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Arrival of the Teresa.

The steamer Pilot arrived at about one o'clock this morning with the sealing schooner Teresa in tow. She was picked up off the cape and has in the neighborhood of 300 skins on board.

B. C. Art Association.

A large number of fine paintings have already been hung for the coming exhibition. The committee have arranged for a private view on Tuesday, the day before the opening. The hanging committee are going to much trouble to make the first annual exhibition a grand success.

Dredging at the Outer Wharf.

It is expected that now the engine and machinery for the Rithet dredge have arrived, and are being taken on board at the C.P.N. wharf, operations for deepening the channels leading to and the berth at the Outer wharf will be commenced in a very few days and be vigorously prosecuted.

For the Alaska Service.

The steamer George W. Elder having been handed over to the U. P. R. Co., the fine steamer Mexico, fresh from overhauling in dock, will arrive Sunday to take her place on the Alaska route for the season. The Elder, now at Portland, will be docked during next week at Esquimalt.

Business Transaction.

The tenders for P. C. Dunlevy's fur collection were opened yesterday in Messrs. Cowan & Wilson's, and considerable interest was manifested in the event. The lot was composed of first-class skins. Messrs. Joseph Boscowitz & Son were the successful tenderers, securing the collection for a sum exceeding $8,000.

Salmon Arrival.

It is expected that the steamer Louise will bring down from 9,000 to 10,000 cases of salmon, arrangements for the removal and transhipment of which have been already made, so that there will be no delay in giving the steamer quick dispatch. Her movements will be advertised in THE COLONIST.

Complications in Sight.

A complicated water rights case is arising through the improvement of the Cowichan and Somenos rivers. On the former, the Dominion government and certain residents are said to have diverted and improved the stream to such an extent that a large quantity of water is backed into the Somenos river to the injury of property there, which considerable money has lately been spent in improving.

The Provincial Buildings.

Work upon the additions which are being made to the office of the provincial secretary are progressing rapidly. The new stairway is about completed, the extension turret has been roofed, and is being finished off, and when all is ready it is anticipated that not only an exceedingly useful, but a very attractive looking addition, will have been made to the previously existing cramped accommodations.

Their Long Walk Ended.

Collector Milne, of H. M. Customs, yesterday morning received a telegram from Port Inspector Young, at Revelstoke, announcing that Hon. Mr. Rowell, Mr. Parmalee and Mr. Hardy had arrived there safely. They were to start for Vancouver last evening, remain there one day and then come to Victoria. It is expected that the party will reach here Sunday night, and remain several days.

Runaway Accident.

Yesterday afternoon, as three naval officers were driving in a double rig, they started the horses on a run near the end of Rock Bay bridge, and on turning into Work street one of the wheels caught the rails of the tramway. It was immediately wrenched off, throwing the party into the road, whilst the horses, with the remains of the buggy, made off at full gallop towards Esquimalt. Happily no injuries were received, and a little brushing set the party right again.

The New Year Festival.

There will be no further services in connection with the celebration of the Jewish New Year until Tuesday, when at sundown the Day of Atonement is entered upon. The day is one of strict fasting and prayer; and during Wednesday a number of services are to be held in the synagogue. On Sunday following the Feast of Tabernacles will be commenced, continuing for seven days; and during the week following the Rejoicing of the Law will be held. This is in memory of the delivery of the law to Moses, and completes the New Year festival.

Another Explanation.

Speaking of the theory that volcanic eruptions had caused the scarcity of seals in the usual hunting grounds visited this year, the captain of one of the Victoria schooners advanced a new idea yesterday. Said he: "The seals are not becoming extinct; there's as many this year as ever before. And it's not the sulphur that has driven them away. They go where the food goes. With all the firing that has been going on over Behring Sea, which is only from 40 to 75 fathoms deep, the fish have become alarmed, and have migrated to more sequestered corners of the ocean. The seals have no doubt followed them.

Seeking Investments

Livingstone Middlemost and W. H. Armitage, of Huddersfield, and J. Town of London, Eng., came over from the mainland Wednesday night with C. D. Rand, of Vancouver. These gentlemen are seeking field for investment of capital in British Columbia, and although the province holds out so many tempting inducements to capitalists, Victoria is never passed by when once seen. All three of the party are pleasurably surprised at the splendid advantages so evident from an investment in Victoria property. They are more than gratified at their decision to visit the fair capital of British Columbia, and being all shrewd business men they will not fail to avail themselves of such an opportunity.

Time to Meet Again.

It is asked in some quarters what is being done with regard to preparing for and calling the meeting of convocation of the University of British Columbia, which was to be held within two months of the last assembly. It is almost time that the notices convening the members should be issued, while all due expedition is needed to complete that revision of the act of incorporation which, some days back, a special meeting of committee took in hand. Moreover, it would be well for the executive to consider the financial question, so that they may be prepared with a scheme for raising the sinews of war for inaugurating and carrying on the institution. The example set by the offers that have been made of lands upon which to erect the necessary buildings ought to be emulated by some of our citizens who are blessed with a fair share of this world's goods. It will soon be in order for the formal announcement to be made that "the collection will now be taken up."

To Extend Operations.

A meeting of the Pacific Asphalt company was held last evening in their offices, 30 Broad street, at which Dr. G. L. Milne was elected president, Mr. W. C. Haywood vice-president, Mr. John Coughlan manager, and J. E. Crane secretary-treasurer. The directorate is composed of Dr. Milne, W. C. Haywood, John Coughlan and J. E. Crane, of Victoria, and Charles C. Morrell, of Vancouver. A report of the operations of the company was submitted and approved of, as it was of a very satisfactory character. This decided the company to extend the scale of operations and increase the facilities for putting down asphalt on the streets and sidewalks. A resolution was passed to apply for incorporation under the Companies' Act of 1890.

No Sealing on the Islands.

C. M. Lampson & Co., London fur dealers, have issued the following circular under date of September 1st, to their business connections everywhere:

DEAR SIRS,—Referring to our circular letter of the 12th March last, we beg to inform you that we have advice from the North American Commercial company that their steamer Ida arrived at San Francisco with 21,000 Alaska fur seal skins, and that 2,400 more seal skins taken from seals killed by the natives for food purposes, will probably come forward later on.

The company informs us that the United States government agent had stopped the fur seal killing of seals, in consequence of the small number of animals found on the islands, and that the above will therefore constitute the total catch of Alaska seals this year.

We propose to offer the 21,000 skins on the 29th October next. Yours truly,

C. M. LAMPSON & CO.

Should be Prosecuted.

A scene was enacted on Government street, in front of THE COLONIST office, last evening, which shows that the Salvation Army is not always careful in its treatment of the rights of others. The Army was marching up, a spirited young horse owned by Mr. McLeod was being driven down; and the two forces met. The man in the buggy called out that his horse could not stand the passage of the flaming torches, drum, etc. The army came on, and the horse commenced to rear. Again the army was asked to change its route, but it did not. When it reached the restive horse, the animal made one wild leap in the air, falling on its side, and badly bruising its knees. Then the music was stopped, and the army passed by in silence. Their refusal to comply with a polite request, and thereby obviate the possibility of a bad accident, cannot but be severely criticised.

Provincial Museum.

Among late arrivals in Victoria who have visited the Provincial Museum and have expressed their high appreciation of it as a means of affording information as to the resources of the province, have been Mr. Henniker Heaton, M. P., Mr. Choquette, M.P., a number of officers of H.M. Pacific Squadron, W. H. Armitage, of Huddersfield, England; Mr. H. Town, of London, and Ben Schloss, of San Francisco. A party of juvenile members of some of the leading families of Victoria recently visited the establishment, and were highly delighted with what they saw; their chaperone being at considerable pains to inform them as to the habits of the specimens and the places frequented by them. The curator is busily engaged mounting some very fine heads of the "big horn," and casually remarked that his busiest season had scarcely arrived yet.

Lieut.-Col. Sheridan.

A tall, soldierly veteran is Lieut.-Col. M. V. Sheridan, adjutant-general of the department of the platte, with headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska. With his wife, he is at the present visiting Victoria, it being his intention to remain until Saturday. The colonel has grown gray in the army, enlisting in the cavalry of the North when her sons were summoned in '61 to the defence of the Union. With his illustrious brother, General Phil Sheridan, "Little Phil," he served through a number of campaigns, sharing the privations, hard fighting, and finally glory of victory. He was with "Little Phil" on many of the brilliant charges that made him the idol of his soldiery and the hero of the American people. Col. Sheridan is not disposed to talk of his own military achievements, nor is he disposed to relate any fresh anecdotes of his late brother. He is at present enjoying a trip purely for pleasure, and is taking the fullest satisfaction from it.

A Trace Still Left.

That Chinese case has come to a close with all its complications and contradictions, but it has left a trace in a charge of perjury against two of the witnesses. Mr. Robert Ward, J. P., has been engaged in hearing the evidence for several days past, the last one continuing for over ten hours. It seems that the Chinamen accused of the robbery had been tried and found guilty by their own society, but this could not be taken into consideration by his honor as bearing on the present case. He, with the court, visited the scene of the alleged burglary on Fisgard street, but could not find the smallest detail agreeing with the evidence of the China-woman, or on which he could feel justified in sending the case before a jury. The woman testified that she had, through a slit in a door, watched the robbery, and had actually been able to see through this the denomination of the bills. The court proved that in this alone she deliberately perjured herself, and the remaining evidence being something of the same character, His Honor was constrained to dismiss the case. The woman and one of the Chinamen, however, were retained on a charge of perjury and were brought up for hearing yesterday morning, but remanded till to-day.

Dickinson-English.

The marriage of Mr. W. W. Dickinson, eldest son of the late Robt. Dickinson, Esq., and Miss Minnie, second daughter of M. M. English Esq., the well-known canner, was celebrated in New Westminster on Wednesday morning last. The ceremony took place at the residence of the parents of the bride, in Merrivale street, only the immediate friends of the principals being present. The bride looked charming in a dress of white figured silk, her bridesmaids being Miss Dickinson and Miss English, the former dressed in white and the latter in canary silk, each carrying a bouquet of sweet peas. The groom was ably supported by Mr. Chas. Homer. The Rev. Father Doutenville officiated, the father giving away the bride. The rooms of Mr. English's house had been tastefully decorated with flowers for the occasion by Mr. Tidy, florist, a lovely floral marriage bell being suspended from the ceiling of the drawing room. After the ceremony had been concluded the wedding party sat down to a bountiful wedding breakfast, and from 11:30 to 1 o'clock a reception was given. The happy couple, who are favorites in the Royal City, were congratulated on all sides and were the recipients of a lovely array of presents from their many friends. At 1 o'clock carriages were taken for the train, and Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson left the house amid a shower of rice and good wishes. They came to Victoria by the Yosemite on Wednesday evening, and leave to-morrow morning for Harrison Lake, where they will spend their honeymoon.

A QUIET WEDDING.

Nuptials of Lieutenant G. W. H. Martin, R.N., and Miss Elizabeth Alice Bennett Yesterday.

Christ church cathedral was the scene of a quiet, yet pleasant wedding ceremony yesterday, when Lieut. George Walter Howard Martin, of H.M.S. Daphne, led Miss Elizabeth Alice Bennett to the altar. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett, of Derbyshire, Eng., and came across ocean, mountain, river and prairie to be married in Victoria to the man of her choice. Since her arrival she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Finder. Lieut. Martin is one of the most popular and efficient officers of the saucy ship Daphne. He wore several medals and marks of distinction for noted service in the Ashantee and Zulu wars, as well as in Egypt and Burmah. In the latter campaign he was favorably mentioned in the home dispatches on several occasions. He also wore on his right breast the blue riband of the Royal Humane Society. But Mr. Martin's bravery won the recognition of the Dutch government at one time, for which he was presented with a medal.

The bride wore a simple travelling costume of gray, and a tastefully trimmed hat of darker colors. She was given away by Captain H. C. Wood, R.N., the veteran skipper of the Daphne. There was no bridesmaid, but Lieutenant Patteson, supported the bridegroom as best man. The only indication of a wedding shown by the bride was a handsome bouquet with which the best man presented her. Rev. Arthur Beanlands tied the nuptial knot in the presence of a large number of Lieutenant Martin's brother officers and comrades, not only from his own ship, but from the others of the fleet. They graced the occasion by coming in uniform. After the ceremony, the church chimes were the first to peal out their congratulations, and a large number of bluejackets, officers and friends showered volleys of rice on the heads of the wedded pair as they made their way to the carriage. A shrill pipe was heard from the Daphne boatswain's whistle, and the voice so quickly obeyed on board ship was heard for a considerable distance giving an order which was more quickly obeyed than any given at sea: "Three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Martin, boys;" and up went three hearty cheers as the carriage went dashing down the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin will likely winter in Victoria, as the Daphne is understood to be quartered here.

VICTORIA WILL HAVE SEWERS.

Not Much Excitement Manifested Over the By-Law, but it Passed all the Same.

There was no fever of voting after all, yesterday; no stranger would have known that a vitally important question was being decided by the people. The voters took the question quietly and voted steadily, resulting in a substantial majority in favor of the institution of an indispensable requirement. There is a striking indication in the closeness of the vote against sewerage in the three wards, running 43, 45 and 46. James Bay went in strongest for sewerage, with Johnson street and Yates street wards coming after in their respective order. The same spirit is noticeable with respect to the by-law for the sale of the Deluge fire house. The following is the official return:—

SEWERAGE BY-LAW.

Wards.	For	Against	Majority for.
James Bay	144	43	99
Johnson street	131	45	86
Yates street	103	46	57
	374	134	240

DELUGE HOUSE SALE BY-LAW.

Wards.	For	Against	Majority for.
James Bay	146	35	111
Johnson street	137	45	92
Yates street	96	50	46
	379	130	249

ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE SIGN.

A Handsome $30,000 Building to be Erected —Equipped to Modern Perfection.

Mr. Morris Humber was yesterday awarded the contract for what will be an important addition to Victoria's architectural wealth. Yates street has been making rapid forward strides within the past few years, promising to become ultimately not the least important and handsome of Victoria's bustling thoroughfares. The space opposite the Deluge engine house has long been looked upon as a desirable site for a handsome and useful structure on account of its central and commanding situation. The British Columbia Loan and Insurance company have taken up the idea which has now materialised in the contract just awarded. The cost of the building is at present fixed at $30,000, and will be a handsome addition to that portion of the city. Mr. John Teague is the architect, and his plans show, in embryo, a very substantial building of the Italian style of architecture, of brick with granite facings and finishings. It will be three storeys in height and, with the tower that is to top the whole, will have a depth of one hundred feet from an asphalt sidewalk. The entire area covered will be 120 by 64 feet. It is not known what the ground floor will be devoted to, but the upper storeys will be built in suites of apartments and offices. Every modern appliance in the matter of heating and lighting will be brought into requisition, so as to make the structure a paragon of its kind. A hydraulic passenger elevator will not be the least important feature of the building when completed.

FIRST OF THE FLEET.

The Wanlock Sails with the First Salmon Shipment of the Season.

The British bark Wanlock, R. P. Rithet & Co., charterers, which sailed for London, England, yesterday morning, has on board the following cargo, valued at $304,219.39. Of this cargo the returned naval stores represent $142,442.39; the 11,505 cases of salmon being valued at $61,777. Appended is a condensation of the manifest outwards:

Shippers.	Cs. Salmon	Brands.
R. W. & Co	3,000	W.
R. P. R. & Co	3,659	Laidlaw & Co.
" "	2,000	Harlock Pkg Co.
" "	850	Delta Canning Co.
" "	1,000	Wellington Pkg Co
" "	300	" "
" "	500	Cascade "
H. N. Rich	5	Harlock "

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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Eastern Lake.

Yesterday morning Messrs. Humber & Sons began excavating for Alsop & Mason's new block on Yates street, which has been already described in THE COLONIST. The expedition and energy of the contractors is worthy of notice, the contract having been given out one day and the work begun the next.

Coming to the Pacific.

The Portland Oregonian says: "There is no longer any doubt that the Great Northern railway will build to the Pacific coast. It has mortgaged its existing system to get the money to do it. This is better evidence than surveys or interviews with talkative officials.

A Buddist Visitor.

Among the guests at the Oriental is Mr. D. D. Ginaris, of Vancouver. He is by birth a Cingalese, in religion a Buddhist, and dresses in his native costume. He came from the East some six months ago in the ss. Abyssinia to the terminal city, but says he much prefers the climate of Victoria to that of the Mainland.

Special Assize.

The jury for the special assize opening on the 25th was drafted and struck yesterday. In addition to the case of the Queen vs. Minnekhan and Mary Routledge, it is expected that the man White will be tried. It will be remembered that he was accused of interfering with a Chinaman whereby the latter broke his leg. White is now out on bail.

A Powerful Machine.

Leiddingham Bros. are the possessors of a machine for pulling stumps that is as near perfection as can be. The instrument is exceedingly simple—the great point in its favor—and is capable of developing any required power. Two men can, with the help of this machine, draw in ten minutes a stump that would take them two or three hours to "grub out."

Spring Ridge.

Rev. Mr. Townsend, recently from Woolwich, England, where he had been usefully engaged in evangelical work, and who has come to this city with strong recommendations from Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, has been supplying for a few weeks pass the pulpit of Emanuel Baptist church at Spring Ridge. He will again preach to-morrow, his labors having been most acceptable to the congregation at that place.

The First Bullion.

At 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon the first bullion, amounting in value to about $25,000, was drawn off at the Tacoma Smelting and Refining Company's new works. Mr. Paul Schulze and a party of friends went to the smelter in his yacht to witness the process. The fires under the big furnace have been burning ever since Monday morning, and fifty tons of ore melted. Until the company builds its own refinery, which they intend to do very soon, the base bullion will be sent to Chicago to be refined.

Still Unended.

The offspring of the Chinese robbery case was up in the police court, and has been split up into two separate charges; one against the man and one against the woman. Four hours was occupied in the hearing yesterday, which consisted chiefly in taking evidence on the testimony given in the robbery case. No decision was arrived at, and further adjournment was made till Tuesday. This leaves the court calendar blank for today and Monday unless the police hustle in some stray drunks.

The R. C. Cathedral.

Large gangs of masons continue busily employed upon the new Roman Catholic Cathedral, and both on View and Blanchard streets, as well as upon the building itself there is every sign of a very great activity. As the walls rise, the commodious proportions of the sacred edifice cannot fail to convince one that the church authorities are determined to provide all necessary accommodation for a growing city. As before announced, the church is of red brick with courses of stone interspersed at intervals.

Large Shipments of Coal.

There is quite a boom in Tacoma's export coal trade, due largely to the famine at San Francisco. Since September 9 two big cargoes have gone south. Now the ship Yosemite and the bark Manson are loading at South Prairie bunkers and will sail this week. The Palestine is at the south buoy ready to load when the Yosemite leaves. The C. F. Sargent and three or four others are waiting or en route, and will load with coal.

To Lay the Corner-Stone.

A beautiful solid silver trowel, six inches in length, with ebony handle, has just been completed by Mr. J. Dassonville, jeweler, for use in laying the corner-stone of the new St. Andrew's cathedral. The inscription on the trowel states that the laying of the stone will take place on the first Sunday in next month, but it is hoped to have the ceremony arranged even sooner.

Fears of Suicide.

C. S. Favor, clerk for D. W. Morse, of Port Angeles, has been missing since Monday. He had been drinking heavily for some time, and last Saturday made out a fictitious check and deposited it in the money drawer and took out cash to the amount represented by the check. Mr. Morse, upon seeing the check, discharged Favor, who declared he was going to kill himself, and it is feared he has carried out his threat. His wife and child are in destitute circumstances. Favor was very popular and a good business man, but could not control his thirst for liquor. He came from San Francisco.

"Squatted."

The spectacle of entire houses on the move, as is frequently the case in this city, is at present to be seen, and that without charge, upon View street, where a wooden erection of some pretensions to size takes up the entire roadway. The lot near by upon which it is to be placed has not yet been cleared and made ready for its reception. This ought certainly to have been done before the house started on its perambulations, so that it should not have been necessary for it to temporarily squat on the public highway.

K. of P.

At the regular meeting of Far West Lodge No. 1, K. of P., held last night there were four candidates initiated and considerable important business was transacted. The Uniform Rank also had a meeting, at which it was decided to make a special effort to have the division perfect in the sword drill and other tactics so that an exhibition may be given. The regular night of business meeting has been changed to the third Wednesday of each month the drill nights remaining the same as before, namely, the first and third Wednesdays; and for those who wish special instruction the intervening Wednesday will be utilized.

Looking for a Remedy.

Local commercial men are complaining of what they consider the inequality, if not injustice of the city tax on commercial travelers. The collector, they say, can easily find them out and collect the $50, but nine out of ten of transient commercial men evade payment for the simple reason that it is most difficult, unless found soliciting orders, to get at the travellers. The local men say they live here, spend their money, and have all their interests in the place, and they consider that if it is just for them to be called upon to pay $50 a year, some check should be made by which the imposition might be evenly borne.

California Fruit.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle the export of fruit of all descriptions from California during the present season will amount to 200,000,000 pounds, which estimated at five cents per pound, is worth $10,000,000. If some of the British Columbia farmers would only go into this branch of their avocation upon strictly business principles the result would be that they would reap a rich revenue, the present demand at home and abroad being more than the supply. Many changes would be necessitated in existing methods of fruit culture, and better varieties of some descriptions might be advantageously introduced. There is plenty of money in sight in this direction.

A Round-About Road.

According to a dispatch recently received from Baltimore, some two thousand quarters of wheat brought back in the steamship Alexander Elder from Liverpool are to be returned in that vessel. When other vessels of Elder's fleet arrive they will have made three trips across the Atlantic. It is said on its return that the increased value will pay freight on its meanderings and leave a margin. This indicates that under ordinary conditions there is anything approaching a good demand, there is considerable to be made out of wheat. How much that may be when anything like a good corner has been organized may well be imagined.

"Officers' Quarters."

A white sign with black letters indicates the "officers' quarters" of the Salvation Army to be on Quadra street, near Yates. What purpose it is intended to be there in Victoria for the privates and recruits who may be enlisted? They have to bear the heat and burden of the day, as well as of the remarks that are passed upon the conduct of their organization, especially when their sounding drums and other instruments of music have the effect, not of waking up individuals to sober reflection, but of frightening horses and endangering life and limb of passers-by, to say they give scant warning of the bodily danger to which they expose them.

More Residential Property.

The Hudson Bay Company have surveyed and laid out the land surrounding Macaulay's point in lots of about an acre each, the whole amounting to between 200 and 300 acres, a great part of which has been already cleared. Work will be at once commenced to finish the work of clearing. It is considered very desirable residential property. Knowing the value attaching to good wide roads, the company have decided to make all the thoroughfares not less than 60 feet. Another advantage the property possesses is that it is well served by the Esquimalt water works. It will be placed on the market within a month.

Generally Commended.

Opinions of leading men on the action of the voters in passing the sewerage by-law, are that the primary steps have been taken to remove the only reproach that rested on this fair city. The sewerage commissioners particularly commend the action, and think that no delay should occur in pushing the work on with all reasonable expedition. Mr. Teague thinks strongly on the point that there should be immediate action taken, inasmuch as contractors must have time to figure on the plans and specifications in order to draft their estimates thereon. The commissioners intend to meet and confer with the council at as early a date as possible and launch into this question at once.

A Wretched Wrecker.

The Port Townsend leader says that yesterday, on the Port Townsend Southern, Conductor White ejected a passenger on the out-going train, about a mile and a half from town. The fellow refused to pay his fare, and swore he would get even. Coming back, the engineer observed a fish-plate loosened on the track as the train was running from Crockers. A man was also noticed fleeing from the scene. The engine, in passing over, however, sustained slight damage. The fellow is described as about 5 feet 8½ inches in height, of dark complexion, wearing light pants and a light slouch hat, and is one of the workmen employed in the road's construction department.

Hostilities Prophesied.

The Rio de Janeiro, which arrived from China Sunday, practically terminated the war of traffic between the Pacific Mail steamship company and the Canadian Pacific steamship company, official notification having been received from the former company to that effect. The agreement between the two corporations is said to be of a very indefinite, if not ambiguous, character in its conditions, and shipping men look upon it as short-lived at best. They are of opinion that so soon as the Canadian Pacific company have their new steamers in operation, they will boldly come forward and declare war at all hazards. There is said to be nothing in the present existing agreement to prevent this, as the conditions involved are temporary, purely and simply, the Canadian company promising to keep out of San Francisco "so long as the agreement holds." Merchants prophesy a renewal of the war next spring, or early next summer.

He Will be Dismissed.

No time has been lost by the police in locating the man suspected of the latest Vancouver House robbery. Officer Levin was engaged on the case all Friday, and yesterday morning a young fisherman named Roley appeared in the police court dock in consequence. Roley admitted having occupied the other bed in the room from which the sealer claimed his money had been taken, but emphatically denied that he was the thief. When searched, no bills answering the description of those lost were found, nor any clue that would connect him with the robbery. His case was called in the court, but adjourned until Monday, when it is expected the prosecution will ask for the prisoner's dismissal. Roley recently sold his sloop and fishing outfit, and had his tickets in his pocket and his trunk packed for England when he was arrested. A person who is careless enough to leave money in the manner that the victim of the robbery in question did, after being warned to be careful, deserves to lose it. It is only by a practical lesson, such as the loss of his cash, that a man of this nature can be taught common sense.

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Their Programme.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, Asst. Comr. Parmalee, Inspector Young, and Dr. Hickey have arranged to visit Bisine and Ladner's Landing on Monday and Tuesday, and New Westminster on Wednesday. They will be here on Friday, and remain over Sunday.

Fort Crescent's Big Blast.

The steamer Alki has delivered the powder for Fort Crescent's big blast, and the drill holes are now being charged. It is intended to have the blast fired next Saturday, and arrangements are being made for excursions on that day, from Victoria as well as the Sound cities.

Another Roycraft Incident.

On Tuesday afternoon the steamer Islander stopped off the coast of Sayward district, lowered a boat and landed Sheriff McMillan, who posted a writ of fi fa on 160 acres of land owned by ex-Supt. of Police Roycraft. The land is to be sold by sheriff's sale, and in the absence of Roycraft the writ was tacked on a log on the land.

The Islander Excursion.

The steamer Princess Louise brought news that the Islander, the excursion party on board, reached the head of Rivers Inlet on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All on board well and having a jolly time, since leaving Victoria the weather was exceedingly fine and cool. The captain and crew doing all possible to make the passengers enjoy the trip.

What is It?

Messrs. King & Dyer have on exhibition a peculiar specimen, which is said by some to be a hybrid, between a crab and a lobster, possibly the product of some of the lobster eggs which are said to have been set out some considerable time ago. The crustacean has very small claws and a well developed tail attached to a shell, shaped very much like a maple leaf.

Comox Comment.

Mr. S. Creech, postmaster of Comox, is at present in town. He states that news is a scarce commodity at present at his home. The Espiegle called at Comox on Tuesday, and was visited by almost every man, woman and child in the place. Franklin Conliffe has been awarded the contract for sections A and C, and Joseph Stewart, for section B, of the Campbell River and Comox roads.

They Will Not Talk.

Lyman Banks, the prospector, representing the Oregon Improvement Co., who, with an experienced party and the best modern appliances, went to Fort Rupert several months ago in search of good coal, returned by the Boscowitz yesterday, bringing their plant, three cases of cores, and the men back with them. From casual observations it is to be presumed that their researches have proved satisfactory to them, for both Mr. Banks and his men are sworn to secrecy in regard to their explorations.

The Price of Fish.

A correspondent writes complaining of the prices which prevail here for meat, eggs and fish, which, he complains, are unduly high. Speaking of fish, he points out that whereas salmon is sold here at from 10c., 12½c. per lb., in Seattle it is readily obtainable at 4c., other descriptions being in the same proportion. Why, he says, should this be, considering that Seattle, Tacoma and other places on the Sound are no more favorably situated than is Victoria.

Fatal to the Wires.

For several days past the forest fires have been raging in almost every direction, and in consequence all inquiries at the telegraph office produce the same reply—"wires down!" Until something extinguishes the bush blazes, which bring down the telegraph lines, it is impossible to obtain communication with the outside world. The COLONIST telegraphic news service was nil both the day before yesterday, and the paper's readers who ask the cause, are respectfully referred to the wire wrecking fires.

Signs of Success.

The Seattle Times, one of the most enterprising, as well as newsy, papers on the Sound, came to hand last evening in a brand new dress, which becomes it well. The Times has also invested in a double delivery Scott and perfecting press, costing $15,000; showing that its proprietors intend not to let it fall out of the front ranks. THE COLONIST hopes to see the prosperous and progressive Times long continue to enjoy the extensive patronage its intelligent, hard work has won.

They Must Be Sober.

Yesterday morning the crew of the sealing schooner Teresa were told to report at the Custom house to be paid off and discharged from the articles. They did so, several in a condition of almost total collapse from a battle with land whiskey. Instances of this kind having become monotonously frequent, Collector Milne issued a peremptory order that in future no man in any stage of intoxication shall be either shipped or discharged at the Victoria Custom house. This is a rule in all other large shipping offices and was needed here.

Nearing Completion.

The extensive repairs which have been in progress at the First Presbyterian church, Pandora street, for several months past are now nearing completion; and it is thought the practically new temple of worship will be ready for occupation two weeks from today. Not only has the entire interior of the church undergone a radical change, but the arrangement of the seats is now different. Increased comfort is provided everywhere, and comfort for a greater number than the old church was capable of accommodating. The choir accommodation has been improved, and the acoustic properties of the building made considerably better.

An Interesting Talk.

A small gathering of ladies and gentlemen assembled in Christ church cathedral school room to listen to Hon. Mrs. Joyce speak on the subject of immigration. She dealt with the chief points of the scheme in which she is known to be so deeply interested, and detailed the position of the servant girl in the old country, at the same time showing how her position could be improved. Reference was made to the favorable field offered in the old country by British Columbia to this class of immigrants. The address, which was very practical, was listened to with a great deal of interest, and a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Joyce at the close.

An Opinion of Victoria.

Dr. T. Cummings, who has been for some time a resident of Victoria, writing to the Golden Gate, published in San Francisco, says: "Climate is the mother of character and destiny of both cities and individuals. Victoria is blessed with a climate in some respects unequalled on this continent. The leading characteristics which this climate will produce are intellectual domesticity, love of art, recreation, moderation and longevity—with an absence of crime. The destiny of this city is to become the centre of learning, the residences of men of wealth and leisure, and the Mecca of the coast for tourists and invalids, as this climate possesses no superior in its power of recuperation for prostrated nerves or over-taxed brains."

To Talk It Over.

A special meeting of the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral will be held in the school room on Monday evening next, the business being to discuss the question of the new cathedral. It is expected that rough plans of the proposed edifice will be on exhibition at the meeting.

Quick Construction.

The merry whizz of the tram car will soon be heard on the Esquimalt road. Supt. Whitney came from the Sound last evening, bringing with him a construction car which will be sent out on the road to-morrow. The overhead construction will be commenced the same day, and the company expect to open the line for traffic on Saturday, 4th of October. This will be good news for those whose business or pleasure compels them to make frequent trips to Esquimalt in the busses. It was on July 27 that active operations were commenced on the Esquimalt extension, it will therefore not have been under the workmen's hands for two months till the 27th inst. A third car will be placed on the James Bay route to-day to accommodate the Sunday traffic, which has become much heavier than the two cars can handle.

Salmon Receipts.

Both the Boscowitz and the Louise, which arrived with only a few hours between yesterday morning, brought full salmon cargoes. The former's freight list was made up of 6,000 cases, principally from the Skeena; the latter's was divided as follows:—From the Balmoral, 700 cases; Inverness, 1,000; Cunningham's, 1,112; Rivers Inlet Canning Co., 6,100; Alert Bay Canning Co., 1,000. Total, 9,912. A portion of the Louise's freight is to complete the cargoes of the barks Albertine and Elise, now loading lumber for England on the mainland.

An Ornament to the City.

Plans are now in preparation for what will no doubt be the finest business block in Victoria. It will occupy the corner of Government and Fort streets, having a frontage of 101 feet on the former, by 155 feet depth. Construction will commence early in May, and it is expected that the completed building will be ready for occupation two months late. The new block will be four stories in height, of brick and stone, with a turret tower. On the ground floor will be magnificently arranged and finished business premises; while the upper stories will contain offices, either detached or in suites. Every modern convenience, electric call, incandescent light, etc., will be provided, and the new block, to cost in the neighborhood of $100,000, will be a decided ornament to the city.

From Northern Ports.

The steamers Boscowitz and Princess Louise, which arrived from Fort Simpson and way ports yesterday, brought practically the same news. The Louise passed the Islander at Rivers Inlet, where she was delayed 48 hours loading salmon. A few white and Indian passengers and a couple of hundred Chinese returning from the canneries were brought down; the Indians to the hop fields. The news was also brought down of the partial destruction by fire of the residence of Rev. Mr. Hopkins, Methodist missionary at Alert Bay. The origin of the fire was not learned, but before it was extinguished, with the help of the Indians, it had completely destroyed the roof and one side of the building. The contents of the house were removed safely.

An Old Story Now.

Three robberies, with very little time between, have taken place at the Vancouver House under almost exactly similar circumstances. The thief, in one case, was caught and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment, notwithstanding the efforts made in his behalf by "the lawyer from another realm." At about 6 o'clock, yesterday morning, a sealer belonging to one of the schooners in port, and who had taken room at the hotel mentioned, got up and went down stairs to breakfast. There a stranger accosted him and asked the loan of a room, but, as he was sleeping, the sealer, very foolishly, did not think of the danger in leaving his purse on the table while he was engaged with his morning meal. Returning to the room he found his companion gone, and also the purse, which had in it $30 in bills. He reported to Officer Allen, and Officer Levin is now engaged in trying to catch the thief.

Determined to Suicide.

An old gentleman, living on the Cedar road, yesterday made several attempts to commit suicide, which from their determination and nature would strongly point to at least temporary insanity. He lives close to the Rock Bay bridge on the road leading down from the fountain, and was seen to throw himself once over the fence, falling among some rubbish, old tins, and other refuse, which he sustained some severe cuts about the face and head. The attention of a man passing in a wagon was drawn to the disturbance, and he picked the old man out of the rubbish and took him to his own gate. Determined in his purpose, he made another dash at the bridge, but was saved from being dragged back by the heels. This time his rescuer was certain that he was dealing with an insane man, but, not knowing what to do, he put the would-be suicide some more inside the gate and prepared to go away. Feeling that his services would be required again, he only went a short distance and stopped to look back. Slowly and cautiously the gate was opened, and the old man made straight for the bridge, but was fortunately caught in the same manner as before, and brought to terra firma. Then his rescuer took him into what he considered the old man's residence, and gave him in charge to a man whose business it evidently was to look after him.

The old government scow was burned in Rock Bay beach yesterday afternoon.

The Queen Pays All Expenses.

The Queen's last "Free Trip to Europe" is creating excited such universal interest, the publishers of that popular magazine offer another and $250 extra for expenses, to the person sending them the largest list of English words constructed from let ers contained in the two words "British North America." Additional prizes, consisting of Silver Tea Sets, Tea Dinner sets, Gold Watches, French Mantel Boxes, Portiers Curtains, Silk Dresses, Mantle Clocks, and many other useful and valuable articles will also be awarded in order of merit. A special prize of a Seal Skin Jacket to the lady, and a handsome Shetland pony to the girl or boy delivered free in Canada or the United States, sending the largest list. Everyone sending a list of not less than twenty words will receive a present. Send four cent stamps for complete rules, illustrated catalogue of prizes, and sample number of the Queen.

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CABLE COMMENT.

Those Irish Arrests Continue Theme of Conversation—A One-Sided View.

European Rulers Discuss Politics Then Go Hunting—Prophecies of Wars.

Russia Has a Bitter Enemy in Germany—Holland Experiments With War Balloons.

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LONDON, Sept. 20.—The talk of the town in London is the sudden seizures of Irish leaders, Dillon and O'Brien. The movement was evidently long planned. Ten weeks O'Brien had been under almost surveillance. Although not given for the warrant, his speech at Tullamore, his native town, appears to have been the straw with the authorities, also the arrest, and that of Dillon, had been advised upon when the reports of their speeches in the demonstration against O'Dwyer of Limerick, were official. Letters to Chief Secretary Balfour from National League at Mallow declared the address to O'Brien that "it would be easy for a spider to commit suicide by mounting in his web as for Balfour and satellites to crush or suppress the spirit of our fellow townsmen, and the fellow women of William O'Brien." In his reply O'Brien uttered words of defiance which probably led the government to quicker than it might have done.

SHOW ITS HAND

Not cutting review of the failure of coercion, in which he spoke of Balfour as limping, ghostly shadow of what he had been, (O'Brien added that John Dillon and O'Brien) both addressed the Tullerry tenant