POISONING CASE.

f the Thedford Sensation Old Woman's Dreadful Crimes.

il 16.—The *Times'* To- the 15th says: The par- rible poisoning case in a lled Thedford have just Last fall Mrs. Martha an old woman and the ner, went to Makesville, son and his wife. The onsumption, and the trip he benefit of his health. ed at the house of Major lthy Southern gentleman. s house Laura Rickman, of the consumptive took a pared by her mother-in- enly fell ill soon after and ms of poisoning. She died r being taken sick. nd suspected that his wife ied and communicated his rs. Hendricks, the sister- mother. Mrs. Hendricks Rickmans a few months was suddenly taken sick cause of her death being ar to that of Laura Rick- ascertained that Martha bought enough strychinne Thedford, before leaving kill several hundred men. ago the body of Laura was n inquest held on it: An contents of the stomach discovery of sufficient ar- death. The coroner's jury m came to her death by ered by Martha J. Rick- ther-in-law. The latter tried here, as the death of e in the United States, eing taken to have her ex- ied in Virginia. erdict was returned the son rs. Hendricks caused the n Rickman, charging her er of his mother, whose re- e examined for poison. No other suspicious deaths, in- husband and a neice about of Martha Rickman, have the Rickman family. The he woman say she has been on for years, and that she th of at least two children, r husband, and two other and that she perpetrated to secure for herself valu- property.

POPE'S JUBILEE.

s which Will be Sent by Crowned Heads.

pril 10.—The growing power in Europe as a political in- rn by the universal atten- n on the preparation made ration of the jubilee anni- e entrance to the Catholic The day of the celebration or the 31st of next Decem- will be an exhibition opened s of the Vatican on the 1st 1888, of objects of art sent ost anything intended for a be sent to Rome by October t can be properly classified. ishops and bishops through- ld have been invited to be Rome during the festivities. f St. Peter's will be illum- nights previous to the jubilee. st time that this has been 79.

that every parish, however ghout the world will be re- this jubilee. All of the alties in Europe will send e Queen will send the copy of richly bound. The Empress officially announced her in- ding some marvelous speci- nese embroidery. The Em- many's gift is a chalice of adorned with immense dia- for every member of his Queen of Spain has sent ining a brilliant valued at e Portugese sovereign sends s, that of the Queen Dona ing an altar cloth worked by president of the French already sent two immense a. The French archbishop are bestirring themselves to forthy of the occasion. The of Lyons sends a satin broidered with gold, bearing the pope and of the city of e monks of Lerins have pre- ume of marvelous illumina- ficently bound in velvet. The aris has decided to offer a ornamented with diamonds, d rubies. It is the work of artist from St. Maurice. The holics will send the pope a all the literary and scientific shed in Germany under his ssely bound for his acceptance. series will consist of over es.

ition will be worth seeing, as t of an incredible number of n sultan's rings, valued at es. The Italian government ed that the jubilee offerings are to be allowed to pass the hout being opened and de- e vatican free of all customs

ICAN DEFAULTERS.

Colony Not in Flourishing Circumstances.

ax, April 16.—The *World's* Ont.) special of April 15th experiences has taught the fugees from justice in Canada e is not its own reward, at brings its own punishment. awford, the defaulting city Oswego, N. Y., no longer with the boys, nor sees any ppearing in the bucketshop, ch were his favorite pastimes at came to Hamilton and left treasury $45,000 short. Now h living are gone, and Craw- iends don't rise early enough rudging at 7 o'clock in the his work at a sand heap in of the Sawyer's works. When e at night with a blackened ng his dinner pail, he is glad ned his $1.75 a day at his old n moulding. Crawford's wife live here.

ndlebaum" is the sign on a the post office and the name l over America. Mrs. Mandle- millinery and ladies' fancy has evidently found that it ay and will retire from busi- end of the month. She looks g eyes toward New York and hope that she may some day t is believed here that when lebaum settled with her bonds- remained for her.

ld, a fugitive from justice, the he Sans Souci concert saloon, onto and is engaged in the im- sk of trying to get a saloon start there.

RST TO BE SERVED AT TABLE.

vary as to whom should be serv able. Some persons in fashion- insist that the hostess should nded to. It has been pointed er, that this fashion originated times when the hospitable cus- oning was in vogue, and guests to see the hostess partake of before venturing themselves. except by rich pastry and the not now in order, it is general- that when there is but one the lady guest sitting at the host, or the oldest lady, erved first. As soon as the sec- is helped there need to be no ting before eating.

Personal.

egault, of Iayside, Ont., says rtily recommend Yellow Oil as liever of rheumatic pain. his mother having suffered for rheumatism, and all remedies pt Yellow Oil. tu-th-sat-dw

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, April 28, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Died Abroad.

Mr. McDougall, of Nine Mile Run, Nova Scotia, died at Kamloops on the 22nd March last, of inflammation of the lungs.

On a Trip.

It is rumored, says the Seattle *Press*, on the streets that Messrs. Riley & Thrig, the attached furniture dealers on Front street, have taken a trip to Victoria.

For Behring Sea.

The sealing schooner Mary Ellen, Capt. D. McLean, left last night for the Behring sea. Before returning here she will go to San Francisco, arriving at this port about the end of September. Capt. Alex. McLean accompanies his brother.

C. P. R. Mail Route.

The London correspondent of the Toronto *Mail* cables that Earl Harrowby will interrogate the government on Friday next with reference to the proposals of the Canadian Pacific regarding the mail route from Vancouver to China and Japan.

A Well Known Californian.

Mr. C. F. McGlashan, eminent as a lawyer, as well as editor of the Truckee *Republican*, arrived by the Sound steamer yesterday. Mr. McGlashan has been a prominent figure for many years in California and Nevada politics and he has the honor of occupying at present a seat in the legislature. He is here in connection with the Clarke extradition case.

Liederkranz.

The decorations for the German Liederkranz May Festival, which are on exhibition at Chas. Lombard's music store, are of beautiful designs and worth while seeing. Judging from appearances this affair will be a grand success since all the details are in very competent hands. When our German citizens get up any thing they do it in style.

Tea Imports.

Mr. Bowman gave notice of the following motion in the commons: For a return of the quantity and value of tea imported from China and Japan, and entered at ports or outports of British Columbia, either for home consumption, or in transit, from the 1st July, 1885, to the 1st April, 1887.

Resident Shareholders.

Peter O'Reilly, holding 10 old and 87 new shares, James A. Raymur, holding 50 new shares, and W. C. Ward, holding 10 new shares, are the only resident British Columbian shareholders in the Bank of British Columbia, as registered on the 31st December, 1886. The shares are £20 sterling each, and only half the subscribed amount of the new issue has been paid.

The Queen's Jubilee.

It was decided at last night's meeting of the council to call a public meeting for the purpose of considering the means and manner of celebrating the Queen's jubilee and birthday. This move on the part of our city fathers is a good one, and, it is hoped that all loyal subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty will turn out to-morrow night to devise some scheme for the celebrations.

The Nationalists.

It is now openly admitted that the oppositionists have no hopes whatever of securing the nationalist vote. It is stated that Doyon, who defeated Tasse in Laprairie, has declared himself a conservative nationalist, and Senator Trudel, in parliamentary correspondence to his paper gives up all the nationalists as lost to the cause. He says the Chapleau clique worked them all back into the conservative ranks. Only a personal difficulty with Sir A. P. Caron prevents Mr. Amyot from joining his *confreres*.

Army Horses.

We have already indicated the intentions of the imperial government in this matter of the purchase of Canadian horses. It may, however, be well to supplement what we have said of the official declaration made by Colonel Ravenhill himself in a recent letter to the government. The letter runs:

I beg to inform you that the British government have decided to carry on annually the purchase of horses in Canada, principally for riding purposes, for the imperial army, to the extent, if procurable, of about 150 from Ontario and the older provinces, and 150 from the ranches in the Northwest territories or British Columbia. An officer of the British service who will reside in the Dominion has been appointed to purchase for a term of years. No purchasing will take place for this year until the 1st of April next.

Death of Sir Richard C. Moody.

The death of Major-General Sir Richard Clement Moody, of the royal engineers, at Bournemouth, Eng., removes one of those whose names will long be held in mind in British Columbia. He was governor of the Falkland islands from 1843 to 1847. In 1858 the deceased officer, then Colonel Moody, was selected for the appointment of chief commissioner of lands and works in this province. Under his supervision the foundations of New Westminster, then capital of British Columbia, were laid, and Port Moody was named after him. He remained in British Columbia until December, 1863.

The Nicola Mines.

Two mining superintendents from California and Nevada visited the Nicola mines last week, and reported very favorably on the prospects of the leads examined. The gentlemen are Messrs. Henderson and Probert, and the former has bought an interest in the Patterson mine; the latter will have an interest in an English syndicate that is expected to purchase the Nicola Mining Co.'s claim. A ton of low grade ore will be forwarded immediately from the mines to San Francisco to be further tested, and to supply the means of deciding what kind of machinery is most suitable for reducing the ores and working the mines. The machinery will be on the ground at an early date, and it is expected that it will be at work during the latter part of the summer. Two years work has been already done on these claims, and there are 600 tons of good ore now on the surface, but no ore has yet been realized on, or reduced. It is probable that when the machinery at these mines is once in full swing that a considerable population will be attracted to the locality of Nicola; and as gold, silver, copper and other metals abound in the neighborhood the prospects are bright in variety as well as richness. The Nicola mines, thirty miles by waggon road from Kamloops, are situated near the Nicola river, which gives abundant water for continuous working and washing.—*Inland Sentinel.*

Extraordinary Development of Emigration.

The Liverpool *Mercury* says: The remarkable revival of trade in the United States and Canada has lead to a substantial increase in the proportions of the emigration from Europe. So pronounced is this that nearly all the Atlantic lines have issued notices to their agents to stop booking for the present. The special feature of this position is that numbers of mechanics are going out, especially bricklayers, plasterers and masons, from Scotland, Wales, and the northern districts of England, in response to advices from the other side that good openings are now presenting to such craftsmen. The general prospects of the emigration trade are equally brisk. The German lines are understood to be already fully booked, and a considerable accession to the numbers of Germans passing through Liverpool is to be expected. The Swedes and Norwegians are fully to the fore. The attractions of the Canadian North-west, and especially of the Canadian Pacific slope, are distinctly in the ascendant, more emigrants having been booked for British Columbia during the past two months than in the preceding year, and, indeed, for a long time previous. Altogether the emigration trade of the current season is more brisk than at any time during the previous seven years; and the prospects point to a long period of activity.

Lengthening the Dry Dock.

The question of urging upon the Dominion authorities the desirability of lengthening the Esquimalt graving dock another hundred feet, was referred to at the council of the board of trade yesterday. Owing to lack of time it was not fully discussed, but will again be brought forward at a future meeting soon to be held.

Arrest of a Chinawoman.

Superintendent of Police Bloomfield returned from New Westminster on the Louise last night with a Chinawoman whom he arrested at that city on a charge of having stolen $200 from a Chinaman in this city. Her accuser also accompanied the superintendent. The woman, who will appear before the police magistrate today, is a prepossessing damsel, considering her race.

Kitty's Alleged Murderer.

Louis Omegas, was brought up at Nanaimo on Monday on remand, charged with the murder of the Indian woman Kitty at Denman Island on the 7th inst. After the evidence of M. Bray, government agent, David Stephenson, provincial constable, Jennie Charley's woman and Charley, a Euclataw Indian had been taken, the hearing was adjourned till today when medical testimony will be taken.

Seals and Sealers.

Information has been received in the city that the United States government will declare on the 1st of May that their jurisdiction in Behring sea only extends the marine league from shore. It is felt that no other position can be taken on the matter unless the Americans desire to demonstrate that they will have one policy for Atlantic and another for Pacific waters.

Coming West.

A plan to collect a party of men of leisure and money, says the St. John, N.B., *Telegraph*, who can spend a few months and go to British Columbia, is said to be in the mind of the brother of a Northwest M. P. Several gentlemen in St. John have been approached, and if the necessary arrangements can be made for a car over the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific, probably the trip will be made. Speculation is one of the objects within view of the projectors.

How They Stand.

Of the British Columbia delegation in the commons Mr. Baker has a place on the following standing committees: Public accounts, banking and commerce and agriculture and colonization; Mr. Shakespeare: Railways, canals and telegraph lines and public accounts; Mr. Gordon: Railways, canals and telegraph lines and standing orders; Mr. Mara: Banking and commerce and agriculture and colonization; Mr. Reid: Banking and Commerce; Mr. Chisholm: Agriculture and colonization; and Messrs. Reid, Chisholm and Mara: Miscellaneous private bills.

Senator Macdonald is on the railways, telegraphs and harbors committee in the senate, and Senator McInnes on contingent accounts and standing orders and private bills.

Police Court.

Ah Hoey and Ah Sing, charged with supplying an Indian woman named Lucy with opium. The former was fined $25 or two months imprisonment with hard labor, the latter's case being adjourned until to-day.

Lucy, the Indian woman, was charged with smoking opium, but as her case is connected with that of Ah Sing she was also remanded until to-day.

Julius West, on remand from the 25th, charged with stealing seven loads of earth, the property of the corporation. Two witnesses were called but nothing was proved. The defendant admitted taking the earth, but said that Mr. Dewsnap had given him permission. His honor adjourned the case for further hearing until Saturday morning.

John Evans, charged with assaulting Mr. Tuckfield on the street, by striking him in the face. Defendant pleaded guilty, but said that Tuckfield had given him provocation and had called him a liar. He then told a long tale, stating that Mr. Tuckfield had been the means of breaking up his home. His honor said that he thought the defendant had not done himself any good by telling such a story, while Mr. Tuckfield treated the statement with silent contempt not deigning to answer. The assailant was fined $10 and $2 costs.

Geo. Peters and Fred Brown, two drunks, were each fined $5 or one week's imprisonment in the city gaol.

Cloth for the Penitentiary.

In the Commons on the 18th inst., as we have before briefly announced by telegraph, the question of cloth supplied to the B. C. Penitentiary came up. The full report is as follows:

Mr. Baker asked: What is the contract price or prices per yard paid by the government for white flannel and brown and yellow cloth supplied the penitentiaries of the Dominion; the name or names of the contractor or contractors, duration of contract or contracts, and date and expiry of same?

Mr. Thompson: At Kingston penitentiary the price paid for white flannel is 44½ cents per yard; brown and yellow cloth, 48 cents. Mr. John Lazier has two contracts which expire on 30th June next. At the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, 40 cents per yard is paid for white flannel and 50 cents for brown and yellow cloth. Lamalice Bros., Montreal, have the contract, which expires on the 30th June next. At the Dorchester penitentiary the price paid for white flannel is 48 cents per yard, and for brown and yellow cloth 64 cents. Thomas R. Jones, St. John, has the contract, which expires on the 30th June next. At the British Columbia penitentiary, cloth and flannel is not furnished by contract. The white flannel was furnished by Messrs. Lamalice Bros., the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary contractors, at 53 cents per yard. No brown or yellow cloth was furnished this year (fiscal year) to this penitentiary. In 1885-86 this cloth was supplied by the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary at 74½ cents per yard. It was furnished by the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary owing to the fact that the cloth was wanted in a hurry and before it could be procured by Lamalice Bros. At the Manitoba penitentiary, 60 cents per yard is paid for white flannel and 44 cents for brown and yellow cloth. The Hudson Bay Company have the contract, which expires the 30th June next.

Lease of the O. R. & N.

The lease of the Oregon Railway and Navigation lines to the Union Pacific has finally been consummated. The lease, practically a purchase, changes the status of the Oregon Railway and Navigation, now a local road with through connections making it a link in a through line from Portland to Omaha. Much dissatisfaction has been expressed in Portland at the way in which the Oregon Railway and Navigation company has been managed. It has been charged, says the Seattle *P.-I.*, and apparently not without reason, that President Smith has given too much of his time to Wall street and too little to the cities that are dependent on this road for transportation facilities. The fact of the lease, therefore, is hailed with much satisfaction in Portland, and the feeling is that under the management of the Union Pacific company the Oregon Railway and Navigation company's line will be operated in a more satisfactory manner. One thing certainly seems clear, and that is that the new arrangement will compel the Northern Pacific to be on its best behavior towards Portland, or else lose a large and valuable part of its business. It is understood that T. J. Potter, vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, has accepted the general management of the combined lines with the rank of first vice-president, at the earnest solicitation of the Oregon company. His acceptance was on the condition that the lease should be accomplished. The presidency of the St. Paul road has been offered to Mr. Potter, since the death of Mr. Mitchell, but the signing of the lease prevents his acceptance.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of the council was held last evening. Present, His worship the mayor in the chair; Couns. Grant, Styles, Harris, Braden, Pearse, Vigelius, Barnard and Coughlan.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Wm. Clarke, for H. O. Sullivan, asking for street lines on Quebec street.

From Allsop & Mason, asking for $107 as damages for encroachments on a lot on Humboldt street. Laid over.

From twenty-five ratepayers in Johnson street ward, asking for a sidewalk on Second street, Work estate. Referred to street committee.

From A. DeCosmos, calling attention to the necessity of building a sidewalk on Government street to connect with Finlayson's bridge, and offering $25 toward the expense. Referred to street committee.

From A. DeCosmos, offering $10 towards having the sidewalk on Cormorant street widened. Referred to street committee.

A cablegram was read from Pickering & Crompton, asking to be allowed to prepare plans for water works. To be informed that the council do not require plans.

From George Rudlin, asking that some rock be blasted on George street before he puts up his building. Referred to street committee.

From Jno. Teague, on behalf of W. Lawson, proposing that if the city will carry the water pipes to his house he will contribute. Referred to water committee.

From Geo. Mann asking for permission to renew a trough on Store street. Granted.

From six ratepayers in Yates street ward calling attention to the state of Commercial street near Bastin street. Referred to street committee.

From four ratepayers in James bay ward asking for a new sidewalk on Menzies street, James bay. Referred to street committee.

From H. F. Heisterman & Co., drawing attention to the injury done a certain lot on Belleville street caused by blasting, and asking that the fence be repaired. Referred to city surveyor and street committee.

From. C. E. Renouf asking permission to carry a drain across Dallas street. Granted.

From John L. Clarke drawing attention to a jubilee edition of the *West Shore*, and asking how many copies the council would require.

Coun. Pearse moved that the matter be laid over for one week.

Coun. Barnard moved in amendment that 100 copies be purchased.

Coun. Grant was also in favor of taking 100.

Coun. Vigelius was opposed to buying any of the papers.

Coun. Barnard's amendment was withdrawn and the original motion was carried.

From Edwin Johnson, city barrister, submitting that in reference to the appointment of policemen, that when the council adopted a report of a committee the report became part of the proceedings of the whole council.

Coun. Braden stated that the appointments were only temporarily.

Coun. Pearse stated that as one of the police committee he had appointed one man temporarily, and the report of the appointment having been adopted by the council, the man held his position legally.

Coun. Coughlan asked that the report of the sanitary committee appointing Mr. Blackett be read.

The report was read and after considerable discussion the matter was dropped for the present.

STREET COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The street committee reported recommending that a six-foot sidewalk be laid on Cook street from Alfred to Pandora streets; that a six-foot sidewalk be laid on the south side of Chatham street from Quadra to Cook street; that Young street be graded and gravelled from Blanchard street to Toronto street; that a six-foot sidewalk be laid on the south side of Quebec street; that it says that a big drain be laid on the south side of North Park street from Quadra to Cook street; that the piece of rock, say about 3 yards, be blasted out on the road on Beacon Hill Park near Toronto street, to make it passable for pedestrians; and that the plank of the old sidewalk lately taken up on Government street be given to residents on the Gorge road, they having promised to lay them in continuation of the sidewalk laid there, at their own expense. With reference to the communication of T. C. Higgins asking for a sidewalk on the east side of Vancouver street, the committee recommended that it be deferred, as the question of removing the hill at that part of Vancouver street is under consideration. The committee also recommended that James Bay bridge be thrown open for traffic to-morrow morning and that the usual notices be placed at each end of the bridge warning teamsters, drivers and equestrians, to walk their horses across the bridge, also that a similar notice be published in the newspapers as the bridge is completed according to plans and specifications. They also recommended that the bridge be painted. The committee also recommended that a box drain be laid on Toronto street, near Carr, say about 100 feet.

Coun. Pearse moved the adoption of the report, and in doing so asked the Mayor to give instructions to the police to see that the rules set down in the notices be observed. Adopted.

WATER COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The water committee recommended that Mr. McLaughlin's application be granted, and that Mr. McMicking's request for water be granted at 60 cents per 1000 gallons.

WORK ON RESERVOIRS.

The following report was read with reference to the money expended and the work done on the construction of the high-level reservoir on Pandora hill:

LOW LEVEL RESERVOIR.

Statement showing the actual cost of the reservoir to date, including removal of rock and earth:

Amount expended to date, as per Mr. Russell's returns	$7,783 71	
One half Mr. Hendry's time	187 50	
Total expenditure		$7,971 21
Accounted for as follows:		
Land	$3,250 00	
Report of Pickering & Crompton	150 00	
Report of Hargreaves	35 00	
Lead on hand	419 05	
Steam drills and boiler	1,299 37	
Tools and other appliances	792 02	
		$5,945 44
Cost of Labor.		
1,500 yards of clay removed (estimated) @ 30c per yard	$ 450 00	
781 yards rock @ $2.01 7-10 per yard	1,575 77	2,025 77
		$7,971 21

The above statements show that out of a total expenditure of $7,971.21 a liability of $5,945.44 was incurred for land, reports and plant, leaving a balance of $2,025.77, which was the actual cost of labor for removing rock and earth. The 1,500 yards of clay, removed by day's labor, could be removed by contract for $450, leaving $1,575.77 as the cost of removing 781 cubic yards of rock. From this it is evident that, although the plant of the city was used in the execution of the work and not charged for in the above estimate, the rock removed cost $2.01 7-10 per yard, and not 83c per yard as stated in the water committee's report to the council on the 2nd March last. A contractor would perform the work for a less amount per yard than the cost incurred by the council, and supply all his own material, thereby saving the city an investment of over $2,000 for plant. By the contract system of work the worry and time of the council would be saved, and beyond the contract price no further expense needed, than the pay of a competent engineer, which expense for supervision is necessary under any well-directed method.

JOHN COUGHLAN.

Victoria, 26th April, 1887.

Coun. Coughlan said that the sole object of his bringing the report before the council was that Coun. Pearse had said, several meetings previously, that he (Coun. Coughlan) had only brought allegations, but no figures and facts. This report was correct in every detail, but the one produced by Coun. Pearse was full of errors.

Coun. Pearse suggested that the report be referred to the water committee for their reply. He considered it valueless.

Coun. Grant spoke at length upon the report, and was of much the same opinion as Coun. Pearse.

Coun. Coughlan then rose to reply but was ruled out of order.

Coun. Braden said the report was a correct one and the one presented by Coun. Pearse was full of errors. It was about time the ratepayers were advised of how money was being expended.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Coun. Grant gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the council the following resolution: "Whereas, in the near future it is fully expected that, with the growth of commerce in these parts, ships of the first class will be brought into these waters, provided there were facilities for repairing them in case of accident; and whereas the graving dock at Esquimalt is the only one in the Dominion on the Pacific coast; and whereas the length of said dock is only 450 feet, much too small to receive ships of modern building. Therefore, be it resolved that the representatives to the house of commons at Ottawa from this city be requested to impress upon the Dominion government the desirability of at once making such provisions as will enable them to lengthen the said dock so as to accommodate ships of the largest class and at an early day.

On motion of Coun. Pearse it was decided to call a public meeting on Friday evening for the purpose of considering the means and manner of celebrating the Queen's jubilee and birthday.

The council then adjourned at 10:15 o'clock.

SUPREME COURT.

[Before Hon. Justices Crease, McCreight and Walkem.]

Welch, Rithet & Co., appellants, *vs.* W. B. Adair, respondents. This was an appeal by the defendants, Welch, Rithet & Co., from a decree in the action pronounced by Hon. Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie. The action was brought by W. B. Adair against Welch Rithet & Co., asking for a reconveyance of land held under a mortgage on the ground that the plaintiff had discharged all his liability in connection with the guarantee given by him to Welch, Rithet & Co. to secure them against advances made to John Adair & Co., salmon canners. The learned chief justice had made a decree allowing the plaintiff to redeem, and directing certain accounts to be taken. After the accounts had been taken, and a heavy balance found in favor of Welch, Rithet & Co., the matter was heard on further direction by the chief justice and after consideration he held that the plaintiff satisfied his liability in regard to the said guarantee. From this judgment Welch, Rithet & Co. appealed to the full court. After the appeal had been partially argued, the court adjourned the further argument until the next sitting, when the plaintiff and the defendants will be examined.

Mr. Richards, Q. C., and Mr. Drake, Q. C., for appellants, and Attorney-General Davie, Q. C., for respondents.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

Walkem *vs.* Higgins.—In this case an order had been made for trial of the cause by a special jury, to take place on the 12th May next, and on Tuesday last Mr. T. Davie moved for a postponement of the trial in consequence of the absence of Mr. Higgins, defendant, and Mr. Dunsmuir, who was a material witness. The chief justice made an order postponing the trial until the 30th June on the terms of the defendant paying the cost of the application. Mr. Drake, Q. C., for plaintiff; Mr. T. Davie for defendant.

DEEPENING OF THE HARBOR.

$100,000 to be Asked as a Starter for Improving the Harbor.

As will be seen by our special telegram from Ottawa, Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare are moving in the matter of securing an appropriation of $100,000 for the purpose of deepening Victoria harbor. This matter was one of the planks in the platform of every candidate at the last general election, as it was deemed of the most vital importance to Victoria's shipping interests that such a desirable work should be undertaken. Vessels of large draught desiring to enter the inner harbor have had to unload portions of cargo at the outer wharf before proceeding, and it is felt that if the channel was deepened so as to admit of vessels drawing 16 feet of water, it would confer a great boon upon ship-owners and the port. Once inside, there is no safer haven on the coast, and it would be an easy matter after the channel was deepened to construct wharves on both sides of the harbor, and thus provide ample accommodation for a large shipping trade.

Telegrams were received by the board of trade, and yesterday a meeting of the council was held and the question thoroughly discussed. The decision was unanimous that the matter should receive prompt attention, and as a result a resolution was carried, which will be telegraphed to the members for this city and to the government. This resolution sets forth the necessity for deepening the channel from the harbor entrance to the wharves, so as to admit of the passage of vessels drawing sixteen feet of water at low tide, and urges the members to use every possible persuasion to induce the granting of a sum of $100,000 for the commencement of the work. It is thought that the matter will receive the favorable consideration of the government, and that the sum asked for will be appropriated for the purpose.

DIVISIONAL COURT.

[Before Hon. Justices Crease, McCreight and Walkem.]

Hogarth *vs.* C. P. R. *et al.*—This was an appeal by the C. P. R. from an order of the chief justice, allowing them to partially amend their statement of defence and terms as to costs. The appeal was allowed. Mr. Drake, Q. C., for appellants and Mr. T. Davie for respondent.

MARINE.

(Specially compiled for THE COLONIST.)

Steamship Idaho, Capt. Wallace, left for the north yesterday at one o'clock, p. m.

Ship Commodore, Jordan, 1976 tons, arrived in Royal roads yesterday morning from San Francisco, bound for Departure bay for a return cargo of coal.

Bark Escort, Waterhouse, is 51 days out from Hong Kong and due here at any moment. She comes consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co. with a cargo of general merchandise.

Ship Enos Soule, Soule, now out 49 days from Hong Kong, is expected to arrive shortly. She is consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co. and carries a cargo of merchandise.

British ship River Fallock, Davidson, 1586 tons, is due at Departure bay from San Francisco to load coal for San Diego.

British ship Duke of Abercorn, Binnie, 1050 tons register, 69 days out from Adelaide, Aus., is due at this port.

A large ship and a bark passed up the straits last evening bound for the sound.

Collier Empire is taking on at East Wellington.

Ship John McDonald was compelled to wait five days for an American tug and in consequence did not get away from Nanaimo until Monday. She took 3,600 tons of coal for San Francisco.

Ship Harvester, Capt. Taylor, is at Nanaimo awaiting a cargo of coal for San Francisco.

The ship Ocean King completed her cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal on Tuesday and will leave for San Francisco immediately.

Ship John A. Briggs and bark Don Carlos completed their cargoes of Wellington coal yesterday. The bark goes to Honolulu.

Bark C. O. Whitmore will complete her cargo of Wellington coal to-day.

Ship R. P. Buck, Capt. J. Carver, arrived at Nanaimo on Monday to load coal at the V. C. Co.'s shutes. On Tuesday the charter was changed and she will be towed round to Departure bay where she will load East Wellington coal.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. T. B. Hall has arrived at Montreal.

I. Braverman and wife returned from Europe yesterday.

Supt. Bloomfield and A. Gilmore arrived from Vancouver last night.

Rev. Mr. Gamble, wife and child, left for their home in Goldendale, Oregon, yesterday.

Chas. Beak and wife will leave on a visit to Europe to-day. They go *via* the Northern Pacific.

G. Wise, Yale, J. Orr, M. P. P., New Westminster, and G. E. Corbould arrived down on the Louise last night.

A rumor is being circulated in Washington that the British minister, Sir Lionel West, is soon to marry the daughter of Senator Mitchell of Oregon. The foundation for the rumor is said to be the fact that the minister has invited Miss Mitchell to accompany himself and daughter to England for the summer.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Clark Case.

The supreme court rooms were attended by a considerable number of people, several of them being of the theatrical profession. The case, however, was adjourned, before evidence had been taken, until Saturday.

Applied for the Guarantee.

Three quartz companies—the Island Mountain, the B. C. M. & M., and the Hixon Creek—have applied to be admitted to participate in the assistance provided under the guarantee clauses of the act of last session.

They Will Decide Rightly.

On Thursday next the electors of Cowichan will have the opportunity of deciding at the ballot-box whether they duly appreciate the advantages of a progressive government, supported by a united delegation.

The Premier Indisposed.

A public meeting was held at Chemainus last evening, for the purpose of discussing political matters. The premier was to have been present in the interest of the government candidate (Mr. Sutton) but was prevented by indisposition.

A Regrettable Resignation.

Mr. Mowat was appointed last week to his old position of government assayer at Barkerville, but the public, and more especially the people of Cariboo, will regret to learn that he has since resigned. It is to be hoped the government may succeed in filling the vacancy.

Cowichan Government Agency.

It is in contemplation to establish a more efficient government agency in Cowichan, which will comprise greater facilities for placing settlers upon the extensive areas of desirable land about to be opened up by means of colonization roads in that district.

Colonization Roads.

The late premier had $5,000 placed on the estimates for colonization roads on Vancouver Island. An effort should be made to secure the material improvement of the road between Quamichan and Cowichan Lake, and one leading up the Koksilah, both important colonization roads, opening up large areas of country fit for settlement. These important works constitute part of Mr. Sutton's platform, and will doubtless be promoted by his election.

Indian Tea.

Honson's export circular states: "The deliveries for the month of February were satisfactory, being 7,380,000 pounds against 5,632,000 pounds in 1886. For the first time in the annals of the trade Indian teas passed the consumption of China teas, the deliveries of the latter growth being about 400,000 less than Indian. This very clearly proves what we have so often pointed out, that is only the high price of Indian tea that keeps it back. The moment it gets on a level, and indeed, as it is now, lower in price than China it goes freely into consumption.

Mr. Fry Not the Man.

Several electors in the Cowichan district have enquired whether there is any truth in the representations being freely made by Mr. Fry, to the effect that he is the choice of the premier in the present election contest. We are in a position to state that not only is there no truth in it, but that the premier has repeatedly asserted that he would rather see an honest opponent elected than Mr. Fry, believing the latter to be an enemy in disguise. This being the case, it is to be hoped none of the government supporters in the district will be inveigled into voting for Mr. Fry—the "wolf in sheep's clothing."

Mysterious Shooting.

A mysterious shooting affair took place in Vancouver on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Thomas Fitzgerald, a dairyman, was standing in his kitchen door washing the cows' milking pail. Behind him on the other side of the room and in line with the door was a window with two panes of glass broken out, and through one of them the bullet is supposed to have entered. It penetrated the right hip, but the wounded man suffered little pain. It is supposed the shooting was accidental, but an investigation will be held by the police.

What Does It Mean!

Calgary *Tribune*: It is reported that the Canadian Pacific railway are discharging all their men in the Selkirks, with the exception of six on each section. This would seem to indicate that the company do not propose going on with the snow sheds this summer. There is a rumor to the effect that the road is to be changed round by the Columbia river. But even in that case, the discharge of workmen is not explained, because, of course, the men would be required on the new route. It is certain that if the route is not to be changed, the sheds must be put in if traffic is to be continued throughout the year without interruption. Last winter has sufficiently demonstrated that fact.

Dixon Pardoned.

Many of our readers, says the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, will remember how, on the night of December 1st, 1882, Funk & Dickman's saloon was entered by two young men, Dixon and Wise, just as Mr. Funk was closing up, and how they seized and burked and gagged the proprietor, and then went through the safe, and got away with two or three hundred dollars; how they were followed to Victoria, arrested and extradited, and how, when their trial came on, they pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery and got fourteen years apiece in the territorial penitentiary. Governor Squires granted Dixon a conditional pardon. This is only to be valid during good behavior. About eighteen months ago Wise attempted to escape and was shot down by the guard.

He Let Her Out.

Our readers, says the *Columbian*, will remember that some time ago a Chinese woman was arrested, charged with embezzlement, and placed in the lock-up in this city to await her trial. This morning the case came up for hearing before T. C. Atkinson, P. M., and was dismissed. Constable Bloomfield, of Victoria, immediately re-arrested her on the same charge the warrant being returnable at Victoria. The woman was led back to the lock-up, but instead of being put in a cell she went into the house of Mr. Jackson, the keeper of the lock-up, and sat down by the fire to warm herself. Nobody was with her now but Mrs. Jackson. Mr. M. Woods, who was the prisoner's legal advisor, immediately went to the house and represented to Mrs. Jackson that the woman was now discharged, and Mrs. Jackson, not knowing that the prisoner had been rearrested, allowed her to escape. The prisoner was subsequently captured. The affair created some excitement at the time, as there was danger that the prisoner would not be recaptured.

Steamer Service.

It is understood that after the first of May the steamer Yosemite will be taken off the river route and placed on the Victoria-Vancouver route, as it is expected that passenger and freight trains will commence running to Vancouver by the first of the coming month. It has not yet been determined whether the hour of departure from this point will be made a later one or not. It certainly would be to the advantage of every one if it was placed at four o'clock. The trip through the islands and gulf, with the Olympians in sight, is one of the most interesting features of the transcontinental trip, but at the present early hour of departure this is all lost to the tourist on the way east. Coming west the time for leaving Vancouver would likely be two o'clock, which would bring the steamer to dock in Victoria between seven and eight. It is hoped that the Navigation Co. will be able to make arrangements to leave Victoria at four. The R. P. Rithet will be placed on the New Westminster route, and no doubt will prove equal to the constantly increasing freight traffic to and from Fraser river points.

FIRST PARTY DIVISION.

The Government Sustained by 32 Majority on the Queen's Election.

Maximum Mountain Rate for Passenger Traffic will be Five Cents per Mile Hereafter—New Freight Tariff will Not Discriminate Against the Interior—The British Columbia Contingent Highly Satisfied.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Ont., April 28.—The house discussed the Queen's county election case all day, and at 1 o'clock the first straight party division of the session took place. The government's majority was 32.

The British Columbia, Northwest territories, and Manitoba members had a four hours' interview with Van Horne and Olds to-night. They promised the maximum mountain rate for passenger traffic would be five cents a mile hereafter. The new freight tariff, to be issued in a fortnight, will not discriminate against the interior of British Columbia. Your Pacific coast members are highly satisfied.

THE GRAND OLD MAN

Visits the Wild West Show, and is Delighted.

Red Shirt "Didn't Take Notice Much About Brotherhood"—Gladstone Speaks Glowingly of America and Her Institutions—Her Future Bright and Promising.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

LONDON, April 28.—Mr. Gladstone and his wife to-day visited the grounds of the American exhibition and camp of the Wild West show. A special performance was given for their entertainment. They were much impressed by the *aborigines*. Gladstone sat and looked on with every evidence of child-like delight. After the performance he was introduced to the Indian Red Shirt. Gladstone spoke to him, and asked him whether he noticed any difference between the English and Americans, or if he regarded them as brothers? Red Shirt replied, he "didn't notice much about brotherhood." The 1500 workmen employed at the exhibition grounds cheered for Gladstone and home rule. Gladstone bowed repeatedly in answer to salutations. He was entertained at lunch by the managers of the exhibition. Col. Russell, of Boston, presided. Gladstone replying to the toast of his health said among other things: "The institutions and progress of the United States have always been the subject of great interest to me, ever since very many years ago I studied life at Washington. I became then aware first of the magnitude of the destiny reserved for the Americans; second of the fact that the period of the birth of the American state was of more interest than any other possible study. Whenever a youth, desirous of studying politics, consults me with respect to a course of study in the field of