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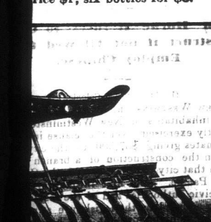

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, April 15.

COLONIES AND INDIA.

Progress of Preparations for the Exhibition.

The Canadian court at the colonial exhibition seems now ready for the reception of the exhibits, which are just commencing to arrive. It is, of course, somewhat early to pass an opinion upon the court, but this may fairly be said: that the decorations, while, for the most part, inexpensive, are throughout, neat and appropriate. They have evidently formed the subject of considerable thought and care, both as regards economy and general effect, and it may be said that if the exhibits themselves come up to expectation, the court will prove handsome, without being gaudy, and attractive, while also substantial, and well adapted to its more practical uses. There will not in the very nature of things be anything of that depth of magnificence which must make the India court the centre of attraction among Englishmen, for Canada lays no claim to oriental characteristics. But still, while India will take a foremost place in this respect, Canada has every prospect of leading in so far as the practical aspects of the exhibition are concerned, and this after all is the real desire of Canadians. It cannot at this juncture be too clearly pointed out that the success of the Canadian section now rests with Ottawa officials in the first instance, and Canadian exhibitors in the second. The court is practically ready. Canada must now see that no hitch arises in enabling it to be furnished in proper form and in proper time.

Strange Occurrence Near Langley.

(Special to The Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 9.—Word is received here of a strange occurrence at Langley. Robert Anderson, a rancher at that point, and only a short time in the country, was accused by a neighbor of having been guilty of an unnatural act. It is supposed that Anderson started for this city to consult a lawyer and enter an action against his accuser; but he has not been seen or heard of since. The day following his departure his house and barn were burned to the ground. Anderson was a bachelor and lived alone in the house.

Dominion Lands.

Hon. Thomas White, minister of the interior, in a reply to Mr. D. W. Gordon, in reference to dominion lands in this province said: Mr. E. W. Wilmot, an employé of the department of the interior, has been detailed by the government to commence these surveys, and the department is at this moment in correspondence with Mr. Trutch, the agent of the government in the province, with a view to pressing the work as rapidly as possible.

G. W. Elder's Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Passengers by the George W. Elder for Victoria, which sailed to-day are: T. Carey and wife; B. Hicks; James Holmes; H. M. Clark; Roderick McIver; George Porter; M. B. Cowan; W. S. Mackelbe; Mrs. S. Jordan; Miss Edgerton; J. B. Mendes; E. E. Fowler; T. Harper, and C. Rollins.

Personal.

At the Oriental: J. P. Planta, J. P., Nanaimo; J. M. Johnson, Langley; G. Riley and wife, Chemainus.

Mr. J. Clayton, of Bella Coola, is in town.

Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, of the Metlakatlah mission, was a passenger by the Barbara Boscowitz.

Mr. R. Dunsmuir will leave this morning by the steamer Alexander for Nanaimo.

THE ASSEMBLY HALL.—Forty-three hundred dollars have been already subscribed for the erection of this hall on Fort street near Vancouver. Plans were submitted yesterday and tenders will be called for.

What Some People Say.

That the Guardian (a somewhat prejudiced authority) says: "Affairs at Coal Harbor are becoming much depressed. The prices for lots are falling fast, and the scarcity of money is rapidly bringing about business difficulties."

That the Westward Ho! says the prospects of the Vancouver Coal company never were better than at present. In both directions from the shaft fine hard coal and plenty of it has at last rewarded the untiring efforts of the company.

That two barrels of Stockholm tar and and a large feather bed go forward to New Westminster this morning. This looks like business!

That a 4 year old cow took possession of the line of the Manchester Sheffield and Lincolnshire railway, at Sheffield, the other day, and held it three hours, traffic being necessarily stopped during that time. Every strategy was exhausted to capture the errant beast, and finally she had to be shot, and traffic was resumed.

That Prof. Maria Mitchell, of Vassar college, recommends land surveying as a business for women. Professor, what would a woman do if she saw a field-mouse and there was no stump handy?

That the Columbian says: Some days ago two clergymen were making their way through a portion of the new town of Vancouver that has been slashed lately. Coming upon a workman whose features could scarcely be recognized through the dirt of charred wood and dust, one of the clergymen addressed him: "This is Seymour street, is it not?" Without a moment's hesitation the man replied: "Yes; but I guess you see more stumps than street."

That a sudden affection for John Chinaman has been developed at New Westminster. Death is now respector of persons; neither are railways.

That of the British national debt Mr. Burdett says that whatever may have been thought of it two centuries ago, the debt is not now regarded with unanimous favor, to say the least. However readily it may have been used in emergencies in days gone by, the tendency now is just the opposite. Whilst ministers in the early part of this century erected an increase of national debt with a light heart to cover delinquency or to meet emergency, our efforts now are mainly directed to the reduction and final extinction of the debt. In fact, the idea which half a century ago was not only popular but an accepted axiom, that a national debt was a national advantage, has now lost currency.

That two German officers, Major Von Hagenow and Baron Hirsch, who were present at the manœuvres in India, speak admiringly of what they saw, declaring that the Indian cavalry is among the finest in the world, and that the condition of the British military forces in India was a great surprise to all the foreign officers.

That a minister, meeting one of his parishioners who was a confirmed toper, proceeded to administer a reproof, and concluded with the hope that he would try to keep more regular habits. "Regular habits, did you say?" hiccoughed the toper; "man, I'm drunk every day. Is that no regular enough for ye?"

That Mrs. Maggie Van Cott, the evangelist, is now conducting a series of meetings in Denver. The reporter of that city she recently said that during the last seven years she has delivered 1978 sermons, conducted 5094 meetings, spent 8446 hours in churches, written 8193 letters, brought 12,267 seekers to the altar, traveled 71,270 miles, received 4330 converts on probation and baptized 1086 persons. She was born in 1830.

That a curious and noteworthy statement has been published in regard to the great river Euphrates. It appears that this ancient river is in danger of disappearing altogether. Of late years the banks below Babylon have been giving way so that the stream spread out into a marsh, until steamers could not pass and only a narrow channel remained for native boats. Now this passage is becoming obliterated, with the probable result that the famous river will be ultimately swallowed up by the desert.

That "Lord Douglas," who recently raided Comox, is at Monterey, Cal., where he has fastened his tentacles on a young plutocrat from Virginia who has an income of $200,000 per annum. The "lord" is helping the young plutocrat to spend his income.

That Secretary Manning will resign and Judge Thurman will succeed him at the treasury.

That Dennis Kearney has set up in San Francisco as a railroad and steamship ticket-seller. Dennis would sooner do anything than drive a dray.

That the funeral services of the late Hon. Wm. E. Forster took place in Westminster Abbey yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and Earls Spencer and Roseberry were amongst those present.

That Canadian Pacific railway stock has moved up a peg. On the Montreal stock exchange yesterday 250 shares sold for 66¾.

That the Bachrach silk hosiery company of Vienna has failed for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

That the major-general commanding the Canadian militia has given permission for guns to be fired when Cardinal Taschereau receives from Rome the official notification of his promotion.

That occupation has at last been found for the steamship Great Eastern. Arrangements have been completed by a Liverpool firm for the bringing of the vessel to Liverpool, where she will anchor in the Sloyne and be one of the objects of interest during the coming shipperies exhibition. She will be fitted up for concerts and other entertainments, one of which is said to be a circus. It is expected she will prove a great attraction.

That a sheriff's sale took place near Swords county, Dublin, on March 6. The tenant allowed his goods to be seized as the landlord refused a reduction in rent. The sale was a speedy one, however, for on an ancient-looking donkey being led forward and put up with great gravity by the auctioneer, £160 was bid, and the quadruped was knocked down at that price. This realized the amount of rent due and the sale concluded.

That a certain member for New Westminster district is in receipt of a resolution which runs thus: "Whereas you failed to cause a change of capital; and whereas you might have known you couldn't before you tried; and whereas the construction of the N. W. branch line is imperiled; and whereas the same is partly due to your neglect to watch our interests; therefore be it resolved that we the majority of your constituents forming a branch of the lately organized Tar-and-Feathers brigade do strenuously advise you for your own sake not to come to New Westminster at present, and promise in the event of your arrival to accord you a reception that will long be associated in your mind with the redolence of the most ancient eggs procurable on the mainland of British Columbia."

CONFIRMATION.—Some sixteen or seventeen candidates, who have been prepared by the Rev. Mr. Jenns, will be confirmed by Bishop Hills at St. John's church at half-past three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

WRECKAGE.—At Bella Coola Indians have picked up wreckage—amongst other articles a 200-pound barrel of California butter, packed so well that immersion in salt water had not damaged the butter at all.

FOR SALE.—Six hundred skins by the schooner Theresa and 120 by the schooner Lookout were purchased by Mr. T. Lubbe.

THE ROYAL CITY CRAZE.

Telegrams from the Railway Company.

Probably an Eggs-aggerated Statement.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., April 9.

The anxiety of the people of this city was relieved to-day when Mayor Dickinson received telegrams from Homer, Van Horne, and Abbott. An informal meeting of the council and leading citizens was at once called, and was largely attended. The following are the telegrams, read by the mayor:

"It strikes me you have some one in provincial parliament to blame for the present state of affairs, and not the company. We had already let the contract for construction, in accordance with the agreement with the provincial government and your city, when your legislature insisted on new conditions outside of the contract, which the company could not safely accept. We are subject to heavy penalties for completion of Coal Harbor extension in contract time and can take no further chances. We had already warned you that any change in the conditions might cause a postponement of works.

H. ABBOTT."

To Mayor Dickinson: "Chinese restriction is the only difficulty in the way. We intend to meet the people respecting the employment of Chinese on the New Westminster branch, if possible, but being subject to heavy penalties on failure to complete Coal Harbor extension this season, and in view of the probable scarcity of white labor, we dare not undertake the additional work subject to such restriction, and of which advantage would certainly be taken by laborers. If provincial parliament has imposed such a restriction such a course as you suggest will be absolutely necessary.

W. C. VAN HORNE."

To Mayor Dickinson:—"Van Horne says he will proceed with the work on the branch immediately if the $75,000 is guaranteed without being subject to Chinese restriction.

J. A. R. HOMER.
(Signed)

The mayor explained to the meeting that it could be readily seen that to get the railway at once it was necessary that either the government or the city must guarantee the payment of the $75,000 if the government refused, the only course for the city was to furnish the $37,500 guaranteed previously by the government, and then make a claim upon the latter for the balance. They could wait for the money, but must have the railway at once, as any delay would seriously affect the city's interests.

After discussion as to the best course to adopt, it was unanimously decided to telegraph the government asking that the Chinese restricting clause be knocked on for the estimate be withdrawn, and that the government give a guarantee to the syndicate that the money would be paid without interference to Chinese labor. It was also the opinion of the meeting that the clause had no legality, as the agreement had long ago been signed between the city, the claim upon which was withdrawn. Though there was satisfaction expressed at the probability of immediate construction, there was still an angry feeling at the cause of the delay and annoyance. If a reply is received from the government to-night there will be a mass meeting for consideration. A box of rotten eggs awaited the arrival of the steamer from Victoria, but as the members did not come up the eggs are put away for the present.

LATER.

Telegrams from the Premier and Others.

Practical Sympathy for the Railway.

A largely attended meeting was held at 8:30 this evening in the drill shed, presided over by Mayor Dickinson. After preliminary remarks the following telegram from Hon. Mr. Smithe, in answer to one sent in the afternoon, was read by Mayor Dickinson:

"Clause thirteen of the agreement requires the corporation to provide $37,500, right of way and depot grounds. When that has all been done and the government officially advised thereof, the company will be entitled to ask the government to carry out its point of the agreement under said clause.

(Signed) WM. SMITHE."

This was commented on by Messrs. W. N. Bole and Thos. Chisholm.

Theo. Davie, who was present, made a strong speech, stating that after considering the circumstances he thought the act of adding the Chinese clause to the item in the estimates was one that twenty-four out of twenty-five persons would commit. The resolution was sprung on the house, and without due consideration as to its effect it was passed. It was similar to all Chinese clauses that had been added to public and private bills.

Robert McLeese, M. P. P. for Cariboo, who was also present, made a good speech.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, being in answer to Hon. Mr. Smithe's telegram:

To Hon. Wm. Smithe, Victoria: Your telegram read at public meeting to-night. Contents deemed unsatisfactory and evasive. We want a distinct answer from the government to this question. Upon the corporation fulfilling all the obligations placed upon them by clause 13, are the government prepared, without further delay, to pay over or guarantee to the C. P. R. Co. the sum of $37,500 without any restrictions as to the employment of Chinese labor? Unless a definite answer is received to this telegram we must conclude that the government are not prepared to carry out their part of the agreement.

(Signed) R. DICKINSON,
Chairman Public Meeting.

On motion of H. V. Edmonds the following was also adopted: "That the government in their telegram having intimated that the company, and not the corporation, are the proper parties to call upon them to fulfil their portion of the agreement, the mayor be requested to telegraph Van Horne informing him of the fact, and requesting him to direct his solicitor in Victoria immediately to call upon the government to carry out its part of the agreement, and that copies of telegrams be sent to Van Horne.

A resolution was also passed requesting the citizens to come forward and agree to advance guarantees for payment of the $37,500 to the company. There was a prompt answer, and soon the sum of $31,000 was subscribed, T. Davie and R. McLeese each putting down their names for $1000 amid vociferous applause.

The meeting was conducted throughout in a business-like spirit, and little adverse comment on the government was introduced.

After thanks to the mayor and Messrs. Davie and McLeese the meeting adjourned.

Since the meeting adjourned an additional sum of $4000 has been subscribed, and the enthusiasm on the question is such it is thought that nearly $50,000 will be guaranteed by to-morrow evening.

Dominion Parliament.

The speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. McInnes moved that in the opinion of the house justice and expediency both demanded that the central or prairie section of the western or Pacific section of the Dominion should each be represented in the Queen's privy council of Canada. He said that this was substantially the same resolution of which he gave notice last year. The humblest man from British Columbia would be better able to represent the people from that quarter here than the ablest man from the eastern provinces. Prince Edward Island has been represented in the cabinet seven out of the fourteen years confederation and ought to have one now. He went over all the provinces. He held that Manitoba was entitled to two representatives. The population of British Columbia was 76,000 and it is as much entitled to a representative as is Prince Edward Island.

Hon. Mr. Alexander complained that Mr. Plumb was unnecessarily interrupting his honorable friend.

Sir Alexander Campbell—Order, there are two members standing.

Hon. Mr. Alexander—The leader of the house should not interrupt me in that boorish manner.

Mr. McInnes objected to the ironical noises and gestures which were only intended to interrupt.

Mr. Macdonald—The question brought forward by the honorable gentleman is one of considerable importance, with the principle of it I agree. It is a motion which could stand on its own merits, and ought to have been presented fairly and squarely to the house: but instead of that the honorable gentleman has made it a cloak for an attack on the government. The mantle of the honorable gentleman from Woodstock seems to have fallen on the gentleman from New Westminster. He has introduced the Northwest administration and the insurrection. He has traveled all over the States, has crossed the Atlantic to attack the imperial government on the question of home rule, and by introducing into the discussion other irrelevant matter he has lost the sympathy of the house on the question which he could have carried the house with him, and has made the question offensive to everybody. I have no inclination to enter on its discussion now, after the unfortunate and ill-advised manner in which it has been presented, and will merely say, briefly, that whilst I believe in the principle of giving representation to all the provinces in the different branches of our parliamentary government—in other words, representation in the executive council of the Dominion as well as in parliament—yet I have to confess with pleasure that I do not know of any grievance unredressed in British Columbia, although a few questions stand in abeyance between the federal and provincial governments for amicable settlement. In dealing with the affairs of a large country like ours it will scarcely be possible for a centralized authority composed of a representation not corresponding to the extended limits of the country to govern with that knowledge which is essential to precision and accuracy. In the Imperial government, we find a secretary for Ireland, and one for Scotland, who are charged with the conduct of the affairs of those countries and who are responsible to parliament and to the people. There is no doubt that the provinces that have come to the consideration of the question, on which they could unite under one government, had this question of representation fully in view, for we find those provinces with an unvarying and fixed representation in the cabinet, and I hope those honorable gentlemen will not be devoid of sympathy for others not similarly situated. I would ask honorable gentlemen to consider what the national consequences would have been, if all the provinces now comprising the Dominion had been parties to the settlement of the basis union. It is not pleasurable to suppose that they would have stipulated for representation full and ample, and that they would have insisted on an equal footing, taking into account their population and other local circumstances. Such representation as the motion suggests is sure to come. It is one of those things the unrepresented provinces will continue to demand, and the demand being founded on principles not unreasonable in their nature, will surely be granted, with regard to the visit of the ministers of the crown to our province, with which the honorable gentleman finds fault. I think the visits have had a beneficial effect, and that the people have been very glad to see and meet the ministers, and the very fact of the necessity for ministers to visit the province on business matters, demonstrates the necessity for giving early consideration to the principles of the resolution before the house.

Anti-Chinese Meeting.

A meeting of workingmen under the auspices of the anti-Chinese association was held last night at Harmony hall. The chair was taken by Mr. Duval, who, with other of the speakers, exhibited a disposition to drift into political criticism, when the object of the meeting was nominally for the purpose of passing a resolution of friendship with those workingmen in the east who had interested themselves in the much-discussed question of Chinese immigration. The text was as follows:

"WHEREAS the workingmen of Victoria recognize the cordial co-operation and valuable assistance rendered by the Knights of Labor, trades unions and workingmen generally in aiding British Columbia to obtain restrictive legislation against any further influx of Chinese; therefore be it resolved, that the workingmen of Victoria send to their brethren in the east their sincere thanks for their support and sympathy in assisting to relieve British Columbia from the incubus of Mongolian slave labor.

Coun. Robertson, Capt. McAllum and Mr. T. Haughton also addressed the meeting, and at the conclusion of the speechmaking, a collection was taken up to make up the balance of money necessary for the journey from the east of several white girls for domestic service in this province. Due appreciation was expressed of the action of the government in placing a sum of $1,000 on the estimates for a similar purpose, which will be utilized shortly after the commencement of the ensuing fiscal year.

BENEFIT.—The benefit given last night at the skating rink to the Queen City band was largely patronized. At intervals during the skating the several events mentioned below took place. Half-mile foot-race between Shipback and a pedestrian rejoicing in the name of "Coal Miner," was won by the latter. Roller skating race, between Gerow and Hannon, was won by Gerow, who skated splendidly: Hilliard, in a match race of half a mile, with A. Kelly, on skates, came in victor, while the final event, a polo game, between Hannon and Moss resulted in a winning for the latter. The judges were Messrs. McPhee, Becker and H. O'Brian. The band was of course present and was at its very best, which is saying a great deal, and all were glad to see that the boys had received a benefit in something more than name.

BIG SUIT.—The U. S. government has commenced an action to recover from the Sierra Lumber company $2,217,854.20 for conversion of timber and lumber from the public land in Tehama and Butte counties between the fall of 1878 and the present time.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Rev. D. M. Gordon's Report on His Visit to British Columbia.

At the recent meeting of the home committee of the Presbyterian church at Toronto over $30,000 were apportioned to supplement weak congregations in Quebec, Manitoba, the northwest territories and British Columbia.

At the evening sederunt the committee devoted considerable time to British Columbia. The report of Rev. Mr. Gordon on the state of the missions in this province was read and discussed. It was resolved to ask the home mission committee to send four additional missionaries to British Columbia; one for Spallumcheen Group, which is expected to raise $600 towards salary; one for Spence Bridge Group, which may be self-sustaining; one for Victoria District Group, which is expected to raise about $760 towards salary; one for Alberni, which is expected to raise about $200 towards salary. As these fields have only been partially explored, and as these are only estimated amounts of what the people may raise, the home mission committee is asked to guarantee the salary of the missionaries the first year, when statistics can be had. The committee believe the salaries of missionaries should not be less than $1,000 per annum.

It was also resolved to ask a grant of $400 to St. Andrew's church, New Westminster. Mr. Gordon then reported that, from the statements of Rev. Mr. Dunn, the congregation of Langley is favorable to such union; that the Rev. Mr. Christie regards the congregation of Comox as unfavorable to union; that, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, they cannot express an opinion about the congregation of Nanaimo; and that the Rev. Mr. Stephen regards the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Victoria, as such, as not favorable to union. They are, therefore, not yet prepared, as a presbytery, to enter into union, but they cordially recommend those congregations that are, as such, desirous of union, to connect themselves with the presbytery that may be erected in this province by the Canadian church. This resolution is subject to the approval of the presbytery, and when approved is to be forwarded to the colonial committee of the church of Scotland with the request that supplement be continued by the church of Scotland to any congregation uniting with the Canadian church.

The committee, in view of the recommendations of the brethren in British Columbia, then appointed the Rev. D. McRae, Rev. Mr. Jaffary, and Mr. R. C. Tibb as missionaries to British Columbia, Mr. McCrae and Mr. Jaffary for three years and Mr. Tibb for twelve months. The appointment of Rev. J. D. Taylor (by the executive) to New Westminster, in the absence of the Rev. J. S. McKay, who is at present laid aside by sickness, was ratified.

A minute was adopted conveying the the thanks of the committee to the Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Winnipeg, for the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of his mission to British Columbia.

The convener was instructed to convey the sympathy of the committee to the Rev. J. S. McKay, of New Westminster, who has been compelled by severe illness to leave his charge, and also the sincere hope that he may soon be restored to health and be able to return to his congregation. The executive were also empowered to appoint another suitable missionary to British Columbia during the present summer.

A Prospecting Tour.

Among the arrivals by the steamer Barbara Boscowitz were H. Cole and John McLeod who left here in the middle of last February for a prospecting tour on the west and northwest coast of this island. After spending a few days along the creeks near the head of Hesquiat Inlet the pair took passage to Kyuquot Sound, fifty miles further north, and from there to the Tahsis River to a point beyond Garibaldi peaks. After an arduous trip characterized chiefly by rain and snow and the sight of game, including bear, elk and deer, a return was made to Kyuquot. In proceeding up the coast heavy winds and rain prevailed to such an extent that eight days were consumed in an attempt to round Cape Cook. After further prospecting at Quatsimo, the adventurers took the "rough old trail" leading to Fort Rupert on the northeast coast, thence to Alert bay and to Victoria as aforesaid. They brought back with them a sample of copper, pyrites of iron, silver quartz and gold quartz. They are sufficiently satisfied with their tour to be induced to repeat and return a second time with more practicable results.

Horsewhipped.

At Randolph, Tenn., 35 miles north of Memphis, a young merchant by the name of Crouch engaged himself to two young ladies. One of them was named Templeton, and, hearing of his conduct, wrote him a note to call and explain. Crouch failed to do so. Miss Templeton then informed her father of the situation. The old gentleman called on Crouch last Wednesday night with a shotgun, and made him go before him until the house was reached, when he was invited into the parlor. On entering he was confronted by Miss Templeton and her sister. The young ladies locked the parlor door and asked him to explain his conduct. Crouch hung his head in shame and said he could not give any satisfactory explanation, whereupon both of the young ladies proceeded to horsewhip the perfidious young man, who made his escape through the window, carrying it with him. Crouch the day following married the other young lady, doubtless fearing similar treatment from her.

HIGH TRAGEDY IN CHILI.—A shocking though rather novel attempt was made to murder an Italian actress in Chili, where the Italian Pandolfini company have been playing Sardou's Theodora. The personnel of the company being insufficient to represent the play, several Chilian young gentlemen offered to play secondary parts. Among these was a M. Enrico Salambo, who has been paying attention to the lady who took the leading part. Salambo selected the role of executioner, and when in the last scene "Théodora" knelt down to be executed the young Chilian, fastening the cord around her neck, coolly proceeded to hang her indeed. The unfortunate girl shrieked piteously while the curtain was falling, amid the loud applause of the audience, who considered her interpretation of the dramatic scene most realistic. As the curtain fell the other members of the company rushed upon M. Salambo and succeeded, not without difficulty, in saving the life of his victim, who is now in a precarious state. Salambo has been arrested and will be tried for his crime.

SAFE.—For some days a report prevailed at Port Simpson that Mr. Hall, H. B. Co.'s agent there, had been lost with several others by the wrecking of a sloop. Fears were allayed by the arrival at Port Simpson of the sloop with all on board safe and sound the day before the Boscowitz sailed for Victoria.

Ten Scotch Lassies Saved from a Degraded Life.

NEW YORK, March 31.—"Girls, you have been sold into slavery, but we will protect you!" exclaimed Commissioner Stephenson, of Castle Garden, to a group of pretty Scotch lassies who stood before him in the rotunda of Castle Garden yesterday.

Several weeks ago when work was scarce and food and money scarcer in Dundee, Scotland, Mrs. Flynn noticed an advertisement in a Dundee newspaper. Its wording was neat and catching. It offered good pay and a passage in an ocean steamship to girls who would go to America to work in spinning mills.

Mrs. Flynn and her daughters, Rose, May and Agnes, sailed on the steamship Normandie for the new world, with six other young girls from Dundee. By some good chance the bright-faced Dundee lassies made the acquaintance of a young American in the ship named Geo. F. Crain. When the ship arrived he went straight to the emigration commissioners and told of his fears.

Mr. Stephenson at once investigated the matter. The contract they apparently made was with a firm in Paterson, N. J., who owned a large mill, but from a youth who afterwards appeared and claimed them, it was ascertained that the contract had been made with two women of evil reputation, who are the proprietors of saloons on West Seventy-seventh street.

Soon after arrival, while Commissioner Stephenson's eye was upon them, a dapper individual, dressed in imitation of the latest fashion plate, entered the room. His eyes fell upon the girls, and, smirking and bowing to them, he advanced.

He said he was the "agent" sent by a firm to conduct them to the factory. The commissioner advanced and asked him what firm he represented. The fashionably dressed youth stammered, coughed and mentioned a firm's name that no one could understand.

"Young man," said the commissioner severely, "leave here as fast as your tight trousers will allow you to."

The sweet smile that hovered on his youthful face vanished, and without a word he sped through the door. Scarcely an hour had passed before another young man came to inquire for a consignment of girls for Paterson. He said he was a clerk, and had been sent to direct the girls to the scene of their future labors.

He appeared to understand his mission, and Mr. Stephenson informed him that if he could procure a sworn agreement or contract that the girls were to be employed by a reputable manufacturer they could go. With a look of anger the young man departed.

When he had gone the commissioner offered to send them back to Scotland free of charge or help them procure situations here if they preferred. They agreed to remain.

Winnipeggers' Wants.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 25.—In view of the utterances made by Premier Norquay that there was no pressing necessity for the construction of the Hudson Bay railway, the opposition moved in the legislature last night that the house is of firm belief in the absolute necessity of the immediate construction of the road. Norquay and his followers swallowed the dose, and in an amendment introduced by the speaker it was recommended that a telegraphic cable at once to the promoters of the scheme in England the unanimous belief of the legislature that the road is required. This course was taken to prevent Norquay's utterances injuring the prospects of the scheme. The cable message was sent to-day. After a long fight in the legislature over the question of disallowance, the house affirmed the principle last night, by a large majority, that it had a perfect right to charter a railway to run from any point in the province to the international boundary. A scheme is now on foot to build a line this spring from Winnipeg to the boundary to connect with the American system. Prominent merchants have the scheme in hand and are sure to carry it to successful issue.

Brutally Butchered.

OWEN SOUND, March 31.—The inquest on the bodies of John A. Bailey and a hired man, name unknown, who were burned in the building destroyed by fire on Thursday night near Warton, was opened at Oxenden on Saturday last and concluded late last night. It disclosed one of the most atrocious and blood-curdling murders that have ever shocked the feelings of the country. The fire occurred about 9 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, the 25th, on lot 4, con 20, Keppel, county of Grey.

Bailey had been to Wiarton in the afternoon, and had started for home about 8 o'clock, after which he was never seen alive. His team was found standing in the stable unharnessed, just as he had unhitched and put them in when he went to the house to meet his untimely end. The body, supposed to be that of John Bailey, had a gash four inches long in the right side of the neck, severing all the principal blood vessels on that side, and a heavy blow had crushed in the forehead until the brain exuded.

The body of the hired man showed still more horrible treatment. The skull was battered in, and the brain was also exuding; three ribs were cut off near the backbone, and the fifth and sixth ribs cut in the center along with the seventh, eighth and ninth ribs. The left arm was also broken.

The affair has caused wild excitement in the neighborhood, which has been deepened by the fact that no clue to the murderers has been discovered. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above statements.

The Newfoundland Riots.

NEW YORK, April 2.—A St. John, Newfoundland, special says: Some of the men who participated in the riot here on Wednesday were arrested here yesterday morning. As soon as the mob discovered the fact they surrounded the courthouse and gaol and demanded the release of their companions. A body of police and cavalry with drawn sabres and infantry with fixed bayonets for a time kept the mob at bay, but a hurricane proved to be brewing, and the magistrates immediately discharged one of the leaders named Dempsey, which had a magical effect in appeasing and dismissing the crowd, who escorted their manumitted leader to his home amid tempestuous applause.

Marine.

Steamer Pilot was towed off Laing's ways early yesterday morning by the steamer Alexander, which will shortly take her place there to undergo a general cleaning and scraping.

Steamship Queen of the Pacific will sail at noon to-day from the outer wharf for San Francisco.

THE knights of labor will meet at Harmony hall this evening. A full attendance of members is requested, as there is important matter to be brought before the lodge.

SALMON.—When the Barbara Boscowitz sailed, the coast canneries were nearly all prepared for active operations.

THE HOME RULE SCHEME.

What the Press Has to Say.

A Wide Divergence of Opinion.

The Morning Post, conservative, admits Gladstone's speech was a great oratorical effort, wanting in none of the fire and but little of the vigor which in past times electrified parliament, but, continues the Post, friends and foes are alike astonished at crudity of the plan, and we perhaps do not err if we say that with the exception of Parnell there are not twenty members who are not bewildered as to how the scheme can be seriously proposed. Fortunately there is not the remotest chance that any such scheme will ever receive the sanction of parliament.

The Daily News says: "If the enthusiastic ring on both sides of the house is significant, Mr. Gladstone's scheme has already received the approval of the house of commons. The speech will rank as Mr. Gladstone's highest effort."

The Liverpool Post says that whether Gladstone is successful or not in carrying his bill through parliament he has surely killed opposition and coercion in Ireland.

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