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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—There are six cases set down for trial at the spring assizes, Victoria, one of arson, one of breaking and entering, and the balance for keeping a gaming house.

—The subpoenas for the witness for the crown in cases that are to come before the spring assizes, which open on May 21st, are being issued to-day.

—Collections for April for Inland Revenue division No. 2, Victoria, are as follows: Spirits, $4,332.80; malt, $1,646.40; cigars, $775.50; tobacco $1,635.50; methylated spirits, $21.00; manufacture of extracts, etc., $5.00. Total, $8,416.20.

—The other canners cases which have been pending for some time, in which the Hum cing Government sued to recover certain fisheries at Steveston, on Fraser river, came up in the Supreme court this morning, but an adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

—Some time ago the Victoria School Board gave an order to the Albion Iron Works for the manufacture of a certain article for the benefit of the schools situated in the Victoria district, as a patent. A. G. McGregor, of this city, agent for the Globe Furniture Co., of Walkerville, which holds the patent, and he brought the attention of the company to the case. A. Campbell, of the Windsor, under yesterday's date says in this connection: The Globe Furniture company, of Walkerville, have obtained a verdict of $50 and a perpetual injunction against the school trustees of Victoria, and the Albion Iron Works restraining the former from using and the other from manufacturing a patent school seat, which is an infringement on the patent owned by the Globe Co.

From Friday's daily.

—Victoria lumber mill men are protesting against paying the wholesale trades license fee.

—J. J. Hillier has reduced the running record round Stanley Park to 40 minutes, beating the previous time by three minutes. The distance will be measured.

—During April 61,712 tons of coal were shipped from Nanaimo. The division by mines was as follows: Union 16,600 tons, Wellington 21,640 tons, New Vancouver 23,472 tons.

—Frank Kelly, a Victoria electric light lineman, was badly shocked on Thursday through the line he was handing

peared for Good, the State being represented by assistant prosecuting attorney Morris. Good offered no defence and for the prosecution Glasscock and merchant patrolman West, who was present when the shooting occurred, gave testimony. The evidence practically agreed with statements heretofore given by the witnesses. Good was remanded to the county jail in default of $1,500 bond.

From Saturday's daily.

—During April there were 24 births, 3 marriages and 18 deaths in New Westminster.

—P. McGonigle is suing the corporation of New Westminster for $5,000 damages for injuries sustained last winter through being knocked down by a boy coasting on a hill.

—Capt. Pittendrigh, S. M., of New Westminster, is investigating a case at Upper Sumas, in which a 12-year old boy is alleged to have criminally assaulted a girl aged 10 years.

—In the matter of Ferguson vs. Hughes, Thain et al, an action to recover amount alleged to be due for services rendered in examining and reporting on a mineral claim, the jury last night returned a verdict in the plaintiff's favor of $50.

—In the Supreme court at Victoria on Friday a change of venue to Vancouver was granted in the case of Regina vs. McInnes, of Nanaimo on a charge of committing a gross outrage. The defendants are to be allowed any extra expense incurred by the change.

—It is now generally understood that the case of Regina vs. A. P. Piton will be postponed until the Nanaimo Fall Assizes in November. It is also probable that the Hughes case will stand over, and consequently the assize on Tuesday will be a barren one.

—E. H. Digby, an employe at the Brewery in the New Westminster, was badly bruised on Friday through part of his clothing getting caught in the machinery and he was drawn in before the attendants could get power to stop the machinery. The Dominion Express rates from points west of Ashcroft to Vancouver will be very materially reduced after May 20th. The reduction runs to as high as $5 per 100 lbs. to the extreme coast. The Victoria Times says: Mr. Hall, of the firm of Hall Bros., Victoria, received a telegram from Ashcroft last evening to the effect that the Dominion Express Company would reduce the rate on dressed meat from Ashcroft to Victoria, and that every other thing will be in proportion. The rate will be in force about the 20th inst.

—The recent law examinations have resulted as follows: For call, Gordon Cameron, C. W. Wright, Victoria; C. H. Tupper, Fernie; W. Wallace, Victoria; H. Hoover Potts, of Nanaimo, who was already a solicitor, has passed the final examination to practise as a barrister, in the intermediate examinations R. H. Simpkins and W. P. Grant, of Victoria, were successful.

—A. O. Campbell, manager for the Vancouver Hardware Co., Cordova street, left for the east on Friday. He will visit the trade centres in that section of the continent before returning, his intentions being to buy such goods as this market wants, and as these will be selected by him personally the expectation is that the stock to be kept by that concern hereafter will be a complete one in all respects.

—The Comox arrived from the north last night. Among those who came back with her was Sam Thompson of the Alhambra, who had been visiting his ranch on Cortes island. Chas. Thulin and wife also came down from Lund. Mr. Thulin will build a new hotel at Lund this year. A large party of Indians

dollars would have been made had the change been known beforehand.

—The country in the Fraser Valley is looking splendid. The seeding is principally over, and that sown early is up and looks promising and healthy. The fruit trees never looked better, and if nothing occurs in the way of late spring frosts the yield this year will be great. The hay crop is well advanced and is also a good one.

—J. B. Tyrrell, of the Geological Survey, has received a letter at Ottawa, which was mailed there from the Arctic Circle in August last. When Munro Ferguson and he were on their travels in the Barren Lands last year, Tyrrell gave this letter to an Eskimo, with a request that he hand it to the first white trader whom he met. Tyrrell and Ferguson reached Ottawa weeks ahead of the letter.

—One of the pleasant features of school life to some suburban children is the early morning will to school through the woods. On meets little girls with sturdy parental guardians hurrying through the shadowed woodland and regretfully neglecting the wild flowers, while bells ring form two or three neighboring village schoolhouses. This given walk to school is something that will probably be impossible to the children of 10 years hence.

—At New Westminster early on Saturday morning Miss Maud McCallum discovered a burglar in her father's house on Agnes street. Rushing to a window to give an alarm she fell out and sustained serious injuries. Her cries aroused the neighborhood and soon the street was full of people. A man was arrested in the bushes near by, but as the frightened woman could not identify him he was allowed to go free.

—It is related of the late David St. Stone, the New York journalist, who was very fond of flowers, that he once had an idea issued with $50 worth of bulbous flowers in it, and the people so long gathered in a number, and the rush for the cent postage was so great, that he got back his half cent, "that was an ad. on me."

—Mr. Ashdown, president of the Great Northern, has received a telegram from the president of the Great Northern, dated St. Paul, May 2, stating that the road will have everything ready by the 20th.

—An editor who has just settled down to the business writes the following: Ten cents, the regular price for being married this week, the editor gets a kiss; the bride gives him a piece of her wedding cake; the minister probably gets $5, the editor writes it up and gets $5; the child marries and the minister gets another fee, the editor gets a lump of cake or $5; in course of time it dies, the doctor gets $5, the undertaker $5 to $50, the editor prints the obituary notice and receives 5000—and then the privilege of running free of charge a card of thanks.

From Tuesday's daily.

—The steamer Signal arrived from Portland Sunday with 620 tons of freight. This included 20,000 sacks of flour for the Orient.

—McMillan & Hamilton, in addition to F. R. Stewart, closed their place of business on Saturday for the afternoon and will continue to do so.

—Dr. L. T. Davis, district coroner, held an inquest at Wellington on Saturday, touching the death of David Adamson who was fatally injured in No. 6 and

settled down to a farmer's life at Grand Prairie.

—A London cablegram says the appeal of the Cassel Gold-Extracting Company of Glasgow which has a branch in this city, from a decision of the lower court against the validity of its patent for the cyanide process of treating refractory ores has been dismissed, but that, by an amendment of the specifications of the patent, the defect held by the court to exist can be cured.

—Jack Miller, a U. S. customs inspector at Port Townsend, is sorry that he is a brute as well as a crook. He had a pretty scheme all arranged for fleeing the Puget Sound country and British Columbia with counterfeit silver but through beating his mistress he invited a visit from the police with the result that his plans were discovered. He succeeded in getting over to this side of the line without being arrested.

—At the annual meeting of the vestry of the Episcopal church at Revelstoke the following officers were elected: Livingston Hislop and J. D. Sibbald, wardens; C. H. Temple and Dr. H. H. S. McLean, sidesmen; James W. Vail was elected to represent the church at lay delegate at the meeting of the Synod. A committee was appointed to ascertain whether sufficient financial aid could be secured to maintain a resident minister.

—Steamer navigation is now fully open for all the Columbia river fleet. Three of the steamers are running regularly to Revelstoke—the Marion, Arrow and Lytton, and they are carrying good loads up stream. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday steamers will leave at convenient hours in the morning for Nelson and Kootenay landings; and on Monday and Thursday evenings for Nelson, Hodson, Trail Landing and Northport.

GOOD FOR VANCOUVER.

The B. C. Iron Works Secures a Good Footing in Steam.

The New Brunswick lodge of the Sons of Temperance, which was instituted in this city some months ago, has now a membership of 40 and is in a healthy condition. The lodge is composed of young men who are all members of other lodges in this city. The following officers were installed last night: Worthy patriarch, Jas. Ashdown; worthy chaplain, Rev. Dr. Wood; worthy scribe, Jas. Lamb; worthy treasurer, Jas. Ashdown; worthy conductor, Jas. Ashdown; worthy sentinel, Jas. Ashdown; worthy assistant conductor, Jas. Ashdown; worthy assistant sentinel, Jas. Ashdown; worthy inside guardian, Jas. Ashdown; worthy outside guardian, Jas. Ashdown; worthy representative to the Grand Lodge, Jas. Ashdown; worthy alternate representative to the Grand Lodge, Jas. Ashdown. The lodge will be known as the Ashdown lodge, and will be the only one in the city. The lodge will meet every Monday evening in the Ashdown block, Granville street.

ANOTHER HANDSOME BLOCK

Completed on the Corner of Dunsmuir and Granville Streets.

Messrs. H. McDowell & Co. this morning opened their new drug store on the corner of Dunsmuir and Granville streets, opposite the Bank of Montreal, to the public. The removal from the former store, a few doors south on the same street, began shortly after midnight, and by daylight the work was completed without the slightest difficulty, for the breaking of a solitary piece of glassware or anything else. This of itself was a considerable undertaking and speaks well for the thoroughness of the arrangements made for the change.

As is well-known in the city this new and handsome block is the property of J. M. Browning, Esq., and the manner in which the entire undertaking was carried on to completion reflects credit on their gentleman and fully sustains the reputation he enjoys for his executive ability and exceedingly good taste. The block occupies a frontage of 66 feet by a depth of 120 feet, and is built with a full-sized eight-foot basement, laid in cement. The superstructure is of brick, the frontage being laid with Portland cement. Stone trimming on a granite foundation, the stone also on the sidewalk, being nicely cut and hammer dressed, giving the building an imposing appearance. The frontage is a handsome and striking one, the building being divided into two stores, each of which is 33 feet in width by 120 feet deep and the other 33. The south side store has been occupied for some weeks by the Canadian General Electric Light Company, of Toronto, which has its manufactory at Peterboro, Ont., H. Pim being the local manager. Here we found a very large and complete supply of everything required in the electric line of mechanism, from the tiniest wire or globe the size of bead pendant to a 25 horse-power motor. In the basement which is planked with dressed lumber over the concrete, is a stock worth at least $15,000, whilst on the main or entrance floor the stock is equally expensive. Tidiness and order prevails in this establishment. Everything appears to have its place, and there is a place apparently for everything. The ground floor is divided into a show room, office, private room and pack-

a dividend having been declared recently. They are delighted with the valley and have feasted on scenery which they declare cannot be excelled anywhere. Through the mountains they enjoyed a surfeit and were consequently prepared for the picturesque situation of Vancouver, and the attractiveness of its environments. With ex-Mayor Oppenheimer as guide they have been doing the city, and visited New Westminster this afternoon. They leave to-morrow for Victoria and sail next day for San Francisco. They will inspect every mining camp of note on the way East, and by the time they reach home will be loaded down with valuable information. Mr. McIntyre is one of the bright young business men of whom Canada is proud, while his travelling companion is an adept in the profession which he adorns. They have formed the most favorable impressions of the Terminal City, and it is probable will hear more of them before long.

THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY.

So much having been said in the past concerning the Hudson Bay Railway and its early construction the people of Winnipeg are extremely cautious about placing much faith in the recent reports circulated regarding another effort, or start, being made to complete the work, even as far as the Saskatchewan river. Concerning this, on the topic, which at present is an all-absorbing one in Winnipeg and in Manitoba generally, the Free Press says:

One thing stands and has always stood out clear amid uncertainties and disappointments, and that is that the people of this country heartily desire a railway to Hudson's Bay. It was many years ago that a charter was granted and a charter granted for the construction of the road. Since then time numberless announcements have been made, and numberless promises and promises made of the road being built, and numberless promises made that the government would do this, that and the other thing to encourage the work. And the people have waited and waited, and the time has gone by, and the promises have been broken, and the road has not been built. And the people have learned to place little faith in promises. And the people have learned that the government will do little more than it is compelled to do, and that the road will be built, if it is built at all, by the energy and enterprise of the people themselves, and not by the promises of any government. And the people have learned that the road will be built when the country is ready for it, and not before. And the people have learned that the road will be built when the country is able to build it, and not before. And the people have learned that the road will be built when the country is able to build it, and that it