

## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

## Sir John Macdonald.

In most of the churches, on Sunday, touching references were made to the condition of Sir John Macdonald, and fervent prayers were offered in his behalf.

## Regulation.

A circular having been issued by an establishment with headquarters at Minneapolis, styling itself the Dunn Commercial and Collecting Agency, Messrs. Dunn, Wilman & Co. and G. D. Gun. Co. are repudiating all connection with it.

## To Improve the Service.

Rumor has it that the steamer Emma will not be returned to the Nanaimo-Victoria route, from which she has just been withdrawn, the intention of her owners, Messrs. Glaham & Fisher, being to place two faster class steamers in the route, making daily trips.

## Music of Their Own.

The members of the Victoria Athletic Club have purchased a full set of band instruments and are practicing in their rooms—fortunately on the third floor—so as to be able to produce all the popular airs of the day at their annual picnic, the date for which will be finally fixed next Monday.

## A Good Example.

Mr. H. C. Beaton has set a good example to all who are in a position to contribute the work of interest to the Board of Trade Library. In addition to the Statistical Atlas, he has recently presented complete files of the Board of Trade Journal and Chamber of Commerce Journal.

## Highly Popular.

As showing how popular the Free Public Library is becoming, it is worthy of note that no less than 108 books were taken out on Saturday night alone. The librarian, Dr. McGregor, recently purchased for the trustees a number of useful books of reference, etc., belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Fell.

## The New Organ.

The new organ, at St. John's church, being now completed, was formally opened on Sunday, the 31st. Mr. Harris, who was to have presided at the organ in the evening being unavoidably absent, Mr. Hoots was asked to preside at the instrument, and played selections from the works of Handel, Haydn, and other composers. The congregation at both services were very large.

## Collections for May.

The following are the collections for May for the Inland Revenue Division No. 37, Victoria, B.C.:

Spirits	\$4,478 14
Tobacco	30 28
Alcohol	1,186 40
Excise	1,011 55
Inspection of petroleum	9 00
Total	\$7,715 37

## The Midsummer Exams.

The midsummer examinations in the Victoria schools commenced yesterday, the pupils of the High school writing for promotion upon geography, anatomy, dictation, arithmetic and English history. To-day the same classes will be examined in rhetoric, English literature, Greek and Roman history. Candidates for admission to the High school will also appear for examination this morning.

## Celebration Funds.

Funds are needed by the celebration committee, and Treasurer Charles Kent said yesterday that he hoped the citizens would contribute. "Many citizens," he said, "were not called upon by the collectors, and if they will only send in their mite to the committee it will assist us in meeting obligations that are yet unpaid. One dollar or two dollars will hurt no one, but it contributed by the public and the committee will reach the sum necessary for the committee to liquidate its indebtedness."

## North Coast Passengers.

The following passengers left for the North, on the steamer Dunbar, last evening: C. A. Lambert, J. McGee, E. Emerson, E. Meany, Rev. A. N. Miller and wife, W. M. Ryan, T. McGee, J. R. Greer, J. L. Anderson, J. Ferguson, John Rooney, S. Lambert, A. Lambert, J. Lambert, S. Lambert, P. Johnston, B. Anderson, J. Resher, F. Collins, H. Hansen, Rev. Hopkins and wife, J. Carpenter, J. King, E. S. Wilkinson, Rev. E. Nichols, Miss Holmes, H. Wilkinson, and S. H. Spencer.

## Domestic Day Fairs.

Ever since Confederation, the Pandora Avenue Methodist have held their annual Sunday school picnic on Dominion Day. Before the E. & N. Railway was built, they went by boat to Polden Bay. Since the railway has been completed, the majority of the teachers and officers have been in favor of an excursion up the line. This year they go to what is called Porter's Field, a beautiful part of Langford Plains, and right alongside the railway track. An abundance of spring water can be had from Goldstream, and everything for the comfort of the public will be provided.

## Marriage Failures.

Getting Married and Keeping Married is number eighteen of the Human Nature Library, published by Fowler & Wells. There are more than a dozen illustrations, and the suggestions are practical, and if followed out are calculated, it is said, to reduce the number of marriage failures. The way to keep love fresh and bright is given in a way that must many times prove helpful in promoting happiness that too many know does not always last as it should. In this volume of relations through life, it is written in a sprightly and attractive manner, justly placing stress largely on the importance of studying character.

## Masque Church Parade.

On Sunday afternoon upwards of 100 members of the Masonic fraternity assembled in the Temple, Douglas street, from which they marched, in Christ church, where a large congregation had assembled. The lessons were read by Rev. A. Beaudin, after which an admirable and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Although none of the secrets of the craft were in any way imparted, the preacher in his appropriate discussion dwelt in a very interesting manner upon the mission, the methods and the beneficial influences of free masonry, whose unity and whose desire to promote good others best interests are its crowning glory. To do good and to be good were shown to be its never failing teachings and injunctions, and the beneficial results of the assistance accorded to Masons, their wives and their children were effectively explained. Its moral influences were also fully explained, and it is certain that all who went to the church at the conclusion

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## The Steam-Public Case.

This case is fixed to come up in Court before the Commissioners appointed to assess the damages caused to the S. S. Elton by the collision with the steamship, which was adjudged to lie upon the S. S. City of Puebla.

## U. S. Consulate.

The officials at the Consulate of the United States report business rather slack in the way of commercial shipments. Numerous land transfers are, however, being registered there, including yesterday, an extensive property at Washington, D. C., and several purchases at Port Angeles.

## Still at Vancouver.

The S. S. Pacific has arrived from and departed for China, and yet the freight for this port has not been reduced. As a consequence the responsibility for which was assigned to lie upon the S. S. City of Puebla.

## Masque.

The regular meeting of Victoria-Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 120, was held last night, when degrees were conferred. Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1 will hold the ordinary meeting on Thursday evening, when the blue degrees will be conferred and ordinary business transacted.

## A Horse Standing with Buggy Attached.

In the neighborhood of Christ Church Cathedral, last night, took fright at a piece of carpet hanging on a fence, and ran down to the corner of Fort and Government streets, where it was killed. The buggy was wrecked, but the horse escaped.

## Police Penalties.

In the Police Court, yesterday morning, before Messrs. W. D. Dalrymple and E. B. McLean, several cases were disposed of. Four drunks, two white and the other two Indian women, were the first on the list, and were each served with a fine of \$5. John Kozie, charged with supplying alcohol to a woman, was fined \$50, and the other two cases, one an infraction of the park by-law, and the other of a man charged with refusing to give the names of his employees, were both disposed upon payment of costs of court.

## A Chatham Street Blast.

The monkey of life in the fire department was broken by a morning call, yesterday, the services of the department being required at 8.45 to extinguish a cabin fire on Chatham street. Live coals, which were being carried in a building owned by A. V. Stronach, opposite the A. I. Works boiler shops are supposed to have caused the blaze, which extended to three cabins before it was made an end of. The damage is placed at \$250.

## A Missing Man.

Chas. Neely, a young man who has just arrived from the province of Quebec, is in this city, looking for his brother Archie, who is supposed to be residing somewhere in the neighborhood of Victoria in Spanish or Victoria district. Archie wrote to his brother, from Spanish, some time ago, saying he was sick, and the result was that Charles started westward, but he has never been heard of since. Any one who can assist him in his search would oblige by communicating with him at the Dominion hotel.

## Mayflower and Its Matched.

Arrangements were completed yesterday afternoon for a match race between two of the well known stallions owned by Jones & McNeil of Victoria, and the famous mare Mayflower, owned by George Hays, of Esquimalt. The match was to be run for a tape for some time, but terms could never be reached until they were perfected yesterday, and the two horses were matched to run a mile and a half dash on the track, on Saturday, July 18. The stakes are \$1,000 a side and the first deposit of \$250 a side was placed in the hands of M. J. Conlin of this city, who was chosen as stakeholder. The race was signed for by William G. Stevenson, who backs Mayflower, and Mr. John Dooley, who is behind Ito. The race is the outcome of a bet issued on May 22, by Mr. Stevenson offering to Mayflower against any province bred horse, or Ito.

## Pacific Coast blood horse rules will govern the race, which gives every promise of being the best that has ever taken place in the north-west.

The passing through its second reading of the British Bill to prohibit leading in Behring Sea is the subject of much discussion by the local parties chiefly interested. It is carried out this year? was one of the questions talked over. Oh, yes, undoubtedly, it was the expressed opinion, or by the local parties, that the measure would go through all its stages in rapid shape; a cablegram can be at once sent to the admiral commanding the station. His vessels can reach the sea in a very few days and will be in position to continue necessary, be distributed over the sea, and the whole thing is done. The sealing business, it is believed, is ruined for this season, with or without compensation, as the British authorities have determined. It is not too late, it is contended, for the measure to utterly destroy Victoria's trade, this year, and the sufferers will be compensated by the fact that Russia will be compelled to stand by and say nothing. The apparent hope of justice being done, in the opinion of many, that Russia may interfere, and then that would involve international complications, for it is too late to transfer the sealing schooner to the flag of Russia, or to that of any other nation.

## Indian School.

The new school on the Songhai reserve across the harbor, will be formally opened on Monday, with Rev. Mr. Byrnie in charge. Rev. W. D. Barber, of Victoria, will visit the school from time to time to impart religious instruction, and a number of Victoria ladies have also promised to pay the girls periodical visits and teach them feminine accomplishments, such as sewing, etc. The school is to be run by regular pupils at the new school. The Indian department is at present contemplating the establishment of a similar school at the Indian reserve at Williams Lake, which is a central location for numerous important tribes of the interior Indians. The new school will have accommodation for 60 pupils, boys and girls, being educated in separate buildings. The school will be under the direction of the Roman Catholic Church. The opening of an industrial school at Lytton, to be under the supervision of the Bishop of New Westminster, is also determined upon, and it is evident that every exertion is being put forth by the department for the improvement of the condition of the Indians, where there is any promise of success.

## FREE THOUGHT VS. CHRISTIANITY.

The Divine Origin of the Book of Books Publicly Debated at The Victoria, Last Evening.

Mr. S. P. Putnam Champions the Affirmative, and Rev. Dr. Driver Replies for Christianity.

A debate of extraordinary interest was that listened to by those who filled The Victoria, last evening. The subject was one that every thinking man or woman is interested in—the broad question of the truth of the Christian religion and the Divine origin of the book called the Bible. Mr. Putnam, the champion chosen by the Victoria Secular Union, representing the challenging party, finished his address in about fifteen minutes, and then, in the nineteenth century of civilization was not to be accepted as a work for the guidance of human affairs emanating from God. He was, by the rules of the debate, allowed to read, in which he advanced his arguments, the same time being granted Dr. Driver, on behalf of the Y. M. C. A., for his reply. Then the examination, or argument, in chief being over, fifteen minutes were allowed for cross-examination and reply.

Mr. Putnam, in introducing his remarks, said that he did not propose to discuss, in the limited time at his command, the existence of God or the truth of immortality; nor did he propose to dispute the genuineness of the Bible, as the courts of the law, between Genesis and geology. The Bible, it was true, had good things in it, but it had also many bad things which destroyed its factually its claim to Divine origin. By the courts of the law, the Bible was judged. His platform was Paine's religious creed, and this the battleground on which he invited attack. "I believe in one God and no more, and I hope for happiness beyond this life. I believe in the equality of all men, and I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy. To have no word of God, no revelation, no Bible, no Jesus Christ, is a revelation. The word of God is the creation we behold. It is in this world, which no human invention can counterfeit, or alter, and which God recognizes as His own. It preaches to all nations and all worlds, and this word of God reveals to man all that is necessary for man to know of God." Proceeding with his argument, the speaker said that the Bible was a book of contradictions, and that it was a book of lies. He then proceeded to show that the Bible was a book of contradictions, and that it was a book of lies. He then proceeded to show that the Bible was a book of contradictions, and that it was a book of lies.

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revolution were to rise from their graves and swear that on the 4th of July, 1776, they drafted that instrument for the United States, put it in an improbable form, and anything that has ever been, or can ever be, as long as this perpetuated, is just as good as the original testimony. Therefore, to invalidate these evidences, to overthrow the testimony of man and destroy the courts of justice throughout the civilized world, if it can be shown that a nation was deceived by a false statute, the adoption of a constitution, and the perpetration of a crime, supported by a national feast to commemorate such events, there is forever an end to the testimony of man, and no other religion in the history of the human race, and no other testimony of man, why did not Mahomet, when he took his night journey from Jerusalem to Mecca and to Heaven, set up a national feast to perpetuate that event? Simply because he could not produce the testimony of Europe and America to be authentic writings and records, handed down from the very Apostles themselves, and that from these writings a complete New Testament could be written.

The great argument of the free thinkers was the lack of unanimity among the Christians, and it was alleged that different sects believed different things. This Dr. Driver denied. He said that the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and there is only one contested point in it—Jesus of Nazareth. Eliminate him, and Christians of all denominations, Jews, the Mohammedans and all religious sects, would be identical. They all believe in one God, and in a future state.

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## UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Five Senators Elected at a Meeting of Convocation, Yesterday—Unopposed Ballots.

The legislative hall, James Bay, were occupied for the first time since the close of the session, yesterday, when a meeting of convocation of the University of B.C. was held at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing five members to the Senate.

The attendance was all that could be desired, and on motion Dr. I. W. Powell was elected clerk, and Mr. J. M. O'Brien, secretary. A brief discussion of the University Bill, the election of senators was taken up, the scrutineers appointed being Mr. J. Stuart Taylor and Mr. J. M. O'Brien, and the first ballot showing the following:

J. M. O'Brien, Vancouver, 79  
H. B. Bentley, Westminster, 11  
G. F. Campbell, Victoria, 11  
F. Schofield, Vancouver, 67  
G. L. Milne, Victoria, 47  
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Rev. Dr. Fraser, Victoria, 35  
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Accompanying this was a protest by the scrutineers against the passage of 47 ballots, on the ground that they were assigned. The convocation then instructed the scrutineers to pass upon the assigned ballots. They then retired to the room and used the point for his decision, receiving his declaration that the ballots were legal. The convocation decided that the action of the scrutineers was illegal, and directed them to return to the committee room and use the point for his decision, receiving his declaration that the ballots were legal. The convocation decided that the action of the scrutineers was illegal, and directed them to return to the committee room and use the point for his decision, receiving his declaration that the ballots were legal.

He then declared the first five elected senators of the University of B.C. as follows: J. M. O'Brien, Vancouver, 79; H. B. Bentley, Westminster, 11; G. F. Campbell, Victoria, 11; F. Schofield, Vancouver, 67; G. L. Milne, Victoria, 47. The convocation then adjourned until the next meeting of convocation for June 15, to further develop the constitution and by-laws. Points of order were raised by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Schofield, and the chairman declared the requisition out of order.

Valuable Mining Properties to be Systematically Worked.

An important mining enterprise was inaugurated yesterday, by the formation of a company to work some valuable placer diggings in the Leach River District. It will be known as the Gordon Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, and has a capital of \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of the value of \$1 each. The directors for the first year are James Bennett, of Port Angeles, and Fred S. Roper, John Boyd Jones, William Gordon, Stevenson, and John B. Stewart, of Victoria. Mr. James Bennett, the well-known attorney of Port Angeles, was the chairman of the meeting, and it is largely through his push and enterprise that the organization was formed. John B. Jones is the vice-chairman, and Messrs. Garsche, Green & Co., have been selected as bankers and treasurers of the company.

The new company has a grant of 480 acres on the Leach River, about 35 miles from Victoria. It is all very rich placer, and shows from 10 to 20 colors to the pan, while at the bed rock the ore shows plainly. The company has a large body of men, and the work is being carried on with great activity. The company has a large body of men, and the work is being carried on with great activity. The company has a large body of men, and the work is being carried on with great activity.

At the conclusion of Dr. Driver's remarks, Mr. Putnam rose to reply. The opponent of Free Thought advanced to the front of the hall, and, addressing the large and interested audience, said that his opponent had not confined himself to the text. Dr. Driver had sought to prove the authenticity of the Bible, while he, the speaker, had sought to prove its inauthenticity. He then proceeded to show that the Bible was a book of contradictions, and that it was a book of lies. He then proceeded to show that the Bible was a book of contradictions, and that it was a book of lies.

## LAYING THE CORNER STONE.

Ceremonies at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria West, Yesterday Afternoon.

Inauguration of Another Temple Devoted to Christian Worship—An Interesting Occasion.

The corner stone of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, was laid, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen, with appropriate and interesting ceremonies. The new church occupies a most beautiful and commanding situation, on the crest of one of the highest summits of the west side. From the site a grand view of the Straits of Fuca and the peaks of the Olympians is obtained, and the heat of the summer sun is cooled by the delightful sea breeze. A more charming or desirable location could not well be found, and Rev. Mr. McRae, and the committee to whom was left the selection required deserved compliments upon their foresight and taste. The ceremony was opened by the pastor of the church, Rev. D. McRae, reading the 100th psalm: "All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord, praise him, extol his name above all things, for he is the Lord our God, he is the Lord, and in a future state."

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Accompanying this was a protest by the scrutineers against the passage of 47 ballots, on the ground that they were assigned. The convocation then instructed the scrutineers to pass upon the assigned ballots. They then retired to the room and used the point for his decision, receiving his declaration that the ballots were legal. The convocation decided that the action of the scrutineers was illegal, and directed them to return to the committee room and use the point for his decision, receiving his declaration that the ballots were legal.

He then declared the first five elected senators of the University of B.C. as follows: J. M. O'Brien, Vancouver, 79; H. B. Bentley, Westminster, 11; G. F. Campbell, Victoria, 11; F. Schofield, Vancouver, 67; G. L. Milne, Victoria, 47. The convocation then adjourned until the next meeting of convocation for June 15, to further develop the constitution and by-laws. Points of order were raised by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Schofield, and the chairman declared the requisition out of order.

Valuable Mining Properties to be Systematically Worked.

An important mining enterprise was inaugurated yesterday, by the formation of a company to work some valuable placer diggings in the Leach River District. It will be known as the Gordon Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, and has a capital of \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of the value of \$1 each. The directors for the first year are James Bennett, of Port Angeles, and Fred S. Roper, John Boyd Jones, William Gordon, Stevenson, and John B. Stewart, of Victoria. Mr. James Bennett, the well-known attorney of Port Angeles, was the chairman of the meeting, and it is largely through his push and enterprise that the organization was formed. John B. Jones is the vice-chairman, and Messrs. Garsche, Green & Co., have been selected as bankers and treasurers of the company.

The new company has a grant of 480 acres on the Leach River, about 35 miles from Victoria. It is all very rich placer, and shows from 10 to 20 colors to the pan, while at the bed rock the ore shows plainly. The company has a large body of men, and the work is being carried on with great activity. The company has a large body of men, and the work is being carried on with great activity. The company has a large body of men, and the work is being carried on with great activity.

At the conclusion of Dr. Driver's remarks, Mr. Putnam rose to reply. The opponent of Free Thought advanced to the front of the hall, and, addressing the large and interested audience, said that his opponent had not confined himself to the text. Dr. Driver had sought to prove the authenticity of the Bible, while he, the speaker, had sought to prove its inauthenticity. He then proceeded to show that the Bible was a book of contradictions, and that it was a book of lies. He then proceeded to show that the Bible was a book of contradictions, and that it was a book of lies.

## THE SEALING QUESTION.

Sir Julian Pauncefote's Reply to Communication of Secretaries of the B. C. Fishery Commission.

The Orders to the Revenue Commissioners to Rush the Corwin Nearly to Sail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 20th inst., which you have formulated for the attention of the Marquis of Salisbury proposals for a *modus vivendi* during the fishing season in Behr the principle of a cessation of seal both at sea and on land, an arrangement, as I informed you in my 20th ult., his lordship was disposed his favorable consideration. I forwarded to Lord Salisbury, by mail, a copy of your note, and I graphed the subject, with what conclusions. I am sorry to find that his lordship's decision is not in accordance with your proposals. I am sorry to find that his lordship's decision is not in accordance with your proposals. I am sorry to find that his lordship's decision is not in accordance with your proposals.

The corner stone of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, was laid