Seven boats started in this race, but the three placed were the only ones in it from the start. The Admiral's galley at once took the lead, and at Snowden's boathouse were a length and a half to the good, the Champion crew as far behind the Warspite gig. The same positions were maintained rounding Dead Man's Island, and a hard race home followed, resulting in a victory for the Warspite galley by four lengths.

Lewis won the amateur swimming race, and F. Reid of the Champion came in first in the professional race, with Murray of the Warspite a good second. Then came the funniest of the fun of the day, the walking of the greasy pole and the Marine Artillery races. Those last are so well known that no description is necessary. They made a final laugh, and the crowds left for home good natured and happy, if tired.

EXCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONISTS.

Yesterday's celebrations were participated in by several thousand visitors—every city, town and village within a day's sail or drive from Victoria contributing towards the respectable total massed in British Columbia's capital. The special excursion train on the E. & N., which arrived at 10.40 a.m., consisted of seven cars, all loaded to their utmost capacity, and very many of those who failed to secure even standing room on the special, were obliged to hold over till the departure of the regular train, due in Victoria at 12.20. It brought three cars well filled with passengers.

The Islander arrived at 11 o'clock from Vancouver with a full complement of passengers, while the Princess Louise, the Hermosa and other excursion craft from Sound ports were also heavily laden with human freight. Perhaps, never in the history of Victoria, did visitors show up in greater numbers to celebrate what all hope will be by no means be the last anniversary of Her Majesty's birth.

All the city hotels were crowded on Monday night, so that, on the arrival of the trains and boats, the hotel agent was conspicuous by his absence. The hackmen, however, were on hand in increased numbers, wearing a sort of indifferent look—being sure of a "load." They were not disappointed, and those who failed to secure a seat were obliged to roam about town till they struck an excursion boat to take them to the seat of the principal sports—the Arm. Young men and maidens were as numerous as they were stylish, but the poor family man! He was to be pitied. Paterfamilais instinctively saw trouble ahead, and to provide against it, provided for it. He was almost ubiquitous with the family excursion basket in hand, and the sweet little olive branches clinging to it and to him, as he wended his way through the vast crowd. The young man with the new clothes—those distinctive creases down the gay colored unmentionables, indicative of a long stay on the shelves of the clothes store—was not by any means a rare specis, nor was the young lady in the height of fashion—as even that erratic dame holds sway in the most out-of-the-way hamlet. But style and taste was too varied to be particularly attractive. The excursionists came to enjoy themselves, and that they did, so was evident. So great were the attractions that they could not fail in this respect.

Every row and sailing boat in the harbor had been engaged days before the great event, visitors being in consequence obliged to put themselves in charge of the public carriers. The steamers Sadie and Badger, with their scows attached, plied every half hour from the foot of Johnson street, and from the wharf a little further up the Florence did good service. This, however, lasted only up to 1 p.m.; and it was then that the hack drivers got in their fine work. "Only four bits a seat!" was the deafening cry which prevailed at the corner of Government and Yates street; and several loads were readily made up at this figure. But, as the day wore on, passengers were not so numerous, and an appeal to manional sympateles was made by the man in the driver's seat. It was noticeable that while some of the hacks were decorated with the Union Jack in miniature others were adorned with the Stars and Stripes—for our visiting friends from Uncle Sam's domain were numerous. And the little piece of strategy worked well. At three o'clock, the city looked like a deserted village—so far as concourse and traffic were concerned. Every place of business, except the saloons, fruit and cigar stores, was closed, and even in those the uneasy attendants had a very dull time of it. Things did not begin to brighten up until the sports at the Gorge were over, and then business was brisk until the pyrotechnical display called the holiday seekers to Beacon Hill Park.

After having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day, hundreds of the excursionists returned to their respective homes. The City of Kingston left at eleven o'clock, the Islander at midnight, the Yosemite at 2 a.m., the Princess Louise at midnight, and the City of Nanaimo at about the same hour—all carrying a full load of passengers. There are, however, very many who remain over, and who will either leave to-day or spend a short time in Victoria.

Among the newspaper men who visited town were J. B. Nelson and Col. Munger, of the Seattle Post Intelligencer.

James Cash and wife, of New Westminster, came over to take in the Celebration. Mrs. Cash, unfortunately, took ill on Monday evening, and has since been confined to her room in the Burnes House.

J. P. Crawford, Seattle, is in town.

George K. Livingstone, of Port Townsend, was over for the sports.

A. R. Rickman, treasurer of the Royal City Planing Mills, New Westminster, is in town, as is also Manager Jardine.

Charles Wilson, barrister, New Westminster, is over for the holidays.

Hotel men are strong among the visitors. The list includes mine host Treeman, of the Merchants' Hotel, New Westminster, and Messrs. Crean and Thomas, of the Oriental, Vancouver.

ILLUMINATIONS.

"Beacon Hill last night!" What a vision of loveliness those words conjure up, and how long will be treasured in the minds of all the thousands who were there the beautiful scene that came upon their senses as a revelation of the truly picturesque. Grand as the scenery surrounding this favored spot, and magnificent as are the attractions that have been thrown round it by the hand of man, more splendid in effect than either was the grand pyrotechnic display and illumination—a fitting close to two days of glad rejoicing with which Victorians and multitudes of foreign visitors have celebrated the 73rd anniversary of the birthday of the Queen.

When the regatta was over, shouting and all; when the last race had been won and lost, and the last cheer given for the winners, the host of pleasure seekers poured back into town, filling the deserted streets with laughing, pushing crowds, who quickly made their way home to prepare for the final exercises at Beacon Hill. As soon as dusk came on, and the hastening darkness told of the fast approaching end of one more Queen's Birthday, everybody came out again, and for over an hour every street leading to James Bay was black with people all intent on witnessing the fireworks and illuminations.

At a little after 9 o'clock, the Park and and grounds surrounding the lakes presented a scene that no pen could describe or any brush depict. The impossibility of doing full justice to such a beautiful blending of colors, and such a charming outdoor fairyland, must be apparent to all who were there and saw for themselves. And there were very few citizens and no visitors who stayed away.

Sheer up from the new lake, circling its boundaries and running in long straggling lines among the handsome trees, losing themselves here and there, breaking off suddenly in the most unexpected manner, and just as suddenly clustering in big bunches among dainty little nooks of tree and fern, were thousands of Japanese lanterns of every shape and color. Elongated parchment covers looking like extended hall lamps, small silk paper devices the size of a tea cup, and the familiar orange-shaped lantern were mixed up with the greatest taste and conformity of color. By every path, following in exactly parallel lines on either side of it, were these beautiful lights, shedding a soft glow, now blue, now red, yellow, and pink, below them, and casting a radiance in the mass of green overhead that made the trees appear as if they might be quivering rainbows. Into the very water of the lakes the lanterns went dancing and glistening on the steel-like surface, and having a thousand many-colored stars flung back to them. Ripples in parts of the water seemed to be great bars of gold. Against the dark background of the smooth lawns beyond, the radiant twinkling showed distinct and clear. Even the magnificent pines, standing in the blackness of the night, high into the sky, like huge sentinels, were made a factor in the general picture. And over all this little artificial world of beautiful pictures spread the broad arch of heaven, with a wondrous white line on the horizon that betokened the presence of the Olympians.

The gem of the whole picture—a fitting keystone to its surroundings—was the central stone-arched bridge across Goodacre Lake. Lining its graceful outlines with a fringe of bright colors, many lanterns were ingeniously hung, bringing out an effect of splendor and symmetry that called forth many expressions of wondering admiration.

And through these scenes of fairyland and among these glades lit up in colors of every hue, strolled many thousand people. Laughing, joking, chatting gaily, and taking in the sights the multitude of holiday makers waited for the gun that would tell them the pyrotechnical display was about to commence; soon it boomed out, and a solitary rocket answering it immediately heralded the advent of the very last item of the celebration.

What is this small light growing gradually in size and rising into the air? As it gets higher it forms itself into an elephant balloon, and the shrieks of delighted children ring out as it clumsily mounts upward until it is lost to sight and becomes indistinguishable among the myriads of stars. It is followed by another balloon—this time a pig—which goes in the same direction. When it has disappeared, three more balloons rise slowly, this time of the ordinary shape, but containing large quantities of mixed fireworks which form a splendid picture as they shoot out in all directions.

When the balloon work had been completed, a Bengal light illumination made the scene all over the Hill more lovely than ever. For six minutes a number of high lights burnt, changing color incessantly, and dazzling the eye with the brilliancy of the different hues presented. Then blazing out in a burst of splendor, right along the face of the Hill, shone forth the words "Victoria's Greeting" in changing colored lights. The letters turned from white to a beautiful emerald green, and from the whole top of the device came magnificent showers of fire and stars. Hardly had the beauties of this piece had time to form themselves in the minds of the immense crowd of onlookers, before a prismatic illumination, finer than any that has ever been presented on this coast, blazed forth. It changed quickly into a cross fire of Roman batteries tha reached the full length of the grounds. Then slowly dying out and fading into the darkness beyond, its centre was seen to glow again, and, hardly before the change could be realized, a Victoria star device in Mosaic of changing prisms sprang out, containing every color that the pyrotechnist's art has been capable of producing.

Scarcely had the effect of this gone from the delighted eyes of the audience when a magnesium illumination, more brilliant than anything that preceded it, was flashed along the Hill. It was in the form of a pyramid, but suddenly changed into an immense fountain, throwing gold and blue sprays over the entire park, and firsting again into a pyramidal form as at first.

The next item was provocative of a good deal of amusement. It was a representation of a performing acrobat on a horizontal bar, and the antics of the mimic V. A. C. man were very comical.

A mechanical device was next presented. It started in the shape of a Japanese fan with a revolving centre. Then suddenly it burst into fires, falling in all directions for several seconds and mingling again into a huge parasol. A cross fire illumiuation was made the means of destroying several hundreds of fine rockets and a representation of huge clusters of diamonds led the way for the grand final display—the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

This magnificent spectacle as produced last night served to show how far the science of pyrotechnics has gone, and how much that is beautiful and impressive can be made out of gunpowder and chemicals. Three Spanish three-deckers, close hauled, decks manned, lights shining, and officers on the poops, lay in front of one of Britain's old Hearts of Oak. Presently the Britisher, hauling her Union Jack to her topmast, fired the first shot, and it was answered immediately by the Spaniards. Then began a close combat, the roar of guns, smoke, and blazing of small arms making it look like a real sea fight. For several minutes the battle raged, and gradually the Spanish vessels were destroyed, the band playing, in a manner that stirred up the blood in the pulses of the onlookers, "Rule Britannia." Then a final broadside from the Britisher did the work, and, with a loud explosion, the last of the Spaniards blew up. Right in the centre of the enormous blaze of flame that shot up from her deck in an oval form, with the features well nigh perfect, slowly appeared a colossal portrait of Queen Victoria, and underneath it the words "God save our Queen." Then, amid a final shower of rockets, from thousands of voices there came the strains of the National Anthem and hats went off and heads were raised uncovered to the sky as the chorus swelled upward through the masses of green trees and waving upland—

"Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!"

NOTES.

The Kuper Island band goes home this morning.

The Hermosa was chartered by the Bellingham Bay contingent to bring them over yesterday.

The chimes of Christ Church Cathedral rung in a welcome to the natal day of England's Queen.

The Salvation Army in this city celebrated the 24th with a picnic at Oak Bay, which was enjoyed by upwards of 150 lads and lasses. They had their own band, and a concertina soloist as well.

A great deal of trouble was caused at the close of the Pyrotechnic display by the actions of several hackmen who, notwithstanding the fact that every thoroughfare was fairly blocked with people, persisted in attempting to force their carriages through the crowd. In several instances they and their horses were held forcibly at a standstill till the number of pedestrians had somewhat decreased.

The bicycle parade at Beacon Hill last night was a feature of the proceedings. The boys turned out well, and many of them exercised a great deal of care and spared no pains to make their wheels as attractive as possible. They paraded in single line round the various lantern illumined tracks and were heartily applauded as they passed through the big crowds.

"C" Battery Band played a fine series of selections at Beacon Hill last night, and every item was listened to with a great deal of pleasure. When they finished with the National Anthem the big crowds helped them through by singing it along with the music.

Lieut.-Governor Nelson honored the base ball game with his presence, and the courtesy was much appreciated.

THE INQUEST ADJOURNED.

The Police Granted Further Time to Look Into a Mysterious Case.

An inquest was held, yesterday afternoon, at the police station, by Coroner Morrison, on the body of the child found, last Sunday morning, in the old cemetery, packed away in a small box.

The jury consisted of Messrs. T. J. Burnes (foreman), F. LeRoy, J. P. Matthews, W. Bond, W. J. Cameron and H. Short.

Denis Driscoll, police officer, deposed that, on Sunday afternoon, he found a box about one and and a half feet long, with the body of a small child in it. The body was the same as that which the jury had just seen. Tried to ascertain some clue as to who put it in the old cemetery, but had not yet succeeded. Was in the station when the finding of the body was reported by a gentleman. Had not found the body himself.

By a Juryman: Don't know the name of the man that gave the information. Don't know who he is. He has not been ordered here, to-day, to give evidence.

The Coroner: Gentlemen of the jury, that's all the witnesses there are in this case. I have examined the body carefully, and am not certain whether it was still-born or not. I have found that some bones of the head are fractured, and there is a big clot of blood on the brain which would be quite sufficient to account for the death.

The Chief of Police explained that the great press of work during the holidays had prevented the police from prosecuting enquiries, and he would ask for an adjournment. It was absolutely necessary to have the evidence of a medical man before "the case" could be proceeded with.

The jury regarded the explanation as satisfactory, and the coroner adjourned for one week. Later in the day an autopsy was made by Dr. Foot, who found that the corpse was that of a still-born child, and that all the bones of the head were either broken or displaced.

A DISTINGUISHED POSITION.

Sir Frederick Richards has Decided to Accept the British Admiralty's Offer.

Last night, before leaving here for Vancouver on the s.s. Yosemite, Admiral Sir Frederick Richards was seen by a COLONIST representative. He said: "I went out to take command of the China station fifteen months ago, and placed my flag aboard H.M.S. "Imperieuse," relieving Admiral Sir Noel Salmon. Last month, Admiral Fairfax was appointed to the command of the Channel squadron, and his position as Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty therefore fell vacant. I was offered the position and accepted it, and shall be sworn in on my arrival in London. The Sea Lords hold their positions at pleasure, and, therefore, I can say nothing about future probabilities. I may say, however, that I am never going back to China again.

"The traffic just now from this continent to England must be something immense. I have telegraphed several times since my arrival here and find that it is absolutely impossible to get accommodation through by way of New York except by being content to take a passage about five weeks ahead. Of course, I cannot do this, as I must get home post haste. So there is nothing left to do but to get away to England via Quebec. My flag captain goes with me."

THE CANADA WESTERN.

Col. A. J. Kane on His Way to Victoria With the Necessary Deposit.

Letters and telegrams received from Col. A. J. Kane, the agent of the Chicago syndicate of capitalists, who will undertake the building of the Canada Western line, convey intelligence that he has arranged for the necessary cash deposit with his principals. He is now on his way to Victoria with a couple of his principals and the necessary documents. The time in which the Canada Western people were given to put up the cash deposit was limited to the end of the present month, which made it necessary for Col. Kane to hustle in the matter, capitalists not liking to rush into any scheme without careful enquiry. If nothing interferes to prevent, the Canada Western will very shortly be in the first stages of construction.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

WEDNESDAY, 25th May.

Croft v. Tolmie—Mr. Belyea for plaintiff; Mr. C. D. Mason for Defence. Application to sign final judgment. Struck out.

Culverwell, Brooks & Co., v. Moss—Mr. H. W. B. Aikman for plaintiffs; Mr. Belyea for defence. Application for security for costs. Adjourned till to-day.

Williams v. Spencer—Mr. Eberts for plaintiff; Mr. Walls for defence. Application on adjourned summons. Adjourned till to-day.

Foster v. Shushwap & Okanagon Railway Co.—Mr. Irving for the plaintiff; Mr. Mara for the Company. Application for mandamus. Adjourned *sine die*.

Credit Where Credit's Due.

In future Queen's birthday celebrations, Messrs. Hand & Co., of Hamilton, can depend upon being called upon to supply all the fireworks required. Those which delighted the thousands at Beacon Hill on Tuesday night were from this well known firm, and the pyrotechnical display was looked after by Mr. F. W. Hand in person.

THE CITY.

An Error in the Number.

The Golden Rule Store, which has just been purchased by Mr. Wilby, is at 91 Douglas street, not at 10, as was stated yesterday.

To Face the Charge.

The Port Townsend Leader states that extradition papers have been applied for in the case of Charles Keating and Thomas Preston, who are wanted across the line for sand-bagging and robbery.

Resumed.

Steamer R. P. Rithet resumed her old Victoria and New Westminster route last night, in place of the Princess Louise, the latter having been chartered to bring a number of people across from Port Angeles this morning.

The Blue Jeans.

The sawmill scene in Blue Jeans, which will be seen here next month, promises to be one of the greatest sensations ever seen on the stage. Just fancy a man travelling on a plank towards a buzzing circular-saw, and only saved in the nick of time by the heroine.

Church Parade.

Members of the C. O. O. F., M. U. Lodge No. 10 attended divine service yesterday morning at St. Luke's church, Cedar hill, when the pastor, Rev. M. C. Browne, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon, dealing generally with the benefits of the order.

Number One.

The provincial police have begun to gather in their harvest of liquor peddlers among the Indians on the Reserve. Late last night, Michael O'Brien, an old offender, was captured by three specials of the force, red-handed, and was quickly taken to the station and lodged in the cells.

The Conference Over.

Rev. Messrs. Gurd and Collinson came down from their northern fields of labor by the Chieftain last evening. The District Conference of the Episcopal church in the North was held at Alert Bay a few days ago. The session lasted two days and a considerable amount of business was transacted.

The New Povincial Building.

It is understood that the Government valuators, Messrs. Geo. Haines and Jno. Austin, have completed a valuation of the property to be expropriated for public purposes. As was to be expected, the owners have declined the awards of the valuators, and the matter will be submitted to arbitration. The preliminary steps to this end have been taken. This will not delay the prosecution of work on the building site.

A Big Force.

Things were lively on the Indian Reserve, last night, there being, in addition to the inhabitants, over 400 boys and young men, who have come down from Valdez Island, Cowichan, Sooke, Beecher Bay, and Nanaimo, to compete in to-morrow's races. They have with them 10 canoes, three Indian dugouts, and 30 canoes for women. The Kuper Island band, of 15 pieces, will be down by train at noon, to-day.

On a Holiday Trip.

The Rev. D. McRae left by the Kingston on Monday on a brief holiday trip across the Sound, intending to go as far south as Portland, Ogn., and take in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States at present in session there. Mr. McRae expects to be away about two weeks. During his absence his place will be supplied by the Rev. A. B. Winchester and Mr. Cambell, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg.

Did Not Put Up Any Money.

The Queen's Plate race, on Saturday, was a surprise in more ways than one. Leap Year, the winner, was not supposed to be in the race, and although the owner, Mr. McNeil, knew pretty nearly what was in his horse, he did not put up any money in side bets. Had he backed his horse in the same way as other owners did theirs, he could have scooped thousands of dollars. But he didn't, and consequently is little winner except, of course, by the first money.

Clark-Gilmore.

Ex-Alderman Clark, the well-known Carrol street merchant, Vancouver, was married, on Monday morning, to Miss Gilmore, of Goldstream, the service being performed by Rev. D. A. McRae in the presence of a few old and intimate friends. After a brief honeymoon trip across the Sound, Mr. and Mrs. Clark will settle down in their home in Vancouver, with the best wishes of their many friends in Victoria and on the Mainland for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

Donations for April.

The directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital acknowledge the following donations received during April: W. & J. Wilson, a quantity of clothing; Miss Finlayson, bundle of old linen; Mrs. W. Green, quantity of children's clothing; Mrs. McTavish, oranges, lemons and eggs; King's Daughters, flowers; Mrs. Wilson, a quantity of clothing; Mrs. Smith, clothing and old linen; Dr. Hasel, a quantity of underclothing and clothes. There were also donations of a number of chickens from a few friends.

The Chinese Garden Nuisance.

It is to be hoped, now that Ald. Styles has called the attention of the Sanitary committee and officer to the disgraceful nuisance which exists on the Chinese gardens on the Work Estate, that active measures will be taken to permanently abate it. These lands are leased for a small sum to the Chinamen by some of the largest owners of Victoria property, who should have more consideration for the many people who have bought land from them, have built houses and are living in them. If necessary, a special bylaw should be passed, which would effectually settle the question, although it is claimed if the health authorities would do their duty, no further legislation would be required.

Lumbermen Agree at Last.

The representations of several of the big lumber industries on the island have finally succeeded in bringing about an amicable arrangement among the local lumbermen, and henceforth prices will be controlled by the Lumber Exchange at set figures. This arrangement for long hung fire, and many times it was given up in disgust as impossible, nevertheless all parties have at last become convinced that the best thing to do is to join hands and fix prices in every department of the business. The list as agreed on will be formally issued to-day. The most important item to the consumer which it contains is a rate of $10 per thousand for rough lumber. It will thus be seen that the combine has not been formed to bring about stiff prices or to raise values. Indeed, if such was the case, the agreement could not last for people would break up the Exchange by dealing in big and cheaper lots from Vancouver.

Provincial Exhibition Association.

A convention of representative men of the various cities and districts of the Province will be held at the City Hall, New Westminster, on Wednesday, June 1, at 2 p.m.

Threatened Water Famine.

The inhabitants of the upper portions of the city are complaining of a shortage of water, and fear that unless the tanks are filled at once they will be experiencing a water famine in the course of a few days.

Is It Infanticide?

No clue has as yet been found as to the parentage of the infant, whose body was found in the old cemetery. The body still lies at the undertaker's, and not for a couple of days, under present arrangements, will it have a more respectable interment than that accorded to it.

A Celebration All Their Own.

Mr. Arthur Lee, of the real estate firm of Lee & Fraser, is enjoying a wedding tour in the Sound country. He was united in marriage on Monday evening to Miss Sarah Butler, daughter of Capt. J. W. Butler, Rev. Coverdale Watson performing the ceremony at the Pandora avenue Methodist church.

The B. P. O. E.

Mr. Samuel Martin, Past District Exalted Ruler in the B. P. Order of Elks for the State of Washington, is in the city attending the spring meeting of the Victoria Jockey Club. At the close of the meeting Mr. Martin will journey to Buffalo, N. Y., for the purpose of obtaining a special dispensation to found a lodge of the Order in this city, such dispensation being necessary as it is against the rules of the order to form lodges outside of the United States. Should his mission be successful, and Mr. Martin is very confident that it will be, Victoria will be the first city outside of Uncle Sam's domains to contain a lodge of this estimable and fraternal order.

Bell Watts Disqualified.

Mr. John Gannon, the owner of Bell Watts, is experiencing very hard luck with his mare. After buying her in perfectly good faith for a large sum, she has on several occasions failed to justify the high expectations raised by her private trials, and now it is charged that the persons from whom he purchased her sold her to him under false pretences, and possibly under a false name, as she is in the Eastern forfeit lists to the tune of $775. Notice of her default was only received by the Jockey Club on Sunday last, and she was consequently barred out of the Free-for-All yesterday. A full investigation will be made, but no reflection lies on Mr. Gannon personally.

Victoria's Musical Festival.

The noted soloists who are to take the principal solo parts in the great festival at Cincinnati, Chicago, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, will appear here in a series of concerts or festivals during June next, when the divine music from the "Creation" "Elijah," "Messiah," "Stabat Mater," the Season's Masses and Requiem, will be rendered, affording Victorians a royal treat. Mr. E. T. Liegher, the well known manager of some of the largest musical and operatic companies ever on the Pacific Coast, is here in the interest of the above attraction, and feels confident that he will be able to give the greatest vocal entertainment ever enjoyed on the coast. Oratorio festivals are supplanting grand operas throughout the East.

A CHURCH PARADE.

How the Sons of England Celebrated the Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

There was a splendid turn out of the Sons of England yesterday morning in front of Foresters' Hall, on Government street. Both Lodges were represented (Alexandra, No. 116, and Pride of the Island, No. 131), and they made a brave showing with badges and official regalia, as they lined up, headed by the Victoria City Band, and started for the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church. On the way the band played the Souvenir of India and Pilot marches, and when the handsome church was reached, the members of the order filed decorously into the places reserved for them. The edifice was crowded with worshippers, and several special anthems, including the Te Deum, were sung, appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. Coverdale Watson, in a special sermon, one of his best efforts since he has been in this city, warmly advocated the extension of such orders as the Sons of England, and entreated the members not to forget the grand principle that was written in their constitution, to aid the weak, the aged and the infirm, and never to use any power or strength they possessed except to benefit their less fortunate brethren. The sermon was listened to throughout with great interest. When the final hymn had been sung, the procession left the church, re-formed, and started back to the Lodge Room to the music of the "Relay" and "Queen and Prince" marches. The latter is a medley of "The Queen of England," "Trafalgar" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and it was played excellently. On reaching Foresters' Hall, the officers passed through a double line of saluting members, and the National Anthem was sung, needless to say very heartily. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Rev. Caverdale Watson for his admirable address, and the choir of the church for their special and successful efforts.

The Sons of England, who thus annually celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday, are fast gaining in strength in this Province, and by the end of the year it is expected that the order will be as well known here as it it in Eastern Canada. The members will, of course, make no public demonstration on the 24th, but as Englishmen and Sons of Englishmen they are pledged individually to make all visitors with whom they may come in contact feel that they are heartily welcome to British soil.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

The Admiral of the Chinese Squadron Arrives in Victoria.

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick W. Richards, K.C.B., with his flag lieutenant, Douglas R. L. Nicholson and Captain Poe, R.N., arrived here just in time to see the last of the Queen's Birtnday Celebration, last evening. They are, to-day, guests at the Dallas, where they will remain for a day or two before proceeding home by the Canadian Pacific.

The Admiral received his appointment on November 29, 1890, and assumed command of the China Squadron, with the Imperieuse as the flagship, on January 20 of last year. He is now returning to England, having arrived at San Francisco a week ago. He is succeeded in command by Vice-Admiral Sir Edmund R. Freemantle, K.C.B., C.M.G.

THE CITY.

Toward the New Pulpit.

The net receipts of the two dramatic entertainments given in Victoria West recently in aid of a new pulpit for St. Saviour's church, amounted to about $50.

In Aid of the Cathedral.

The 14th of June has been settled upon as the date of a grand social and concert at Metchosin, the proceeds of which will go toward the erection of the new Christ Church Cathedral.

Swallow Wins the Second Class Race.

It was decided, yesterday, that Swallow and not Killooloo was the winner of the second class yacht race on the 23rd inst., on account of the latter boat being measured at 20 ft., 2 ft. over the proper length.

Appointed Lloyd's Agent.

Mr. R. P. Rithet has received notification of his appointment as Lloyd's agent in this city *vice* the late R. Finlayson. Mr. Rithet was recommended by the California Board of Underwriters, though not seeking the position.

Off for England.

Hon. Jno. Robson, Premier and Provincial Secretary, leaves, this evening, for England on a mission connected with the deep sea fisheries development scheme. The Premier expects to be away a couple of months, and, by the time he returns, it is hoped everything will be arranged to ensure the successful carrying out of the plans.

Nearing Completion.

The fine brick and stone business block, corner of Johnson and Store streets, belonging to Mr. S. Leiser, is fast nearing completion. Yesterday, the scaffolding was being removed, the outer walls and cornice work having been completed. Workmen are busy on the interior fittings, and hope to be through in the course of a few weeks.

Victoria Building Society.

At a meeting of the Victoria Building Society held in the office of Messrs. Flint and Williams, real estate brokers, last evening, the committee, Messrs. J. Holland, Henry Moss and William Templeman, reported that shares 62 A and B had been withdrawn, and that 62 C and D of $1,000 each, held by Miss Gertrude Flumerfelt, were entitled to the double appropriation of the society, $2,000.

To the Big Potlach.

All the Indians who took part in the celebration left, yesterday morning, for North Arm, where the biggest potlach ever given in the province will be held. It will last two weeks, and includes forty canoe races, twelve tugs of war, and several hundred foot races. Twelve thousand pounds of meat and other food will be distributed, and ten chiefs are to receive each a handsome marble tombstone.

The New Drill Shed.

As there is a considerable quantity of ammunition, etc, stored in the old drill shed, the contractor is not disposed to commence operations on the new structure until all danger is removed. The work of clearing out will begin in a few days, and as soon as this is completed, Humber & Sons will have the old place torn down and make a start on the new and more sightly building, which will be ready for occupation early next spring.

Struck Off the Rolls.

Yesterday morning a meeting of the Benchers of the Law Society of British Columbia, was held in Mr. Walls' office to consider the case of Mr. F. G. Walker. It was concluded to strike his name off the rolls, and debar him entirely from further practice in the country. There were present the following gentlemen: Hon. Theodore Davie, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Hon. A. N. Richards, D. M. Eberts, Thornton Fell J. Stuart Yates.

An Interesting Contest.

A boat race was arranged, yesterday, between G. A. Richardson, the well-known oarsman of this city, and Alex. McLean, New Westminster's world's champion. The course is the usual three miles, from the James Bay boathouse round Deadman's Island, and back to the starting point. Richardson will row on a sliding seat and McLean in a fixed bottom, both boats to be 18-footers. The race, which will be rowed at 7:30, next Wednesday night, is for a purse of $200, and a good portion of the money has already been deposited in the hands of Dan Macintosh, who is starter. Muirhead, Petersen's backer, will referee the race.

A GRAND BALL

Given by the Tinners and Cornice Workers Last Night.

The first annual ball under the auspices of the Tinners and Cornice Workers, L. U. No. 66, was held last night in Assembly Hall, and was such a big success that it will no doubt become one of the regular annual events, to which the lovers of the light fantastic will look forward with pleasure. The spacious hall was tastefully decorated, and although the variety of gay bunting usually brought into requisition on such occasions was not present, the substitutes were fully as effective. Bright colored paper chains were festooned in all directions and interspersed with sprigs of evergreen and exotics, judiciously placed, gave the place a beautiful appearance. The Bantly orchestra supplied the music—which goes without saying that it was first class—and when partners were called for the Grand March ninety-two couples responded. Long before supper, however, this number was more than doubled, and so enthusiastic were all present that there was no difficulty experienced in filling every engagement. The programme was an attractive one of twenty-two items, including all the favorites. It was also somewhat novel in its get up, inasmuch as each item was given an appropriate title. The "You and I" waltz was as significant as the "Oh, How Nice" comic, or the "Take me to Supper" quadrille. The "I Feel Better" polka started the dancers after supper, and when the clock chimed out the solemn midnight hour every available foot of the well-waxed floor was occupied by merry couples dancing in the Queen's Birthday. The great anniversary had advanced several hours ere the Tinners and Cornice workers and their friends separated.

The reception committee was composed of Messrs. Fred Saul, George K. Gilbert and Edward Leason, and well they did their work; while the floor was ably managed by Messrs. W. H. Schafers, director; J. G. McDonald, Edwin McDonald, and James Kirkwood.

The local branch of the Tin, Steel, Iron and Cornice Workers' International Association was established in Victoria just twelve months ago, and it is pleasing to know that the greatest unanimity exists between the men and their "bosses."

RELIEF FOR THE QUADRA.

H. M. S. Champion Goes North, this Morning at Daylight, to Rose Harbor.

Arrangements to Have the Wrecking Steamer Mascotte Follow at Once—A Narrow Escape.

In marine circles almost the sole topic of conversation, yesterday, was the wreck of the Government steamer Quadra. Capt. Lewis, agent of the marine department here, was busy all day arranging to have the necessary relief sent north, and Capt. Gaudin, of the Quadra, was also engaged on the same mission. As soon as the news of the untoward disaster was received at Esquimalt, Rear-Admiral Hotham, C.B., thoughtfully and kindly volunteered the services of H.M.S. Champion to go up to Rose Harbo to make an examination of the rock on which the vessel struck, and also to take relief and afford assistance. The offer so generously made was after due consideration accepted, and this morning at daybreak the Champion leaves on the northern cruise. She expected to be back on June 1, or soon after. Other arrangements are being made to have the wrecking steamer Mascotte leave, today, for the scene of the wreck. Captain Lewis, yesterday, ascertained the expenses that would be attached to this expedition, and wired full particulars to the Department at Ottawa, asking for instructions, and recommending that the terms be accepted. In the meantime, Capt. McCoskrie, of the Mascotte, was given instructions to hold his steamer in readiness to leave at once.

The above summarizes all that has been done, and those most interested in the wreck will only have to wait until the return of the warship for further information. In the meantime, Mr. J. M. Macoun, agent of the British Behring Sea Commission, who was on his way North on the Quadra and returned on Tuesday night with Captain Gaudin, has arranged to go to Alaska on H. M. S. Melpomene, which leaves June 1, to continue his work, which by the wreck has been considerably delayed. Mr. Macoun regrets very much the disaster. He says Captain Gaudin was in no way to blame, as he was very careful all the way up, and at the very moment the steamer struck he had a man heaving the lead, but on the opposite side so that the rock was not felt. This was an extra precaution to take, as the chart showed eleven fathoms of water. After the steamer was beached she listed to one side, but the Captain's cabin and that occupied by Mr. Macoun was out of the water, and the first night both of them slept in their bunks. The following night, however, they, for some unexplainable reason, decided to sleep in the tents on shore. It was lucky they did so, for, during the night, the ship listed over more, and the cabin was sunk quite under the water. Had the captain and Mr. Macoun remained on board, they would very probably have been drowned. It was a narrow escape, and both feel thankful at getting off so well.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Satisfactory Preparations for the Queen's Birthday Celebration.

The holiday season has somewhat upset the local markets, but, although many thousands of visitors had to be provided for, the catering was most successful and creditable to the hotel-keepers and restaurateurs of Victoria. They were fully prepared for the influx, having laid in big supplies. In no particular was there a shortage, nor did the local merchants attempt to make extra charges for this special occasion. The amount of animal and vegetable food consumed in the city during the week is astonishing. The butchers had special shipments of beef, mutton and pork, and killed in time to have the meat in prime condition. Fortunately the course was clear from the Northwest Territories and the beef sent over from these quarters was excellent in quality. Several large shipments of new potatoes arrived in time, while fruits were also on hand in abundance. Potatoes sell at from 2c to 3c per lb, and are of superior quality; but the old stock is holding out well and where well-preserved has not as yet shown many signs of running to seed. Eggs are up 5c per dozen and are not over abundant. The *bona fide* spring chicken has made its appearance and can be had at from 60c to 75c per pair. Rhubarb sells at from 5c to 6c per lb, cabbages 2c per lb, turnips 1c, carrots 1c and green peas 10c per lb. Choice oranges run up to 75c per dozen, but other fruit can be had as low as 30c. There is no change in the price of meats, flour or feed stuffs. Salmon is scarce and retails at from 8c to 10c per lb. Halibut is plentiful at 5c per lb. The ruling retail prices are as follows:

FLOUR—Portland roller per brl	$ 6.25
Salem	6.25
Snowflake	6.25
Hungarian	6.25 @ 6.50
Premier	6.50
Three Star	6.00
Victoria	5.75@6.00
Wheat, per ton	40.00@45.00
Oats, per ton	30.00 @ 32.50
Barley, per ton	30.00 @ 35.00
Middlings, per ton	30.00@32.50
Bran, per ton	27.00@30.00
Ground Feed, per ton	31.00@32.50
Oil Cake, per ton	35.00@40.00
Corn, whole	45.00
" cracked	50.00
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs. Canadian	2.75@3 00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	50c
" National Mills, per 10 lbs	50c
Rolled Wheat, National Mills, per 10 lbs	50c
Rolled Oats, per lb " "	6c
Chopped Feed, " " per ton	30.00
Pearl Barley, " " per lb	7c
Split Peas, " " per lb	5c@7c
Potatoes, per ton	18.00@20.00
Onions, per lb	2@3
Hay, baled, per ton	20.00
Straw, per bale	1@1.25
Beets, per lb	1@1½
Apples, per box	1.50 @ 1.50
Oranges, per case	3.00 @4.50
Lemons, California, per case	3.00 @ 4.00
Cabbage (white), per lb	2c
Eggs, Island, per dozen	25@30
Butter, Island roll, (2 lbs)	45 @ 60
" Creamery, per 3 lbs.	1.00
" California, per roll	70
Cheese, Canadian per lb., retail	14 @ 16
Hams, American "	18@20
Bacon, American, per lb	14 to 16
" Rolled "	14½–16
Shoulders, per lb	12½–13½
Lard "	15@20
Meats—Beef "	12@16
Sides "	8@10
Mutton, per lb	12@16
Pork, fresh "	12@15
Veal, dressed, per lb	12@18
Chickens, per pair	1.00@1.50
f cattle	4@5
Sheep	6@7
Hogs	8@9
Calves	7½@8
Hides	4@7
Skins, sheep, each	60@70
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	8@10c
Cod, per lb	8c
Halibut, per lb