioner Martin Withdraws the Statement that Mounted Infantry Stood Before Red River Navvies with Loaded Rifles.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 19.—Miss Macdonald, Sir John's only surviving sister, died yesterday at Kingston.

The commission on Canadian defences will commence operations in a few days. The preliminary work will consist in an examination of the maps, plans, and reports at present in the possession of the department.

Collectors of customs have been notified that dogs must not be allowed to enter duty free.

Railway commissioner Martin is here. He tries to back down from his statement that the mounted infantry stood before Red River navies with loaded rifles.

"Wandering Willie" is engaged in writing a Christmas tale for a Toronto weekly. Unsuccessful in law and politics, he is better adapted for fiction.

EMPRESS FREDERICK

Arrives in London on the Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert.

Affecting Meeting Between the Queen and Her Daughter—Her Majesty Omits to Invite the German Ambassador to Windsor, and He Feels Affronted at the Oversight—The Matter Smoothed Over.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The Dowager Empress Frederick of Prussia arrived to day at Port Victoria, on the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert. The Queen and Princesses Beatrice and Louise started from Windsor this morning to meet the Empress upon her arrival. Count Von Hatzfeldt, German ambassador, joined the Royal party at Waterloo railway station and accompanied the ladies to Port Victoria. There was a small crowd of men at the station who remained uncovered when the Queen appeared. They did not cheer or make any demonstration. The day was dark and gloomy. When the Victoria and Albert arrived at Port Victoria, the Royal party was awaiting it, and the Queen went aboard immediately. The meeting in the yacht saloon between

THE QUEEN AND HER DAUGHTER

was very affecting. The entire party then took the train, which stopped at Waterloo station. On its return, as the train drew up to the station, Von Hatzfeldt made his adieus and alighted. When the train began moving out, however, the Queen suddenly remembered she had omitted to invite the German ambassador to Windsor, as she had intended doing. In a moment Princess Beatrice called from the carriage window to the Duke of Cambridge, who was standing on the platform: "Count Von Hatzfeldt is to accompany us to Windsor." The train had started and the Count was obliged to follow by a later train. The omission to invite the Count to Windsor was evidently an oversight, and no slight was intended.

THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR AFFRONTED.

Count Von Hatzfeldt, German ambassador, had a long interview with Lord Salisbury at the foreign office this afternoon on the subject of the railway station incident on the occasion of the arrival of the Empress Frederick, which he was inclined to regard as a snub. Lord Salisbury endeavored with ill success to pacify the irate German, but a telegram from the Queen, explaining and regretting the oversight, smoothed matters over and he went away content, subsequently repairing to Windsor, where he was dined and flattered until no vestige of resentment remained in his bosom.

U.S.S. Thetis will leave for San Francisco on Wednesday, and then proceed to Mare's Island, where she will be docked for trifling repairs.

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In seeking your suffrages at the coming election of a Member to represent you in the House of Commons of Canada, I beg to assure you that I am and always have been a Conservative in politics, and will, if elected, heartily support the Government of Sir John