BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—Robert Cassidy was yesterday appointed official law reporter to the bar.

—The "Gleaners" of the First Presbyterian church will give an entertainment to-morrow night. An interesting time is expected.

—The steamer Maude returned from Alberni last evening. She brought the first shipment of brown wrapping paper from the new mill. This week the company will make manila paper and next week white paper.

—Milton lodge, Sons of St. George, and Victoria lodge, Daughters of St. George, attended St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance and Rev. W. D. Barber preached an interesting sermon.

—Miss Lou Ross, Miss Georgie Dashfield and Miss Mabel Dexter were convicted in the police court this morning of having been found drunk. They were each fined $10 and $2 costs, in default of which they were each given the option of a month in jail. The fines will very likely be paid during the day.

—A meeting of the Liberal Association will be held on Friday evening at Philharmonic hall. The association will discuss the question of tendering a reception to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, the Liberal leader, during his visit to the coast. It is probable that Mr. Laurier will address a public meeting here.

—A serial story entitled "Collaborateurs," by Samuel D. Schultz, the well known barrister, was commenced in last week's issue of the Home Journal. The first part of it is very interesting, and the second instalment is awaited with interest. The scenes are placed in the far east, but many will easily pick out some local pictures which are cleverly drawn.

—The case of James Myers, found in the possession of a pair of trousers and other articles the property of Robert Jamieson, and also some theatrical goods, was before Magistrate Macrae this morning and his case was remanded until to-morrow. Myers was employed by Jamieson as a stage carpenter and his petty pilfering is supposed to have extended over a long period.

—Pride of the Ridge lodge, No. 37, I. O. G. T., installed the following officers last night: C. T., Mr. Thompson; V. T., Miss Schultz; Secretary, Mr. Carter; F. Sec., Mr. Mallett; Treas., Miss Dobald; Mar., Miss Janasan; D. M., Mr. Matthews; Guard, Miss A. Janasan; Sen., Mr. Thomas; Chap., Miss Carlow; P. C. T., Miss Lewis. This lodge meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock.

—Ald. Baker made a very good suggestion at last evening's meeting of the council. When the water supply was being discussed he proposed that the city should flush the sewers at night. They would then answer two purposes, viz., clean out the sewers and the water mains. If this was kept up every night for a week the pipes would, it is claimed, be in pretty good condition.

—Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, and his lordship's private secretary, Mr. Keith, will arrive from Vancouver this evenig, having engaged a suite at the Driard. They will spend several days in Victoria, leaving for San Francisco by the next direct steamer sailing on Saturday evening. From San Francisco they go to Japan. Lord Randolph Chnrchill has been very ill, and the trip is being made with a view of improving his health.

—William Brown, assistant general freight agent of the C. P. R., lies dangerously ill at Vancouver with a fever, and his recovery is a matter of grave doubt. He has a bad fever, and for several days past his temperature has hovered about close to the fatal figures. "Bill" Brown is one of the most popular railroad men in the west, and a large circle of friends will await with anxiety the outcome of his sickness. He is at at his home in Vancouver, and for several days now all visitors have been denied admittance.

—Ah Jim, a Chinaman with an unbalanced mind, was taken in charge by the provincial police yesterday afternoon, and is in the cells at the law courts building. He got hold of a big knife and tried his best to get a lunge at his brother's throat. The complaint against him was made by his brother. Jim was brought down from the north on the Boscowitz a month ago, he having developed evidences of insanity while at work on the Skeena. He was examined at the time, but it was not regarded as necessary to confine him. He will very likely go to the asylum this trip, however.

—William Jackson, summoned on an information sworn to by Ah Horn charging him with keeping a gambling house at 45 Fisgard street, continuously and at divers and sundry times from July 29th last until August 4th, contrary to section 98 of the criminal code, was in the police court this morning, accompanied by A. L. Belyea. Lindley Crease was there to prosecute. Neither side seemed ready to go on, and the case was adjourned until August 10th. Jack McDonald, similarly charged, except that the house was at 41 1-2 Fisgard street, was represented by S. Perry Mills. Mr. Crease was announced as the private prosecutor in that case also. It was also decided to adjourn the latter case until August 10th. The Times was in error when it stated that Mr. McDonald was employed by Mr. Jackson. They run separate institutions.

—The ladies committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledge the following donations in June and July: Table, three carpets and clothing, Mrs. F. W. Vincent; flowers, Mrs. Earle; books and toys, Mrs. Prior; eleven pairs large and eight pairs small drawers, two pinafore aprons and three dresses, Stonyhurst Working party; clothing, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Askew, Mrs. A. Borthwick; magazines, Miss Cornfield; invitation to St. Andrew's Sunday school picnic at Goldstream; invitation to Methodist picnic at Sidney; invitation to St Andrew's and Caledonian picnic in Caledonia park; rhubarb, lettuce and dripping, Mrs. Jackson; invitation to Sidney, railway company; clothing, bedstead and three mattresses, Mrs. Earle; "Chatterbox," "Infant's Magazine," "The Prize" and other papers, Mrs. Brocklehurst; Scotch collie pup, Mr. Merritt; Newfoundland pup, Mr. Yates; peas, Mrs. Jackson, a friend; cherries, Mr. Hayward; hair cutting, Mr. Webber, Fort street; rhubarb, raspberries and dripping, Mr. Jack; black currants, Mrs. Preece; milk (daily) Mr. Knowles.

—The Empress of India sailed for the Orient last night. Among the passengers who boarded the ship here were Hon. P. le Poer Trench, British minister to Tokio, and Dr. George H. Duncan of Victoria. The general list was as follows: H. F. Anderson, Montreal; Miss Belton, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Buffington, E. Buffington and Miss Buffington, Worcester; O. Bergman, Yokohama; S. A. Crosier, jr., Philadelphia; Rev. and Mrs. Howard Campbell, New York; Rev. Mr. Chubb, Liverpool; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Denman, Mrs. A. Dunbar and Miss Dunbar, New York; Mrs. E. Evelyn Gibbs and A. J. Holt, London; Colonel Edward C. James and Miss James, New York; E. Kellman, Kobe; Miss Lemley, Toronto; E. Livingstone, Manchester; J. E. MacRae, Hong Kong; J. McLellan, Liverpool; F. McNutt, Washington; J. R. McMillan, New York; Miss Munroe, Toronto; G. M. H. Playfair, London; Miss Rickards, Vancouver; G. Schoffler, Tokio; Miss Strickland, New York; O. Stuebel, Shanghai; Rev. Sidney Swan, Japan; Miss Wilson, Japan; H. W. White, New York; Mrs. L. G. White and Miss H. A. White, Worcester.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—The public schools of the city will reopen on Monday morning.

—His Lordship Bishop Perrin has just confirmed two Chinese converts who were prepared by Rev. E. Lipscomb. The ceremony took place in Christ Church Cathedral.

—James Myers, charged with the theft of a number of small articles from Robert Jamieson, came up in the police court this morning. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and was given two months.

—The Great Northern Railway company intend to retain both C. A. Rattray and M. Stevens as agents in this city. The latter will attend to the freight business and Mr. Rattray to the passenger business.

—No. 1 fire hall is now in excellent shape, the new block pavement being pronounced first-class. The chemical has been returned to its old quarters in No. 1 and the engine removed from the market hall to No. 2 on Yates street.

—Careless domestics and crossed wires are given as the causes leading to the scamper of the fire brigade out to the residence of Hon. D. W. Higgins about 11 o'clock last night. The blaze was quickly subdued, the damage being merely nominal.

—Herr Anton Zilm, teacher of the violin at the Conservatory of Music and leader of the orchestra at the Victoria theatre, will not remain in Portland, where he now is, but will in about a month return and resume his position. He will on his return bring his family with him.

—The coroner's jury appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the drowning of George Thompson brought in an open verdict last night. The deceased has several near relatives here, among them two sisters and a niece. The funeral takes place at 2.30 to-morrow afternoon from the Masonic temple.

—Andrew Kelly, son of S. H. Kelly, who left here on the now famous steam schooner F. H. Worlock nearly two years ago, is back in the city. He reshipped for the season on the schooner Beatrice at Yokohama and returned on that vessel to Vancouver. He had an interesting time along the Siberian coast and later in Japan.

—Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, Private Secretary Keith, and suite, arrived from the east last evening and registered at the Driard. They will remain here until Saturday, when they leave for San Francisco, spending a fortnight in California. They will return here on the 26th, leaving on the following day by the Empress of Japan for the Orient.

—Chief Deasy had a very narrow escape from serious accident on the way to the fire last night. He was going up Yates street at a long jump when the harness broke. He succeeded in stopping the excited horse before any damage was done. Driver John McNeill, of the chemical, also had a close call. When he opened a drum of sulphuric acid to charge the retort a portion of the acid splashed into his face, inflicting a painful burn and closing the right eye temporarily.

—The Roman Catholic priests of the diocese of Vancouver Island, who have been here attending the retreat, are leaving for their respective homes. One of the pleasant features of the gathering was the taking of an excellent group photograph of the party. Bishop Lemmens sits in the centre and his clergymen are grouped around him. The picture was taken by Jones, and is a very creditable one. Rev. Father Stull, who preached the retreat, is a Redemptorist and his home is at Seattle.

—The garden fete at Cloverdale yesterday under the auspices of St. Luke's church congregation was a pronounced success. A number of very attractive features had been prepared for the amusement and instruction of the many visitors. Among these the "museum" easily ranked first, while the endeavor to capture a thoroughbred pig furnished a number of hearty laughs. The ladies had provided an especially attractive display of plain and fancy work, which was artistically arranged in the various booths and found ready sale. A musical programme was rendered by the Bantley family during the afternoon. Among the distinguished guests were noticed His Honor the Lt.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, Sir Joseph and Lady Trutch and Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin and Miss Perrin.

—The Kingston last night brought over a car load of hoisting machinery for the Union Colliery company of Comox. The supplies are from the Bell Engine Co., of Erie, Pa.

—The Umatilla sailed this morning from an Francisco with the following cabin passengers for Victoria: Miss H. Sevier, A. Shields, Wm. Barry, Miss L. E. Aldrich, Miss E. Gallagher, Captain Keene, George V. Frazier, W. H. C. Lee, H. E. Evanhoulen and wife and James Leishman.

—The DeVoe family had another of their family rows in the police court this morning. Frank DeVoe, charged with using insulting language toward Mrs. Mary DeVoe, flatly denied the same, and the case was dismissed amidst a passionate appeal from Mrs. DeVoe for protection and threats of suicide if the same was not forthcoming. The combined efforts of the police were necessary to quiet the excited woman. The court gave DeVoe a solemn warning to let the woman alone in future.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nicol and family left here on Sunday for Victoria, B. C., where they will in future reside. A large number of friends were at the depot to see their departure and to wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home. Mr. Nicol was one of the pioneer residents of this town, having come in with the first of them in 1883. During his residence here he has engaged very successfully in sheep ranching, giving that industry his whole attention during the past few years. After seeing his family comfortably settled in Victoria, Mr. Nicol will return here to close out his interests in the sheep ranch at Walsh.—The Medicine Hat News.

—The case of Charles H. Gordon, charged with fighting and attempting to carve a "lady" with an axe, occupied the attention of the police court during the greater part of the day, and was still on when the Times went to press. Gordon was arrested by Officer McDonald at about 1.30 this morning in front of the Bee Hive saloon. Gordon and a young man named Levi were struggling over an axe. For the defence Andrew Kelly was called. He frankly admitted that owing to having taken fifteen or twenty "shandy-gaffs" and four or five whiskeys his mind was not clear on some points. He remembered that Gordon had taken the axe from the coal shed, said he had it in for Levi, and leaned the axe against the building. The next he saw of them they were struggling. The "lady" in the case, Flossie Russell, was in the box testifying that Gordon had tried to institute some important changes in her anatomy with the axe, when the reporter departed.

—The Examiner in its mention of the recent trip of the Stanford baseball team has the following to say of Victoria: "In Victoria, B. C., what the players term the most interesting and picturesque game of the tour was played with a team composed of several ex-Americans and Englishmen who understood the rudiments of baseball, on the Beacon Hill lacrosse and cricket grounds, undoubtedly the largest and finest athletic field in that section. The event was advertised as an international contest and the elite of the province attended. The grand stands were decorated with British and American buntings, and on the flip and foul lines were placed the British and American flags. To give the contest tone and official sanction the Lieutenant-Governor of the province acted as master of ceremonies. His Excellency introduced each team in a neat speech to the spectators and proclaimed the event as an international contest of skill. Stanford placed a weak team in the field, expecting an easy victory. To the surprise of all the game was close and exciting, Stanford only winning in the ninth inning by a score of 8 to 7.

—Contrary to an opinion that has been general, Rev. Father Althoff, now in the city, will very likely not be the vicar-apostolic of Alaska when the territory is raised to a dignity coequal with a diocese in the Catholic church, and perhaps the strongest reason is that he would decline it. People in and out of the church knowing anything upon the subject have all along thought that Father Althoff would surely be appointed. He is personally a very popular man, and his advancement would be generally pleasing. However, he is modest, and then the new vicar-apostolic will very likely have to face the rigors of life on the Yukon, and he will have to be there to effectively accomplish the work before him. It is said by those in a position to know that all the work in Alaska will be given over to the Jesuits and that the vicar-apostolic will be one of that order. There are already nine Jesuit priests and five Jesuit brothers at work in Alaska. The method of choosing the new leader is novel. Each of the bishops of the province (which is that of Oregon) submits the name of three priests whom he regards as suitable, and the final choice is made in Rome. The names have been submitted, and action at Rome is awaited.

From Thursday's Daily.

—Despite the serious nature of his wound, A. J. Rowbotham now appears to be on a fair way to recover from his desperate attempt at suicide.

—Hereafter the B. C. B. G. A. band will give semi-weekly concerts at Oak Bay (Wednesday and Saturday). Next concert will be on Saturday evening.

—Young C. H. Gordon was given an option between $20 or two months at hard labor for fighting on the streets and attempting to use an axe on a certain "lady" of his acquaintance.

—The Sons of Erin dropped into a very pleasant impromptu smoking concert after the routine business had been disposed of last night. The roster includes the possessors of some excellent voices and a range of musical talent which enables this society to furnish these entertainments on demand.

—The business and stock lately the property of the Victoria Iron Works has been acquired by Messrs. Hinton & Penney, who propose to see what practical and experienced men can do in the engineering, machinists and brass and iron foundry business in the city of Victoria.

—A large number of the friends of the family of the late William Clarke attended the funeral from the Roman Catholic church this morning. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, many selecting this method of testifying the high esteem in which the young man was held by all who knew him.

—A Tacoma dispatch says: Arrangements are being made by the Canadian Pacific railway to put on a new line of steamers between Puget Sound points and Portland. It is understood the Oregon Railway & Navigation steamers will be utilized and that Frank Waterhouse will have charge of the line.

—The B. C. B. G. A. band scored a pronounced success in their concert at Oak Bay last night. The programme was well selected and the various numbers rendered in a manner which brought out hearty applause. A large number of citizens attend these concerts, which are becoming well established in public favor.

—The children of St. Barnabas and St. Mark's Sunday schools, with their parents and friends, are spending the day at Sidney, where the annual picnic of these institutions is being held. A programme of sports is being held and every effort made by the old folks to see that the children spend a thoroughly enjoyable day.

—A party of yachtsmen, among whom were W. Croft and W. Spencer, spent last night in the straits. They went out sailing yesterday intending to return in the evening. The wind died out and the tide took them up to Discovery Island. They reached Oak Bay early this morning, shortly after a tug boat had been sent to look for them.

—Mr. F. C. Davidge, who has several Oriental connections, reports that so far the difficulty between China and Japan has had no effect upon the prices of the export products of those countries. Rice has taken an upward turn in the San Francisco quotations but this he regards as a purely American gamble and not a legitimate indication of the actual state of the market.

—The sealing schooner South Bend, Captain Dillon, which left here four months ago, returned this morning without a single sealskin. She left here in April and went to the west coast for Indians. Captain Dillon refused to pay the wages the Indians asked, so he took a run 150 miles off the coast. He did not see any seals and returned to Pachena, where he remained for five weeks before returning home.

—A private letter received yesterday from Cariboo states that the shares in the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining company had doubled in value since last winter. A clean up made a few days ago resulted in $4880 for 106 hours work on the Horsefly claim and $5100 for 117 hours work on the Cariboo. These claims are owned by local capitalists, the principal shareholders being G. F. R. officials and residents of Cariboo.

—The combined meeting of the Young People's societies in the Centennial Methodist church last night was a very pleasant and successful affair. Mr. J. H. Siddall, president of the union, acted as chairman and beside several papers read by members Rev. Joseph Hall and Rev. W. L. Clay delivered addresses on the work of the young people in the church. An excellent musical programme was rendered during the evening.

—Mr. Charles Stickels, for several years connected with the Edison Company's engineering department, has decided to locate permanently in Victoria. He comes endorsed by the very best electrical engineers and has also had long experience in steam engineering. His advertisement appears in this issue, and anyone availing themselves of Mr. Stickel's services may rest assured of receiving first class work and the best of satisfaction.

—At the regular meeting of Victoria West lodge No. 29, I. O. G. T., held in Semple's Hall, Craigflower road, last evening, the following officers were installed by R. Semple, L. D.: Chief templar, E. J. Etherton; vice-templar, Miss Anderson; secretary, D. McDonald; financial secretary, A. W. Semple; treasurer, J. Park; chaplain, J. Semple; marshall, Miss Dyker; deputy marshall, S. McDonald; sentinel, Miss J. McDonald; P. C. T., G. W. Anderson; reporter, Dan McDonald.

—The Knights of Pythias of Seattle, Tacoma and the Sound cities have promised to send up a large number of visiting Knights to take part in "Societies Day" at the coming agricultural exhibition. Other efforts are being made by this order to make a great demonstration on that occasion. Some competitive uniform rank drills are being talked of, and an effort will be made to put up suitable trophies for the various companies to compete for. A division competition is also quite possible.

—Francis Wilks, charged with continuing to evade honest toil, had his case continued in the police court this morning. On his own behalf he stated that he had been able to live without work for four years previous to the past one. This was by getting $50 per month through a gentleman in the city. During the past six months he had worked several days and earned $20. He admitted being on the Phantom when she was lost but denied the presence of Chinamen on board. Adjudged guilty and bound over in the sum of $25 to appear on the 16th for sentence.

—J. M. Finn, bandmaster of the B. C. B. G. A. band, has succeeded in inducing Prof. H. M. Stoel to locate in Victoria. Mr. Shoel is a talented pianist and composer of several meritorious works for the pianoforte. The Livingstone Morning Post speaks very highly of Mr. Stoel. He will become a member of the B. C. B. G. A. band and orchestra and will play piano solos in connection with the band concerts. His first public appearance will be at the B. C. B. G. A. band concert at Mount Baker hotel, Oak Bay, next Saturday evening, when he will render Kontski's famous masterpiece "Le Reveil du Lion" (The Awakening of the Lion). Mr. Finn is doing all in his power to give Victoria good musicians and good music. Mr. Stoel will open a studio and give instructions on the piano or in vocal culture. He is the only instructor in the Northwest teaching Dr. Porter's celebrated tongue and throat practice.

—The many friends of Rev. S. C. Scholefield will be shocked to hear of his sudden death at Kamloops yesterday. The reverend gentleman resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's, Esquimalt, during the latter part of June, owing to poor health. He was visiting friends at Lytton until a few days ago, when he went to Kamloops hospital for treatment. His illness was not regarded as serious; and his rapid decline and death were a painful surprise to all. Of Mr. Scholefield the English clergy record contains the following: "Worcester College, Oxford, B. A. and M. A., 1868; ordained deacon 1868, priest 1870, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells; Stuart Clement Scholefield worked at Chard, Swanmore, Faccombe and Stoke Poges, in England, coming to British Columbia in 1887, where he worked in New Westminster and Kamloops. On the occasion of Ven. Archdeacon Scriven's visit to England in 1891 he took charge of St. James' parish in this city, and in the autumn of the same year accepted the rectorship of St. Paul's, Esquimalt." To-morrow funeral offices will be held at Christ church cathedral as follows: Holy communion at 8 a.m.; burial of the dead, 10:30 a.m. The deceased will be interred at Ross Bay cemetery. Clergy are requested to be at the cathedral vestry at 10 o'clock to-morrow in full canonicals.

LAWN TENNIS PLAYERS.

Seattle Correspondents Discuss Merits of Coast Players.

An interesting discussion has been going on in Seattle relative to Pacific coast tennis players. It was started by an article in the Sunday Telegraph. In answer to that article a correspondent signing himself "A Lover of Lawn Tennis," says:

To the Editor:—In your issue of Sunday last I read the article on lawn tennis, evidently written with the object of increasing the interest in the game in Seattle.

I notice you say Mr. G. Hurd is the only first class player here. Now, in my humble opinion, and I have seen the leading players of the last five or six years, I don't believe there is a player in the first class on the Pacific coast; in fact, I doubt very much if there is one in the first division of the second class.

I consider the four best players in Seattle to be Messrs. Hurd, Meserve, Pelley and Atkinson, and I don't think there is very much difference between them. They would probably be handicapped together in the second division of the second class in a first class tournament, and that is about as high as any players on the Pacific coast would rank, so that there is no reason why Messrs. Pelley and Atkinson should not bring back prizes from Victoria. That they will do so is the sincere wish of yours truly."

The writer of the article answered as follows: "It is undoubtedly true that the tennis players of the Pacific coast are not up to the standard of the players of the east. As there is no official classification of players into first or second class, it is hard to say just where Mr. Hurd belongs or would belong were he not incapacitated by a lame knee from playing his best game. When Mr. Hurd was known all over the country as Yale's best tennis player he was a player of such ability that he was reckoned by many critics among the envied "first ten." Campbell, nor Horey, nor any of the very best players in the country could let up in their play in the least and win from him. Of course, it is impossible to make Hurd out a national champion or even inter-collegiate champion. He did not win these honors and is not entitled to them. Nor can any idea of the comparative merits of Messrs. Hurd, Meserve, Pelley and Atkinson be formed at present. The writer has never seen any of the last named three show anything like Hurd's best form, and if they are capable of work on the tennis court as fine as his they are to be congratulated, and they may be considered good representatives of Seattle in any tourney, whether it be in the west or east, or in British Columbia. In view of the great strength shown by the Victoria players in the past, it is hardly safe to expect, though we may hope, that Messrs. Pelley and Atkinson will bring back the first prizes."

NAVAL NOTES.

Flagship to Come out of Dock To-Morrow Evening.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur will come out of dry dock to-morrow evening about 5 o'clock. On Monday she will fill up with coal; and it is expected she will go to Vancouver shortly with time-expired men and invalids. She will be away about ten days.

H. M. S. Hyacinth leaves Esquimalt on Saturday afternoon for Honolulu. It is expected she will remain there nor two months and will then go to the Pitcairn Islands and from there to Valparaiso. It is considered doubtful if she will ever return here again as it is expected she will be ordered home from Valparaiso.

H. M. S. Satellite is expected to arrive shortly. She was to have left Coquimbo on July 11th for Esquimalt and should be along now at any time.

The ship City of Glasgow has nearly completed discharging her cargo of coal at the naval coal dock for the use of the navy, and will be ready to take in ballast in two or three days. She loads a return cargo of salmon for Turner, Beeton & Co.

Law Intelligence.

Before Mr. Justice Walkem in the supreme court yesterday and to-day two suits of Bank of Montreal v. Bowker were tried. The plaintiffs sued on notes and drafts in connection with the Thunder Hill Mining company. On one judgment was given for plaintiffs for $6004.36 and on the other for $377. E. V. Bodwell for plaintiff and A. P. Luxton for defendant.

Mr. Justice Walkem is this afternoon hearing the defence in Wilson v. Cowan, begun before him last week. The defendant claims that he was not consulted before any accounts were ruled off as had been provided in the agreement, and he also says that the plaintiff has been negligent and has allowed outstanding accounts to run on too long, whereas if they had been sued the money could have been made. A. L. Belyea for plaintiff and A. E. McPhillips and G. E. Powell for defendant.

The full court, composed of Justices Crease, McCreight and Walkem sat to-day hearing the appeal in Vipond v. Nanaimo. The plaintiff sued for $680, balance due on a contract between himself and the corporation of the city of Nanaimo, dated 14th September, 1890. The contract was one for grading streets in Nanaimo. Besides the balance of the contract price he also sued for extra work and damages, amounting altogether to $4,450. The defendants paid $695 into court in full satisfaction, and at the trial in Nanaimo before Justice Harrison judgment was given for plaintiff for $695 with costs up to the time the money was paid into court, and as to the balance for the defendant with costs. The plaintiff now appeals. W. J. Taylor and J. H. Simpson for the plaintiff and Hon. A. M. Richards and E. M. Yarwood for the defendants.

American News.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 7.—An afternoon paper says that three fishermen from this side were fired on by the Canadian cruiser Dolphin while cruising last summer inside of Rose's Reef, in Canadian waters. It appears that the fishermen sighted the cruiser bearing down on them and tried to escape to the shore, but after several shots from a Winchester had been fired, they stopped rowing. The cruiser came up to them and the captain searched their boats, but, finding that they had no nets and were only using poles and lines, he permitted them to continue their fishing. The men said some of the bullets came dangerously close.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 8.—Dr. Reed, one of the men brought here from Denver, charged with being implicated in the Tarsney outrage, had a document in his possession in which he pledged himself, with others, to punish anarchists and their sympathizers no matter how exalted their positions, to keep all secrets of the band of which he (Reed) is one, and help to punish those who violate the secrets of the band.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 4.—In reply to the demand made by Sheriff Boars of Elpaso County, for the Bull Hill prisoners, Brigadier General Brooks has written that the governor will surrender the men at Colorado Springs when the autorities are ready to proceed with the trial, but not before.

Ebensburg, Aug. 4.—The striking miners of La Bornesboro to-day burned the coal tipples and several other buildings of the Cambria company's mines. The sheriff has started for that place. The outbreak is due to the fact that the company refused to pay over thirty cents per ton.

Ebensburg, Aug. 4.—The miners at Labarnesboro are rioting, burning the coal tipples, etc. The sheriff has been called on.

Connellsville, Pa., Aug. 4.—Jeffrey's commonwealers were arrested last night while trying to seize a Baltimore and Ohio train. They were taken to Uniontown to-day.

Brazil, Ind., Aug. 4.—The eastern Illinois road's shops have been ordered removed to Momenic, Ills., because of the lack of protection given by the sheriff of this county during the strike and his avowed sympathy with the strikers.

Lakeview, Mich., Aug. 3.—The entire business portion of this place was burned to-day. The loss is $100,000.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Henry Dahne shot and killed his wife and himself to-day. Jealousy was the cause.

Vineland, N. J., Aug. 7.—A number of people living in the country near this place assert that they have been hypnotized and swindled by a strange man. According to their story, he represented himself as Dr. Miller, of the Wells Eye hospital of Philadelphia. He introduced himself to Danciel Efts, who with his wife made the man welcome. Both say he hypnotized them. They say he squeezed their hands frequently, and when he did so they experienced a sickening sensation, but still were completely under the influence of the stranger. The supposed doctor pretended he could cure a cataract in one of Mr. Eft's eyes, and offered to do the work for $1.50. He worked about the eye for a time without doing anything, althought he made the farmer think he did. Then he sold Mr. Efts what he claimed to be special glasses for $44. Many others were swindled, and all agree that they experienced the same sensation when the supposed doctor took their hands.

INCURRED A PENALTY.

Sir John Thompson Breaks the Law Relating to Fish.

Ottawa, Aug 4.—The Citizen this morning says that the premier, according to reports, has been violating the Ontario fisheries act, 1892, which says that no tourist or summer visitor should catch or kill in any provincial water greater number than one dozen bass in one day. Sir John, it says, caught 27 in two hours. The Citizen advises Sir Charles Tupper to get his minions to look after the premier. The penalty is not less than $10 and not more than $20, to be recovered on summary conviction before a magistrate, and in default of payment imprisonment is prescribed.

London, Aug. 3.—The Brazilian legation here have received a denial of the report that insurgents are marching against Porto Alegro in Rio Grande do Sul, on the contrary it is said the rebels are fleeing.

PEIXOTO CAUSING TROUBLE.

Every Means Adopted to Maintain His Position.

New York, Aug. 7.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro says: President Peixoto is adopting every means to maintain himself in the presidency. It is believed that he will even try to arrest President elect Mores, and that he expects the military to back him. Peixoto openly defies congress. He refuses to promulgate laws and decrees passed by that body, though by law he is compelled to do so within forty-eight hours after their passage. Congress will probably undertake to impeach him. The impending struggle is considered as between the people and the army.

STARVED HIS SON.

A Father's Means of Saving His Own Soul.

Cincinnati, Aug. 7.—Salvation Army circles of this city are much exercised over the attempt of one member to starve his own son to death in order to save his (the father's) soul. The father is George M. Holmes, a Cunninsville carpenter. Four nights ago, Holmes says, the spirit of Abraham appeared and commanded him to starve his son William to death as a sacrifice. Holmes consulted the boy, who is not particularly bright, and the lad consented. For forty-eight hours he went without food, and then he begged his father day and night for something to eat. He became so urgent in his appeals that he was locked in a room by his father and told that the commandment of the spirit of Abraham must be obeyed. On Sunday the son told his father that he thought he could stand straving better if he were permitted to attend one more meeting of the Army. His father released the boy and escorted him to church, when William, who had obtained his father's revolver during the preparation, poked the weapon in Holmes' face and demanded food. Holmes saw that his son was in deadly earnest, and taking him to a neighboring restaurant bought him food. There is much indignation over the matter, and Holmes' neighbors in Cunninsville talk of white capping him.

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