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THE CITY.

It is seldom, on this side of the line, that the sheriff is called upon to tie the nuptial knot, as well as to provide the necessary license. Such an occasion arose however yesterday, when Mr. John Robertson and Miss J. Houston, of this city, were made man and wife.

Captain Ridderbijelk, otherwise well known to fame as the "Flying Dutchman," has for the present at least abandoned his plan to sail from Japan to British Columbia in a ship's boat. He left Yokohama in his miniature craft about two months ago, but according to private letters received here this week was obliged to put back by continuous bad weather.

Rev. Solomon Cleaver officiated on Thursday evening at the interesting ceremony which made Miss Eva Morrison of this city the bride of Mr. Edward W. Wilson. The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on San Juan avenue, only a few especially intimate friends being present. The honeymoon is being spent in Portland.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary have decided to apply the entire proceeds of their annual charity ball, to be held on the evening of October 21, toward furnishing the new operating theatre at the Jubilee hospital. The ball will be held as usual at Assembly hall, and will this year be under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Palliser and His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Beaven.

At last night's meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society the statements for the half year showed that besides increasing in numbers the society was in a healthy state financially. Capt. McIntyre gave the "Smith of Killi Cassie" on the pipes; Mr. Gilchrist sang "The Bonnie House o' Arlie," and for an encore "When the kye comes hame"; Mr. M. Muir sang "Robin Tamson's Smithy," and Mr. Henderson recited from Richard III. A number of lectures will be delivered at the meetings this winter.

The Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society hold their annual show to-day at Duncan, on the E. & N. Entries in all the various lines of agricultural, horticultural and orchard products, live stock, poultry and ladies' work have been numerous, the exhibition thus promising to be fully as creditable and representative as any of its prececessors, while a dance is promised as a finale to the day's doings, for which the Bantly orchestra from this city will provide the music. The society is this year officered as follows: President, W. C. Duncan; vice presidents, T. A. Wood and H. Bonsall; treasurer, G. T. Corfield; and secretary, G. H. Hadwen. The committee of management is composed of the officers, with C. T. Gibbons, R. Musgrave, E. Lomas, P. B. Johnston, John McPherson, C. Livingstone, Major J. M. Mutter, M.P.P.; W. H. Elkington, W. C. Brown and James Evans.

As the outcome of the united action of a large number who lost relatives in the Point Ellice bridge disaster in May last, nine writs were yesterday served on the city and the Consolidated Railway Company. It will be remembered that several meetings were held in this city some time ago by relatives of the victims, and that it was then decided to jointly employ counsel and make one or more test cases in the courts against the city and the tramway company. The result was that, acting on behalf of the plaintiffs, Mr. D. G. Macdonell has taken out twenty-five writs in Vancouver against the city and tramway. Of these writs the nine served yesterday form part. The plaintiffs named are Mrs. Eliza A. Bowness, who lost her two daughters; E. S. Sheppard, who lost his wife and two children; Mrs. Patterson, who lost her husband; and Mr. G. W. Biggar, for the loss of his two children and for injuries received by himself and Mrs. Biggar. It is probable that only a sufficient number of the suits will be brought to trial to make a test case. Damages are asked for but no amounts are given.

CITY FREE LIBRARY.

The city free library yesterday received from Messrs. Mudie & Co., London, a case of books consisting of 136 volumes, new, strongly bound and in capital condition. The majority of these works come under the head of fiction, but their character is of a high order, including works by the old standard writers and many by such notable authors as Ian MacLaren, Crockett, Gilbert Parker, Lew Wallace, Rev. A. J. Church, Ralph Boldrewood, Barr, Corelli and Burnett. In history and science there are, besides many others, "The Making of England," by Green, the historian; "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History," by Captain Mahan; "The Growth and Achievements of the British Fleet," by Robinson; "South Africa," by Worsfold; "Agricultural Botany," "Manual of Electrical Science," "Achievements of Engineering," "Popular Astronomy," "Course of Chemistry," "In Search of Minerals," "English Painters," "Modern Sculpture," etc. There are five books of Archdeacon Farrar's—"The Life of Crhist," "The Witness of History to Christ," "Saintly Workers," "Gathering Clouds," and "Darkness and Dawn." These books were purchased out of the small fund appropriated for library purposes. If ten or twenty times the number could be added occasionally, the influence of the library for good would be greatly extended. The new books will probably be ready for distribution by Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

GOLD MINING IN ALASKA.

"The old favorite streams tributary to the Yukon—the Forty Mile and others—are not yielding the returns this season that they have in the past." So says a veteran mining man of this city who has just returned from an extended stay in the far North, and who, lest he be misunderstood as stating that Alaska's gold supply is exhausted, adds immediately: "New ones equally rich are being discovered every day, however, and the possibilities of the Yukon country are still incalculable.

"There were quite 2,000 men at Cook's Inlet this year, but very few among them even saw the 'color.' Some of the old claims yielded fair profits, but almost universal disappointment has resulted from the 'rush.' There are many excellent hydraulic propositions in that section, but for individual labor the gold is, as a rule, too fine to pay.

"At Anchor Point the Boston and Alaskan Company are building seven miles of ditch eight feet wide at the top and four at the bottom. Their works have given employment to some 50 or 60 disappointed miners, helping these discouraged and disheartened men out of a very tight place. This property promises to prove one of the richest mines in Alaska, as from 10 to 240 colors to the pan can be had anywhere on the beach for miles. It is estimated by expert and practical mining men that the whole section, embracing several hundred acres, will average $2.50 to the square yard.

"There are other districts many think of equal richness—the Shuckitni and Tysnick rivers having been taken up for development next year, by Eastern capitalists—while large and promising quartz deposits were found this year at Souey harbor, on the opposite or west side of the inlet. No assays have been made of the samples brought out, but the quartz greatly resembles that of the Treadwell, being of a light grey color dotted with iron pyrites.

"The 'Last Chance' mine near Sitka was ready to start crushing when the last steamer left, and gives promise of becoming a decidedly profitable property. The ore is found on top of a mountain above the timber line and is chuted down to the mill. This mine too is being operated by Eastern capital, ex-Governor Swineford having interested friends of his in the enterprise.

"Veterans declare that many splendid prospects of quartz are to be found close to Sitka, but that section of Alaska has not had the attention paid to it hitherto that the outlook would seem to warrant. Alaska as a whole is still one of the most interesting countries of the world; and with its 580,107 square miles of territory and a shore line of 25,000 miles—more than all the Atlantic and Pacific coast line in the United States—who can foretell the probabilities of this wondrous western world whose morn of existence gives promise of so glorious a day."

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Japan's First Participation in the Washington Lumber Trade—Sealers in the Straits.

Anxiety Felt For the "Lake Leman"—A Smart Voyage From Newcastle.

The first Japanese steamship owned, manned and mastered by a full crew of the Mikado's subjects to visit Puget Sound will arrive at Seattle to-day or to-morrow, to load lumber from Kerry's mill for Osaka, Japan. The name of the steamship is the Konoura Maru, commanded by Capt. Ito, a relative of the great military genius of Japan bearing the same name. It was formerly the crack British steamship Lennox, 1,400 tons burden. The owners of the Konoura Maru have secure ta big government contract in Northern Japan, which will require about 10,000,000 feet of lumber, and they sent Mr. Kida, a bright Japanese scholar of European education, to Puget Sound to negotiate the purchase. It is proposed to send eight cargoes to the Orient as soon as possible, and to facilitate dispatch Mr. Kida has arranged for the consignment of his vessels to Rothschild & Co., of Seattle, who will load the steamers and attend their port agencies in that city. This particular line is full of significance to the development of Japanese trade with Puget Sound. The company is very wealthy and anxious to build and develop a big trade in the products of the Pacific coast. The Konoura Maru was spoken off Cape Flattery two days ago by the British ship Balmoral. She was in a nense fog and was looking for a pilot.

AN ARRIVAL FOR LUMBER.

The only large sea arrival yesterday was the British bark Villatta, Captain Harland, which was towed into the Royal Roads by the American tug Pioneer. The Villatta hails from Newcastle in ballast and her trip here was made in the remarkably quick time of 52 days, despite several annoying delays. Her course was to the westward of the Hawaiian islands, and when the group was reached the vessel was out 32 days. She was in Barclay sound on Sunday last and has since then been befogged. Capt. Harland reports trade at a standstill in Newcastle owing to the miners' strike. Fully 100 sailing vessels were awaiting coal cargoes when he sailed but unable to secure them owing to the strike. The Villatta came here for orders and found a charter awaiting her to load lumber.

"WHERE IS THE 'LAKE LEMAN'?"

Some little apprehension is being felt in maritime circles for the safety of the Chilean bark Lake Leman, which came into collision with the Italian bark Lazzaro in a dense fog off Cape Flattery last Friday. Since the accident a fleet of vessels have arrived in port, says a Port Townsend dispatch, but nothing has been heard from the Lake Leman, which ought to have got into Royal Roads last Sunday. The Lazzaro sent a boat to the Chilean vessel and offered assistance, but it was declined, Captain Buzzo of the Lake Leman saying that though his headgear had been carried away he would have no difficulty in arriving at his destination. An hour later the vessels drifted apart and the Chilean vessel has not since been heard from.

THE "QUADRA" RETURNS.

The D.G.S. Quadra returned to Victoria yesterday evening after an absence of ten days. Whilst away the Nanaimo and Departure Bay harbor buoys have been overhauled and all placed in good order. A new buoy has also been moored on the Governor rock, Trincomalie channel. The fog alarms on the Gulf were visited to see that they were all in good working order; this is a most trying season for the alarms, as they are kept working day and night without any cessation whatever. The keeper of the Active Pass lighthouse informed Capt. Walbran that he had been blowing the alarm for six days and nights without stopping. Mr. Collinson, of Miners' Bay, Active Pass, an old resident, says he has not seen such a continuancy of dense fog since 1868. Captain Walbran reports the weather in the Gulf and amongst the islands as very thick and extremely hazardous to navigation.

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A HURRICANE OF FUN

Provided by the Gymkhana Contestants at the Driving Park Friday and Saturday.

Intermediate "Capitals" Defeat the Vancouver "Beavers"—Play at the Golf Links.

The second day of the polo tournament furnished some rattling good sport at the Driving Park on Friday afternoon. A great advantage in polo is that the spectator may thoroughly enjoy it and get excited over the game even it not knowing the subtle niceties of the play. Consequently it was somewhat disappointing that only a handful of spectators attended.

The opening match was between Nicola and the Navy, the teams being:

Nicola.	*Royal Navy.*
Capt. Cholmondeley	Lieut. Crawley.
Capt. Bald	Lieut. Macdonald.
Mr. E. Broadbent	Mr. G. D. Ward.
Mr. Nash	Mr. W. Burton.

The Nicola men started off with a dash and had a decided advantage in the first game, the Navy playing a man short as one of their team was late in reaching the field. However, the Navy had a full team next game and from that on honors were divided right through the match, the last goal, that gave the Navy the victory, being scored just before time was called. Crawley was the most conspicuous of all the players. He was here, there and everywhere on a clever little bald faced pony that was very quick after the ball. One particularly brilliant play was Crawley's drive of the ball up field right after the face; and carrying it before him he scored before any of the opposing players could stop him. The beauty of this play was in the accurate hitting while his pony was going full speed. Bald, of the Nicola team, made a clever goal in the second quarter. The teams had five each till just before the call of time in the last quarter when Ward put the ball through for the Navy. The score was:

	Nicola.	*R. N.*	*Time.*
1st quarter	2	3	11:15
2nd quarter	2	0	10:15
3rd quarter	1	1	10:00
4th quarter	0	2	10:25

The next match was Victoria against Cowichan, and a hard fought one it was. The teams were:

Victoria.	*Cowichan.*
Mr. G. A. Kirk.	Mr. H. B. Greaves,
Mr. F. B. Ward,	Mr. R. E. Barkley,
Mr. H. B. Rogers,	Mr. Ticehurst,
Lieut. Gordon, R.E.	Mr. Hicks-Beach.

The play was somewhat ragged at first, but by and by both men and ponies seemed to steady down to their work, the result being some very exciting polo. In the first goal Rogers made a splendid stop of a hot shot on the goals, and Greaves time and again did clever work, saving the goal for Cowichan. Frank Ward did very pretty work, his back-handers being wonderfully effective, and in fact all-round play on both sides was excellent. The scoring was small, only two goals each at the call of time, and even with another quarter allowed, neither could score. As darkness was coming on and men and horses were pretty well fatigued, it was decided to call the game a draw and play the tie off on Monday if possible. The score was:

	Cowchn.	*Vic.*	*Time.*
1st quarter	1	0	10:40
2nd quarter	0	0	11:00
3 d quarter	1	1	10:00
4th quarter	0	1	13:00

Five hundred people enjoyed an abundance of good rollicking fun at the driving park Saturday afternoon, "the source of innocent merriment" being found in the Gymkhana races in conjunction with the polo tournament in progress for three days past. Almost every conceivable variety of equestrian sport was furnished, and of so exciting and ludicrous a nature in most cases that the most grave among the five hundred could not help but laugh. The programme of events commenced sharp at 3 o'clock, and suffice to say that all was over three hours later with not a single hitch in the proceedings that failed to count for the thorough amusement of the crowd.

Event number one on the programme was a Turk's head competition. This meant that the competitors galloped by an array of objects, testing their skill by the manipulation of a sword—first by piercing a ring, then decapitating a couple of dummies and finishing the first half of a return run by thrusting a bladder. The contest first resulted in a tie between Capt. Bald and Mr. F. B. Ward, but on a second test of skill the honors went to the Captain.

A cigar and umbrella race followed, for which there were five starters. There was considerable ceremony attached to this event and in it centred half the play. To the drop of a flag riders had to saddle up, open an umbrella, mount, and while protecting their heads from a struggling and almost obscure sun, guide their horses over hurdles, light a cigar and return home as if prepared to cross an arid desert. Mr. Frank B. Ward aspired for first place and got it, being one of the few whose cigar was alight and whose umbrella was furled for business at the finish.

A straightaway race for polo ponies only engaged in the tournament came next. There were a number of starters but the honors fell to Mr. Ticehurst of Cowichan, with Mr. Greaves second.

The fourth event of the day furnished lots of excitement, the rider at the fall of the flag having to mount bareback, ride over a hurdle to post, dismount, lead his pony to lady who threaded a needle for him, remount, ride home over the hurdle and to have the needle threaded at the finish. Messrs. George and Frank Ward were the successful competitors in this, and the lady threading the former's needle was presented with a prize by Mrs. Palliser.

The Victoria Cross race—which meant to ride over hurdles to a point where dummies were placed and picking up one in the face of firing at ten yards range, return over the same course—was won by Mr. Geo. Ward, Mr. G. C. Fox being second.

In the tandem race which followed there was wild fun, much of it being furnished by Lieut. K. Crawley, R.N. There were several runaways owing to the horses not being accustomed to the method of driving, but it was all in the sport. Lieut. Crawley, however, acting the burlesque, drove two for which there was grave apprehension as to their ever reaching home. They did though, in their own quiet way, being the first team to return after Mr. Ticehurst.

The egg race—which was to be run on foot twenty yards, then mount and ride a short way to where saddles were obtained, and then to where an egg was received on the fence—was taken by Messrs. George and Frank Ward.

The polo contest was won by Capt. R. E. Barkley with Mr. Cholmondley second.

Two tugs of war—one on horseback and the other on foot—concluded the day's programme. The former was pulled between six horse teams, captained by Mr. Bald and Mr. R. E. Barkley, and resulted after three straight pulls in a win for Captain Bald. In the other tug-of-war the marines easily pulled the sailors.

GOLF.

MR. COMBE A WINNER.

The first gentlemen's monthly medal handicap of the Victoria Golf Club was played yesterday afternoon at their links at Oak Bay and resulted as follows:

A CLASS.

	Score.	*H'c'p.*	*Result.*
H. Combe	94	2	92
C. J. Prior	110	12	98
C. Stahlschmidt	111	10	101
A. S. Y. Bell	113	10	103
A. P. Luxtoo	120	16	104
C. C. Worsfold	112	5	107

Sir Richard Musgrave, O. H. Van Millingten and W. E. Oliver returned no scores.

There were no entries in the B class.

THE LADIES' HANDICAP.

The first of the ladies' monthly medal handicap matches was played at the Oak Bay links yesterday, practically opening the golfing season. Miss Dunsmuir won on a highly creditable score, the results of the day's play being as follows:

	Score.	*H'c'p.*	*Result.*
Miss Dunsmuir	68	14	54
Miss Beaven	81	25	56
Mrs. Walter Langley	73	15	58
Mrs. Harvey Combe	61	scratch	61
Mrs. Purvis	69	6	63
Mrs. Martin	83	18	65
Mrs. Marquis	92	25	67

Mrs. Rawstorne returned no score.

LACROSSE.

INTERMEDIATES PLAY FAST AND WELL.

The championship intermediate lacrosse match drew a very good attendance to Caledonia park yesterday, and though of course the play was not up to the senior standard it was remarkably good for intermediates—fast and exciting. The Capitals in team play had the best of it and should have scored much more frequently if their home had scattered sufficiently at critical times to draw out the visitors defence. Instead there was too much crowding at the ends and the centre was too often left open. The referee, Mr. George Coldwell, was perhaps a little too good natured, knowing as an old player how a man may occasionally be over zealous in checking in the excitement of a game. It might, however, be well for the referee to be particularly strict with young players, so that they may not acquire the bad habit of too reckless checking. Once or twice there was a cross check, or interference, yesterday, which, though not at all serious in result, might have produced a lesson in discipline, for a seat on the fence for a game has a decidedly cooling effect on a too-excitable youth. The game, though won by the Capitals by four goals to two, will in all likelihood go to Vancouver, as the Capitals played Finlayson under protest, he being, according to the association rules, a senior, as he has played in three senior matches this year. However, the Capitals put him on the team as they were short of material and did not want to disappoint the spectators. In the flags McConnell for the Capitals and Summers for Vancouver were wonderfully sure, and time and again stopped hot shots that looked as if they were bound to go through. Summers was particularly cool in returning the ball. Vancouver, though lacking in team play, checked well, especially the Scurreys, and their home bunched admirably at times. Finlayson was all over defence field at once apparently, doing great checking and relieving pressure when it became most dangerous at the Capital flags. Crook, Warren and Fairall put up some nice combination play, but W. Bland, while a clever stick handler, was scarcely heavy enough for his check.

The following is a summary of the match:

Game.	*Won by*	*Scored by*	*Time.*
1	Victoria	Campbell	12 min
2	Victoria	Stevens	1 "
3	Victoria	Bland	32 "
4	Victoria	Stevens	2 "
5	Vancouver	Cope	9 "
6	Vancouver	Murray	4½ "

Mr. Walton of Vanrouver and W. Smith of Victoria acted as umpires.

THE WHEEL.

COOPER OUTCLASSES JOHNSON.

New York, Sept. 25.—Fifteen hundred people, at Waverley Park, N. J., to-day witnessed the completion of the New York Quill Club bicycle races. The feature of the day was the attempt of Jimmy Michaels, the little Welshman, to lower the world's five-mile record, held by Linton, of England, 9:17¾. He did not succeed in this, but his performance, 10:01 1-5, was within three seconds of the American record held by Arthur Gardner. The one mile professional handicap resulted in a surprise. Sixteen started with Eddie Bald at scratch. Before the half Bald got well into the bunch, and at the three-quarters it looked as though it were all over. Swinging into the stretch Bald spurted past all but Mertens of Chicago, who in a desperate beat the finish crack home by a few inches. In the final heat of the two mile professional there were only two contestants—Tom Cooper, of Detroit, and John S. Johnson, of Minneapolis. Cooper beat the pistol and secured a perceptible start; Johnson, however, had caught on to his rear wheel before a great distance had been gone, and remained in that position until about 300 yards from the finish. Then try as he might the Minneapolis crack could not push his wheel to the fore, and Cooper smashed home a winner by two feet. Time—4:13 2-5. The time in the one mile handicap was 2:01 1-5.

Stanley M. Burrowes, a Denver cyclist, made a straightaway quarter yesterday in the phenonenal time of 15 1-5 seconds. He had "a moderate wind" at his back.

DINED AT OAK BAY.

Provincial Executive Entertain All Those Employed on the New Parliament Buildings.

A Very Pleasant Way of Celebrating the Laying of the Last Stone.

With a good old English custom that might with advantage be more frequently adopted in Canada, the provincial government last night marked the completion of the stonework of the new parliament buildings by entertaining at dinner all those who had been employed upon the work. This kindly custom is generally in use in the old country and serves to show that the relations between the workingmen, the contractors and the employers are not solely a matter of so many dollars and cents. In the case of a private building it shows a feeling of kindliness between employer and employed and is calculated to restrain that so common feeling that capital and labor cannot be close friends and work together in harmony and good will.

Of course the government stand in a different position from the private employer. They are simply the people's representatives, but the idea underlying the custom is the same and well worthy of being generally followed in the case of the construction of large works, public or private.

The banquet was held at the Mount Baker hotel, Mr. Virtue, the proprietor, as he always does, sparing no pains to prepare a dinner in his best style. The menu was varied and the dishes excellently cooked and nicely served. During dinner the Fifth Regiment band played in the corridor to the great enjoyment of everyone.

There were quite 200 guests sat down to table, the Premier, Hon. J. H. Turner, presiding, with Mr. Jeeves, of McGregor & Jeeves the contractors, for the parliament building on his right, and Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, the architect, on his left, and Mr. E. C. Howell, superintendent of the works, close by. Hon. G. B. Martin, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Hon. C. E. Pooley, President of the Council, and Messrs. R. P. Rithet, M.P.P., H. Dallas Halmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., and John Braden, M.P.P., were the other representatives of the legislature present.

It was 9:30 when the Premier rose and proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was received with loyal enthusiasm and the singing of the national anthem.

The health of the architect, contractors and all connected with the work on the parliament buildings were next proposed by the Premier, who briefly touched on the history of the buildings whose last stone had now been placed. Many of the younger men sitting around the table, the Premier predicted, would live to see Victoria grow to a city whose buildings would extend far beyond their present bounds, and future generations would have reason to thank the present one for a building that would last and be a thing of beauty for hundreds of years to come. In moving the toast the Premier said humorously that the only difficulty that presented itself was that as nearly all present had had something to do with the buildings, himself included, so it was in a manner drinking their own healths. He hoped, however, they would waive the difficulty and "drink to our own healths." (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Jeeves briefly spoke in reply, thanking the Premier and the government on behalf of the contractors for inviting them here to-night to celebrate the laying of the last stone on the parliament buildings, a structure that would always be a credit to the province, for every bit of it was well built. He, as one of the contractors, had done his best, and he considered that from the least workman to the architect everyone employed was worthy his meed of praise.

When the cheers that greeted Mr. Jeeves had subsided and the guests had sung heartily "For he's a jolly good fellow," cries went up for the architect.

Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, the architect, in replying said that the pleasantest part of this work had been that it had gone through with such good feeling that there was not a man employed upon it that he could not to-night shake hands with, and he wished to say that a very great deal of the credit for the structure was due to the workmen. (Applause.)

Mr. E. C. Howell, the superintendent of works, who Mr. Jeeves said had done as much as anyone to carry out the work, was cheered to the echo as he rose to speak in response to enthusiastic cheers.

Mr. Howell, in reply, thanked those present for the way he had been received, and paid a well-merited compliment to Mr. Rattenbury and the excellence of his plans. The selection of the builder was a very happy one too, the stones were well and truly laid from the foundations up, and he asked that a meed of praise be given, too, to the first contractors, who laid the foundations. His only duty had been to see the spirit of the plans carried out, and now in the end he could say that he believed he had done his duty, not only to the government, but to the contractors and to the public.

Hon. G B. Martin followed briefly, saying that in his capacity as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works he had done his best to perform his duties well. He proceeded to read a letter from Chief Justice Davie, under whom as Premier the new buildings were inaugurated. The Chief Justice regretted that it was impossible for him to be present, but he expressed his appreciation of the strength, stability and cheapness with which the buildings had been erected—a credit to architect, contractors, superintendent of works and workmen.

Mr. Shakleton responded for the workmen in a neat little speech. He could say with the former speakers that from the Atlantic to the Pacific they could seldom find a building equally well built to the parliament buildings. Imposing and solid, they would perhaps stand for centuries and be a monument that people yet unborn would look upon and commend the builders. But it must not be forgotten that these buildings were something more than a mere monument. They were for the people's representatives to meet in and he hoped that from those legislative halls laws would emanate that would make the conditions of labor such that British Columbia would become the leading province of the Dominion. (Cheers.).

For Dyspepsia and Bad Blood Humors Manley's Celery-Nerve Compound is unexcelled.

Mr. Geo. Reid, G.T.R. Operator, New Hamburg, Ont., under date of March 3rd, 1896, writes as follows: "I was troubled for two years with Boils and Dyspepsia of the worst kind. Tried several medicines, but none gave much relief. Until I tried Manley's Celery-Nerve Compound my blood was in a dreadful state, but I am happy to say your medicine cured me."

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P.P., in reply to calls expressed his pleasure at the happy event they were celebrating. It was his own ancestor, Sir James Douglas, who in 1859 sent a message to the house recommending the erection of the old buildings, and now the speaker was glad to have had the satisfaction of seeing laid the last stone of the present new buildings. In speaking of those whose work was worthy of praise he remarked that it was only a matter of justice to remember the late Mr. Frank Adams, the first contractor.

Mr. R. P. Rithet, M.P.P., in response to very hearty calls and applause said he felt in common with all present that the buildings were a credit to the province and everyone connected with the construction. These buildings were required and he hoped that now they were built the government would continue to show their enterprise and patriotism in developing British Columbia and its resources. In order to bring about that development a great deal of energy was necessary, and he hoped that all who came to British Columbia would be given proper inducements to remain and become permanent residents. He, for his part, would give that policy his hearty support. He closed by conveying his thanks to the premier and executive council for giving him the opportunity of being present at the celebration of the laying of the last stone of the new parliament buildings.

No more toasts were given and after listening to several good songs, a few impromptu speeches and a capital Scotch recitation by Mr. Maxwell, the dinner was brought to a close in time for everyone to get back to town by the half-past eleven car.

THE CITY

Mrs. Catherine Ann Costello, an old and respected pioneer of Victoria, passed away yesterday at her residence, No. 2 James street, James Bay. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

The argument on the injunction applied for by the Consolidated Railway Company to quash the tramway regulations by-law of Victoria city was yesterday postponed by mutual consent for ten days.

The new scheme relating to attending physicians at the Jubilee hospital goes into effect on October 1. During that month Doctors Hanington, Crompton, Fraser and Jones will be the attending physicians and surgeons, and also for January, April and July. All have signified their intention of attending.

The ball to be given by Hope lodge, No. 1., Degree of Honor, on Friday evening, October 30, is according to the preparations bound to be a pronounced success. The now popular Wolff-Ashworth orchestra has been engaged, so lovers of good music can depend upon having a rare treat, they having promised some new and especially attractive dances.

An aged lady Mrs. Sydwell, who was thrown out of her buggy near Swan lake while driving home to Saanich on Thursday is lying very seriously hurt at the Jubilee hospital. Her leg was broken below the knee, her face badly bruised and it is not known yet whether she is injured internally or not. Owing to her advanced age—she is 77 years old—the shock was naturally more severe than would have been the case with a younger person.

Norman McLaren, a well-to-do hardware merchant of St. Paul, Minn., has spent several days past in this city and Nanaimo searching for his wife and little girl. The former he is anxious to locate simply and solely because she has the child with her, and the father does not regard the mother as a fit custodian for the little one. Mrs. McLaren, who is her husband's junior by some 23 years, eloped from St. Paul on the 21st of August last with F. D. McKinnon, a young man employed as book-keeper in her husband's store. She took with her her two-year-old daughter and also $800 belonging to her husband. From St. Paul the runaway pair were traced to Spokane and thence to this city, where they were guests for several days at a Yates street hotel.

The last issue of the Kamloops Sentinel has the following which will be read with special interest by the many in Victoria who will remember poor old No. 1: "Larry Kenney, who died at the Old Men's Home in this city recently, is said to have had hidden away somewhere a sum of not less than $25,000. A citizen who has known the deceased for many years, says that once in Cariboo years ago he came upon Larry, who had taken out his bank notes and had spread them out in the sun for an airing. The array of paper currency was startling. All the bills were large, scarcely any below the $50 denomination, and most of them hundreds. Thus surprised, Larry could only gather himself over his pile and beseech his unwelcome observer never to mention what he had seen. This promise was given and faithfully kept for years, but when Larry went into the Old Men's Home at Victoria some years ago, an object of charity, the fact of what had been seen was divulged. Deceased was a consummate miser, according to what the citizen whom we have mentioned states, and it is believed that that wad of $25,000 or thereabouts is now cached away some place, probably in the fastnesses of the mountains, where mortal eye may never again light upon it, and where it will become a certain prey to the destroying hand of time."

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—A party of British marines from H.M.S. Royal Arthur, of the Pacific squadron, were passengers on the C.P. express for the East to-day. They are on their way from Shanghai to England on sick leave.