Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Agreeably Unique—As will be seen by referring to the weather report for the past month, less rain fell during April, 1905, than has been the case for nearly thirty years. In April, 1877, the rainfall was 0.14 inch and the average for thirty-one years is 1.59 inches, whereas last month the total was 0.21 inches.

Next Convention Here.—At the meeting of the Teachers' Institute held at Revelstoke last week, it was decided to hold the next convention at Victoria. A resolution favoring the holding of the midsummer entrance examinations simultaneously at the various centres was carried. It was decided to abolish the midwinter entrance examinations.

Imperial Limited.—The double daily service on the C. P. R. will be inaugurated June 4. The Imperial Limited will leave Vancouver at 5:15 p. m., and will arrive at 10:40 a. m. The Atlantic Express will leave Vancouver at 8 a. m., and the Pacific Express will arrive at 7:30 p. m. The schedule of arrivals and departures at Montreal has not yet been received.

Sneak Thieves Unrewarded.—Some tim after 10 o'clock Saturday night sneak thieves entered the premises of Smith & Champion, furniture manufacturers, Douglas street, and went through the till. There being nothing therein save a few postage stamps, which were not molested, the intruders withdrew, no richer than when they took big chances and became burglars. Entrance was gained by forcing a back window.

Close Ladysmith Office.—Announcement is made that the government office at Ladysmith is to be closed on Friday next, the business in future to be carried on by the Nanaimo office. George Thomson, the present government agent at Ladysmith, is to be transferred to Victoria and enter the assessor's office here as assistant to Assessor Worsfold. S. McB. Smith will devote his attention to work outside the Victoria district.

Wholesale Grocers' Association.—At the annual meeting of the Wholesale Gorcers' Association of British Columbia, held in Vancouver on Saturday last, officers for the ensuing year were named as follows: President, Percy Wollaston, Victoria; vice-president, W. J. McMillan, Vancouver; treasurer, J. H. B. Rickaby, Victoria; secretary, F. Elworthy, Victoria; assistant secretary, J. N. Ellis, Vancouver. Victoria was represented at the convention by Messrs. Wollaston, Todd, Elworthy and Rickaby.

Delicious Innocence.—There is an element of delicious innocence in this editorial paragraph from the Vancouver World: "Three men were arrested in New York yesterday for cutting up rather roughly. They gave what undoubtedly will prove fictitious names, for one asserted that he was William Gallagher, M. P., from Ottawa. Whomever he may have been, he probably intended this for a smart trick on 'Big Bill' Galliher, one of British Columbia's representatives at Ottawa."

Fires of the Month.—The total fire loss in Victoria during the month just ended is given by Chief Watson as just ten dollars short of one hundred. There were during April eight alarms—two of them false, and one, on the first, for a fire outside the corporation limits. A roof fire at the boiler house of the Taylor mill on the 8th, is charged with $5 loss; that is also put down as the damage at Rev. J. F. Vichert's on the 13th; $10 is stated to cover the loss at Ald. Dr. Hall's on the 12th; and $70 is the damage bill in consequence of the burning of a cow shed on Beacon street Friday.

Marched to Goldstream.—On Sunday morning about fifty members of No. 1 company, Fifth Regiment, took part in the route march to Goldstream, the start being made from the Drill hall early in the forenoon. An advance party of about twelve had left about an hour before the main body, and when the latter, accompanied by the bugle band, arrived at Craigflower bridge, they were attacked and forced to retire for a short distance. Some skirmishing was indulged in until the Six-Mile House was reached, when a number of the attacking party were surprised and captured. Lunch was served at Langford Plains and the afternoon was spent at Goldstream, games and different sports being indulged in. The evening train was taken back to the city.

Released the Dogs.—Some time during the dark hours of Sunday night some person or persons, on mischief bent, went to the city pound premises on Chambers street and broke down the barricade behind which a large number of dogs were imprisoned, releasing no fewer than twenty of the animals. A gentleman who lives just across the street saw some person going towards the pound at dusk, but could not establish his identity. The acting poundkeeper, D. C. Green, is very much annoyed at the affair and a vigorous attempt will be made to apprehend the offender. Mr. Green has made an enviable record for himself as a dog-catcher. He assumed his duties on the 21st of April and on Saturday night last had succeeded in corralling no fewer than eightyone dogs.

Didn't Want To Sell—In spite of the undertone of pessimism that is sometimes heard on the streets of Victoria, the following incident shows that merchants as a rule are satisfied with their prospects. A gentleman who recently sold his interests in the upper country for a good round sum and who was anxious to go into business in Victoria tried to purchase the whole or an interest in four different concerns. Three merchants told him flatly that they did not wish to sell, while one said that he would take $25,000 for his interests. This seemed like something of a basis to work on, and the would-be purchaser offered to take part of the stock at invoice value, the rest at a valuation, and to allow a fair amount for goodwill. The merchant replied that the amount of stock on hand did not cut any ice—he wanted $25,000 anyway, and negotiations were dropped.

New Island Municipality.—Application is being made to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council for authority to incorporate the new municipality of Shawnigan, including portions of Cowichan, Shawnigan and Quamichan districts, in respect to the organization of which there is much conflict of opinion within the interested territory. The boundaries of the new municipality are described thus: "That portion of the districts of Cowichan, Shawnigan and Quamichan bounded as follows: Commencing at the mouth of the main channel of Cowichan river at the boundary of the North Cowichan municipality, following the river west about eight miles to the boundary between Quamichan and Sahtlam districts, thence south three miles to the boundary of Helmcken district, thence east five miles on a line between Quamichan and Helmcken districts to boundary line between Helmcken and Shawnigan districts, thence south on line between Helmcken and Shawnigan districts to junction of line of Koksilah river, thence north, following the Koksilah river to line between 14 and 15 Shawnigan district, thence south to salt water at Cowichan bay, thence north to starting point." The agitation for the incorporation of Saanich municipality is also taking definite form. It is expected that before the incorporation of Shawnigan municipality becomes a fact accomplished, the antagonism within the district will take definite form. The opposition is chiefly on financial grounds.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Bank Clearings—The total bank clearings locally for the week ending yesterday amounted to $811,113.

Free Miners' Licences—Holders of free miners' licences are reminded that all licences expire on the 31st inst., and in order to retain their mining interests licences should be renewed on or before that date.

May Dance at Cloverdale—There will be a May dance given in Cloverdale hall, Kelvin road, at the end of the Douglas street tramway line this evening. Refreshments will be served and a good time is promised all who attend.

The Gorge Park—The force of men at work on the park property acquired by the city at the Gorge are making a good showing in cleaning up the property, and it will be in good shape for visitors on May 24, though the formal opening will probably be deferred until Dominion Day, when it is hoped to have the Lieut.-Governor officiate.

Wedded in Dawson—Rev. W. H. Barraclough, formerly pastor of the Centennial Methodist church here, celebrated in Dawson recently the marriage of Mr. A. F. Englehardt and Mrs. Maude Pope. The groom is a well known ex-Victorian, and with his bride will now make Dawson his home.

Fears for Safety.—Some apprehension was caused last night by the non-arrival at the quarantine station of Dr. Anderson, who left the city for the station early in the evening. Fearing he was in difficulty, at 11 o'clock the Maude was sent out in an effort to pick the launch up. The Maude had not reported the result of her search as the Colonist went to press.

Another Bad Walk—A majority of the old board sidewalks in the James Bay district are in a bad state of disrepair and complaints are constantly being made of mishaps to pedestrians. Yesterday a lady passing along the western end of Quebec street had the misfortune to tear a valuable skirt, a protruding nail doing the damage. It is felt that something should be done by the city carpenter force to remedy this grievous state of affairs.

Assessor's Staff Busy—W. W. Northcott, city assessor and his assistant, Mr. Scowcroft, were busy as nailers yesterday preparing for the mail no fewer than 23,000 assessment notices, giving the rate for the present year. Much work is entailed in the operation of mailing all these notices, and the process of enveloping and stamping the large list is done in the most approved fashion—utilizing an ingenious stamping pad of Mr. Northcott's own invention.

The Pendray Proposal—Much interest has been aroused locally respecting the application of Messrs. Pendray & Co. for the lease of a portion of the Indian reserve on which to establish their paint and soap works, and some speculation is being indulged in as to the ability of the Dominion government to grant a lease. A number of people are of the opinion that an initial step in the direction of getting the concession would be to secure the consent of the Indians themselves and then make application to the federal authorities. Having secured the endorsation of the board of trade and the city council, it is felt that Messrs. Pendray & Co. have moral support sufficient to warrant the necessary governmental action in allowing the concession asked for providing no objection is offered by the Indians themselves.

The Hotel Site—The work of filling in the James Bay flats around the C. P. R. hotel site is proceeding very expeditiously, though, as was predicted by the Colonist, the entire job, which is a huge one, will not likely be completed before June 1, though the contractors for the superstructure may be able to do some initial work before that date. J. Barrett, one of the contractors, is now in the city and he is understood to have expressed a wish that the work be hurried. Some idea of the magnitude of the work of filling in will be conveyed when it is stated that no less than 38,000 cubic yards had to be attended to—the C. P. R. handling 25,000 yards and the city 13,000. When all this material shall have been placed in position, there will yet remain a large area which will have to undergo a leveling-up process.

Tram Car Sprinkling—Apropos of the proposition now under consideration by the city council aiming at an arrangement with the tramway company for the sprinkling of the streets by means of a specially-constructed car, it is to be mentioned that some four or five years ago the same scheme was given consideration by the then council on the initiative of ex-Ald. Yates. Mr. Yates took a special interest in the matter and sent to Portland, Oregon, for full information respecting the operation of the watering-cars, which have proved a great success in the webfoot city. He obtained a photograph of the car, which shows that a long "arm" extends on either side which can be raised or lowered at will to accommodate traffic; and by the use of these "arms" the entire width of the street can be satisfactorily sprinkled. It is altogether probable that such a system will be installed in Victoria at an early date.

Carnegie Library—Building Inspector Northcott will at once call for tenders for the construction of a brick boundary and retaining wall surrounding the northerly and easterly boundaries of the Carnegie library building. It is estimated that the cost of the work will be in the neighborhood of $700. Though the building is now in a completed state, as far as the contractor, George Snider, is concerned, it has not yet been taken over by the corporation and a considerable time will elapse before any move is made in the direction of providing interior equipment and the necessary books. The exterior cleaning-up process will in itself occupy a few weeks, as much debris is to be removed from adjacent lots. An effort will be made to have the building fully equipped and open to the public by the latter part of October.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Back From Toronto—After an absence of five years spent in the science faculty of Toronto University, where he has completed a course in mining engineering, P. C. Coates, an old Victoria boy, has returned to the city. He intends to practice his profession in this province with the mining possibilities of which he is much impressed.

Doctor Was Safe—Dr. Anderson reached the quarantine station safely early yesterday morning. He had not been able to reach the wharf at the station and remained with his launch at anchor in the bay, spending the night on board. His non-arrival caused some anxiety the previous evening as was told yesterday.

Police Court.—In the Police court yesterday F. McIlmoyl was fined $15 for assaulting F. Foxgord; John Hathaway, alias Baxter, was fined $12.50 for assaulting a woman, his paramour; Henri Daschez was charged with being a frequenter of a house of ill-fame. He did not appear and his bail of $50 was estreated. He appeared shortly after his case was dealt with; it was not reopened.

The Tram Park—While no definite steps have as yet been taken by the tramway company to convert the twenty acres which it has acquired above the Gorge bridge into a park, Mr. Goward, the local manager, explains that when some preliminary details have been disposed of the work will be commenced and completed in such a manner as to prove satisfactory, not only to officials of the company, but to all Victorians for whose pleasure the park is to be constructed.

On Advertising Tour—Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, has left on the first advertising tour of the year. He will visit all the principal points on the coast, paying particular attention to Portland, on account of the crowds expected there during the summer months as a result of the holding of the great Lewis and Clark exposition. He will make short stops at all the resorts as far south as San Diego, returning by another route. According to present arrangements he will be away three weeks or thereabouts.

Beacon Hill Park—The energetic park committee of the city council has done excellent work this season in cleaning up the pretty Beacon Hill resort, much of the old underbrush having been removed and burned, the green swards mown, the flower beds put in fine shape and the walks and driveways cleared. As a consequence the park now looks very pretty and inviting. A noticeable improvement is the construction of a large strongly-barred cage for the wild cat, which is one of the chief attractions at the menagerie. A new drive has been constructed from the end of Michigan to the stone bridge at Goodacre lake.

That Regatta—The opinion appears to be general that the Victoria Day celebration committee should lose no time in reversing its decision to have the regatta on the harbor instead of at the Gorge as heretofore. His Worship the Mayor is strongly opposed to the selection of the latter point, and in this he is supported by a majority of the members of the city council. Manager Goward, of the tramway company, is of the opinion that the committee of management will ultimately decide in favor of the Gorge. A good car service will be given to the latter point, and what with the attractions at Oak Bay the company will have its hands full in handling the crowds.

A Note From Afar—From far away Wyoming comes a note of appreciation of the beauties of Victoria and the expression of a wish that the forthcoming Victoria Day celebration may be a success, Chief Langley having received the following letter from A. M. Carpenter, of Rawlings: "I see that you are going to have a big time on Victoria Day, so I thought I would send my mite to help it out. You will find enclosed $2. I wish that you would have the agent of the Tourist Association send me a few views and some of his advertisements. The people are never tired of asking about Victoria. There are a good many going to the Portland fair, and I have advised them to go on to Victoria and see the prettiest place on the coast.

Making a Good Record—Of all the motor cars in service in and about Victoria none is making a better record than the Oldsmobile runabout recently purchased by Mr. Todd. On its trial run on Good Friday it made the journey to Sooke lake and return, over the much-maligned mountains, in just about four hours. Yet more recently a still more apropos story is told of its achievements. It is related that Mr. Todd paid a visit to his friend, Mr. Butchart, at Saanich, and incidentally took that gentleman to Saanichton station, where he boarded a train for Victoria. The auto was then headed homeward, and when Mr. Butchart on the passenger train pulled in at the depot, he found Mr. Todd and the auto waiting to give him a lift home. The latest addition to the motoring brotherhood is Mr. Martin, the Esquimalt expressman, who has ordered a modern Olds wagon to be put into business between Esquimalt and the city.

Mr. Jeeves Explains—Explanatory of the reasons which actuated him in entering a protest against the plans of the corporation to provide a septic tank sewerage system for the Spring Ridge district, George Jeeves stated to a Colonist reporter yesterday that he and other property owners had thought it most undesirable that a septic tank should be constructed in such close proximity to one of the public schools of the city, and to arrange that the overflow should go into Rock bay at a point where it might become a nuisance to the residents of the latter neighborhood, the bay being shallow and many of the poorer residents getting their firewood along the beach. "As I am not a sanitary engineer and know nothing about the matter personally," said Mr. Jeeves, "if the city will agree to submit the plan of the proposed work to the provincial sanitary engineer, Mr. E. Mohun, or the provincial health officer, Dr. Fagan, and they pronounce it satisfactory, and the city agrees to keep it so, they will get my signature in consent in five minutes."

Re Trap Rights—Messrs. Langley & Martin have received instructions from the department of justice at Ottawa to represent the federal government on the question of rights in connection with fish trap site, which is to come before the Supreme court of the province. The case arises in connection with the attempt of B. J. Short of Vancouver to erect traps at Clover Point, off the Dallas road. Mr. Short has a Dominion licence, but was refused foreshore rights by the province on the ground that the site applied for was outside the territory decided upon as open for that purpose. The sites for the purpose of trap fishing was put up to competition some time and disposed of. In order to settle the question of right it has been decided to bring a stated case before a judge of the Supreme court. Attorney General Wilson is understood to contend that the rights of the province are not confined to the foreshore above low water mark alone, but that the province has rights beyond that along the shore line.

An Excellent Suggestion—The Colonist is in receipt of an excellent suggestion from a resident of the city who takes a special interest in all efforts made to attract visitors to Victoria. The Canadian-Australian liner Manuka is due in a few days from Antipodean ports via Honolulu, and has a very large number of passengers aboard—possibly 500—mostly of the wealthy tourist class. A stop of two hours or more will be made at the outer wharf, and the suggestion is that it would be a very appropriate and pretty thing for the girl pupils of the schools to be present on the wharf, under the guidance of His Worship the Mayor and officials of the Tourist Association, laden with flowers and tourist literature to present to the passengers, the Fifth Regiment band playing welcoming airs meanwhile. A large number of special tram cars could also be in waiting at the service of the passengers who might wish to make a tour of the city and inspect its beauties. That such an act on the part of Victorians would be particularly pleasing to the visitors and constitute an excellent advertisement for a city posing as a tourist resort, goes without saying.

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If you have you had better get rid of it immediately. If you don't, that terrible and disgusting malady, Catarrh, is sure to take hold of you and make you miserable, and an object of repugnance to your friends. The best and quickest cure for your cold is

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Up to Date Appliance for Use by the Northern Mines Limited.

Machine Will Have Capacity of One Thousand Tons Daily.

British Columbia Mining Exchange.

With reference to the operations which the Northern Mines, Ltd., propose to carry on during the coming season in Atlin, an article in regard to which, and particulars of the formation of the company, appeared in the March issue of the British Columbia Mining Exchange, some further particulars are now at hand respecting the steam shovel which the company intend to employ. As this is the first occasion on which a steam shovel has been employed in the north, some particulars regarding the type of machine selected will be of interest to our readers.

The steam shovel which the Northern Mines Ltd., have secured as the most suitable for their purposes is a 26-ton traction wheel shovel, manufactured by the Vulcan Iron Works, of Toledo, Ohio, U. S. A., and was secured through the well known agents, Messrs. Rochussen & Collis, of Victoria, B. C. The material and workmanship of this shovel are first class in every respect, and the makers guarantee that it will handle ordinary placer gravel in a most satisfactory manner. One feature of the shovel will be that the dipper door will be made to fit tight to prevent the wet gravel escaping. The machine's capacity is 1,000 cubic yards per day, but it is not likely that it will be worked to its full capacity. The method of working the machine will be as follows: The shovel will be placed on bedrock and will lift the gravel to the bin, from whence it will be taken by means of a derrick and conveyed into the sluice boxes.

In looking into the question of steam shovels in the early part of last winter, Mr. Fetherstonehaugh, the superintendent of the Northern Mines, Ltd., wanted to get a shovel that would have a clearance lift of 30 feet, this being the maximum distance the gravel has to be lifted to the sluice boxes. It was found that, in order to get this unusually high clearance lift, a shovel would have to be made with especially long boom. To equip an ordinary shovel, however, with a sufficiently long boom to do the work above described, would have been very much in the nature of an experiment, and, upon the arrival from Mexico, later in the winter, of Mr. Bromley, M. I. M. E., who brought considerable practical engineering knowledge to bear upon the subject, it was decided to abandon the idea of purchasing a suitable shovel to dump 30 feet above the rail, and to get a smaller, lighter machine, to be worked in conjunction with the derrick to convey the gravel, after leaving the shovel, to the sluice boxes.

The varying merits of the three or four types of steam shovel received careful consideration by the management of the company, namely, the Thew, Marion, Bucyrus and Vulcan shovels, and, after thoughtful deliberation, the Vulvan Little Giant shovel was finally chosen as being the most suitable for the purpose.

Messrs. Rochussen & Collis, representing the Vulcan people, went very carefully into the merits of this machine with the technical representatives of the Northern Mines Ltd., and have given every assurance on behalf of the makers that the shovel will be shipped to Atlin, ready, upon arrival, to be put in complete running order. It has been arranged to send with the machine duplicates of every part liable to breakage or wear, so that there can be no possibility of delay by reason of being unable to replace a broken or worn part.

It is worth while here pointing out the great importance to the Atlin camp which will be meant by the satisfactory outcome of this new venture. Should it prove a success—and there is every reason to believe it will do so—there is no doubt that many machines of similar type will be installed.

The Northern Mines, Ltd., are to be congratulated upon their enterprise in taking the first steam shovel into Atlin, and their action marks a new era in the history of the camp, emphasizing, as it does, the transition from hand labor to machinery. There is any amount of suitable work in the northern camp for steam shovel work, the only thing hindering satisfactory operations by this class of machinery being the presence in the ground of tio many big boulders. As to the values, there is no question at all about that in Atlin; the only problem has been how to handle the gravel on the most economical basis, and this problem bids fair to be successfully solved by the introduction of the steam shovel. The principal ground on which the Northern Mines, Ltd., will operate was, as pointed out in our last issue, thoroughly prospected last season with very satisfactory results.

The progress of the Northern Mines, Ltd., will, it is needless to say, be watched with great attention by all interested, both in the Northern mining camp and in tracts of auriferous gravels known to exist elsewhere. The management of the company appears to be in good and capable hands, and its low capitalization and conservative statement of facts and plans contained in its prospectus, appear in strong and favorable contrast to the flamboyant language too often found in similar publications.

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Sealers Return From Coast Cruise

Bring News That Carmencita Is Sealing Not on Way to Mexico.

Lands Mate and Two Men at Clayoquot—News of Various Schooners.

Several sealing schooners which followed the Eva Marie to port yesterday from the coast, bring reports from all twelve of the local schooners and from two alien sealers, the Japanese schooner Kinsu Maru and the Mexican schooner Carmencita of Alex. McLain. All have low catches—the average will be less than 200 skins to the schooner. The Allie I. Algar, concerning which misleading reports were given currency by a local paper, arrived with 245 skins; the Jessie (Captain Haan), with 205, and the Victoria with 140. The Libbie with 251 skins, and the Dora Sieward with 106, are following.

The Carmencita is the big schooner which cleared from Victoria under a provisional register (granted on condition that the schooner be taken to a Mexican port to secure the register); she cleared for Acupulco, Mexico, and went sealing. No license was secured for sealing—Mexican vessels do not need them as Mexico is not a party to the modus vivendi regarding pelagic sealing. Captain McLean, however, gave out before leaving that he was not going sealing; he said that, with the changing of owners of his schooner, he would proceed to Acupulco. He went instead to Drake's Bay, California, where he secured his outfit, which was shipped from San Francisco, and its shipment gave rise to the absurd report published by the San Francisco Examiner that a big schooner was shipping two Hotchkiss guns to go on a seal-raiding expedition. The truth was that the Carmencita was shipping stores, guns, etc., for a seal hunting, perhaps also, a raiding, expedition, similar to that of last year.

Crew Plays Rough House

The Carmencita has fourteen skins. She has the least of the fleet. The schooner had had an adventurous voyage, however, though she got few skins. Included in the stores loaded at Drake's Bay were some cases of strong waters—hence the trouble. There were several fights on board, and when the schooner reached Clayoquot a few days ago the mate and two men were landed by Captain McLean. The schooner sailed northward after landing the three men, evidently toward Behring Sea. As the vessel flies a Mexican flag the fact that the sealing season in Behring Sea does not open for several months need be no deterrent. The Carmencita, like the Japanese schooner Kinsu Maru, is not bounden by the restrictions which mark the work of the Canadian vessels, which needs must use spears where the Mexican and Japanese can use firearms, and which must keep outside a prescribed line which circles the rookeries sixty miles distant, while the aliens may hunt to within the three marine leagues as arranged by the law of nations.

Boat's Crew Fired on

But, if reports are true, the Copper Islands may receive a visit from the Carmencita. Last year the Carmencita went to the Copper Islands with ill-fated results. When the boat's crew was rowing shoreward a Russian guard waited with rifles behind some boulders on the shore, and when the boat was well within range, they greeted it with a heavy fire. The boat, bow toward the shore, lifted on the rollers, with the phut of many rifle bullets sounding about. Some penetrated the gunwale, the clinkered boards were riddled and two men were struck as they swung about to escape. One was shot in the foot, the other had a bullet driven in his jaw, from the effects of which he died at Port Townsend after the return of the schooner to this port. And the raid failed. It is not known whether the guard is still maintained on the Russian islands, but this is known—the British gunboat Algernine, which was detached from Hongkong last year to patrol the sealing grounds in the Okhotsk Sea and in the vicinity of the Copper Islands, is said to have been sent again on that work.

Movements of Fleet

The Kinsu Maru is headed for the Behring Sea; she was seen some days ago off Cape Cook headed north. The five schooners from this port, which carry full complements of white hunters—the Casco, which had 250 skins, Diana 193, Carlotta G. Cox 240, City of San Diego 135 and Vera 46 (in mid-April)—all these vessels are bound toward the Copper Islands to hunt on those grounds. Seven schooners, four belonging to the sealing company and three independent vessels, are returning to port. The Eva Marie (Captain Jacobsen) was the first to arrive, with 146 skins, then the Jessie (Captain Haan) with 205 skins, the Allie I. Algar (Captain G. Heater) with 245, and the Victoria with 140. The Dora Sieward was in Clayoquot with 106, the Libbie in Uclulet with 251. The Umbrina had 225 on April 23. These vessels are the only ones expected to return to Victoria.

No Casualties Reported

All the sealers report that March was a bad sealing month, there being few lowering days on account of the bad weather. The weather was better in April, but, with true perversity of things, the seals were fewer than in the previous month. Some of the schooners worked as far north as Queen Charlotte Sound, following the herds northward. As far as can be learned, none of the vessels sustained serious damage, none lost any men of their complements. The Eva Marie, as was reported, lost several canoes from her deck. Captain Jacobsen's schooner also picked up a couple of men from the Kinsu Maru.

WHEN THEY AGE.

Three British Sailing Ships Are Sold to Foreign Shipowners.

The British ship Anglesey, 1,260 tons register, has been sold to Norwegians; the four-masted British bark Lady Wentworth has been sold to Germany for £12,750; the British ship Conway, 1,776 tons register, has been sold to Germans for about £9,500.

MINNESOTA DELAYED.

Accident to Machinery Delays Big Hill Liner at Port Townsend.

The big Hill liner Minnesota is delayed at Port Townsend as a result of the breaking down of the machinery of the vessel. The steamer was proceeding to sea on her way from Seattle to the Orient with a heavy cargo on Tuesday at 5:30 p. m., when the starboard engine was damaged by the breaking of the high pressure piston. It was decided by Captain Binder to return for repairs, and the vessel reached Port Townsend, whence news of the accident was telegraphed to the Seattle agents. Chief Engineer Lacey yesterday made an examination of the damage and repairs will be effected as quickly as possible.

The steamer had a tremendous cargo, 28,000 tons measurement, 23,500 tons dead weight. According to a Seattle paper, the ship and cargo represented a total valuation of $8,500,000.

A special despatch from the Colonist correspondent at Port Townsend last night says: "The breakdown of the engine of the Minnesota was of small moment. The removal of the cylinder head disclosed a slackness in the bull ring of the middle pressure piston cylinder, which would have ultimately worked serious injury. A force of mechanics arrived from Seattle today at noon and have virtually completed repairs. At the request of Lloyd's, the San Francisco board of marine underwriters made a careful survey of the vessel and pronounced her seaworthy. She will probably sail at daylight."

NOT ACCEPTED.

Hitch Regarding Ports to Be Called at Delays Mexican Steamship Service.

It is reported that Andrew Weir & Co. have not yet accepted the contract with the Canadian government for the establishment of a steamship line between Victoria and Vancouver and Mexican ports. A hitch has arisen with regard to the ports to be called at by the steamships to be placed in service. As was reported some time ago a subsidy of $50,000 is to be given by the federal government for this service. Andrew Weir & Co. are building three steamers of ten thousand tons capacity on the Clyde for this service. The master of the steamer Adato, owned by Andrew Weir & Co., was recently recalled to Glasgow from San Francisco to superintend the construction of the steamers. Mr. T. W. Harvey, representing the shipping firm, is still in Mexico representing the trade conditions.

TAKES RAILS NORTH.

Steamer Amur has gone to Liverpool, B. C., to load rails from Pennsylvania for the Klondike Mines railway, which is to be constructed by a company now controlled by British capitalists from Dawson to the Klondike creeks. The steamer will proceed north after loading bunker coal at Ladysmith.

NEW C. P. R. STEAMERS.

Mr. Piers Returns to Montreal and Tells of Work on Atlantic Liners.

Montreal papers publish interviews with Arthur Piers, manager of the C. P. R. steamship lines, who has returned from England, where he has been arranging details regarding the construction of new Atlantic liners for the company. The frame of one has been completed and work is well under way on the other. The steamers will be ready next year, one starting in May, the next in June. Both will be speedy vessels. Nothing has been done with regard to additional vessels for the Pacific route.

Commenting upon the fact that the new vessels, which are likely, when the names are chosen, to be termed "Empresses," will be fitted with the old-style reciprocating engine, Mr. Piers said that it was somewhat too early to offer an opinion upon the merits or demerits of the turbine engines, which the Allans had adopted in their new steamers, the Virginian and the Victorian. The Allans, he thought, however, were to be commended for the energy and boldness of the step they had taken—one which was engrossing no inconsiderable degree of interest in the shipping world abroad.

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TO ENCOURAGE FINE ARTS.

Paris, May 3.—M. Jusserand, the French ambassador at Washington, has advised the foreign office that James Stillwell of New York, the banker, has given $100,000 to establish prizes for the School of Fine Arts here.

LONGEST NAME IN THE WORLD.

The town that boasts of the longest name in the world is in Wales. The name is Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch, which is abbreviated for colloquial and postal purposes into "Llanfair, P. G." The pronunciation of the full name will be made easier if it be remembered that the w in Welsh is pronounced like the oo in "food" and the r like the er in "certain," while the ll is pronounced almost like thi, though more accurately like chl of the Germans.

Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface, in a circular to the clergy of his archiepiscopate, bewails the fact that the educational clauses of the Autonomy Bill do not restore to the Catholics the position they held in the Northwest Territories in 1875, when the Territories were organized; and that there will be conserved "the spoilation of our school rights by the ordinance of 1892 and will sanction all ordinances up to 1901." We appreciate the difficulties of a statesman pleasing every one. What His Grace has to say, however, will help to propitiate those who are opposed to the bill as it stands. In that sense it will be a real help to Sir Wilfrid.

Lord Grey is an optimist as well as an ardent Imperialist. With regard to the future of Canada he has evidently a better opinion of Canada than have Canadians themselves. He is also a diplomatist. In an address the other day in Toronto he touched upon the burning issue of politics in the most delicate, yet suggestive, fashion. He said: "There are some subjects, however, upon which all men of all parties are agreed, and on which it is permitted for me to express an opinion, without running the risk of raising a single dissentient voice, and one of them is the hope that the clash of creed conflict shall never be heard in Canada, and the conviction that in the complete union between the two great races lies the secret and the strength of your future."

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THE TRAGEDY OF TWO LIVES.

Sad Ending of Five Years of Happy Wedded Life.

Blackpool, Eng., May 3.—The bodies of Robert Rushton Shaw, an Englishman who formerly lived in Burnley and inherited a small fortune from his father, and his wife, Elizabeth, to whom he was married in Philadelphia about five years ago, were found in a field in the suburbs of this town early today. Both had been shot and there was a revolver beside the bodies. It is believed to be a case of double suicide. It is stated that the couple intended to sail today for the United States on a visit to Mrs. Shaw's mother in Philadelphia. They leave two children.

The tragedy unfolds a pitiful story. After five years of happy married life, it is alleged, Shaw discovered a fortnight ago that his wife was

Involved in an Intrigue

two years before her marriage. According to the story he taxed her with the offence and as a result of her admissions he told her to prepare immediately to sail for Philadelphia, leaving their children at Blackpool. They started on Tuesday, seemingly reconciled; but Shaw's mother was suspicious and caused neighbors to follow them. Shots were heard and the bodies were discovered. Each was shot through the mouth, the indications being that it was by mutual agreement, the woman having carefully removed her hat, and placed it beside her husband's on the grass. A double ticket for New York by the steamer Majestic was found in Shaw's pocket.

HEINZE LOSES IMPORTANT POINT

Refusal to Answer in $5,000,000 Suit May Cost Him Dearly.

Helena, Mont., May 3.—Under a decision handed down by the Supreme court today, Judge Bourquin of the district court of Butte, Silver Bow county, may pass upon the motion of the Boston & Montana Consolidated Co. to strike from the files the answer of F. A. Heinze in a suit involving $5,750,000 for ores alleged to have been illegally extracted by Heinze and his companies from the Pennsylvania mine. Before a notary Heinze refused to answer certain questions propounded by the Boston & Montana counsel, and Judge Bourquin was asked to strike the answer from the files for contempt. Heinze applied to the Supreme court for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Bourquin entertaining the motion.

The lower court can now hear the motion. If it is sustained, lawyers say Heinze will be out of court and the plaintiffs can proceed to seize his property for the vast judgment asked.

AFTER PROVINCIAL TIMBER.

American Syndicate Said to Plan Large Acquisitions.

Vancouver, May 3.—(Special)—An American syndicate plans to acquire the best portion of the crown granted timber comprising the watershed of the Capilano. Some 6000 acres is said will be transferred. It is planned to build a line of railway to the head of the Capilano and export the logs to the Sound. The railway will be used by all other enterprises in the valley. It is also planned to start an agricultural settlement above the Capilano contributory to the railroad.

A Vancouver rat stopped a street car today. It was not on the rail but in the controller gear. How the rat got in is a mystery. Once in it was electrocuted and its body clogged the machinery.

It is reported that twenty-two claims of hematite iron on Quatsino sound, owned by Heck & Frinck, Victoria, have been sold to Seattle capitalists in connection with a big Bessemer steel proposition for that city. The price is said to have been in the neighborhood of $75,000.

AMERICAN JERSEY CATTLE CLUB.

New York, May 3.—Many prominent cattle breeders met here today to attend the annual meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club. President Darling in his report declared that the dairy test made at St. Louis was the greatest demonstration of Jersey cattle ever made, and that the results obtained cannot fail to be of lasting benefit to the Jersey breed and to dairy interests.

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