From the DAILY COLONIST April 27.

THE CITY.

Is Not Going to Kootenay.

Mr. A. S Innes, of Bodwell & Irving, flatly contradicts the statement that he is going to Kootenay to open an office for his firm.

The Oak Bay Hotel.

Manager J. Alexander Virtue, by his solicitors, Messrs. Bodwell & Irving, has given notice of his intention to apply for a license for the Mount Baker hotel at Oak Bay. The application will be heard on May 15.

The Price Will Go Up.

At a meeting of the lumber merchants of Victoria yesterday evening a combination was unanimously agreed to, as a result of which an advance in the price of rough lumber to $10 per M. may be immediately looked for.

A Coming Treat.

Mr. Hanson Firth has in hand the preparation of a programme for a grand concert to be given in the Temperance hall, Craigflower road, on the evening of Tuesday, May 2. The programme comprises choruses, duets, solos, etc., among which are selections from some of the city's favorite performers. The proceeds are to be in aid of the Methodist church, Victoria West.

The Late Mrs. Conway.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Conway, wife of John Conway, of the Four-Mile House, took place yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. The pallbearers were Wm. White, T. Ridehalgh, H. Cook, J. Leahy, Wm. Phillips and F. Weldon. Services were conducted at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church by Rev. A. B. Winchester, and the choir furnished music appropriate to the occasion, the Dead March being played as the funeral procession passed through.

To Defray Expenses.

There was a good attendance at the entertainment given in the Temperance Hall last night by the I. O. G. T. and the W. C. T. U., and quite a sum of money was realized to defray the expenses of the recent repairs on the hall. The programme, which included many very choice selections, was as follows: Instrumental duet, Mr. Agnew and Mr. McDowell; solo, Mr. Collister; club swinging, Miss Plows; solo, Mr. Russell; solo, Miss Duffy; recitation, Miss Wall; solo, Mr. Watson; refreshments, instrumental duet, Mr. Agnew and Mr. McDowell; solo, Miss Wolff; solo, Mr. Brownlee; recitation, Miss D. Wolff; solo, Master Bennie; God Save the Queen.

Seattle Will Be Represented.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce have accepted the invitation of the British Columbia Board of Trade and will be represented at the grand banquet to be held in the Driard on the evening of Thursday, May 4. It is expected that there will be about twenty-five invited guests, and the banquet committee have accordingly perfected their arrangement upon the basis that at least 150 tickets will find sale at $12 50 each. Many have already been taken, but a very large number still remain to be disposed of. They can be obtained at any time from the members of the Banquet committee—Messrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, H. E Connon, D. R. Ker, C. E. Renouf or Gustav Leiser—or from Secretary F. Elworthy.

In the Vice-Admiralty Court.

The case of the E. & N. Railway Company vs. the steamer Cutch, to recover damages on account of a collision in Nanaimo harbor last fall, was up in the Vice-Admiralty Court yesterday for trial. The bench was composed of Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, local judge in Admiralty, and nautical assessors Lieutenants Nugent and Masters, of H.M.S. Champion and Garnet respectively. Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., appeared for the plaintiffs; Messrs. E. V. Bodwell and P. E. Irving for the defence. The plaintiffs' case had first been concluded and the defence begun when the court adjourned until 11 a.m. to-day. The general ground of the defence is that the accident was the fault of the Joan, not of the Cutch.

I. O. O. F. Anniversary Entertainment.

Yesterday was the seventy-fourth anniversary of Odd Fellowship on the continent of America, and Columbia Lodge, No. 2, which met last evening, disposed of the lodge business as speedily as possible, in order to allow those present to take part in an entertainment commemorative of the day. Tables were spread in the lodge room, and about sixty members of the order sat down to an excellent collation prepared by Bro. Geo. Crosson, of the Lorne restaurant. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the following impromptu programme was rendered:

Remarks by Bro. J. E. Coombs, of Delta Lodge, No. 33, Wash.

Remarks by Bro S. Hyams, P. G.

Duet, banjo and guitar—Messrs. W. Agnew and H. McDowell.

Recitation—Bro. Jas. Pottinger, P. G.

Song by Bro. W. Kinnaird, P. G.—"Sour Grapes."

Remarks by Bro. C. Ewart, P. G., of Barnum Lodge, No. 7, Corvallis, Or.

Song by Bro. D. Anderson—"The Scottish Emigrant."

Remarks by Bro. T. Fell, P.G.

Instrumental duet, by Messrs. Agnew and McDowell.

Song by Bro. R. C. Fawcett, P.G.—"The Man in the Moon."

Remarks by Bro. J. H. Woodside, P.G., of Portage Lodge, No 3, Manitoba.

Song by Bro. W. H. Huxtable, P. G.—"One Summer's Eve." In response to an encore, "A Motto for every Man."

Remarks by Bro. C. A. Wakeman, P.G., of Placer Lodge, No. 38, California.

Song by Bro. J. W. Meldram, P. G. M.—"The Island Home of the Englishman."

Guitar solo—W. Agnew.

Song by Bro. J. Hawkins, P. G.—"The Old Buffer."

Song by Bro. C. Maynard, P. G.—"Married Life."

Song by Bro. Jos. Davies—"The Ham Fat Man."

Remarks by Bro. A. Henderson, P. G.

Banjo solo—H. McDowell.

Songs by Bro. D. Anderson—"By Killarney's Lakes" and "Paddy Leary."

Remarks by Bro. Geo. Wilby, V.G.

After spending a very pleasant and sociable evening, the company broke up about midnight, after singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

Davidson-Adams.

The marriage of Mr. Alexander Davidson, of the jewelry firm of Davidson Bros., and Miss Annie McKiel, only daughter of D. Adams, Esq., was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Gorge road, yesterday afternoon at 4:30, Rev. Mr. Barber officiating. The bride was attired in a lovely dress of cream silk, trimmed with old Spanish lace, with tulle veil and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid was Miss Rose Ellis, who was dressed in white silk crepe with ribbon trimmings. Each carried a bouquet of flowers. The groom was supported by Mr. Fred. Adams, the father giving away the bride. A large number of friends of the high contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. After congratulations, all sat down to a delicious collation, and the happy couple were appropriately toasted. They left on the Sound steamer and will spend their honeymoon in the South. The bride is a native of Victoria, is one of the loveliest of its many lovely daughters, and is esteemed by a large circle of friends. The groom is a well-known and successful merchant of this city. Their popularity was evidenced by a host of wedding presents. Their departure from home was followed by a shower of rice and old slippers, typical of the good luck wished by all who know the happy couple.

In Aid of the Sabbath School.

The concert given by the Metropolitan Methodist church choir in Odd Fellows' hall, Fernwood road, last evening, was not as largely attended as expected, but the small attendance in no way interfered with the entertainment otherwise, for the programme was well rendered. It was as follows: Overture, string band; song, Mr. Mitchell; chorus, choir; recitation, Miss Burkholder; song, Miss Luney; humorous quartette, Misses O'Neil and Honor and Messrs. Parfitt and Bishop; piano and cello selection, Mr. Parfitt and Miss Andrews; instrumental, valse, string band; reading, Miss Weeks; chorus, choir; dialogue, Miss R. Mathews and Messrs. Watkins, Morris, Nicholson and Mathews; quartette, Misses Luney and Luker and Messrs. Mitchell and F. Hall; solo and chorus, Miss O'Neill and choir. The concert was given in aid of the Methodist Sabbath school in Spring Ridge.

The Victoria Consulate.

The extract from the Post-Intelligencer published yesterday in regard to the probable appointment of Mr. E. F. Bogart, of Everett, as U. S. consul in this city is not regarded by American residents here as more than a haphazard guess. Mr. Bogart may have, and very likely has, the endorsation of the Democratic committee of the State, but a dozen other States have also equally valuable support, and the consuls sent to Victoria are not generally selected from the West. As a rule eastern or middle state men are chosen, so that they may be entirely removed from local influences. One who is in a position to know states that there are already over one hundred applications before President Cleveland, the billet at Victoria being in point of desirability second only to the consul-generalship in London; when Consul Myers was selected by the Harrison Government it was a choice of 540 applicants. It is not probable that the present consular arrangements will be interfered with for some time—at least not until the termination of the Behring Sea arbitration.

THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The prospect of a military demonstration in connection with the Queen's Birthday celebration has been heard with great favor by the merchants and general public, and many members of the committee have been urged to leave nothing undone to secure it. Secretary Boggs yesterday communicated to Lt.-Col. Prior, M.P., the request from the committee that he should consider the possibility of the Brigade of Artillery taking part. Col. Prior expressed himself as heartily in favor of the idea, and promised to do everything possible to promote it.

It is learned that the U. S. warship Boston will be in Puget Lound about the 24th of May, and an invitation will accordingly be extended to the officers to take part in the review.

The printing committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon in Mr. Chas. Hayward's office, and made the necessary arrangements for the issue of programme and posters.

The regatta committee has been called to meet at the City Hall on the evening of Thursday, May 4.

CITY MARKETS.

The scarcity of potatoes at present, due probably to the frequent visits of Jack Frost last winter, will be changed to plenty next week, by which time several car loads of Manitoba growth are expected to arrive. This importation will considerably increase the supply, and consequently the enormous prices now paid will be reduced. A shipment of packed eggs from Eastern Canada is also expected to arrive in a few days. These will be offered at 25 cents per dozen, five cents cheaper than fresh eggs. If the fine weather continues there will be a larger supply of fish in hand. Salmon has dropped about four cents per pound during the week, and other varieties of fish, it is thought, will shortly follow in the fall. The standing quotations are as follows:

FLOUR—Portland roller per brl	$ 5.75
Salem	5.75
Ogilvie's (Hungarian)	6.00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.00
Premier	6.00
Three Star	5.75
Victoria	5.75
Lion	5.75
Royal	6.00
Wheat, per ton	30.00@40.00
Oats, per con	26.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	30.00@35.00
Middlings, per ton	32.00@37.00
Bran, per ton	27.00@ 30.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00@35.00
Corn, whole	45.00
" cracked	50.00
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs	2.75@3.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
Potatoes, per bag	2.00@2.50
Cabbage, per lb	4@5
Cauliflowers, per doz	1.50
Asparagus	12½@15
Green Peas, per lb	12½
Hay, baled, per ton	18@20 00
Straw, per bale	1.00
Onions, new, per lb	05
" Silver, per lb	2@3
Eggs, Island, per dozen	35
Butter, Island roll, (2 lbs)	50 @ 65
" Creamery, per 3 lbs	1.00
Cheese, Canadian per lb., retail	25
Hams, American "	25
" Canadian "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	22
" Rolled "	18
" Long clear "	17
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard "	18@20
Meats—Beef "	10@12
Sides "	9@11
Mutton, per lb	12@20
Pork, fresh "	10@12
Chickens, per pair	1.75@2.00
Turkey per lb	30
Geese per lb	25
Fish—Salmon (spring), per lb	10@12
" (Smoked) "	8@10
Halibut	12½
Cod, per lb	8@10
" (Nfld.), per lb	12½
Small fish	5@8
Sturgeon	2@4
Herring (Labrador), per doz	50
" (smoked) "	50
Fruits—Apples per lb	5@8
Oranges (Navel), per doz	50@75
" (Riverside) "	25@30
Lemons, per doz	40@50

AFGHAN TROUBLES.

BOMBAY, April 26.—Serious trouble is again brewing in the state of Chitral, lying between the valleys of the Oxus and Cabul rivers, where the former ruler, Afghul ul Mulk, was murdered by his uncle, the latter being afterwards driven out by the rightful surviving heir. The state is full of intriguers. Umra Khan is said to be the chief instigator of the agitation. It is stated that the Ameer of Afghanistan, who has claimed sovereignty over Chitral, is also taking part in stimulating troublesome intrigues and is alleging that the British are endeavoring to encroach upon Chitral. It is said that the Ameer is seeking an alliance with Umra Khan, and is urging the chiefs to unite in opposing Great Britain.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Auditor's Report on the Victoria and Sidney Railway—Sewerage Commissioners Named.

Tenders for the Police Barracks—The Post Office Site Discussed.

The Board of Aldermen had their regular meeting last evening, Mayor Beaven in the chair, and all the aldermen present except Ald. Munn.

Several routine reports from the Finance committee were adopted.

T. Munro wrote complaining of the disgraceful condition of the street opposite his premises, 118 Fisgard street. Referred to Street committee.

E. M. Johnson protested against the provision of the Health by-law which makes owners responsible for the cost of cleaning unsanitary premises. He pointed out that landlords have no authority to enter upon premises to see whether or not any nuisance exist, and suggested that the law be altered so as to make liable to a fine all occupants who failed to report any nuisance on their premises. This, he thought, would have the effect of making the occupants more careful and would help to prevent the owners being unjustly charged with expense in a matter over which they have no control.

ALD. BRAGG moved that the letter be referred to the Health committee.

ALD. MCKILLICAN thought there was much reason in Mr. Johnson's letter, and it might be well to amend the law.

ALD. MCTAVISH considered that the council would be stultifying themselves by such action, the provision protested against having been carefully considered. He moved in amendment that the letter be laid on the table. Carried.

Joseph Somer asked permission to make an excavation under the sidewalk in front of his premises, 50 Government street. Referred to the City Engineer.

A. Campbell Reddie, deputy provincial secretary, wrote an acknowledgment of the request from the council that the school sites should be conveyed to the city; and stated that it had been referred to the Lands and Works department.

VICTORIA AND SIDNEY RAILWAY.

This report was read:—

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.
VICTORIA, April 24, 1893.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—In regard to the Victoria and Sidney Railway Co., I beg to respectfully follow: The books of the company have not been written up to date, but a statement of cash with vouchers was submitted by the Secretary of the company.

The bonds of the company, amounting to $300,000, realized the sum of $270,568.36, which amount has been paid to the credit of the Victoria and Sidney Railway Co.'s "bond discount" at the Bank of British Columbia, bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum. One check has been drawn against this account on February 28, 1893, for $17,448 95, as per estimate No. 1; this includes an amount of $13,150 for terminal land and wharf at Sidney, $4,147.95 for surveys, the balance being made up of several small claims for right of way, legal and office expenses.

The check was drawn from the "bond account" and placed to the credit of the company's general bank account, to be dealt with by the ordinary checks of the company.

The paid up capital of the company amounts to $12,500.

JAS. L. RAYMUR,
Auditor.

ALD. MCKILLICAN moved that the report be laid on the table, pending the report from the committee on the railway. It had not been intended, he thought, that this should have come down separately.

Mr. Morrissey wrote again complaining of a nuisance to his property on the Cedar Hill road for want of drainage.

ALD. MILLER said the complaint was a just one, and if the Streets committee would spend $15 or $20 in removing a boulder the water would run away. Referred to Street committee.

Lowenberg, Harris & Co., on behalf of W. A. Elliot, protested against the proposal of the fire wardens to improve the building erected by his permission some years ago on Lot 921, Kingston street. He also asked a rental of $5 a month from date, with three months notice on either side. Referred to the fire wardens.

The Secretary of the British Columbia Rifle Association wrote reporting that the Victoria corporation challenge cup, presented in 1882, had last year been finally won by Staff Sergt. John C. Newbury, and asked the Council to consider the matter of presenting another trophy. Referred to the Finance committee.

A. W. Jones wrote accepting the offer of the corporation of $765 for that portion of his property required for the proposed widening of View street east of Cook, on condition that he be put to no cost in the matter by taxation for the improvement, for the laying of sidewalks or other purposes. A letter from Mrs. Heywood accepted the Council's offer of $1,327 for her land on like conditions.

ALD. MILLER thought the acceptances should be unconditional.

ALD. MCKILLICAN moved that the parties be required to accept or refuse the offer of the corporation without stipulation. Carried.

THE POLICE BARRACKS.

Tenders for the new police barracks were opened. They were:

Thomas & Glover—$5,970; heating extra, $227; electric works, $100.

Elford & Smith—$6,220.

W. C. Byrnes—$5,490. Gurney heater, $227; electrical works, $50.

(From the wording of the tender the Mayor inferred that the heater and electrical works were included in the first-named sum of $5,490.)

Thomas Catterall—$6,573; heating, $277; electrical works, $150

J. W. Carter—$5 640; heating, $277.

John G. Brown—$6,200.

McGregor & Jeeves—$5,915.

Frederick Adams—$5,750.

N. C. Mayo—$7,799

The tenders were referred to the police committee and building inspector for report.

SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS.

ALD. BELYEA moved, seconded by Ald. McKillican, that Thomas Earle, D. R. Ker and John Teague be appointed Sewerage commissioners.

ALD. BAKER thought that a member of the Council should be put on in place of Mr. Ker, who was not one of the former commissioners. He would like to see Ald. Styles on that board, and moved an amendment to that effect. He was sorry that Ald. Styles was not present to say whether or not he would act. (Ald. Styles had left the meeting some time before).

ALD. BELYEA said the absence of Hon. J. H. Turner from the city had made it necessary to appoint someone else, with the other two old commissioners, and he had asked Mr. Ker if he would accept. He had consented, and the other commissioners were well satisfied to have him associated with them. Personally he had no objection to Ald. Styles, but he wished to say here that the contractor element had been dominent in this Council for years and had been disastrous to the city interests. He was opposed to the appointment of any contractor to any such position in the award of this Council. Every time the business of this city had been subjected to the contracting influence the result had been disastrous. Mr. Ker was a capable and a just man, who, he had no doubt, would act fairly and honorably between the city and the contractor, and he hoped the board would appoint him.

ALD. BAKER and Ald. Bragg each rose to protest against Ald. Belyea's remarks, but the latter took exception that those gentlemen having already spoken could not again address the board. The Mayor sustained the point.

ALD MILLER thought it would be a delicate compliment to the old commissioners to re-appoint them all, and he therefore moved the substitution of Hon. Mr. Turner's name for that of Mr. Ker. He thought the presence of all these commissioners was not material now.

ALD HENDERSON suggested that two commissioners were sufficient. He, however, suggested Ald. Miller's amendment.

ALD. BAKER said Ald. Belyea deserved considerable credit for the way he had attacked the contractors, but he wanted to know how they ever injured the city.

ALD. BELYEA—The Market building was a contractor's job.

ALD. BAKER continued to protest that there was no good foundation for the attack on the contractors, and held that the people who put in the contractors were quite able to judge of the value of their services.

ALD. BELYEA asked what would be the result of any disagreement between the other two commissioners in the absence of Mr. Turner? They could not wait until his return, and the contractor certainly could not be expected to wait all summer for a settlement.

ALD. BRAGG was satisfied that Ald. Belyea could not back up his assertions by anything substantial, and that the contractors at the board had the interests of the city at heart just as much as anyone else had. As for the market, he would like the insinuations made about it to be backed up with facts.

ALD. BELYEA—You ask for an investigation, and I'll do it.

Some of the audience having applauded during Ald. Bragg's remarks, the Mayor reminded them that no such expressions of assent or dissent could be permitted.

The amendment substituting Hon. Mr. Turner's name for that of Mr. Ker was adopted.

THE POST OFFICE SITE.

ALD. BRAGG moved, seconded by Ald. Baker, the motion of which he had given notice protesting against the site suggested for the new post office and custom house.

ALD. MCTAVISH did not think it advisable to quarrel with the action of the Dominion Government, who were showing some indication of allowing Victoria to have some of the crumbs from the table. His own opinion was that the site was a most suitable one both for the post office and custom house.

ALD. BAKER contended that Douglas street, somewhere in the neighborhood of the City hall, would be the most suitable place for a post office. He thought the city had no need to be afraid of the Dominion Government.

ALD. MILLER thought this resolution should have emanated from a public meeting instead of being introduced in the Council. He thought a site near the City Hall would have been the most suitable, but the city was not so large that three blocks one way or the other would make any material difference. He took it for granted that the Dominion authorities had made inquiries as to where they would get the best value for their money. In order to give the public a chance to express themselves at a public meeting, he moved that the resolution be laid on the table until next night of meeting.

ALD. HENDERSON did not agree with the objections to the site, and held that it was not an essential to have the post office in the centre of the city. If it was central to the business portion that was enough. He thought the city was bound to extend a long way south and east before growing in other directions. He was opposed to any interference on the part of this Council.

ALD. BELYEA said when a motion had been brought in respecting the $600,000 vote for the Provincial buildings, he had opposed it on the ground that the Council should not interfere with the business of men elected by the same votes; and he had the same objection to the present motion, which he also opposed on its merits. The Dominion Government having at last consented to grant the request for new public buildings had made inquiry, and the report made to them was that not only was the site under discussion the most suitable for all the purposes of the buildings intended, but that the site was by 50 per cent. the cheapest of all available. In all the large cities the post office was in the centre of the business community. If the Council passed a resolution asking for a post office on Douglas street, the probable result would be that we would get a cheap post office there, at the cost of perhaps $50,000, and the old offices now used for the custom house and other purposes would continue to be used, in place of the contemplated expenditure of some $300,000 in one fine building.

The motion of Ald. Bragg was put and lost.

Ald. Miller's "Aldermen's indemity" by-law was read a second time, Ald. Belyea voting nay.

The by-law introduced by Ald. Henderson to amend the Municipal Council by-law was read a first and second time. The by-law was being discussed in committee, when attention was called to the fact that there was no quorum present, and the meeting ended at 10:50 p.m.

MURDER WILL OUT.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., April 25.—On the night of December 1, C. O. Walker was shot through the window of Mrs. Monk's cabin, near Ben Lomond, while playing cards. Who the murderer was remained a matter of conjecture for several days, but ex-Sheriff Jennings got a clue and arrested George J. Bullock and James Burns. The latter was discharged on account of insufficient evidence, but Bullock was tried, found guilty of murder and sent to the penitentiary for life. Since then District-Attorney Lindsay has been on the case. He has visited the prison three times and obtained a confession from Bullock. Burns was again arrested to-day and Bullock was brought back from prison as a witness. At the second examination Bullock tells the story that he and Burns were drunk, and having a grudge against Walker they went with the determination to kill him. Bullock proposed to draw a straw, but Burns said he would not. He then took a rifle, called Bullock and placing the rifle over Bullock's shoulder fired with fatal results. Justice Craighill held Burns over to appear before the superior court.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Death of the First White Child Born on Salt Spring Island.

Promising Outlook for a Large Fruit Crop—Interior Mining Development.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, April 26.—J. R. Anderson will ship the last car to the World's Fair this week.

Two hundred and fifty Chinamen from Albert Head left en route for Havana yesterday. They filled three cars.

Steamer Capilano left yesterday for Newcastle Island with a cargo of stone.

Steamer Coquitlam is in from Comox.

City of Puebla arrived yesterday from San Francisco.

Steamer Boscowitz left for the North yesterday with a large supply of provisions. A number of settlers were bound for Bella Bella.

Steamer Mermaid returned last night from her trial trip, having been as far as Tahkush harbor. She gave great satisfaction, and although the weather was rough at the head of Vancouver Island, she behaved well. She brought down some halibut for Fader Bros., and also several passengers from the camps and settlements.

On investigating the trouble of the market fuss, yesterday, the police committee found that Mr. Beattie's market lease was contradictory to the market by-law. The City Solicitor will be asked to explain matters.

It is quite commonly talked of here that Hon. Mr. Davie will visit Vancouver and Westminster for the purpose of addressing the electors in reference to the redistribution bill and other matters.

Mass meetings are to be held in Chilliwack and other places this week.

Francis Bourchier is in Vancouver with a young woman, not his wife. He has been here for two or three days, and has been a prominent figure on the streets.

George Morley, a once famous detective, was fined $50 for giving whiskey to a Klootchman.

Surrey and Chilliwack will hold a mass meeting to discuss the Queen's Birthday celebration.

There having been extensive slides on the C.P.R. there will be no train till Friday.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 26.—H. Simcock, boat builder, is going to build a marine slip on the North Arm.

Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, of London and Edinburgh, have in the press a novel by Mrs. Julian Peacock, of this city, entitled "Bush and Town," a tale of the Pacific Coast.

The bark Jessie Stowe, 672 tons, has been chartered by the Anglo-British Columbian Canning Co. to load salmon in the Fraser River for the United Kingdom, for September and October lading.

Steamer Courser left to-day for Sea Bird Bluff, having been chartered by the C. P. R. to assist in raising the engine and cars which went over the embankment into the river in the accident, several weeks ago, in which Engineer White and Brakeman Pushat lost their lives.

An interesting event took place last night at the residence of Captain James Robinson, Columbia street, when his daughter Amy was married to James P. Sim, son of Alexander Sim, of Banff, Scotland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Scoular, of St. Andrew's church, in presence of a few friends and relatives.

Inspector of Fruit Pests Hutcherson says, concerning the alleged damage to fruit trees by the more than ordinarily severe frost of last winter, that, as far as he could ascertain, the amount of damage was very small, indeed, a few peach trees only sustaining serious injury. From present indications, there will be a big crop of plums and prunes this year, and apples should be a good average crop. The buds are not started as many think, but they are in a very healthy condition, though slightly backward. On the whole, the outlook in most lines is very encouraging for a heavy yield.

The authorities expect to experience some trouble in running down the murderer of William Zachary. They have, however, one or two clues to work on and will make the most of them. On the night after Zachary's disappearance, before it was generally known that he had not reached home safely, a light was seen in his house by parties on the opposite side of the river. The night Zachary left Langley, some time after dark, loud cries from the river were heard by Miss West, daughter of H. West, sawmill owner. She believed at the time that they came from some person drowning. A moment later the cries ceased and no more was heard. It is known that another boat was in the vicinity where Zachary's was found the night the murder occurred, but the occupants of the boat are unknown.

The gold bars on the Fraser are unusually remunerative to gold hunters at present on account of the low stage of the water. Many Chinese and Indians, working between Sumas and Yale, are having a veritable harvest, $5 and $6 a day being an ordinary average. It is many years since the conditions for gold washing at this time of the year have been so favorable on the lower Fraser.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, April 26.—A public meeting will be held in the City Hall to-morrow evening to discuss ways and means for the celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

A representation of Belshazzar's Feast will be given in the Nanaimo opera house on Thursday, May 4, under the direction of Professor Spear.

The Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, met in the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening. Representatives of the local and Vancouver divisions were present, and Rev. J. M. McLeod, of Vancouver, was the principal speaker. A musical programme was rendered during the evening.

The ball and supper given last night in the Corporation Hall by the Nanaimo Association for the investigation of Spiritualism was well attended and proved a very enjoyable affair.

A concert in the Baptist church was another of last evening's attractions, which was well patronized. An excellent programme was satisfactorily rendered.

The local unions are supporting the Nanaimo Journeymen Tailors' Union in their fight with the firm of Morgan & Commerford. Public opinion is generally on the side of Messrs. Morgan & Commerford. These gentlemen have carried on business here for a long time, and have conducted it in a thoroughly upright manner. The present trouble is not due to any spirit of animosity to unionism on their part, but to trade jealousy and the depressed state of trade.

The Nanaimo District Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Society, recently organized, promises to grow into a flourishing concern. From all parts of the district applications for membership are coming in. The City Council will be petitioned to assist in the maintenance of the society.

Ald. McKinnel will, at the next meeting of the City Council, bring in a by law providing for the re-survey of the city. This move will have the support of every intelligent person in the city, and the sooner the survey is completed the better every one will be pleased.

The steamer Bertha arrived this morning from Kodiak, Alaska. She has no news. The Bertha loads a cargo of coal for San Francisco.

Ship George Skolfield arrived this evening and will load a cargo of coal at the Protection Island wharf for San Francisco.

The U.S gunboats Patterson and Hassler sail at daylight.

SALT SPRING ISLAND.

SALT SPRING, April 25.—The COLONIST records with deepest regret the death of Mrs. Joseph Nightingale which occurred at her residence, Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring island, on Sunday morning, the 16th inst. Some two months ago deceased had a slight stroke of paralysis, from which she apparently recovered, but on the birth of her child it was evident to all that her strength was failing. She was visited by Dr. Watson, of Duncan's, on the Tuesday previous to her death and he pronounced her case to be gravely complicated, though by no means hopeless. All that fond love could suggest and sympathizing friends could do was done to prolong her life; she, however, gradually sank into a lethargic condition and passed painlessly away, leaving a sorrowing husband and four children to lament her death. The lovable character and amiable disposition of the deceased had endeared her to all with whom she came in contact, and the settlers evinced their respect for her memory by attending the funeral en masse. From north to south of the island, old and young accompanied the body to the church, thence to the burial ground, where with all solemnity she was laid to rest, the sadly whispering pines playing her requiem until the earth shall cast out her dead. Deceased was the eldest daughter of Mr. Akerman, of the Valley, and was but 28 years of age at the time of her death. An interesting fact learned from the old settlers is that she was the first white child born on the island.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

The Boundary Creek district, 160 miles northwest of Spokane, just above the international boundry line in British Columbia, is located in the heart of an unexplored mineral area embracing several thousand square miles. With fifteen months of exploration by less than one hundred men the district is already producing high grade mineral of every description, from free milling gold quartz to lead silver smelting ore. Ore shipments made at the close of 1892 included grey copper and antimonial silver carrying from 250 to 600 ounces of silver, carbonates and chlorides, sampling at the smelter 22 per cent. lead, 250 ounces of silver and $10 gold per ton; also dry ore sampling 150 ounces of silver and $12 gold per ton.

Paying coarse gold placers have been found in the Boundary Creek district and 75 per cent. of the ores carry a good gold value. The district is easy accessible and timber, water and grass are found in abundance. Forty-five miles west of the Boundary Creek district, near the international line, is the Fairview Quartz camp. Millions of dollars in gold were extracted from the placers along the streams traversing the Fairview region in early days, but quartz mining was then an undiscovered science. In consequence the numerous nuggets of native gold, silver, copper and quantities of platinum found in the sluices were regarded as curious and no efforts were made to discover their source.

Silver quartz finds have been made and machinery has been successfully introduced. Gold is the predominant value, the ores being free milling on the surface and changing into milling and concentrating ores with depth. There can be no doubt but that these two camps will show pre-eminently to the front this fall.

NELSON.

(From the Miner.)

Under the new arrangements entered into between the C. & K. railway and the C. & K. Navigation Company, passengers are now carried from Nelson to Spokane in one day.

Since the customs' officers have been levying an assessment on shooting irons carried by incoming strangers there is quite a market for second-hand revolvers at Bonner's Ferry and Northport, the two jumping-off places into the Kootenay country. Colorado, California and Montana miners are realizing that this is a country where the man with the gun is in greater danger than the man who only shoots with his mouth.

George Johnstone, of the Canadian customs, has been in this city for the past few days awaiting instructions regarding the enforcing of the customs regulations. This, followed by the announcement of the Columbia & Kootenay Navigation Company officials, that their boats will not allow United States goods unaccompanied by certified invoices, to be taken on board their boats, would seem to indicate what these instructions have been. The enforcing of such regulations is necessary, as there are no bonded warehouses in which goods without invoices could be stored. A port of entry at Nelson would obviate all these inconveniences. It is bound to come when the railways commence operating.

By the decease of an aunt, Arthur Dick has come into a tidy $250,000. He is now in New Denver, and it is likely that he will soon bid farewell to the seamy side of life as experienced in the West, for the enjoyments of the East.

Ira Jenkins came in from the South on Thursday and says that Larson's graders are already at work on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard, between the boundary line and Pend d'Oreille river.

Thomas Johnson, manager of the Shafer Gold Mining Company, was in Nelson on Saturday. He said that as soon as machinery could be got on the ground, work would be resumed on the company's tunnel at Ainsworth. An engine and boiler had been purchased at Spokane, and an offer would be made for the air compressor and machine drill now at the Blue Bell mine. Mr. Johnson is sanguine that his company will make a ten strike, as the ledge for which they are heading can be traced for over 10,000 feet on the surface. In running the tunnel 170 feet several small stringers of ore were cut.

There has been a good deal of talk lately in regard to the erection of a smelter to reduce the ores of Trail Creek district, and the following from the Spokane Review of the 13th is the latest: "The deal between the Le Roi Mining Company and the Pyritical Smelting Company, by which a smelter is to be built at Newport or across the border in the Trail Creek country, was discussed a great deal in mining circles yesterday, and it was the general impression that all parties meant business and that the smelter would be built before October."

The town of Sayward, located opposite Fort Sheppard, on the Columbia River, about two miles north of the Pend d'Oreille river, is the latest candidate for favor with real estate speculators. It is owned by the West Kootenay Land Company and presents a most inviting appearance. The owners contemplate putting in an esplanade along the river front from 100 to 150 feet wide, and the townsite is to be surveyed so as to make the avenues 100 and 150 feet wide, streets 80 feet wide, alleys 20 feet, and the building lots 30x110. A E Hodgins, of this city, will leave on Monday to carry out the survey. This point will be the supply station of the southern end of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway during construction. The steamer Columbia landed a load of contractor's implements there on Thursday, and there are many tons of the same still awaiting shipment.

(From the Nelson Tribune.)

A twenty-pound sample of rich looking galena ore reached Kaslo on Monday from the Chambers mine, Slocan district. This is from the new strike in the tunnel being run during the winter to tap the ledge. It is stated that the lead is twenty-three feet wide, with a fine tale casing on each wall.

Captain Troup arrived in Nelson on Thursday from Northport. He reports his company already handling supplies for the Nelson and Fort Sheppard contractors, who expect to begin work at once at the boundary line. He also stated that the river was open through to Revelstoke, and that an effort would be made at once to open up communications. The river is rising very slowly, however, and the Lytten still lands at the mouth of Kootenay river. Captain Throup has left Nelson to try and make Revelstoke with the steam barge Illecillewaet, which has been tied up at Robson all winter.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, April 25.—Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the budget for the coming financial year in the Commons yesterday. The chancellor estimated the expenditures for the current year at £91,464,000 and the revenue at £89,890,000, leaving a deficit of £1,574,000, due in part to a slight expected decrease of revenue, but chiefly to the vast growth in expenditure not created by the Government, but through the demands of the country upon Parliament. He said that the Government would not propose to cover the deficit by encroaching upon the sinking fund devoted to the reduction of the national debt, but preferred to meet the deficit by the straightforward way of increased taxation. The Government resorted to an income tax, which it was proposed to increase by one penny on each pound, and this ought to add £1,705,000 to the revenue.

Hon. G. J. Goschen, who was chancellor of the exchequer under Lord Salisbury's administration, condoled with the chancellor in having to meet rising expenditures with a falling revenue, and other comments were made generally favorable to the budget.

A motion was made to amend the Home Rule bill by providing that the Government withdraw the military forces from Ireland before a Parliament is established in Dublin.

Thomas Sexton, anti-Parnellite, in the Commons to-day questioned Hon. Mr. Asquith, home secretary, regarding the Belfast riots. In reply Mr. Asquith read an official report of the rioting in Belfast yesterday. As regards the speeches of eminent politicians, Mr. Sexton designated Rt. Hon. Mr. Balfour and Lord Randolph Churchill and Rt. Hon. Mr. Asquith, and expressed the opinion that they had incurred a heavy responsibility by using intemperate language directly calculated to incite the bitterest party strife, but the Government had taken every possible step, he said, to prevent a recurrence of the deplorable demonstrations.

ARMORY DESTROYED.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Chicago's First regiment armory, at the corner of Sixteenth street and Michigan avenue, was almost totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The flames, which soon were beyond the control of the first detachment of engines that arrived, also consumed part of the belongings of the Trocadero Restaurant and Amusement Co., who were to have occupied the building during the World's Fair. Shortly after the fire broke out, an explosion shattered the north and south walls, causing the roof to fall. It is known that two men lost their lives in the flames. They are John Nelson, colored porter, and a colored man, name unknown, a waiter. Two negro waiters were taken out of the third story and removed to St. Luke's hospital. E. W. Latham and Chris. Wiggins, electric light men, were severely burned, but will recover. The loss to the property is now placed at $215,000. The building was one of the ornaments of Michigan avenue. It was a brown stone structure, four stories high, with an imposing frontage on the boulevard. Being favored by its comparatively central location it had been leased by the Trocadero Restaurant and Amusement Co. They spent a large sum in fitting it up as a concert hall, and it was here that Mme. Louise Dikita, the singer, was to have made her debut next Sunday night, opening a long engagement. Various necessities for this in the way of seats, tables, and elaborate scenery had been put in, and only a few finishing touches remained to make the preparations complete. The loss will be at least $200,000.

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