

GATHERED ABOUT FESTIVE BOARD

IN COMMEMORATION
OF NELSON'S VICTORY
Centenary of Battle of Trafalgar Observed by Local Navy League on Saturday Evening.

The centenary of the battle of Trafalgar was commemorated by a banquet on Saturday evening at the St. Francis hotel. There was a large attendance and quite a number of distinguished guests occupied positions at the table. To the right and left of the presiding officer, C. B. Redfern, were noticed His Lordship Bishop Perrin, Premier McBride, Lt.-Col. Hall, Lt.-Col. Prior, R. H. Swinton, J. Pearson, Senator Macdonald and Mayor Barnard. The hall was tastefully decorated with a profusion of bunting, flags and floral designs. Just behind the president's chair were arranged bayonets, swords, pistols and other warlike instruments representing the martial character of the affair. Around the wall at the lower end of the room were the colors used by Lord Nelson in conveying his famous signal, "England expects that every man will do his duty," to the sailors who participated in the destruction of the French and Spanish fleets off Cape Trafalgar one hundred years ago. These adornments, together with the beautiful floral decorations of the tables, contributed charming and appropriate effects to the scene.

After the dinner had been done justice the toast list was taken up and every part of the programme dealt with in such an enthusiastic manner as to leave no doubt in the minds of anyone as to the sincerity of the regard and respect in which the memory of one of England's greatest naval heroes is held by Victorians. Before the chairman proceeded, however, he called upon Secretary Pearson to read a number of communications from those who, having been extended invitations, had found it impossible to attend for various reasons. These were from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Capt. Parry, R.N., Capt. Hunt, R.N., Lt.-Col. Engle, Col. Holmes, D.C.O., the Mayor of Nanaimo, Mr. Justice Duff and A. E. McPhillips, K.C. The latter's expression of regret took the form of a letter to the event being celebrated, in which he hoped that the purpose of the gathering would be properly realized, as no tribute tendered the memory or so wonderful a sailor and admiral as Lord Nelson could over-estimate the importance of his victories not only at Trafalgar but previous to that date. These sentiments were received with applause.

Chairman Redfern proposed the formal toast, which were responded to very heartily. Senator Macdonald was called upon to propose the "Governor-General of Canada." He was pleased at the honor accorded him and in his remarks congratulated members of the Navy League for their efforts to have the centenary of such a notable event in British history properly observed, not only in British Columbia but throughout the Empire. It should be inspiring, he said, to remember that in all cities of any importance throughout the Empire, and our colonies were gathered together loyal representatives of the nation in commemoration of the battle of Trafalgar, an engagement and a victory which marked an epoch not only in the history of the British people but of the European nations. (Applause.) The names of most great men were soon forgotten. That of Nelson, however, was not. From the minds of the present generation and had only recently been revived. He then referred to various incidents in connection with the battle of Trafalgar and reminded those present that, while in honor should be tendered Lord Nelson, his brave officers, those who so nobly assisted him in gaining that notable victory, should not be forgotten. (Applause.) Returning to the subject of the toast he outlined the personnel of Canada's Governor-Generals up to date. They had all, he said, been men of ability and integrity. The present occupant of that position, Earl Grey, was one in whom all acquaintances held in the highest respect and esteem. He was not yet well known to many Canadians, but would prove popular before his term had become far advanced. He hoped that Earl Grey would visit the coast next year, when Victorians would have an opportunity of hearing him in an address on the Dominion of Canada.

Mayor Barnard's address, in proposing the health of the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, was brief. He introduced his remarks by stating that, as there was no person present to respond, he supposed he was at liberty to say almost anything without fear of being called to account. However, in the present instance there was nothing objectionable to say, in fact just the opposite was the case. Since the present Lieutenant-Governor had taken office his unfailing courtesy, his interest in all local institutions, especially deserving charities, and other noble characteristics had endeared him to all British Columbians with whom he had come in contact. (Applause.) He did not wish to make a political address, but thought it not out of place to suggest the resignation of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere for another term. Such a decision, he thought, would be extremely popular. (Applause.) Concluding, he said: "Gentlemen, I give you the Lieutenant-Governor."

The response was most enthusiastic, everyone present joining in the chorus "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" with an abandon which spoke volumes for the popularity of the present Lieutenant-Governor. Premier McBride proposed "The Navy, Army and Auxiliary Forces." It was a very great pleasure to be able to have such a gathering on such an occasion. The toast that had been allotted him was, he thought, somewhat out of his province, especially as there were persons much more capable of making a speech in keeping with its importance. The British navy and the British army—these were institutions of which every Briton was proud, and upon which the Empire's stability depended. As a native British Columbian it was always gratifying to remember that stalwart

men had gone from this province and enlisted in both services with credit to the land of their nativity. They had been identified, not only with the permanent, but with the auxiliary forces, and had always been reported favorably. He hoped it would continue thus, the Mother Country and the colonies standing shoulder to shoulder in opposition to any nation that dared insult or otherwise give unwarranted provocation for war. (Applause.)

"The Red, White and Blue" was then sung, everyone joining heartily in the chorus. Chairman Redfern announced the names of Capt. Barker, R.N., Capt. Curtis, R.N., Lt.-Col. Prior, and Lt.-Col. Hall were coupled with the toast. The former's address was of exceptional interest. He referred to the change in the navy since the time of Nelson. Then the ships were of wood, the sails were made of canvas, and the sailors were mostly ignorant but sturdy men. Now the majority of the men were educated, the vessels were machines, the operation of which required scientific knowledge. But in spite of these changes, the navy was always the case with representatives of the Anglo-Saxon race. They were strong, brave and always ready "to do their duty." (Applause.) Capt. Barker, in the relation of the colonies to the Mother Country, and adjured the former to volunteer some support to the maintenance of the navy. Lt.-Col. Prior, in remarks very brief and general, and Lt.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, dealt with the position of that corps on this station. He said the president's chair was arranged with bayonets, swords, pistols and other warlike instruments representing the martial character of the affair. Around the wall at the lower end of the room were the colors used by Lord Nelson in conveying his famous signal, "England expects that every man will do his duty," to the sailors who participated in the destruction of the French and Spanish fleets off Cape Trafalgar one hundred years ago. These adornments, together with the beautiful floral decorations of the tables, contributed charming and appropriate effects to the scene.

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REDFERN JEWELS ALL RECOVERED

MISSING EFFECTS ARE
FOUND AT VANCOUVER

Local Detectives Locate the Diamonds
in House of a Woman in the
Terminal City.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The Vancouver correspondent of the Times wires this afternoon as follows: "Forty-eight diamonds, valued at over \$4,000, stolen from Redfern's jewellery store in Victoria last Tuesday evening were discovered this morning under an unoccupied house on Georgia street, near the park. Kurtz confessed to Chief Langley and Detective Palmer that the diamonds had been taken by a lady friend of his who was in Vancouver. Last evening Detective Waddell telephoned over to Victoria that he knew the location of a woman with whom Kurtz had lived in Vancouver.

"Detective Palmer left for Vancouver last night on the steamer Charming with Kurtz, and arrived here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. They were met at the wharf by Detective Waddell and Preston, and all walked up together to 1,024 Evesleigh street, where Kurtz's two lady friends, Mrs. David and Mrs. Ruth Webster, were living. They lost no time in arousing the two lady inmates, who appeared to be very much surprised at the interruption, and promptly commenced to search the house, Kurtz leading the way. They had hardly begun, however, before Kurtz, taking advantage of his position as leader, rushed through the open door on the ground floor, and darting to an opposite window threw up the sash and was half way through when the detective caught him and pulled him back. Kurtz then said that the diamonds must be under a new house on Georgia street, close to the park. He led them to it, and knocking off two or three boards from the basement they crawled under and brought out the diamonds wrapped up in a paper parcel.

Overjoyed by the discovery they called a hack and drove to the police station, where Kurtz is being held. It was a condition of his confession that he was not to be prosecuted for the theft, but the police intend to hold him not only for further evidence, but also to lodge a charge against him for entering the House of Contractor Adams on Evesleigh street about a month ago and shooting a young man in the shoulder. The woman, who is suspected of complicity in the robbery, is Mrs. David, a widow, and the elder of the two women with whom Kurtz had been living on Evesleigh street.

"Kurtz arrived in Victoria on the Vancouver boat last Saturday, and about the same time two women came in from Seattle on the steamer Whatcom. Both were seen getting on a street car together, and both stopped at the same hotel." 3 p.m.—Mrs. David has just been arrested, and a quantity of goods, including rings, found in her rooms.

All the jewellery stolen from C. B. Redfern's store on Tuesday night has been recovered. It is in the possession of Detective Sgt. Palmer, of this city, who went over to Vancouver last night, and will return this afternoon with the goods. The rings are valued at nearly \$5,000.

The jewellery was traced to Vancouver, and secured there this morning by Sgt. Palmer, assisted by the Vancouver detective force.

A woman named Maud Mathews, who lived in the west end of Vancouver, played a part in the robbery. The jewellery was traced to a house occupied by her, and there recovered. The woman, as far as known, has not been apprehended.

The Mathews woman it appears was on very intimate terms with C. Kurtz, with whom she is believed to have come over to Victoria on Sunday afternoon. They went to the Clarence Hotel, which she seems to have made her headquarters while in the city.

On Tuesday evening, about the time of the closing up of the store, the woman entered the place. It would appear that she remained for some time, there being present in addition only Kurtz and H. Redfern, who was closing up.

What took place must remain somewhat of a mystery. According to the stories told by the young men they were not implicated in the robbery in any way. The only other inference is therefore that the woman managed to take the rings unknown to them on the evening in question.

It is presumed that she took the midnight boat for Vancouver on the very night the robbery was committed. They were secreted in her house in that city, but the woman appears to have made her escape.

The reluctance of the two young men who alone were in possession of a clue to the mystery gave the police force of this city a great deal of trouble. Apparently wishing to keep out of it they denied all knowledge which would be of use to the police, and claimed that they did not know the whereabouts of the woman managed to take the rings unknown to them on the evening in question.

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WILL EXAMINE PROPOSED ROUTE

FOR EXTENSION OF
E. & N. LINE TO COMOX

C. P. R. Party Preparing to Leave
Nanaimo—Will Spend Five
Weeks in Work.

Nanaimo, Oct. 23.—An important move by the C. P. R. regarding the extension of the E. & N. railway to Comox, is the outfitting here of another party which leaves at once to examine the route between this city and Comox.

W. A. Thompson, C. E., will have general oversight, but the party will be in charge of W. B. Bogan, an expert engineer, who has been associated with Mr. Thompson in looking after the exploration expeditions during the summer. Other members are W. T. Jones, lately in charge of the party who explored from Nanaimo, and J. W. McFarlane, timber cruiser, who was with the Alberni exploration. These, with a cook, will form a small party, who will make a trip between here and Comox, examining the country on each side of the route, and are expected to conclude the work in five weeks.

This will give the C. P. R. information that will enable early operations in the spring, when it is believed the C. P. R. intend to make some move towards arranging an extension of the line.

WILL RETIRE.

The Grand Duke Cyril Will Live the Simple Life of a Country Gentleman.

Cobourg, Oct. 17.—The marriage of the Grand Duke Cyril, of Russia, and Princess Victoria Melba, on October 18th, at Cobourg, Upper Bavaria, according to the Russian rites, was formally announced today. The Grand Duke is arranging to buy the estate near here of H. Ruesch, a great-grandson of Frederick Ruesch. He intends, it is said, to live the simple life of a country gentleman.

Now He Has a
GOOD STRONG BACK

WHAT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
DID FOR H. M. SPEARS.

Thought He Would Have to Stop Work.

But the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy Made Him Strong and Active.

Antigonish, N. S., Oct. 20.—(Special.)

Mr. H. M. Spears, a well-known farmer living near here, is shouting the praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills. "When I came to Nova Scotia about six years ago," says Mr. Spears, "I was so troubled with Backache I began to think I could not attend to business. However, I got a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills and was able to get back to work."

"I had not taken enough to root the Kidney disease out entirely, however, and the following winter I was troubled with pains in my back and limbs. Then I got more of Dodd's Kidney Pills and after using three boxes all my pains and lameness left me."

"I can't say too much in favor of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They put me in a way to attend to business after two doctors had failed. I was a cheese-maker for years, but now I'm a farmer with a good strong back."

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GEO. D. COLLINS HAS LEFT CITY

HE IS ON HIS WAY
TO SAN FRANCISCO

Very Short Notice Given the Californian
Lawyer Before Starting South
With Him.

George D. Collins, of San Francisco, is on his way to that city. The warrant of surrender arrived from Ottawa on Saturday evening, and occasion was taken to leave as quickly as possible after that. Accordingly he left in charge of Detective Gibson by the steamer Princess Victoria at 9 o'clock for Seattle.

Since his arrival in Victoria Mr. Collins has been very prominently before the public. Occupying a very distinguished place among the members of the bar of California, his flight from San Francisco with a charge of bigamy hanging over him could not fail to attract a great deal of attention to him. Mr. Collins, as soon as he arrived here and was discovered by the Times, began a most spectacular fight for his freedom.

The story of his arrest on the charge of perjury and his efforts to prevent extradition are well known to readers of the Times. The ability of Mr. Collins as a barrister made the case a long one, and it soon became evident that he desired to prolong the proceedings to as great length as possible.

Lately, however, a change took place in his attitude towards the case, and he has manifested a disposition to cut short the proceedings and return to San Francisco. He accordingly consented to waive further proceedings which were pending on an application for habeas corpus, and to return to California to face the charge of perjury in the courts of that state.

Mr. Collins gave as his reasons for this change in attitude that he had no fear whatever of the charge being sustained in the California courts. He also gave the impression that the bigamy charge would not be proceeded with. The impression prevailed here that he had probably affected some arrangement by which the charge of bigamy would be dropped.

On the other hand, while it is held that Collins cannot be proceeded against on a charge of bigamy until he has been given an opportunity to return to Canada, yet there are those who believe that he will be tried by the courts of California with Detective Gibson while he is in Victoria who express themselves as perfectly satisfied that Collins will be called upon to answer a charge of bigamy.

Those authorities representing the state of California took precautions to keep the fact that the warrant was to arrive dark until about the last moment. Profiting by their knowledge of the successful character of Mr. Collins they avoided anything which might endanger the chance of getting him away. Knowing that there were some little things connected with the case of grand jury Collins during various stages of his stay in the city, they sought to prevent any delay by proceedings being taken on these.

Accordingly Mr. Collins was given but short notice of his departure. He was escorted by H. O'Leary, the police officer in charge of him, to the police station, and after being notified of the arrest, he was taken to the patrol wagon. All this was done within half an hour of the sailing of the steamer.

For some days previous to his departure Mr. Collins manifested considerable concern with respect to his departure. He had some fear that an attempt would be made to "shoot" him out of the province without waiting for the arrival of the warrant. Friends of his, however, assured him that no matter how anxious California officers might be to get him back without going through the regular form, there could be no danger that any attempt would be made to violate the laws of this country.

The proceedings in San Francisco will be watched with a great deal of interest by Victorians, who have come to know all the details of the case so thoroughly.

SUCCESSFUL SHOW

Held at Alberni—List of the Prize Winners.

On Saturday, October 14th, the residents of Alberni and surrounding district made their first attempt at an agricultural and horticultural show, with the usual exhibits of poultry, dairy work, pickles, jams, bread, cakes, etc.

The following is a list of prize winners under the five divisions:

Poultry—H. Ellis, Wadsworth; Heath & Wilkinson, buff or plumed.

Vegetables—P. Cowley, E. Woodward, T. S. Grieve, Mrs. G. A. Smith, C. A. Cox, Mrs. Motion, R. W. Thompson, Mrs. A. M. Watson, Mrs. Wilkinson, John Bessie, and R. W. Thompson.

Grain, Potatoes, etc.—R. W. Thompson, T. Plant, G. A. Spencer, C. Taylor, John Best, John Orr, G. A. Smith, C. Cox, Griffin Hills, Mr. Halpeny, James Redford, T. Grieve.

Apples and Peaches—W. B. Griffin, Dr. Watson, H. Hills, G. A. Spencer, S. Wells, James Thompson, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. James Wilkinson, A. Smith, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. Puff.

Cut Flowers, Table Decoration and House Plants—Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. Dr. Watson, Mrs. Bledsoe, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. Motion.

Loaf of Bread, Cakes, Bottled Fruits, Jellies, Pickles, Dairy Butters, Jams and Eggs—Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Best, Mrs. H. Hills, A. W. Heath, Mrs. Motion, Mrs. Erickson, J. Forrest, Mrs. James Hills, Mrs. Wilkinson.

The show was a surprisingly good one, especially as the lateness of the season is taken into account.

A gigantic pumpkin, weighing 240 pounds, was shown by Mr. Cowley. The farmers had splendid exhibits of potatoes, manure, and carrots. Apples and pears made a fine showing, especially those displayed by Mrs. Wells and H. Hills. "The quality of bottled fruits, jams, jellies and bread was excellent. A feature was the cake exhibited by Mrs. Spencer.

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PIONEER VICTORIAN
IS HERE FROM LIMA

Reports That Southern Steamship Companies Are Anxious to Extend
Their Service Northward

Those who have lived in Victoria for upwards of half a century will well remember A. J. Chambers, who 42 years ago was a prominent resident here. Mr. Chambers is now living in Lima, Peru, where he is extensively interested in business. He returned to the city on Saturday and with his wife registered at the Hotel Davies.

"I was last here just 42 years ago," said Mr. Chambers to a Times representative. "I will remember the place. There was then little if it standing at the foot of Fort street the old Hudson's Bay fort was situated," and Mr. Chambers proceeded to tell of old land marks and inquire about many of the pioneers of those days, few of whom are living. As he was told of the death of one another he straightened up and remarked: "Well, I guess I am about the oldest living." Mr. Chambers furnished the money for the publication of the first newspapers issued in the city. The name of the paper he does not recollect so long ago as he was interested in the venture and so diverse and extensive have been his business undertakings since that time. He was also engaged in steamboating on this coast, having been engaged on a large number of vessels. At that time he came within an ace of getting the command of the government steamer Sir James Douglas, which many years ago went to the boneyard because of old age. All this was during the time when Sir James Douglas was governor of the colony.

Of his early experiences Mr. Chambers could fill a book of many volumes. Though his hair is whitened, Father Time has been generous to this pioneer of pioneers, and he has that erectness of figure and robustness in strength and health of one half his years. He is here on a short visit, having come north on one of the Kosmos liners running on this service. He makes the pleasing announcement that probably three steamship lines will be extending their services to this part of the Pacific coast. The Kosmos line is now doing a business with British Columbia and will, he thinks, soon be extending this connection. But it will not be alone in the business for a Chilean steamer company as well as the Pacific Mail Company, both of which operate steamers on the southern coast, are likely to soon enter the field of competition.

Before Mr. Chambers left Lima, the Chilean company were quite enthusiastic on the subject of sending their ships north, and the Pacific Mail Company were also talking of the same project. The Chilean steamers are very finely equipped, says Mr. Chambers, and they give a splendid service on the southern coast.

Mr. Chambers states that pleasure alone brought him north, and he intended while here to call on many old residents. He is now conversing with a Peruvian corporation which some years ago took over all the external debt of the country at the handsome figure of \$25,000,000 and in return received control of all the important industries as well as a large tract of land for agricultural purposes. These assets included the guano business, railways, etc. Over the guano business Mr. Chambers was placed, and he has retained that position for twelve years. Control of the railways was extended over a period of 66 years. These include one of the most wonderful roads in the world. It is called the Lima & Oroya railway, which Americans are now extending to Pasco, a distance of 70 or 80 miles, to a mining district. The road attains an elevation of about 17,000 feet; Americans have spent millions in the purchase of