SAN DOMINGO EXECUTION.

THRILLING SCENE OF THE DEATH OF A MURDERER—HOW BLANCO WAS SHOT.

New York Times.

Senor Blanco, a man noted for his desperate character, had in Dajabon mortally and in a most cowardly manner murdered an inoffensive person for some fancied slight. The murderer escaped into the swamp at El Cupey, and the governor, with commendable promptitude, exerted himself with great vigor, and after a search of ten days one of the searching parties sent out to him ran across the fellow in a part of the swamp inhabited only by alligators, and tying him up brought him back. He was tried for the murder and sentenced to death. San Domingo, as more advanced than America, doesn't shoot the rope to execute its criminals, but shoots them, and a part of the public plaza is set apart for that unpleasant ceremony. The criminal is brought out and placed with his back to a low stack wall built for the purpose of stopping bullets, receives his leaden bath.

At the appointed time Blanco—a magnificent specimen of a man, tall, powerful, and with all the courage of desperation, was taken from his place of confinement in the little jail and prepared to be marched out to his fate. The heavy irons which manacled his wrists and ankles were removed, and he was allowed to make his last toilet. This he did, tightening his collar a little and touching up the set of his whiskers, and then, with as firm a step and as unfaltering an air as if he had been going to receive the highest honors, he stepped into his place between two armed soldiers, and waited quietly until with measured steps the rest of the rifled guard—twenty-five in number—closed in upon al lsides of him. Obeying the order to "march" with as much military precision as those who guarded him, the condemned murderer started to his death. The march was straight through the heart of the town, the streets crowded with people who were going to see him die, and Blanco glanced at them with a kindlable sneer disfiguring his mouth. His courageous bearing impressed even those people, accustomed as they are to scenes of the kind, and with a wonderful forbearance, they did not attempt to throw stones at him or even deride him. Arrived at the plaza, where the Governor and his staff, all in full uniform, and a crowd of people were waiting for them, the guard and their prisoner halted. They stood at first the right distance from the fatal post on which Blanco was to stand, and which was already marked by the grisly-black coffin which was so soon to receive its burden. At a movement from the Captain, Blanco stepped firmly forward, and stopping, turned round and faced his executioners. There was a pause, broken by the clear voice of the murderer asking for permission to give the word to fire. The request was so unusual that the Captain was for a moment nonplussed, but with a sign from the Governor he simply bowed his assent, and Blanco apparently satisfied, began calmly to take off his coat. This being accomplished he slowly opened his shirt-front and, bardging his protruding breast braced himself to meet his death-blow. There was a rattle of muskets as the file, at a sharp command of their officer, brought their pieces to "aim," and there was another deadly pause as the men waited for the doomed to give the word to fire. It was again broken by Blanco's clear voice; "shoot at the breast of a man, Fire!" The blast which rang out from those twenty-five deadly weapons was deafening. Through a cloud of smoke I saw Blanco. For a second after the discharge he stood perfectly still, not a quiver distorting his placid features. His arms hung loosely down at his sides, and his hands were tightly clinched. Then without any bending of the knees he fell forward on his face. As he did so his arms, the hands unclinching as he fell, rose slowly above his head, and reaching the ground, his fingers buried themselves in the soft grassy earth. For more than ten seconds did he retain in that position, when with the last convulsive energy of life, and by a movement which no athletec could repeat, he sprang straight upon his feet, hands tearing a way little bunches of earth adhering to the grass, as he rose. Glaring at his executioners with a look of hatred that shall never be erased from my memory of this scene, with a quick movement, raised his two hands and flung the dirt right at the heads of the soldiers in front of him, with wonderful power. Before the earthly missiles had reached their destination, Blanco sank down upon his back across his coffin and was dead.

The French Character Changing.

If we may believe the report of a learned society, says the Pall Mall Gazette, the French character is changing, or if not the character of Frenchmen certainly that of Parisians. It is the Academy of Medicine that has come to this conclusion, and as the result of investigations undertaken by direction of the Senate. Some legislation was proposed to restrict the extraordinary increased consumption of alcohol, and the Chambers thereupon invited suggestions from the Academy, which has just published its views and the reasons for them. It finds that in forty years the consumption of spirits in France has just doubled. Wine is coming to be drunk, and even the production of brandy has diminished very considerably. All kinds of liquors distilled from grain, from beet-root, or from potatoes have taken its place, and even absinthe, rum and kirsch are manufactured with alcohols which have not been rectified. Thus the information obtained shows that the evil takes a double form. There is an excess of alcohol, and there is a marked depreciation of its quality. Even the wine consumed suffers. The ravages of phylloxera caused a diminution in the annual production of the French vineyards amounting to 38,000,000 hectolitres. The loss had to be supplied, and the deficiency has been made good by the introduction of foreign wines, these, to enable them to be kept and to be transported, have been largely fortified with spirit, and, to keep the price low, with spirit of an inferior and in many cases, of a pernicious quality. It seems, too, under all these influences, the French character has been threatened with change. Light-heartedness is giving the people; exuberance and gaiety are being changed for the quality that come in the wake of constant intoxication and drunkenness. The Senate probably had questions of importance under its consideration when it suggested an inquiry which leads to quiver conclusions and the establishment of a more serious state of things.

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Local and Provincial News.

(From the Daily Colonist, Sept 11.)

Personal.

Mr. T. Mowatt, inspector of fisheries for the province, returned from a trip to the Sound, where he had been on business connected with the department.

It was his brother, Mr. Wolfenden, and not Lieut.-Colonel Wolfenden, who arrived from the mainland on Thursday night.

Mr. C. E. Redfern left for the east this morning, going by way of the Canadian Pacific, and will be absent about a month.

Mr D. W. Christie, barrister, a member of the firm of Messrs. Atkinson and Christie, Chatham, Ont., has arrived in the city. He remains in the province several days with a view of seeing all he can in his limited time.

Mr. Robert Ferguson, of Thamesville, Ont., M. P. P. for East Kent, is in the city. He was returned to the legislature in the spring of 1885, the vacancy being made by the death of Mr. D. W. McCraney.

Senator and Mrs. Kaulbach and Mr. John G Haggart, M. P., have returned home.

Mr. E. Nicholson, of the firm of Messrs. Henderson & Bull, commission merchants, Winnipeg, who came over the C. P. R. with the excursion party, leaves to-day for San Francisco, but returns east by the all Canadian route.

Mr. Charles Wishart and Mrs. Wishart, of the Winnipeg excursion party, are enjoying their stay in the city. Mr. Wishart who is engaged in the wholesale furniture business in Winnipeg, hopes to be able to open up trade in this line between this point and the north-west.

Mr. J. Stephenson, general superintendent of the Grand trunk railway of Canada, and Mrs. Stephenson, who have been making a brief visit to the city, leave to-day for San Francisco, returning home over the Southern Pacific.

At the Driard: Harry E. Lewis, San Francisco; J. G. Megler and wife, Brookfield, W. T.; Jno. F. McGovern and wife, Miss E. V. McGovern, Astoria; Arthur C. Harvey, Boston; A. D. Birnie, Cathtumel; H. Myers and wife, San Francisco.

Mr. Charles Crocker returns to San Francisco by the steamer Queen of the Pacific to-day.

Mr. John Leckie, of Toronto, who has been visiting the city, goes up the Sound to-day. He will, it is understood, make the necessary arrangements for shipping fresh fish from this province to the eastern Canadian cities. He will also endeavor to establish branches in London, Liverpool and Glasgow, where British Columbia fish can be supplied.

Dr. Eberts, surgeon in the Winnipeg general hospital, arrived in the city last evening by the steamer Princess Louise, on a visit to his brother, Mr. D. M Eberts, barrister.

Messrs. T. Harper, of Bonaparte, John Ross, of the C. P. R., Rogers Pass, and A. F. Skinner, of Hastings, came down from the mainland last night and registered at the Driard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbons, Kent House, Ealing, England, arrived in the city last night, having come over the great Canadian scenic route, and are guests of the Driard.

Mr. F. R Sargison returned last night from the meeting of the Dominion rifle association at Ottawa. Mr. Sargison did the province credit, having made some big scores.

G. E. Corbould, barrister, of New Westminster, was a passenger by the steamer Princess Louise last night to this city.

Messrs. Colling wood Schreiber, chief engineer of the Dominion railway service, L. K. Jones, priests secretary of Ottawa, and Col. Bond, of Montreal, arrived in the city last evening and registered at the Driard.

Hon. E. Wilson and wife were passengers on the Sound steamer yesterday for this city.

At the Clarence: J. A. Kalloog and wife, O. C. White and wife, E. F. Wilson and wife, Miss N. Rainwater, Miss N. Dorr, Dayton, W. T.

A great lockout in the iron trade at Melbourne is predicted.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The Sperry Company Declared to Have Not Fulfilled Their Contract with the City.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the city council to investigate certain alleged irregularities in the matter of the electric light supplied by the Sperry company, met on Thursday and Friday and heard the evidence of several experts. At the sitting yesterday it was unanimously resolved that the Sperry company had failed to fulfil their contract with the corporation, and the mayor was requested to notify the representative of the company, who is now the city, to that effect. His worship responded to the request of the committee with alacrity. The resolution is signed by Coms. Lipsett (chairman) and Counts, Robertson and Higgins. It is believed by the committee that the lamps supplied are not of the kind and most improved description, in fact, that they will be utterly useless in the rainy season. The balance of about $2000 due the company will probably be impounded by the mayor until proper lamps shall have been supplied.

MR. MARCUS SMITH.

His Opinion of the Northern Line.

Mr. Marcus Smith, C. E., whose name is inseparably connected with the early explorations for a practicable route through British Columbia, is at the Driard. Mr. Smith is about to superintend the reconstruction of the wharf at Port Moody upon iron piles. He speaks in high terms of the overland railway and thinks the traffic that will seek that new route will be very great and will yearly increase. Mr. Smith has read the B. C. letters respecting the extension of the island railway system and the construction of a similar line along Queen Charlotte island and is perfectly in accord with "J. H. S.'s" views. Mr. Smith is of opinion that before long the needs of commerce will demand another overland railway, and when this is built the Pacific coast circuit via this mainland section and islands will be made to connect the southern line with the Canadian Pacific—the greatest undertaking of all, the construction.

As R. C. Dignitary at New Westminster.

(Special to the Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 10.—His Grace Bishop McIntyre, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., accompanied by the Rev. Father Jas. A. E. McDonald and Rev. Father D. J. Gillis, also of Prince Edward Island, arrived here to-day and are stopping at the Colonial. They leave on the Yosemite to-morrow for Victoria.

Position of the Sardonyx.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

VALDEZ ISLAND, Sept. 10.—The Sardonyx is lying on her starboard side, stern to westward. They hope to get her to-day and swing her bow round this point, but the wind was too strong to do much good. A rough sea is running this morning. She was not making water at noon and will probably remain on until high tide, one day after full moon.

Maritime Baptist Convention.

The "grand rally" of the Baptists of the maritime provinces occurs each year at their convention. The 41st session of the convention was held during the last week in August in St. John, N. B., and proved to be a most inspiring meeting. The reports from the various departments of activity show that never before has the religious condition of this denomination been in such a healthy and hopeful condition. Rev. A. Cohoon, the enthusiastic secretary of the Home Mission Society, reported that fifty-nine men were employed last year by the society, of which number two were general missionaries and twenty-one student missionaries. As a direct result of the labors of these men, there have been 902 conversions, 2 churches organized, 2 meeting houses built, 2 parsonages purchased, and several fields advanced towards self-support. Nearly every mission church has given four dollars per resident member towards the support of the ministry, and some give more. A similar survey of the statistics we find that there are now in the three provinces 297 churches, reporting last year 2,508 baptisms, and a total membership of 43,463. The net gain in membership is about double that of last year, and greater than for many years previous. The educational institutions at Wolfville show reports that they are the most successful one in their history. It may be of interest to state that in view of the fact that the first half century of this history of Acadia college ends in 1888, the educational board have undertaken to provide some suitable celebration of the advent. It is proposed to have this celebration in combination with the meeting of the convention in 1888, and the senate will take charge of the literary exercises. It is proposed to raise at least $50,000 before August, 1888, as a thank-offering for the past, and an outpost of greater blessing in the next half century.

Canadian Fruit Exhibit.

Messrs. Jessop and Mitchell called on several fruit growers in the city and suburbs yesterday, and secured a large collection of fine samples of apples, pears, plums, peaches and nectarines, besides turnips, beets, carrots, squashes, etc.

Mr. Jessop goes to the mainland this morning and will spend about ten days in the interior dispatching exhibits as they can be collected.

Mr. Mitchell of the firm of Mitchell & Scott, street, will arrange, classify and superintend packing such fruit as fruit growers or gardeners having first-class fruit, roots and vegetables, such as turnips, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, onions, etc., will confer a favor upon the collector and help to raise the status of the province in that country and Europe by sending exhibits of about half-a-dozen apples, pears, etc., and about as many each variety of roots to Mr. T. G. Raynor's store, opposite Deloge engine house, Yates street, on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Naval Service.—Accident on a Man-of-War.

Her majesty's steamer Myrmidon, which arrived at Townsville, Queensland, on Aug. 10th, reports that on July 7th a boat was sent out to heave the anchor. The anchor rose and was slung at the stern of the boat. The ship hailed the boatin when there was still eight fathoms of cable to be paid in. The officer of the boat was ordered to let the anchor go. The officer forgot that the heavy stops attached to the crown of the anchor was coiled in the boat. Bryant, a petty officer; Francis Taylor, the boatswain, and Harry Bowden, a seaman, were caught in the coils of the rope and dragged to the bottom, a distance of 100 fathoms, and drowned. The bodies were recovered a quarter of an hour after wards, still in the coil of the rope. They were buried at sea.

HAWKES AND BEACH.—Beach declines to row Hanlan on British waters.

What Some People Say

That the Queensland assembly, by a vote of 40 to 9, has rejected the motion favoring a division of the Colony into two separate portions, to be called North Queensland and South Queensland.

That during August 142,153 cases of Columbia river salmon were shipped east, to San Francisco and to England. The export value was about $700,000.

That a suit for $275,000 has been brought in Portland courts against Henry Villard, S. G. Reed and Smith Bros. & Watson by the Oregon Iron and Steel Company for material furnished.

That the advant fall the new member for Comox was foreshadowed in *The Colonist* as early as the 14th of February last, before his candidature transpired. In our impression of that date the hon. gentleman appears in the character of a legislative valedicta received by Mr. Dingwall, who is described as "A little man with a piece of short beard." One letter of the last word was unfortunately misplaced in the hurry of printing.

That the customers and workmen in a Kneland Street barber's shop in Boston rushed into the street at about ten o'clock one morning recently, and the people never by all thought that a mad dog was chasing them. The trouble was all caused by one of the barbers, who became restless while shaving a man. He began flourishing his razor in front of the face of the terrified customer, who, with his face all lathered, rushed from the shop followed by all the inmates. He kept gesticulating wildly and cut his hand. The police arrived and secured the crazy man, and the hospital took six men to hold him while his wound was dressed.

That Miss Lillie Devereaux Blake is trying to rescue the timidity out of the world. She said in her recent Buffalo address: "A woman in order to vote, does not need to be about seventeen feet high, dress in armour and get up on horseback. Why, the ballot-paper is not so big nor so heavy as the fan I hold in my hand, and women who have voted have survived the operation; have good husbands and are able, not only to recognize their friends, but to go about their ordinary duties without experiencing any evil effects whatever." But this is more than can be said of many male sovereigns after visiting the polls.

That Mr. Yates says in the London World that Mrs. Mackay seems to forget the very existence of the British aristocracy. She has captured the Prince of Wales and that is all she cares about, probably. The English gossip says the wife of Senator Fair is in poor health. She introduces people at her drawingroom, a very great improvement on the usual diplomatic etiquette. She has the nicest and most perfect sense of whom to introduce. In lead she has "l'art de ton salon" to the highest degree, and to the luck of being her friend must be attributed the success of some American ladies in English society.

That there is something in being a bachelor that makes a girl's heart flutter, especially when she is very young. She thinks inevitably of the day when she will be playing the principal part in a similar ceremony, and she wonders, perhaps half guesses, and wonders again who will be the bridegroom. These thoughts make her prettier than ever, giving a kind of consciousness to her look, and adding a tender depth to her eyes. The soft blushes are ready to come at a word, and when you think the matter over there is no ground for surprise at the truth of the old adage that one marriage makes many.—Madge, in London Truth.

That a lady took her little boy to church for the first time. Upon hearing the organ he was on his feet instanter. "Sit down," said the mother. "I won't," he shouted, "I want to see the monkey."

That it is said by those who claim to know, that the severe undraped, clinging style of skirt draperies is about to prevail again, and that poufs and bouffants are fast disappearing from the new Parisian dresses.

That at a "pink luncheon," given lately by a fashionable belle, the pink sweet pea was the only flower used for corsage bouquets and table decoration. The effect was pronounced by the young girls present "just too lovely for anything."

That did it ever occur to you what a funny thing a postage stamp is? Even the department can't sell it after they cancel it.

That in France a man's portrait cannot be sold without his permission.

That from Glens Falls comes the story that a compositor who imagined he had talent for construction of sentences had this to set: "A tall woman with a slight stoop." He substituted the word plants for stoop, and suffers the consequences of his rash act, as she wanders across the country looking for work.

That Cummings beat George in the four mile race at Boston yesterday.

That the Galatea in yesterday's race turned the stake boat at 2.10. The Mayflower was three miles ahead. The wind was blowing 12 miles an hour.

New Westminster.

(Guardian.)

On Monday handbills were pasted all over the Royal city, announcing that the Canadian Pacific railway, well supplied with palace cars, is now open from New Westminster for passenger traffic to all points in the east.

On Tuesday, J. C. Henderson, of Chilliwhack sent by the Rithet to Victoria 75,000 lbs. of choice hay. It was really charming to stand among the bales on Irving's wharf and breathe the air perfumed by this pile of well-saved hay.

Kootenay.

Mr. R. Wickens returned from Kootenay yesterday. He brings numerous specimens of galena ore from Kootenay lake. The New Haven Co. have sunk 60 feet on their ledge, and find the rock richer as they descend. The Ainsworth Co. are not prosecuting their works. A prospector named Munn reports good placer diggings on Lardo creek. Mr. Wickens brings down a bottle of water from the Kootenay warm springs which he will have analyzed. The water carries sulphur and has several other healthgiving properties.

A RIVAL TO the Banff hot springs, in the North west territories, is said to have been discovered at Harrison lake, in the vicinity of Port Moody, B. C. The water, after it has been bottled a few days, loses its sulphurous flavor, becomes effervescent, and is very similar to Apollinaris water. Canada does not lack for attractions. Its has its great mountains, lakes and rivers, and health resorts that appear to be unexcelled on the continent. Indeed, judging by the reports of those who have given the province a fair trial, British Columbia is a much more desirable place of abode for the searcher after health than is California with its cold nights and weeks of rainfall. The recent discovery of disease-healing waters will add to its popularity as a resort for the tourist.—*Hamilton Times.*

THE SPROULE CASE.

Mr. McCarthy's Argument on Behalf of the Prisoner.

A Powerful and Logical Piece of Reasoning—The Case Expected to be Concluded To-day.

OTTAWA, Sept. 3.—In the supreme court this morning the Sproule case was continued. Mr. Justice Cross, of the court of appeals for the province of Quebec, occupied a seat upon the bench.

MR. M'CARTHY'S ARGUMENT.

Mr. McCarthy continued his argument, contending that the prisoner was committed under the Indictment and Offences act, and that he was also tried and sentenced under an act of the parliament of Canada, and that therefore the supreme court of Canada had, and has, the jurisdiction to grant a writ of *habeas corpus* in this or any other parallel case. He then referred to the old statutes of British Columbia in force before confederation, and said that they were annulled and new statutes from the parliament of Canada used in their places. The supreme court of British Columbia, he said, quoting authorities, had no jurisdiction whatever to try the case on a writ of error, as it was not a constituted court of error, and was formed in 1859 by proclamation of the lieutenant-governor, which gave it jurisdiction in all cases, civil and criminal, and also as a court of record, but not, he contended, the power of a court of error. The crime was committed in Kootenay and the prisoner was tried and convicted there. By means of a writ of *habeas corpus* a change was effected in the venue, and the prisoner was tried by the court at Victoria, and it has been shown that

THIS COURT HAD NO JURISDICTION

to try the prisoner, as the change of venue was faulty, and in consequence the record from the court of Oyer and Terminer, which had tried the prisoner in the first instance, and upon which the trial in the supreme court at Victoria was conducted, was rendered null and faulty by the error in the change of venue. Mr. McCarthy then quoted numerous authorities showing that the proceedings taken by the supreme court at Victoria rendered void on account of there being an error in the change of venue, and also that the said court was not a court of error, and therefore had not competent jurisdiction to try the case.

Mr. Justice Strong—There is no common law in the Dominion of Canada; there is only the statutory law.

Mr. McCarthy then quoted authorities showing that the supreme court of British Columbia had the power to grant a writ of *habeas corpus*, therefore how much more has the supreme court of Canada the power to grant the same writ. He quoted authorities showing that the supreme court of Canada has no power to amend or quash the decision of any one of the inferior courts of the court, and that therefore, even if there was no jurisdiction in the action of Mr. Justice Henry in granting the writ of *habeas corpus* and giving the order for the release of the prisoner, the court had no jurisdiction, and there was

NO APPEAL FROM THE DECISION

of Mr. Justice Henry except to the privy council. He said that up to a short time ago the fact that the province of British Columbia was divided up into districts, and that the courts in those districts had only jurisdiction in the district in which they were situated, was not known. This court of oyer and terminer which tried the prisoner in the first instance was not a superior court, it was a court which assists the court of Queen's Bench, and has a limited jurisdiction.

Accident on the Track—A Missing Man.

New Westminster, Sept. 10.—A railway hand at Port Moody, while lying asleep across the track last night, was run over and had one of his feet cut off.

Pat Murray, lately an engineer on a ferry boat, formerly employed at Burrard Inlet, and a resident of the province for the last seventeen years, is missing for two days. It is supposed that he is drowned. He was last seen intoxicated near the wharf.

THE LATEST GAG.—One gentleman in this city, and perhaps others, is in possession of a simple but most serviceable novelty. It consists merely of a little gong with a rebounding hammer, which can be fastened to the coat or vest, and when the wearer is being talked to death, instead of saying "Give us a rest," he rings the bell and looks straight before him; or if he finds himself compelled to listen to an old yarn he chooses his time, strikes the gong and says: "Chestnut!" It is said to have the desired effect every time.

GOOD BACKING.—As the Starr Kidney Pad company of Toronto are again introducing in this province their famous cure, it is only fair to call attention to the long period of success which has greeted their great antidote for so many distressing diseases. The inveterate complaints of diabetes and Bright's disease of the kidneys are affirmed by reliable people to yield to the perseverting application of this company's pads, which have no equal in the effectual treatment of lame backs and all weakness of the lumber and genito-urinary organs.

BROUGHT ENOUGH OF THEM.—It is rumored that a gentleman who lately arrived from the old country having heard that his brother was in the livery and sales stable business in Victoria, and thinking that a few English whips would come in handy "besides being better, you know," brought out with him one gross of those useful articles. Having found that his relation has only three horses, he finds the whips a drug upon his hands. It is suggested that he get Cole's circus people to make a "dicker" with him for them,—they to take the whips, and he one of the long-haired ladies.

TRAGIC END.—Arrivals by the Sound steamer yesterday report that a half-breed girl named Sarah Gordon was hanged by a man in a disreputable house at Port Townsend on Wednesday night. The motive is said to have been revenge. The girl who was of bad character was for several years a resident of Victoria.

From the Daily Colonist, Sept. 12.

HANLAN AND BEACH.—A London dispatch says: Hanlan's challenge to Beach will be accepted, as Beach's backers are eager to make the match. Hanlan has telegraphed here to have quarters prepared for him at Putney, where he will stay with Gaudies. In the event of Beach and Hanlan being unable to agree upon satisfactory terms the other scullers now in England will be ready to meet Hanlan, so that he need not return without a race.

DARING FORGERY.—The Chinese bark Kwong Tong now on the way from Hong Kong to Victoria is supposed to have on board a young man named F. R. Beltran, who was lately clerk in the Spanish consulate at Hong Kong. Beltran forged the name of the Spanish consul to a bill of exchange for $30,000, cashed the bill and immediately disappeared. The bark will be attended to on arrival.

A Distinguished Prelate.

His Lordship Bishop McIntyre, bishop of Charlottetown, P. E. I., accompanied by Fathers J. A. E. McDonald and D. J. Gillis, of the same diocese, arrived in the city last evening on a visit to the "sunset province." They came over the line of the Canadian Pacific railway, making the journey a continuous one, with the exception of a day's delay at Winnipeg. His lordship has crossed the Alps many times, and in conversation with a representative of *The Colonist* last evening expressed the opinion that in many respects the mountain scenery of British Columbia eclipsed that of the Alpine heights. Asked as to his opinion of the province, he said that it would seem to him to be one of great development and certain of a grand future. His Lordship has now crossed from the shores of the Atlantic to the *ultima thule* of the Dominion, hitherto so inaccessible to our eastern Canada friends. That gigantic undertaking, the steel band, which now unites the scattered provinces into one grand Dominion, seemed to our visitors to show pluck and perseverance of the highest quality imaginable. A few years ago Vancouver Island was a far away land to be heard of, but never seen; now a comparatively brief journey brings our "back east" friends through the future garden of Canada to its far west province. Bishop McIntyre is a venerable prelate, who is justly regarded by all denominations of people in his own "right little isle" as a gentleman of high intellectual gifts added to purity of heart and modesty of bearing. Over twenty-five years ago this patriarchal bishop and the pious and zealous Bishop Rogers of Chatham N. B., were consecrated together, and the latter saintly man is wont to call them "twin brothers." During all the years each has been faithful to his trust and has done good service to the cause of Him whom they serve. Their friends are almost as numerous among those professing the Protestant faith as among the laity of their own body, because they are both liberal, charitably disposed prelates.

His lordship was too wearied last night after his long journey to be able to promise to speak to the people of Victoria, though it is quite within the possibilities that he may be induced to store for them. We can only wish that his lordship's visit may be a pleasant one—it is a well-deserved rest from the laborious duties connected with his extensive diocese.

Fathers McDonald and Gillis are fine specimens of the proverbial "Islander," and are as genial gentlemen as revered priests.

The party will remain here some days, proceeding hence to Portland, and thence to San Francisco, returning home via the Union Pacific railway. They were visited last night by a number of friends, all maritime province men settled in this city, who were pleased to see again the good bishop and his faithful priests.

Personal.

John W. Mackay and a large party of friends are on board the Mexico, and are expected here on Monday morning. They will go east via the Canadian Pacific.

Mrs. and Miss Zelner and Major George were passengers by the steamer Queen of the Pacific yesterday for San Francisco.

Miss Aggie Dowdall, who has been spending the summer months with her sister, Mrs. Dunsmuir, returned to San Francisco yesterday.

Messrs. J. M. M. P. P. for Cariboo, returned to Barkowith yesterday morning.

Hon. Mr. Fruthy, Mr. H. Croft, M. P. P., and Miss Croft, were passengers for the east coast yesterday.

W. H. Allison, the assistant engineer on the steamer Queen of the Pacific, who was injured by the coal dust explosion, was sufficiently convalescent to leave on board that vessel for San Francisco yesterday.

W. H. Halpenny, government guide, who has been locating settlers at Alberni and Qualicum, returned to this city yesterday. He speaks highly of the advancement of the Alberni settlement.

Bombadier Newbury, of the rifle team here, and clerk in the custom house, returned home last night from Ottawa. While in that city he was introduced to the Commissioner of Customs and others of the department, which will contribute in no small degree to his pleasant recollections of his trip to Ottawa.

Ex-Councillor John Boyd has returned from a lengthened visit to Great Britain and the continent. He visited the Colinderies and thinks it a most praiseworthy effort. After all his travels Mr. Boyd is of opinion there is no place like Victoria.

Mr. D. C. Nicholas, inspector of steamboats, came down on the steamer Yosemite last night.

Messrs. I. Oppenheimer and R. H. Alexander were passengers by the steamer Princess Louise last night from Vancouver.

At the Driard: F. H. Smith, Portland; H. P. Bell, Cowichan; W. F. Salisbury, C. P. R., Port Moody; Walter B. Paton.

Judge Crease was a passenger by the Amelia yesterday from Nanaimo.

James Bay Bridge.

The street committee are considering as to the best method for improving James Bay bridge. One plan is to build a retaining wall across the entrance to the bay and fill the flats behind it with earth. Another is to build a bridge 24 feet in width with six-feet footwalks on either side, the structure to be several feet higher than the present one and to rest on stone piers. The latter is the least expensive, although the fill must some day be undertaken.

Deep Sea Fisheries.

Mr. T. Mowatt, fishing inspector for the province, leaves for the north on Tuesday next in the steamer Pathfinder. He will be accompanied by Mr. Youdall and other gentlemen recently from Newfoundland, all of whom are thoroughly proficient in deep sea fishing. The result of the exploration will be looked forward to with great interest.

VICTORIA THEATER CO.—At a meeting of this company last evening the accounts were submitted by Mr. J. J. Austin, the secretary, and passed. The statement shows that the revenue from rentals has been unexpectedly large, and the company enter upon another year with reasonable expectations of a dividend at the close. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring directors and the secretary. The following directors were then elected: R. Dunsmuir, R. P. Rithet, J. Kurtz, L. Redon, and E. A. McQuade. The directors subsequently met and re-elected Mr. Dunsmuir as president and Mr. Austin as secretary.

ASHCROFT RACES.—The citizens of the new town of Ashcroft and vicinity have arranged to hold the first of what will be the annual races at Ashcroft station on October 14th and 15th. This point will be very favorable for such an event, there being an excellent track and good hotel accommodation. Liberal purses will be offered for competition.

OWING TO the Victoria Show being set for October 9th, the Cowichan Agricultural Show has been postponed till Wednesday, Oct 13th.

THE JOHN ROSENFELD.—It is believed that this wreck will be floated to-day.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST COMBINATION.

The Railways Combine to Fleece the Public.

The western railroad managers, after a three days session, have succeeded in reaching the basis of a compromise and reorganizing the Western Freight Association. Ten great alliances have been the refusal of the Chicago & Northwestern to pool its range of cattle business originating in Western Nebraska and Wyoming and the demand of the Missouri Pacific that, by reason of the Lincoln, Neb., extension, it should be given a share of the through business. The first was settled by virtually conceding to the Northwestern its point. The other bone of contention was amicably divided by giving the Missouri Pacific four per cent. in the pool on through business and awarding the Omaha two per cent. Kansas City, St. Joe and Council Bluffs is awarded six per cent. of the earnings in the Council Bluffs local pool. Otherwise the percentages remain unchanged. A commission of one from each road was appointed to perfect minor details of the pool, to report to the general meeting at 11 a.m. on the 10th, to which time an adjournment was taken. The pool, which will endure for five years, will go into effect on September 15th, with General Southern as commissioner. This completes one of the most important and far-reaching railroad combinations ever made in the world.

Marine.

British bark Nanaimo, which has been loading at Moodyville, takes away a cargo of 465,000 feet of lumber, and lath, valued at $5,200. Her destination is Tientsin, North China.

Norwegian bark Bigg, Capt. Zopf, takes from Moodyville 426,000 feet of lumber, valued at nearly $4,000, for Hobson's Bay, Australia.

Steamer Alexander with ship Beacon's field in tow passed Beacon Hill at 5 p. m. yesterday.

Steamer Pilot with barques Rigi and Nanaimo arrived in the roads last night.

At half past eight o'clock yesterday morning the steamship Sardonyx was lying well over on her beam ends, the side was low.

British barque Flora P. Stafford is awaiting an American tug at Port Moody to tow her to Portland.

Swedish barque Autora from Honolulu arrived at Moodyville from Port Angeles in tow of the steamer Buzz on Friday morning.

The ships Abbie S. Hare and J. W. Troop are at the Wellington mines taking in cargoes of Wellington coal for San Francisco.

Ship Triumphant is loading coal at Nanaimo.

An American sealing schooner arrived in the harbor yesterday.

Sealing schooner Mary Ellen from Behring sea, arrived off the harbor yesterday. Her catch is reported as somewhere in the neighborhood of 4,000 skins.

Steamship Queen of the Pacific left yesterday for San Francisco.

Nanaimo.

(News.)

The new hotel to be erected by Mr. John Dougal of Victoria, on Abbott and Cordova streets, was commenced yesterday, by Munroe & McKinnon, the contractors. Its cost will be $5,000, and it will be called the Dougal House. The hotel will be of elaborate finish and have all the modern conveniences.

Some fine sticks were cut yesterday at the Hastings mill, one of them measured 100x24 feet square, containing 4,800 feet of lumber, and weighing nine tons. The logs are free of all knots and imperfections, no better ones having ever been turned out at any mill on this coast.

On instructions from Messrs. Oppenheimer, Dr. Powell, Major Dupont, and the C. P. R. Company, the 85-acre tract is to be cleared forthwith. The contract for the work will be signed to-day, and it is understood that Mr. W. H. Keefer is to be entrusted with the work. The clearing will cost over $10,000.

The Interior.

(Sentinel.)

Last Saturday witnessed another capsize of the sloop Tibbie. The wind was high and the sloop contained no ballast, and as a consequence the five sailors got a ducking. Had the accident not been witnessed from the shore and immediate assistance rendered, there would in all probability have been a vacant chair in somebody's family.

Mr. Palmer, quartz expert, came in from Cherry creek on Monday last, where he had been examining Mr. R. G. Vernon's quartz lead. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the prospect.

During the past week a large force of men, under the supervision of the contractor, Mr. Noble, have been engaged on the new C. P. R. hotel, now being erected by Mr. Jones in East Kamloops.

BLUE RIBBON MEETING.—At the Blue Ribbon meeting in Temperance hall last night the following programme was carried out: Opening selection by the band, recitation by Miss Edwards, address by Mr. H. Rudge, solo by Miss Wisham (encored) recitation, Mr. Tucker, solo by Mr. Dobbs, speech against the liquor traffic by the president, selection by the choir, piano solo by Mrs. Perkins, song by Miss Penketh (encored), recitation, Mr. Tucker, selection by the band, song by Mr. Oram, trio by Messrs. Parnell, Curtis and Coutts. National anthem.

THOSE WITHIN AGAIN.—The able night telegraph operator was taking a message last evening, and had got as far as "The King of Servia has arrived at Vienna and ——" when the wires went down. The uncertainty in which this leaves an anxious public reminds us of those nursery lines whose mysterious sequel we have never yet learnt:

"And when he found the door was shut
He tried to turn the handle, but ——"

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