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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Real Estate Sale.

A large farm in Cowichan district was yesterday disposed of by Messrs. Bourchier, Croft and Mallette, to an English gentleman, the purchase price amounting to $12,000. The farm contains 850 acres.

Agricultural Exhibition.

The committee appointed for the purpose are at the present time revising the prize list for the coming agricultural exhibition. Parties who desire to offer special prizes, or who want changes made in the prize list, should communicate with the secretary, Mr. C. E. Renouf.

Thereby Hangs a Tail.

Sergeant Walker had the good fortune Wednesday night to find a horse caparisoned with a side-saddle. Where the fair occupant of the aforementioned saddle is, none knoweth, but the saddle itself, along with the animal that carried it, was left at the Transfer stables, and both there await reclaiming by the owner.

The Tacoma Municipal Election.

The municipal election at Tacoma has resulted in a sweeping victory for the Democratic candidates, who have returned the mayor and all the councilmen except one. Considerable interest was taken in the result, as much bad feeling had been worked up between the opposing candidates for mayor—Allen and Rice. The latter was elected by a small majority.

School Examiners.

According to the British Columbia Gazette, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, M.A., Rev. Donald Fraser, M. A., and Mr. John Anderson, B.A., have been appointed examiners to act with the superintendent of education at the examination of public school teachers for 1890. The examinations will begin on Friday, July 4th, at 9 a.m. at Victoria in the High School building, and at Kamloops in the public school building.

The Seized Seal Skins.

The Alaska Commercial Co.'s steamer St. Paul, which arrived at Port Townsend, a few days ago, from Unalaska, brought 194 of the seal skins seized in Behring's Sea, last year, from the British sealing schooners Juanita, Pathfinder, Minnie, Lily L. and Black Diamond. The skins are to be sent to San Francisco and sold by auction. The remainder of the skins will be sent from Sitka to San Francisco on a sailing vessel at the first opportunity.

Suicide of an Indian Woman.

Yesterday afternoon an Indian woman named Jenny was found hanging from a tree on the Indian reserve near Russell station. A Chinaman was the first to discover the body, and, after recovering from his alarm at the unexpected sight, gave notice. The neighbors running to the spot cut the rope by which the unfortunate woman was suspended. She was quite dead, and apparently had been hanging for some hours. Sergeant Langley and Provincial Officer Miller immediately took charge of the remains and have arranged for an inquest.

The Coast Fisheries.

The San Francisco Call of the 3rd inst. has the following paragraph, which points out that their fishermen are not by any means asleep. Why are the magnificent halibut banks off the coast of Vancouver Island allowed to remain unfished? Where are the fishermen who were to settle on the western coast and harvest the riches of the sea? Listen to the Call: "On Friday 6th the fishing schooner George H. Change left Astoria for a cruise on the banks. She returned last Friday with 15,000 halibut and 6,000 codfish, all packed in ice ready for shipment east."

The Strike Over.

It was between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning when the Sound steamer North Pacific arrived at her dock in this city, the delay being due partly to the strike, and partly to a shift in the arrangements. The Olympian in future is to tie up in Tacoma Sundays, and she and the North Pacific have accordingly changed places on the route. It was four o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the strike was declared over, the demand of the men having been acceded to. None were dismissed and only a few hours delay resulted from the brief unpleasantness.

Railway Shares.

A week ago we stated that the shares of the Canadian Pacific Railway had touched the highest point they had ever reached. Since then they have again advanced and are now 78½ in New York, and 80½ in London. This is an advance on the price paid by the public, when the shares were first offered, of 80 per cent.

The Northern Pacific railway shares remain at 33¼, a discount of 66¾ per cent. on the price paid for them.

The Grand Trunk are 10½, a discount of 89½ per cent. on the original price paid.

Angus & Gordon.

Yesterday the dissolution of the well-known firm of Angus & Gordon, grocers, was announced; it being the intention of the senior partner, Mr. James Angus, to retire from business life, while Mr. Ben. Gordon, alone, will remain in charge of affairs at the old and well-known stand. The business has been established for some fifteen years and is now one of the best in the province. Messrs. Angus & Gordon entered into partnership three years ago, and have been eminently successful in attracting a large and profitable trade, which it will be the aim of the new proprietor to not only retain but increase by careful and intelligent attention to the requirements of the public.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

CRICKET.

In the match played at Beacon Hill yesterday between eleven from "C" battery and H.M.S. Acorn, the battery won with a score of 105 to 96, and an innings to spare. Following is the score:—

"C" BATTERY R.C.A.

Maior Peters, b Tremaine	4
Lt. Ogilvie, b Watson	10
Capt. Benson, c Driscoll, b Bell	5
Gr. Adair, b Tremaine	19
Gr. Grant, c Driscoll, b Tremaine	2
Sergt. Kennedy, not out	41
Sergt. Proctor, b Hamm	17
Gr. McNeil, b Hamm	5
Gr. Webber, b Hamm	0
Gr. McKenzie, b Pope	5
Gr. Gray, b Pope	0
Byes 4, w b 2	6
Total	105

H.M.S. ACORN—1ST INNINGS.

L. Burstall, run out, b McKenzie	0
Pope, b McKenzie	0
Lt. Branton, b McNeil	1
Dr. Maitland, b McKenzie	3
Tremaine, b McNeil	3
Driscoll, b McNeil	3
Watson, b McNeil	0
Dunning, run out, b McKenzie	0
Bell, not out	11
Organ, c McKenzie, b McNeil	5
Hamm, b McKenzie	0
Byes 3, w b 1	4
Total	29

2ND INNINGS.

Dr. Maitland, b McNeil	21
Driscoll, c McNeil	6
Bell, c Adair, b McNeil	14
Lt. Burstall, b McNeil	0
Lt. Branton, b Capt. Benson	0
Pope, b McKenzie	5
Watson, run out, b Grant	8
Tremaine, not out	2
Hamm, c Proctor, b Grant	2
Organ, b Grant	0
Dunning, b Grant	0
Byes 4	4
Total	67

The U. S. revenue cutter Bear, Capt. Healy, has arrived at Seattle en route to Alaska.

Judge Swan of Port Townsend has been appointed Hawaiian consul at that port, and has received his commission.

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Travelers.

By the steamer City of Puebla, the following Victoria passengers left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon: H. Brooks and wife, W. Mackay, R. H. Dove, D. D. Dove, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Cooper and William Blair. The outgoing freight comprised ten tons of rice, and one ton of theatrical costumes used in the production of Erminie.

Increased Motive Power.

A contract has been awarded the Albion Iron Works to increase the power of the engine belonging to the street car company, to meet the traffic which is to come by the new road to Esquimalt. Operations will be commenced at once, and will be finished about the middle of August. The new power will enable the company to run about ten additional cars.

In About Two Weeks.

Mr. Joseph Hunter, superintendent of the E. & N. railway, yesterday received a despatch from San Francisco to the effect that the new locomotive, which slipped to the bottom of San Francisco bay while being transferred to the Wellington on route to Victoria, may be expected in this city in about two weeks. From this it is to be presumed that the work of lifting the submerged locomotive is proceeding satisfactorily.

Back Into Custody.

In the Divisional Court yesterday, the Chief Justice and Justices Walkem and McCreight on the bench, was heard the appeal from the verdict of Mr. Justice Drake, liberating Capt. Sol. Jacobs from imprisonment. Argument pro and con was heard, and their lordships reversed the decision and ordered that Jacobs be remanded back into custody. Davie & Bodwell appeared for the appeal; Mr. Belyea and Mr. Helmcken in opposition.

Political.

It is announced that Mr. George W. Anderson and Mr. D. M. Eberts will be the government candidates for Victoria district in the approaching election for the Provincial House. Hon. C. E. Pooley and Hon. D. W. Higgins are looked upon as "sure" in Esquimalt district.

Mr. Marshall Sinclair, of New Westminster, has signified his intention of standing as a candidate to represent the District of Westminster in the Local Legislature. Mr. Sinclair made known his determination to his friends within the past few days.

Relic of By-gone Days.

The old "Beaver" is fast disappearing. Every day some portion of her is carried off by relic hunters. In time to come these pieces of wood or iron will, no doubt, be regarded with the same reverence that people now-a-days look upon a fragment from the rope with which Judas Iscariot hung himself, or a portion of the dirt floor on which Ananias breathed his last. So those desiring something rare to pass down to their children, or their children's children, had better go in time or they will have to satisfy themselves with the rocks on which the old boat stranded.—News-Advertiser.

Bound for Cassiar.

By the steamer City of Topeka yesterday two parties of Chinamen and about 35 tons of supplies were sent up to the Cassiar mines. E. K. Smith, Edward Dower and Henry Goldschmidt were also passengers for the same destination. The latter is an old prospector who claims to have made a rich discovery in the neighborhood of the Yellow Ochre Creek. He is very reticent in regard to his find, and more will doubtless be heard of it when the miners return in the fall. The Topeka will not leave Departure Bay until this evening, as she intends to take a heavy cargo of coal.

Marine Mishaps.

A telephonic message was received from Brackman & Ker's mills, Saanich, yesterday morning to the effect that the Victoria steamer Falcon, Capt. Cowper, was lying on Coal Island in a very dangerous position. She was returning from Newcastle Island, whither she had taken Mr. Thane and a quantity of supplies for the quarry, and went ashore during Thursday night. The steamer Alert was at once despatched to her assistance, and has not yet returned. As the Alert was entering the harbor with two scows, coal laden from Nanaimo, earlier in the morning, one of the scows was overturned and about 20 tons of coal slipped down to the resting place of the fabled McGinty.

The New Wards.

By the recently passed Municipal by-law the boundaries of each of the three city wards have been materially changed, and the voting strength of the city has been very equally divided. James Bay ward is now bounded on the north by Fort street, Cook street, and Belcher street to the corporation boundary. Yates street ward extends from this line to one formed by Telegraph, Fisgard, Quadra, Frederick, Alfred and Putnam streets. Johnson street ward—wrongly named now, as Johnson street no longer touches it—takes in all the other corporation property outside of this boundary. In area, by the new distribution, James Bay is made to equal the two sister wards; but includes a large portion of Beacon Hill park.

A City of Beautiful Homes.

It is understood that several well-to-do and prominent residents of St. Paul, Minn., will arrive in this city in a few days in search of choice building sites; it being their intention to erect artistic and commodious summer homes in Victoria. The fame of the "Queen City of the West" is every year becoming brighter and more widely recognized, and the prospect is that it will before many years become the most popular summer resort on the Pacific Coast—a resort of the right kind, where the visitors come prepared to enjoy themselves to the fullest, occupy their own homes and learn to recognize as true the statement that they are living in a city unsurpassed for natural beauty and salubrity of climate.

From Alaska.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived at Port Townsend from Alaska, Thursday evening, four days from Juneau. She had a small passenger list and a cargo of 110 tons, composed of oil and deer skins, all consigned to San Francisco. Among the passengers were Mr. Bernhardt, of the Bear's Nest mine, and two experts, Messrs. Venator and Bilbarz. Mr. Bernhardt says that a small force of men are now employed on the mine, but that active work will probably be commenced early in June. The party goes to Tacoma. Things are very quiet in Alaska, the spring having just set in. A number of prospectors at Juneau are thinking of trying to penetrate to the headwaters of the Copper river this summer, taking the trail up the Chilcat river and over the Chilcat pass. They think they can make the trip there and return by fall.

Successful Launch.

There was successfully launched at Clark & Watson's ways, James Bay, on Thursday night the propeller tow-boat "Chieftain," built for Cunningham & Son, to ply on the Skeena River. As she glided into the water she was christened in the usual gay and festive manner, Miss Gertie Myers breaking over her bows a bottle of champagne, which had been handsomely decorated with colored ribbons. A number of ladies and gentlemen were present, including Mrs. Captain Meyers. The Chieftain is 85 feet long, 16 feet beam, and 8½ feet hold, and was built upon the same lines as the "Mystery," which was constructed by Mr. Stephens for Mr. Spencer. The Chieftain slid off into the water in good style, and amid considerable cheering, the general wish being for a long and prosperous career. The "Bon Accord" is to be the name of a stern-wheeler, 80 feet long, 14 feet beam, and 4½ feet hold, to be launched about Tuesday. She has been built to the order of Messrs. D. J. Munn & Co. for service on the Fraser River, and it is intended that she should be specially fast. Both the above boats will be engined by the Albion Iron Works Co. These boats have been constructed by the contractors in less than ten weeks.

VICTORIA THE TERMINUS.

Prospect of the U. P. R. Entering This City.

President Adams and Vice President Holcomb will Discuss the Project Fully Next Week.

Promises of railway connection for Victoria, the majority vague though glittering, have filled the air for months past. Each of the transcontinental lines has, in turn, been reported as seeking an entrance to Victoria, but no definite action toward immediate construction has been taken by any. Now the advisability of connecting with the U. P. R. by means of a railway ferry to Port Angeles, thus making this city the practical terminus of the great Union Pacific system, is again brought forward, and in a definite and business-like form.

Mr. B. Campbell, of the U. P. R., is in the city at present, and he is authority for the statement that when President Adams and Vice-President Holcomb reach Portland, next week, the Port Angeles ferry scheme will be fully gone into. Until then Mr. Campbell's mouth is officially closed in reference to the intentions of the company.

It is anticipated, however, that the offer of the road will be to put the ferry in operation just as soon as the line shall have entered Port Angeles, provided that the city of Victoria guarantee the company's bonds to an amount sufficient to establish the desired connection. Certain residents of Victoria, it is understood, have intimated to the U. P. R. that such an arrangement will be acceptably received by Victorians.

Construction of the line from Portland to the Sound is to be commenced within the next fortnight, and in every direction new spurs and arteries are being added to the system. The U.P.R. is "booming," and if it can be brought into Victoria, it will be a big,—a very big thing for this city.

"SUICIDED BY HANGING."

Is the Verdict Found by the Jury on the Death of "Sarah, an Indian Woman."

Yesterday morning's issue gave the details of the finding of the body of an Indian woman suspended from a tree on the Indian reserve. As then stated the remains were brought into town and placed in Mr. Hayward's undertaking rooms, there to await the holding of an inquest into the cause of death. At one o'clock yesterday afternoon the following jury was sworn by Coroner Morrison: James Daly (foreman), D. Robinson, Thos. Wood, Wm. Shewan, M. Somerville and J. Merryfield. The body was placed in a casket just as when it was cut down. She was evidently a young woman, of pleasing appearance as Indian go, seemed to have been well dressed and in fairly good circumstances. On one wrist, forming a semi circle, was tatooed the word "Sarah," and on the other was the word "Jim." What led to her committing the act is not known at this husband, in his evidence, stated that there had been no trouble between them during their married life of a little over a year's duration. He last saw her alive on Sunday evening in their own house; when he got home on Monday she was not there and on making enquiries about her he was told that she had gone to visit her father at Cowichan. Since then he had been working at night time, sleeping during the day. Thinking she was at all right with her father, he made no further enquiries and knew nothing of her till he heard of her death. This was the entire story, with the exception of the narration of the discovery of the body by the Chinaman See Pong.

After a short deliberation the jury found that deceased committed suicide by hanging.

The body was taken in charge by the relatives and taken home for burial.

CULTIVATE HOME INDUSTRY.

An Epitome of Opinion Regarding the New Government Steamer for the British Columbia Service.

Among other sums having reference to British Columbia in the Dominion "Supplementary Estimates," recently published in these columns, was an item for a "new steamer, to replace the Sir Matthew Begbie in the British Columbia service, to be purchased at a cost of $70,000." There are connected with this two strong arguments, put forward by Victorians, that British Columbia should have the building of this boat, if one is to be built. In the first place, the service she is intended for is strictly British Columbian, and the province has facilities for constructing such a boat; and in the second place it is urged that home capital should be expended as far as possible in cultivating home industries. There is a great deal that is practical in this claim, because there is to be found every requisite for carrying out such a task, and people ask why go to others and pay them for that which Canada can do at home. A number of prominent citizens express the opinion that the contract for the new steamer, if one is to be built, should be given to a British Columbia firm, and the Albion Iron Works Co. are the only people not only in British Columbia, but on this coast north of San Francisco, who can successfully carry out the work even if on far larger scale than the one required. Ample proof is to be had of this from a casual visit to the works; but a positive proof is evident in the work now approaching completion on H. M. S. Amphion. To carry out the repairs on this vessel the Albion Iron Works Co. have purchased a complete ship-building plant capable of constructing iron or steel vessels of modern build, and almost any size, and as evidenced by the work on the Amphion in a manner fully equal to that executed in the great shipyards on the Clyde.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

One Thousand Acres in the Delta Alone Sown in Wheat for the Victoria Mills.

Everyone who is at all acquainted with the rich district known as Delta municipality must have recognized its great possibilities as an agricultural centre. Its resources, however, up to the present, have been developed upon a very limited scale. Fortunately the rich land is now likely to be put to good and profitable use.

Mr. T. E. Ladner, who is one of the most heavily interested men in the district, was talking to a COLONIST man last evening in reference to the prospects ahead, which he considers very bright. The proprietors of the new Victoria flouring mills, now building, are doing much to encourage agriculture by the free distribution of the best Manitoba seed wheat throughout the province, and a very considerable portion will be used by the farmers of the Delta this year.

In all about 1,000 acres in this single municipality have been put in wheat, Red Fife almost entirely, and should the present indications of good crops ahead not prove false, the product will be close upon 1,000 tons. The greater part of this supply is destined for the Victoria mills. Mr. Ladner is very sanguine in regard to the wheat outlook, he has 100 acres sown himself, everything is green and growing, a profitable market is in sight and a new and better era in the agricultural history of British Columbia—at yet unfortunately very brief—appears to be dawning. All that the Delta needs to assure its permanent prosperity is a continuation of the blessings of nature in the shape of favorable weather, and the one great common need of all sections of British Columbia—better railway communication.

THE BALL OPENED.

The Government Candidates Selected for Victoria City

Harmonious and Influential Nomination Meeting.

Hon. J. H. Turner, Simeon Duck, Capt. John Irving and Wm. Dalby the Choice of the Meeting.

Last night a thoroughly representative and very influential meeting of supporters of the local government was held in the Sir William Wallace Society rooms, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the representation of the city of Victoria at the ensuing elections. The hall was filled to overflowing, many having to stand, and some being compelled to remain out in the passage. On motion, Col. Prior, M. P., was called to the chair, and, at his request, Hon. Theodore Davie explained that although a ticket of government candidates had been selected and had found its way into the papers, it was not intended that it should be final. It had been, in this case, as in most public affairs, necessary for some persons to take preliminary action, and this meeting had been called to ask the government supporters whether or not they agreed with the ticket in whole or in part. It was impossible for any one to select a ticket whether of four names or one that would be absolutely agreeable to all. Compromises had to be made and he would say on behalf of the gentlemen whose names had been mentioned that if this meeting thought it advisable for any of them to do so they would step down and out, but, at the same time would support the candidate chosen by the meeting. The gentleman who had first been nominated was Hon. J. H. Turner. It was eminently fitting that he should run for Victoria, he being Finance Minister of the Province. Personally he (Mr. Davie) had for eight years been a member for the constituency of Victoria; but on this occasion he should not offer himself. When he had been called to the Ministry, there being no vacant seat in the island of Vancouver, he could not run in an outside constituency, and therefore presented himself in the city. Otherwise he should have run outside, as jealousy always prevailed with respect to any constituency having a plurality of cabinet ministers. If Victoria had two out of five cabinet ministers it might be a source of serious disaffection, and to avoid this he withdrew. If he had not done so Hon. Mr. Turner would not have presented himself here. There was a constituency on the island where he was well known, where his friends lived, and to which he was warmly attached. There he intended to go. He thought it his duty to this meeting to give the reasons why he did not run in Victoria, as he had no desire to desert the constituency. It was not because he feared that the electors of Victoria would not support him. But it would, he considered, be unjust that other places should not have representation in the cabinet. He assured his hearers that although he would not be a candidate he should work just as hard in behalf of the candidates whom this meeting should choose. He had just as much interest in this campaign as if he were a candidate, if not, indeed, more. Mr. Davie sat down amid great cheering.

The following nominations of candidates were made:

Capt. Irving, proposed by Mr. Chas. Williams, seconded by Mr. S. Kelly.

Hon. J. H. Turner, proposed by Hon. Theodore Davie, seconded by Mr. John Braden.

Mr. Simeon Duck, proposed by Mr. Hayward, seconded by Mr. Alexander McDonald.

Mr. William Dalby, proposed by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. W. Jensen.

Mr. Charles Wilson, proposed by Mr. W. J. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. Page.

A ballot having been taken for candidates the following were chosen: Hon. J. H. Turner, Capt. Irving, Mr. Duck and Mr. Dalby.

Hon. J. H. Turner was too much overcome with the kindness evoked to make a speech, but felt it his duty to thank the electors for the very hand some way in which they had treated him. The gentlemen on the ticket would, he was sure, do credit to Victoria, if elected. The present was an important occasion in the history of British Columbia, and it became Victoria to act with wisdom, not in her own interest alone, but in that of the province, for the interests of the province were those of Victoria. (Cheers.) He had identified himself with the city and province for twenty-five years, and trusted that when election day came it would not be long delayed—the ballots would turn out as they had done to-night in favor of the present candidates. He explained how difficult it was for him to personally visit all the electors, but felt sure that the gentlemen present who could each of them carry from ten to twelve votes would give the candidates a very respectable majority on election day.

Captain Irving, in returning thanks, observed that he was unsophisticated in matters of this kind, but if the party thought him capable of representing them and put him in parliament, he should try to do his best. He would let his actions speak for themselves (cheers).

Mr. Duck accepted the nomination with thanks for this very great honor, and said that, if elected, he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the province and of Victoria.

Mr. Dalby, in returning thanks, said he would endeavor to do his duty to the constituency as he had to his electors in the city council.

Mr. Wilson made a few remarks in acknowledgment of the vote he had received, saying that he wished success to the present government and its party, and should do his best to promote the return of its supporters.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting adjourned.

FURTHER SURVEYS.

During the present week the Provincial Government, through the Department of Lands and Works, will despatch surveying parties to the Nitinat and San Juan rivers, the territory around which is as yet very vaguely known.

The survey of the Twenty Mile belt of land, forming the Island Railway reserve, is also soon to be undertaken. The boundary line between it and the Crown lands on the outside has never been fixed, and the expense of the contemplated survey will accordingly be borne in equal proportion by the province and the Railway Co. The government assumes the direction of the survey.

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Single Fare.

Return tickets at single fare will be issued from Portland and all Sound ports on the Northern Pacific to Victoria for the Queen's Birthday celebration.

For Victoria.

The steamer Walla Walla which sailed for Victoria from San Francisco yesterday has on board the following passengers for this city: J. Dunsmuir and wife, C. A. Maguire, E. A. Wadhams, L. Pope, W. J. Harder and J. H. Downer.

Not the Man.

Enquiry by telegraph yesterday revealed the fact that the insane "Governor of Alaska" now confined in the city lock-up, and Carl S. Blythe, the San Francisco drummer, are not one and the same person. The latter has turned up at his home in the Bay City, and the search for the former's name still continues.

Booming Victoria.

George A. Cooper, of the real estate firm of Cooper & Green, leaves for Portland this evening to float a big scheme in Victoria property. He says that enough Victoria money has been put into Sound property, and he is now going to bring in American money wholesale to restore the balance.

Seriously Injured.

Yesterday, about noon, as a boy named N. Hughes, who carries the chisels and other appliances of the men engaged in blasting at the foundation of the Cascade Western Hotel, was getting away from the scene of operations, he was struck in the thigh and seriously hurt by a piece of rock that had been dislodged by an explosion.

Baxter vs. Jacobs.

In the Baxter-Jacobs appeal case, heard in the Divisional Court on Friday, before the Chief Justice and Justices McCreight and Walkem; the latter dissented from the judgment reversing the order of Mr. Justice Drake, discharging Jacobs. A fresh application will be at once made for his discharge.

Geo. Francis Train's Trip.

A despatch to THE COLONIST from London says Geo. Francis Train left that city yesterday on his trip around the world. He sails to-day (Sunday) on the Etruria for New York, where he takes a special train for Tacoma, his starting point. He is ahead of the scheduled time and is in high spirits.

Victoria to the Front.

A gentleman from the other side, the Sound, who is a prominent investor in real estate, in conversation with the writer, yesterday, expressed the unqualified opinion that Victoria was the safest place along the Pacific seaboard in which to make permanent investments. There was a considerable amount of money to be made—on the other side by speculators, but for purposes of real investment, Victoria was, he thought, unsurpassed.

Disposal of Fish Offal.

Yesterday Mr. Robert Ward, president of the British Columbia Board of Trade, received a telegram from Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., that an Order-in-Council had just been passed suspending the fishery regulations this year as affecting the disposal of fish offal. The news will be most satisfactory to the canners, it being impossible for them to make arrangements for the disposal of fish offal in the manner proposed during the present season.

Contradicted.

The Times, last evening, contained a local item under the caption, "A Runaway Wife," in which it was stated that Mr. S. H. May, of Vancouver, was in this city in pursuit of his wife, who had eloped to the Sound with a man named James Holmes. Mr. May desires through THE COLONIST to deny in toto, the statements contained in that item. His wife did not elope, nor was he in pursuit of her. It was with his express permission, in fact, by his request, that his friend Mr. Holmes accompanied her to Tacoma, and there was no shadow of foundation for the story published.

U. P. R. Notes.

Arrangements have been made by the Union Pacific for an excursion by special steamer from Port Angeles to Victoria on the Queen's Birthday.

Mr. H. V. Burner, who is spending the day in this city, says that Port Angeles is just as busy as ever. The new U. P. R. wharf is now about half completed.

The object of the present visit of Mr. B. Campbell and Mr. H. V. Burner, of the Union Pacific, is said to be the collection of all information obtainable in reference to the Port Angeles ferry project, to be laid before the president and vice-president of the road.

Half rates from all points on the Sound to Victoria will be offered during the Queen's Birthday celebration.

Fishing Licenses Allotted.

Mr. Thos. Mowat, inspector of fisheries, has allotted the number of licenses to be given each cannery on the Fraser for the present season. The capacity of the establishment and the length of time in business were fully considered in making the allotment, and, on the whole, the canners are fairly well pleased, so far as the scale is concerned. The award has been made as follows: Ewen & Co., 39; B. A. Packing Co., 26; Delta Canning Co., 23; Laidlaw & Co., 23; Wellington Canning Co., 23; B. C. Packing Co., 21; Bon Accord Packing Co., 21; Richmond Canning Co., 20; E. A. Wadhams, 20; Phœnix Packing Co., 20; Sea Island Canning Co., 19; Canoe Pass Canning Co., 16; Beaver Packing Co., 19; C. G. Hobson & Co., 16; Duncan & Bachelor, 16; Harlock & Co., 16; B. C. Canning Co., Ltd., 13.—Columbian.

The Car Load Clause.

There has been some agitation among Eastern wholesale houses in order to obtain the insertion of the mixed car clause in the Railway bill now before the Dominion parliament; but the Board of Trade of Winnipeg and others, including that of British Columbia, opposed the departure. Yesterday, a telegram was received from Ottawa by Mr. Robert Ward, stating that the government would make no change in the act, which, had it been amended in the sense proposed, the result would have been most injurious to the wholesale houses here, as the insertion of the clause would have given shippers of assorted loads the same advantage as those who send by the carload. It would indeed, have encouraged Eastern "drummers" to work up orders in small lines to be sent along in the carload and be distributed at the point of destination, to the great disadvantage of distributors in Victoria.

A Glance Over the Sound.

Hon. Mr. Higgins returned Friday night from a trip to the Sound. Tacoma and Seattle, he says, are very busy places, the towns extending in every direction. At the latter, the new hotel Denny will soon be covered in, and when completed will rank among the first-class hotels of America. There are in course of construction in Seattle many buildings that would do credit to the city of London. In Tacoma the street car system is partially a failure, the noise rendering them very troublesome. In contrast strongly with that in Seattle, where the system is similar to that of Victoria. Port Townsend is also going in a forward direction, if the erection of numerous fine buildings is any indication. Mr. Whiteway, an old Victorian architect, has the task of erecting a number of the best piles. The railway is making good progress, and the street car line will be open about July 1st. There are over fifty new buildings going up at Port Angeles, where property is in a very healthy state. Altogether, Mr. Higgins thinks, the outlook is very fair.

Passed Through.

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Disposal of Fish Offal.

Yesterday Mr. Robert Ward, president of the British Columbia Board of Trade, received a telegram from Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., that an Order-in-Council had just been passed suspending the fishery regulations this year as affecting the disposal of fish offal. The news will be most satisfactory to the canners, it being impossible for them to make arrangements for the disposal of fish offal in the manner proposed during the present season.

Contradicted.

The Times, last evening, contained a local item under the caption, "A Runaway Wife," in which it was stated that Mr. S. H. May, of Vancouver, was in this city in pursuit of his wife, who had eloped to the Sound with a man named James Holmes. Mr. May desires through THE COLONIST to deny in toto, the statements contained in that item. His wife did not elope, nor was he in pursuit of her. It was with his express permission, in fact, by his request, that his friend Mr. Holmes accompanied her to Tacoma, and there was no shadow of foundation for the story published.

U. P. R. Notes.

Arrangements have been made by the Union Pacific for an excursion by special steamer from Port Angeles to Victoria on the Queen's Birthday.

Mr. H. V. Burner, who is spending the day in this city, says that Port Angeles is just as busy as ever. The new U. P. R. wharf is now about half completed.

The object of the present visit of Mr. B. Campbell and Mr. H. V. Burner, of the Union Pacific, is said to be the collection of all information obtainable in reference to the Port Angeles ferry project, to be laid before the president and vice-president of the road.

Half rates from all points on the Sound to Victoria will be offered during the Queen's Birthday celebration.

Fishing Licenses Allotted.

Mr. Thos. Mowat, inspector of fisheries, has allotted the number of licenses to be given each cannery on the Fraser for the present season. The capacity of the establishment and the length of time in business were fully considered in making the allotment, and, on the whole, the canners are fairly well pleased, so far as the scale is concerned. The award has been made as follows: Ewen & Co., 39; B. A. Packing Co., 26; Delta Canning Co., 23; Laidlaw & Co., 23; Wellington Canning Co., 23; B. C. Packing Co., 21; Bon Accord Packing Co., 21; Richmond Canning Co., 20; E. A. Wadhams, 20; Phœnix Packing Co., 20; Sea Island Canning Co., 19; Canoe Pass Canning Co., 16; Beaver Packing Co., 19; C. G. Hobson & Co., 16; Duncan & Bachelor, 16; Harlock & Co., 16; B. C. Canning Co., Ltd., 13.—Columbian.

The Car Load Clause.

There has been some agitation among Eastern wholesale houses in order to obtain the insertion of the mixed car clause in the Railway bill now before the Dominion parliament; but the Board of Trade of Winnipeg and others, including that of British Columbia, opposed the departure. Yesterday, a telegram was received from Ottawa by Mr. Robert Ward, stating that the government would make no change in the act, which, had it been amended in the sense proposed, the result would have been most injurious to the wholesale houses here, as the insertion of the clause would have given shippers of assorted loads the same advantage as those who send by the carload. It would indeed, have encouraged Eastern "drummers" to work up orders in small lines to be sent along in the carload and be distributed at the point of destination, to the great disadvantage of distributors in Victoria.

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