Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

He Funked.

The *Columbian* has got away with the *News-Advertiser* badly on the question of circulation. The latter is an unsuccessful "bluffer."

The Late Mrs. Whitlaw.

The late Mrs. Whitlaw effected an insurance a year ago of $2,000 on her life in the New York Mutual Life Insurance company. This amount will be paid over to her heirs immediately on her burial.

A Novice.

Mr. Cotton, editor and proprietor of the Vancouver *Daily News*, called to see us this week and surprised us by saying "as a newspaper man I am merely a novice."—*Guardian.* Why surprised?

Funeral.

The remains of the late Mrs. Kate Whitlaw will be interred in Ross Bay cemetery to-day. The *cortege* will leave St. Joseph's Hospital at 1:45 o'clock and Christ Church Cathedral at 2:15 o'clock.

The Yosemite's Mishap.

The damaged rudder of the steamer Yosemite was unshipped yesterday and preparations were made for the construction of a new one. The old one is badly broken up, the end being completely gone.

Kapia Gone.

Kapia was unwilling to appear before Judge Vowell at Donald, and is now, notwithstanding Chief Isadore's promise to surrender him to the government whenever called upon to do so, in the country south of the 49th parallel. Kootenay will see him no more.

Fraser River Salmon.

Messrs. J. H. Todd & Son received by the steamers Irving and Rithet yesterday from their cannery, the Richmond, their second shipment of 3,000 cases from Horseshoe Brand, canned salmon, which go forward equally divided between the N. P. and C. P. railroads to the eastern provinces of Canada.

The Rithet's Accident.

Our reporter was misinformed regarding the cause of the accident to the steamer R. P. Rithet on Friday morning. The wheel of the vessel fell foul of a small wooden buoy, which owing to the fog was not discernible. Hospital point could be seen by those aboard the vessel.

From the Mainland.

The steamer R. P. Rithet left New Westminster yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, arriving here at 1:45 p. m. She stopped at the outer wharf on the way in and landed several through passengers for the Elder. The steamer brought down a large quantity of hay and general freight and two days' mail.

Northern Salmon.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz landed 1,000 cases of Rivers Inlet salmon at the outer wharf on Friday evening, and 177 barrels and 227 half-barrels. She went out again yesterday and landed some more. The whole will be sent to San Francisco by the Mexico for shipment to Australia. The Sardonyx was expected to arrive from the northern canneries early this morning.

Outgoing Passengers.

The Geo. W. Elder did not arrive from the Sound until 6 o'clock last evening, having been detained taking on freight, and for other reasons unknown. She left again for San Francisco at 7:30 o'clock with a large passenger list. Following are the names of the Victoria passengers: Le Boulanger, wife and three children, S. Bethell, Miss Hopkins, Miss J. B. Smith, Chas. Hilliger, F. W. Mellish, L. Frazer, wife and child, Miss Wyman, J. A. Brutcher and wife, H. Brooke, C. N. Hale, John Quinlan, A. Swan, Miss Bennett, Miss Billing, W. A. S. White, M. Sullivan, J. J. Wheelan, M. J. Dela Hunt, Madam Rhand and others.

Purchasing Luxuries.

The Siamese party have purchased large quantities of goods from our merchants, of a varied character, which will be shipped on the Parthia to-day. From J. Sehl about $1,200 worth of house furnishings were secured, among them being woven wire mattresses, sofas, easy chairs, cradles, all being of the finest make. From Waitt & Co. they bought $500 of the best books on scientific subjects. Altogether several thousand dollars worth of European necessities and luxuries are being shipped to Siam to-day, and as this is the most convenient point for shipment, it may be the opening up of a considerable trade with the royalty of that country.

Loyal Legion Entertainment.

The social given by the Loyal Legion of Temperance at Spring Ridge on Friday evening was one of the most enjoyable ever held. The heartiness with which the programme was carried out shows the enthusiasm with which these young teetotalers carry on their work. The chair was occupied by the president, Master Willie Walls, who was ably supported by the vice-presidents, Misses Minnie Robertson and Annie Maslin, the treasurer, Miss Lillie Swan, and secretary Turner Carlow, who conducted the meeting in a manner which would have done credit to older heads. An amusing feature of the entertainment was the putting on the tail on a donkey. The figure of a donkey without a tail being drawn on a large screen, persons in the audience went forward, were blindfolded by a young lady, and were given a tail to pin on, and the queer places on which that tail was put caused shouts of laughter from the audience. Mrs. J. Irving secured the prize for putting it in the right place, while Mrs. W. A. Robertson was awarded the booby prize of a jack-in-a-box for putting it on the ear. All enjoyed a hearty laugh and went home well pleased.—*Com.*

Painful Accident.

A very painful accident happened at New Westminster on Thursday evening to a small child of Mr. Peter Batt, who lives near the gas works. The little girl, in company with a young brother, were playing in the dining room by themselves. A gun was lying on the table near by, which, by some unaccountable means, was discharged. The charge of shot entered the arm near the top of the shoulder, producing a deep, lacerating wound four or five inches long, but not injuring the arteries or bones. The back of the hand and the index finger were blown off, leaving the long bones of the hand exposed and reduced to splinters. It is thought that the thumb and two fingers of the hand can be saved. The face was severely burnt. Medical attendance was summoned and the wounds were dressed. The child is doing as well as can be expected.

Expensive Crow.

Says the Nanaimo *Free Press*: Yesterday afternoon Constable Steppenson was surprised to see a young gentleman crossing to the Central hotel with a gun on his shoulder and a partridge in his hand. The constable, knowing this was the close of the season for game, at once accosted the young gentleman and confiscated the bird. The young man was astonished at finding himself in the clutches of the law, and in answer to the officer's enquires, gave his name as Mr. McLellan, son of the honorable postmaster-general of that name.

The constable at once took out a summons and the sportsman appeared before ex-Mayor Bate to answer the charge of shooting a partridge during the close season.

The defendant admitted killing the bird, but said he thought it was a crow he had shot.

The magistrate said that if the crow defence was admitted, partridge would be shot with impunity all the year round. He would inflict the lowest fine the law allowed, *viz.* $10 fine and $3 costs. The sportsman paid the fine and costs, but the crow (?) graced the larder of Stewart's hotel.

A Vancouver "Skipper."

A carpenter named D. G. Gleam, who had the contract for the erection of Mr. Grant's block on Cordova street, Vancouver, has skipped out with $1,200. He leaves numerous creditors to mourn his untimely departure.

Accident on the C. P. R.

The cause of the detention of the train on Thursday was due to the engine and tender running off the track. Little damage was done, and save a severe shaking up the passengers escaped unhurt. The Princess Louise arrived at her wharf at 8:15 o'clock last night.

Mrs. McKeagney Dead.

Mrs. McKeagney, widow of the late Judge McKeagney, died at Winnipeg last Saturday at the age of 62 years. She leaves six daughters, four of whom are married. Mrs. McKeagney went to Manitoba in 1872 with her family. She had a large circle of friends who will deeply regret her death.

A Popular Conductor.

Mr. Joe Fahey, one of the most popular conductors on the C. P. R., was presented at his residence, Winnipeg, with a handsome silver service by Division 47 of the Order of Railway Conductors. Joe is a good fellow and the boys did well in honoring him and his charming wife.

Police Court.

Rosie Howard, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, was fined $50 or three months' imprisonment. Rosie is a bad woman and a few months in the provincial gaol would suit her case.

James Kelly *alias* James Campbell, was again before the court, but was remanded until the 31st.

Mayne Island House.

The above house at Plumpers Pass has lately been renovated and the genial proprietor, Mr. John Puetz, is in a position to receive guests during the hunting season. Boats can be had at the landing and excellent sport is promised. The meals are first-class in every respect, the kitchen being under the supervision of an experienced cook.

Dropped His "H's."

Seattle *P.-I.*: A young man named Alfred Edwards was brought before United States Commissioner Emery yesterday, charged with selling whisky to Indians, and in default of $400 bail, was committed. The prisoner claimed to be from Michigan, but as he addressed the commissioner as "Your Worship," and had a decided tendency to drop his aspirates, that official is of the opinion that he is a recent importation from British Columbia.

Lobsters for British Columbia.

Mr. John Mowatt, who has been connected with the Department of Fisheries in New Brunswick for a number of years, received instructions lately from the department at Ottawa to proceed to the Pacific coast with live lobsters from Baie des Chaleurs. Mr. Mowatt will most likely plant them as follows: Some in the North Arm of Burrard Inlet, some in Howe Sound and some in Saanich. Mr. Mowatt is father of Mr. T. Mowatt, inspector of fisheries.

Boodle McGarigle.

It was rumored yesterday that McGarigle, the Chicago chief of police boodler, was in town. He was seen and identified at Calgary last week by a man who was employed by him some months ago and who is at present in this city. McGarigle is staying at a leading hotel under an assumed name, and from information received at this office last night, we are led to believe he intends leaving for China to-day on the Parthia. There is a reward of $25,000 offered by the Chicago authorities for his capture, but as all attempts to secure him have failed, it is not likely that he will be inveigled into entering Uncle Sam's territory.

Arrival of Senator Dickey.

Hon. Robert Barry Dickey, Q. C., of Amherst, N. S., arrived on the Rithet yesterday afternoon, and is at the Driard. Senator Dickey has been prominent in the politics of his own province and those of the Dominion for many years, and was called to the senate by royal proclamation in 1867. He has always been a staunch conservative. The present is his first visit to the coast, though he has several times been as far as Donald in eastern B. C., during the course of construction of the C. P. R., his son having had engineering charge in the mountains. Appreciating the latter's work, the institute of civil engineers of England made him a full member last year.

The Senator was delighted with the scenery of the Selkirks and along the Fraser canons. He was much impressed with the richness of the delta lands of the Fraser. With many others who visited the province, he wondered why these and other lands have not been more cultivated for they would undoubtedly produce extensive crops of fruits and grain.

The Senator is favorably impressed with Victoria, and was glad to meet old friends in the persons of Lieut.-Governor Nelson and Senator Schultz. He will remain about a week in the city and will also visit Puget Sound cities.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Wm. McDougall will visit Manitoba and the coast.

Supt. Pope left this morning for the mainland on a tour of inspection.

Mr. Caine, M. P., and Mr. Norman, a *Pall Mall Gazette* writer, are coming to Canada.

Mrs. T. J. Burnes and her sons, T. Burnes and Benj. Burnes, returned home last night on the Princess Louise.

Sir Geo. De Voeux, the new governor of Hongkong, left by the C. P. R. for British Columbia, whence he sails for his new home.

Ernest Ingersoll, the well-known writer, who has charge of the literary department of the C.P.R., arrived from Montreal last evening and is registered at the Driard.

Sir William Wiseman was at Tacoma on Thursday night, the guest of J. M. Buckley, assistant general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad. He has gone to Montana on a trip.

Reports from Murray Bay state that Hon. Edward Blake has greatly improved in health during his sojourn there this summer. He takes considerable exercise in the shape of long daily walks.

Dr. Reid returned yesterday by the Rithet, much improved in health by the change in the New Westminster and North Arm districts, though he was engaged in special services at both places.

Thakore Sahib, of Limai, an independent prince and a commander of the Indian empire, one of the princes invited to the queen's jubilee, arrived at New York on Friday with his *suite* from Liverpool. He will visit the coast shortly.

MAINLAND NEWS.

[Herald.]

Capt. Smith, of the steamer Etta White reports bringing down with him from up north a siwash, who is well posted as to all the particulars of the massacre of the crew of the Seabird. This siwash is now working at the Moodyville saw mill, and he says that one of the actual murderers of the Seabird's crew is at present in the vicinity of Howe Sound hiding, having come down to the coast just previous to his leaving on the Etta White for this port.

(News-Advertiser.

W. P. Noble, who has been engaged for some time past in the electric light station here, as assistant electrician, leaves by SS. Parthia for Tokio, Japan, where he will take a similar position under Mr. W. H. Bremner, of the Edison electric light company. The company have a contract for putting 8,000 lights of 16-candle power each in the Emperor's palace, a group of buildings covering eight or nine acres. This will be the first central station established in Japan.

L. A. Hamilton, the assistant land commissioner of the C. P. R., is preparing plans for the erection of an opera house, which will probably be located on Hastings street, near Granville.

A PANTHER SHOT.

Jack Irving Has a Narrow Escape from Being Eaten Up.

Yesterday evening, about 7 o'clock, as Jack Irving was walking in the vicinity of his farm on Cedar Hill, a huge panther dropped from a tree immediately behind him, just grazing his shoulder. Mr. Irving was accompanied by his bird-dog and at the time was carrying his double-barrelled breech-loader shot gun. Turning quickly and without losing his head for a moment, he fired at the brute, wounding him in the head. The animal then turned its attention to the dog, which had in the meantime sprung upon the beast, and chased it for a short distance. Mr. Irving fired again and hit the panther in the hind legs, bringing him to his haunches and paralyzing the hind-quarters. He then ran to the house for a supply of ammunition and finished the beast with quick despatch. The prize was brought to the city about 9 o'clock and may be seen at the King's Head saloon to-day only, as Mr. S. Whittaker has purchased the animal and will have him stuffed. He is a fine looking fellow, weighs about 145 pounds and is the largest caught yet.

CRICKET.

A team composed of veterans and others who had not previously played this year, yesterday tried conclusions with the junior element. Although the game was originally intended to bring out the heroes of bygone days, as a matter of fact there were four or five very active young men on the senior side, and when the band played God Save the Queen, the loyally uncovered heads disclosed few traces of baldness. The juniors won the toss, and although their opponents were particularly strong in bowling, the total reached the respectable figure of 175, seven batsmen getting into double figures. Lieut. Garforth hit vigorously for the top score, in which were a six, a five and two fours. He and Snowden put on 59 for the tenth wicket, while Irving and Wylde amassed 44 for the fourth wicket, and Lieut. Hutchinson, Worsfold and Hett all did their share of the hitting. Helmcken took 3 wickets for 30 runs, Bovill 3 for 36, Pooley 3 for 39, and Capt. Rose 1 for 3. Rev. H. Tudor (formerly of Oxford University) and Capt. Rose began the veterans' innings in good style, and 42 had been totaled before the latter was held at short leg. In the last over Eberts followed, being caught in the slips, and stumps were drawn at 6:15, the veterans having 131 to make to win, with nine wickets intact, and the parson carrying out his bat for a good 21. Goepel had one wicket for 2 runs; Campbell 1 for 18. Following is the score:

JUNIORS.

J. W. Sinclair, c Pooley, b Bovill	5
P. D. Goepel, c. Coombe, b. Pooley	1
Lt. Hutchinson, c. Musgrave, b. Bovill	11
E. A. Wylde, b. Pooley	21
P. E. Irving, c. and b. Bovill	27
H. J. Cappell, b. Pooley	6
H. M. Heit, b. Helmcken	12
J. K. Worsfold, c. Eberts, b. Helmcken	17
W. A. Ward, b. Helmcken	0
N. P. Snowden, b. Rose	25
Lt. Garforth, c. and b. Eberts	31
— Woods, not out	0
Extras	21
Total	176

SENIORS.

Capt. Rose, c. Campbell, b. Goepel	18
Rev. H. Tudor, not out	21
D. M. Eberts, c. Sinclair, b. Campbell	0
H. Pyke, not out	9
Extras	7
Total	45

C. E. Pooley, W. Bennett, E. M. Bovill, H. W. Coombe, J. W. Wilson, Str R. Musgrave, C. A. Vernon and H. D. Helmcken did not bat.

MARINE.

Tug Alexander is receiving a few repairs.

Tug Pilot took the bark Orestes to Hastings yesterday morning.

Steamer Mexico will be due from San Francisco to-morrow morning.

Collier Empire has arrived at East Wellington from San Francisco.

Steamer Wilmington will load coal at Departure Bay for San Francisco.

Steamer Ancon will leave for the north on Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Ship Bohemia will probably complete her cargo of coal at Departure Bay on Tuesday night.

It is thought the ships C. F. Bement and Ferdinand Fischer will return to Nanaimo for cargoes of coal.

Ship Helenales will complete her cargo of coal at Departure Bay on Monday night and will have quick dispatch for San Francisco.

A tea ship arrived at Port Townsend yesterday morning from Japan. Her name could not be learned. She will discharge at Tacoma.

British iron ship Ecclefechen, 2058 tons is on her way to Portland from San Pedro. Upon arrival she will have the distinction of being the largest sailer ever in the Columbia.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Arrived—Ship Oriental, steamer San Pedro, Tacoma. Cleared—Steamer Columbia, Portland; ship Baring Brothers, ship Highland Light, Port Townsend.

NORQUAY DETERMINED.

The Red River Valley Road Will be Built by November—He Does Not Fear Trouble.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The Hon. John Norquay arrived here to-day. In an interview he said: "The grading of the proposed road will be finished within a week and by November the road will be constructed. The local parliament is unanimous in favor of the road, and it is believed it will go on in spite of the Canadian Pacific's endeavor to create a feeling in opposition to it. We want to send our wheat to Eastern Canada by the cheapest route and that is why we are building this road of ours. If we can find a good market on the way we shall use it as it is 1,500 miles from Winnipeg to Montreal, and 500 miles to Minneapolis at a cost of 3 cents to carry a bushel of wheat from Winnipeg to Montreal. So the farmers would do better perhaps to sell their produce in a nearer market. There is no fear of trouble between the local and Dominion governments, and there is no fear of the Canadian Pacific road giving us the go by as has been threatened. We are in need of sixty-seven miles of railroad and we are going to have it."

A SALMON TRAIN.

The First Train Load of British Columbia Fish Passes Through Winnipeg.

Yesterday afternoon, says the Winnipeg *Sun*, a train consisting of seventeen cars, all filled with canned salmon, from the British Columbia canneries, passed through Winnipeg on its way east. Although large consignments of fish have arrived previously, this is the first exclusively fish train which has passed over the C. P. R., and was an event worth recording.

Until the completion of the C. P. R. all British Columbia salmon were shipped south *via* Victoria, some going over the various American lines, but the bulk of them going by water. The shipment of last night indicates that a change is about to be made in the movement of canned fish, Instead of going south, *via* Victoria, they are likely to come north, *via* this city, and reach the markets through the medium of the Canadian Pacific railway. As the canneries are nearly all situated on Fraser river the change is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things—it is diverting the trade from a long and unnatural route to one that is short and direct. The fish train was composed of seventeen cars, containing 3,290 cases, in each of which were 48 tins of salmon, making in all 153,600 tins; and the value of the lot was about $17,000. Other large shipments are to be made shortly, aggregating some 30,000 cases from the Fraser river canneries, which, with shipments from other districts, will raise the total to over 100,000 cases, valued at over half a million dollars.

While the Salvation army was celebrating their fifth annual jubilee at Quebec, they were attacked by a ruffianly mob with stones and sticks. Fifteen members of the army were seriously injured and many more were slighly hurt.

THE STRAITS CABLE.

Denied at Ottawa that Refusal was Made to Its Being Built.

Dominion Surplus for Last Fiscal Year $120,000—Both Revenue and Expenditure Over $35,000,000—Bonilla Point Light Will not be Built This Year.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 27.—It is denied at the public works department that the government has refused permission to a private telegraph company to build a line from Victoria to connect with the Western Union system.

Corrected returns issued from the finance department to-day show a surplus in the last fiscal year of $120,000. Both revenue and expenditure exceed $35,000,000.

In an interview with Hon. Mr. Foster, minister of marine, on the proposed observatory at Bonilla point, he says he fully recognizes the necessity and adheres to the views expressed last year on the subject. The light-house observatory is useless, however, without the telegraph line from Bonilla to Victoria. This the public works department would have to build, and as no appropriation was made by parliament, nothing can be done this year. So soon as an appropriation for the telegraph is passed, the marine department will build the light-house.

THE METLAKAHTLAN.

TO THE EDITOR:—You kindly published (August 12th) a letter from me, "J.S.H.," which contained the following:

"An excursionist a short time ago went to Alaska, and after speaking of the wonders she had seen there, said substantially as follows:

"Metlakahtla where we landed looked forlorn. An Indian was asked what it meant, and he said: 'We are going to remove to a new settlement in Alaska. We intend removing the doors and windows, and having taken all we want intend setting fire to the place so that we may never come back and that no one else shall occupy them. A poor woman was crying, and she said she was crying because she and her friends had to leave their land, the home of themselves, their children and their ancestors. She was asked why she was compelled to go, and she replied, *because the government have taken our land away from us and sold it for $75,000*, and so we have to go—we have no land left to live on.' She was asked how she knew this, and her reply was, 'all my friends say so.'

Now, Mr. Editor, who has been inculcating these and other lies of a similar nature into the minds of the Metlakahtlans? These barefaced falsehoods mislead the Indians and going abroad mislead other people. By means such as these the Metlakahtlans are seduced into Alaska."

Somebody signing himself "J.B.N." in your issue of August 24th, says:

"J. S. H. has rather mixed things up. It was not an Indian woman who cried at the thought of leaving Metlakahtla, but a kindhearted American lady when she saw those poor people about to depart from the land of their forefathers."

Learning that my informant had not yet left the province, I called on her yesterday and showed the letter of "J. B. N." After reading it the lady said: "Why, I had the conversation, you so correctly reported, with the Indians myself. They spoke English. As to the kind-hearted American lady who cried, I really did not even see her. The Indians did not in any way refer to the Songhees village, but distinctly to their own village, Metlakahtla. The Indian was in a boat filled with household goods, and he was much concerned at going; the Indian woman was ashore waiting until he was ready to start." Probably these two misled Indians are only a sample of many others. I hope your correspondent will be satisfied that "J.S.H." has not "mixed things up," but simply related a fact.

"J.B.N." subsequently writes:

"The Metlakahtlans are going! Let them go in peace! and if J. S. H. cannot help them with a kind word, he can at least hold his peace. The missionaries whom he delights to call liars and malefactors never, I believe, hurt him by thought, word or deed. Why then, abuse them?"

Now, Mr. Editor, have I in my letter called missionaries "liars?" I merely asked "who has been inculcating these and lies of a similar nature into the minds of the Metlakahtlans?" The inference is "J. B. N.'s, not mine! I must, however, remark that it is not a little remarkable that the missionaries who have slight intimate relations with these Indians, and who also know perfectly well that the government never had, and have not the smallest intentions of removing the Indians or of depriving them of their "reserve," should not have eradicated the false notions from the Indian mind. If they had done so, they would have done their duty to the Queen, country, Indians and white men.

As to the Indians being allowed to go, *in peace*, does any one prevent them? No one; but can it be called going in peace of mind when they are going under the inculcated false notion that they have been *forced* to be disloyal and to leave their home for a foreign country?

Such a departure will bring future but undeserved trouble to the province. There must be traitors and seditious mongers at or in the neighborhood of Metlakahtla, and perhaps in Victoria, also. Who are they? When found, *what* ought to be done with them?

With regard to the position I took on the Indian title question, I know it to be the legal one.

J. S. HELMCKEN.

Victoria, Aug. 26th, 1887.

THE LATE CRICKET MATCH.

TO THE EDITOR:—As the individual who supplied your account of the recent match between Vancouver and Victoria, I feel myself called upon to notice the Vancouver captain's letter in this morning's COLONIST, wherein he complains that the match was improperly described as having been won by nine wickets and that the report furnished you was one-sided and boastful. I may here observe that having since 1873 voluntarily supplied the press with a synopsis of nearly every game I have witnessed, having edited a cricket annual for two years, and having written more about the game than any other man in America, I am encouraged to confide in my ability to produce an impartial summary of a match by the fact that in these fourteen years the Vancouver captain has been the first man to accuse me of unfairness and misrepresentation. The game was described as being won by *nine* wickets, because I hold that when the ball from which the thirty-fifth run was made became dead the game was finished. That another run was made before the scorer declared "game," and that (the call not having been conveyed to the players) Sinclair's wicket fell at twenty-six, does not alter the fact that play, properly speaking, ceased at the thirty-fifth run; and I consistently omitted the other run as well as the fall of the second wicket. Had Sinclair's been the last wicket would Mr. Nelson have contended that we had *lost*, though we were in a majority of two runs? The matter is really of no consequence, but an intentional misstatement of the extent of the win, which is the offence imputed to me, would have been an act of contemptible exaggeration; and I hope nobody but Mr. Nelson supposes that my report was worded otherwise than in accordance with my honest interpretation of the law. For the satisfaction of any doubt, I am willing to unite with Rev. H. F. Clinton in a statement of the case to be submitted to the editor of the *Field* or to the committee of the M. C. C. But Mr. Nelson need not go from home for an opinion, for there is now resident in Vancouver as high an authority on the game as any man living, in the person of Mr. W. P. Pickering, known to our fathers in the elevens of Cambridge University and the gentlemen of England, one of the founders of the Surrey county club and I. Zingari, and who shared in the revision of the laws of cricket as they stood up to 1884. I venture to say that had he been consulted, the Vancouver captain might have spared his indignation. As to the report generally, I think it is as full and fair a description of an interesting game as can be compressed into a hurriedly-written summary; the only omission with which I can reproach myself being that Prenter's batting in the second innings was inadvertently passed over. There was no intention to detract in any way from the credit due to the Vancouver C. C. for the energy and spirit they have shown in establishing the game and playing two foreign matches in the face of many difficulties, as well as for the steady bowling and brilliant fielding (the latter a worthy example to us) which gave them the lead in the first innings. After so gallant a struggle, their collapse in the second innings was a ground for sympathy, and our satisfaction at pulling the match out of the fire was not mingled with any ungenerous exultation. If their captain thinks the morning practice tired them, I must remind him that we wished to begin at 10:30 and deferred the time at their request; that the further delay which took place was unavoidable; and that a prudent general will always restrain his followers from over-exertion before a contest. Finally, his reference to a return match this season looks like a desire to make capital out of our absolute inability to give one. Several of us told Mr. Wilson that it would be impossible to get an eleven to go out of town at this time of the year. For an all-day match even here it is most difficult to raise an eleven, and the team that met Vancouver was not completed until nearly every man who has touched a bat this year had been asked to play. Moreover, we were given to understand by the Vancouver captain and by others of his eleven that bad as our ground is, their own was, at present, so much worse that they could hardly expect us to play there this year. I trust that the point of law at issue may be settled by reference to recognized authority; that Mr. Nelson will, on second thought, acquit me of the ungenerous conduct which he has mistakenly attributed to one who has no desire to be otherwise than just to all opponents, and that future meetings between our clubs may be marked by the same harmony, good feeling and good cricket which prevailed at their first encounter, and by no subsequent misunderstandings.

HENRY J. CAMPBELL.

VICTORIA, Aug. 26, 1887.

PRIVILEGED INDIANS.

TO THE EDITOR:—The Indians of this province enjoy many privileges. Why not add one more, viz.: the privilege of paying duty on their imports like the rest of us?

Their smuggling has grown to such an extent that it is seriously affecting the traders of this city and province. If the proper authorities would do a little night-watching in the right quarter during the next few weeks they would be amply repaid for their labors. EQUALITY.

QUARTETTE OF LUNATICS.

They Travel From British Columbia in a Car—A Penitentiary on Wheels.

Kingston *British Whig*: Baggage car, No. 343, of the C. P. R. service, was shunted alongside the K. & P. R. R. station this morning, having completed the journey from New Westminster, British Columbia, in seven days. The car was a penitentiary on a small scale.

Reporters boarded the car at once, and greeted Deputy Warden Fitzsimmons, an old Kingstonian, who has resided in the far west for the past nine years, or since the establishment of the British Columbia prison. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fitzsimmons, who, though she had travelled in Pullman coaches, was very weary with the long journey. James Doyle, formerly of Jones' Falls, and Stephen Jarvis, son of Deputy Sheriff Jarvis, of Toronto, and a member of the Northwest mounted police, were the keepers. A negro servant who acted as cook was also on board.

The penitentiary on wheels was quite comfortable. Four cells about seven feet long and three wide were built of grooved planks, still in the car. One occupied each corner on each side of the door. Iron gratings were on two sides and the door was heavily ironed and padlocked. One criminal lunatic stood shackled in each cell. Three were white, one a mulatto, and all ranged in ages from thirty-five to fifty years. One of them had been a prisoner since the establishment of the prison, the others less than two years. Two were insane when they were incarcerated, a third was so considered, and the fourth became so after his incarceration. Three are life men. One will be released in four years if he recovers from his insanity. In the cells the lunatics slept, provided with all the conveniences that could be found in a well-conducted prison. The guards had beds in the car and here also they dined. The guards said that the trip with the prisoners was unprecedented. The first day they were out the weather was warm, the balance of the time was very cold. Twice there was frost at night.

The names of the men could not be obtained from Mr. Fitzsimmons. "I will be here for a month," he said, "and you will have an opportunity of securing all the information you want." About noon officers from the Kingston penitentiary arrived and conveyed the prisoners to the lunatic quarters in the penitentiary yard.

The prisoners are rough fellows, full of profanity and foulness. One of them, as crowds of people looked through the doors and windows at them, said: "It requires a pretty hard nerve to stand this." He afterwards said that he had been somewhere in these precincts before, while the mulatto would not believe he was in North America. One of the prisoners was particularly retiring in his disposition. He did not show himself at all.

Shortly after 12 o'clock a posse of officers from the prison arrived, and the shackled prisoners were transferred to their new quarters. The names, as ascertained from Warden Lavell, are Knight, Shearer, DeRose and Vallee.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The condition of Governor Bartlett, of California, has changed for the worse.

Veins of coal from two to seven feet in thickness have been discovered in Alaska.

Matthew Cook, a prominent citizen and horticultural officer of California, is dead.

The Wise-Gaudaur race was rowed at Orilla, Ont., on the 25th, Wise winning by two lengths. Time, 14:02.

It is thought now that Langtry's intention of taking the oath of allegiance to the United States was an advertising scheme.

The Seventeenth Army Corps of France has been solicited for the mobilizing experiment for which the government has arranged.

Alex. McCue, of New York, has been appointed by President Cleveland to succeed the late Prof. Baird in the Smithsonian Institute.

Long Ah Ching, otherwise "Little Pete," the convicted Chinese briber, has assigned at San Francisco with liabilities over $40,000.

The case of Commes and McLellan against the Canadian Pacific railway has been virtually settled, each side paying half of the $7,000 arbitration fee.

It is stated in telegraph circles in San Francisco that the cable companies have come to a satisfactory agreement, and the rates are to be advanced to forty cents a word.

Hon. G. O. N. Lathrop, U. S. minister to Russia, has been recalled to Washington, and will probably succeed Minister Phelps at London, or Minister McLane at Paris.

Geo. W. Cox & Co., the well known miners, who own rich placer diggings at Howland Flat, California, are closing up business affairs and have given up hope of working the mines by the hydraulic process.

Saturday night at some station between Fresno and Caliente, Cal., thieves entered the car of W. F. White, general manager of the Santa Fe system, and stole his trunk, containing several hundred dollars' worth of new clothing, and also a valise of clothing and important papers of H. B. Wilkin, general freight and passenger agent of the California, Central & Southern railroads.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The steamer Hope came into W. P. Sayward's sawmill yesterday with a large boom of logs.

The Chinese will hold a "feast for the dead" to-day at the old and new cemeteries. It promises to be very entertaining.

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Laying of the Corner Stone of the Building Yesterday.

The Masons and Oddfellows of New Westminster Erecting a Handsome Structure—A Brief Account of the Event—Grand Banquet in the Evening.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 27.—The ceremony incident to the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic and Oddfellows halls, took place to-day in the presence of a great gathering of people. The Masons assembled at the Orange hall at 2 p. m., formed in line with the Oddfellows, and headed by the band marched to the corner of Columbia and Lorne streets. There were one hundred and sixteen Masons and ninety-six Oddfellows in the line of procession.

The corner stone of the Masonic Temple was laid by M. W. Grand Master Milne, assisted by P. M. John S. Clute, Deputy Grand Master, and other officers of the Grand Lodge. Members of Union Lodge, No. 2, of New Westminster, and brethren resident elsewhere in the province, assembled to witness the interesting event.

Among articles deposited beneath the stone were the scroll, bylaws of several Masonic Lodges, list of Grand officers, postage stamps, lithographic view of New Westminster, a number of silver and gold coins and bank notes, copies of the local papers, lambskin leathern apron, and several other articles. Grand Master Milne delivered an impressive address.

THE ODDFELLOWS' HALL.

At the conclusion of the Masonic exercises Joshua Davies, M. W., Grand Master of the Order of Oddfellows, assisted by the grand officers and members of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, and brethren from all parts of the province laid the corner stone of the Oddfellows hall. Among the articles placed beneath the stone were copies of the daily papers, coronation number of the *Sun*, London, England (1838), Canadian coins, postage stamps, etc.

Grand Master Davies having delivered an appropriate address, the procession reformed and proceeded to their respective lodge rooms, where they were dismissed.

This evening a grand banquet is in progress in the skating rink.

The building where the Freemasons and Oddfellows will fraternally meet will be one of the largest in the province and represents an outlay of $45,000. It is three stories in height, and is being erected on a commanding position on the principal street. It contains in addition to the society rooms, stores, offices and a public hall. G. W. Grant is the architect, and Hoy & Coughlan the contractors.

The visiting brethren were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained by the Masons, Oddfellows and citizens.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Commercial Union.

DETROIT, Aug. 27.—At a meeting held this evening in this city of the promoters of commercial union with Canada, there were present about two thousand people. Addresses were made by Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, Congressman Butterworth, of Ohio, and Erastus Wiman, of New York.

Defending the Missionaries.

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—Rev. Edward T. Downe, the missionary of the American board at Ponape, in the Caroline islands, who was arrested three weeks ago and imprisoned by the Spanish authorities on the pretext that he had incensed the natives to disloyalty, has been released. Mr. Smith, foreign secretary of the foreign board, says the American government may find it necessary to send a war ship to the Caroline islands to protect the interests of our citizens. The United States cannot afford to have outrages perpetrated on American missionaries.

Probably Lost.

The owners of the fishing schooner Lydia E. Crowell have given her up for lost. She was in charge of Capt. Moses and had a crew of fifteen men.

Earthquake in South Carolina.

COLUMBUS, S. C., Aug. 27.—A little after midnight an earthquake shock occurred here, accompanied by the customary roaring, and lasting some seconds. About 5 o'clock a second and heavier shock was felt. The motion was undulating.

Visit of an Indian Prince.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Among the passengers on the steamer Adriatic, which arrived here to-day, is His Highness the Thakore Sahib, of Limari, K. C. I. E. W., traveling *incognito* as Sir J. J. A. Watsinglijie. He is the first Indian prince to cross the Atlantic to visit this country. He has just come from England where he attended the jubilee as representative of the princes of Kattyawar, India, to offer Queen Victoria their congratulations. He has been decorated by the Queen and wears the Order of the Indian Empire, jubilee medal, and the Queen's miniature. The Prince proposes visiting all the large American cities, and will leave at once for Washington to pay his respects to the president.

Authorship of Shakespeare's Plays.

The *World* to-morrow will print an elaborate exposition of Ignatius Donnelly's attempt to dethrone Shakespeare and award the authorship of the plays to Lord Bacon. The article is written by Prof. Davidson, a well known philosopher and critic, whose opinion carries great weight. Mr. Davidson admits that if the plays had come down to us without any author's name they would unhesitatingly be attributed to Bacon. The article gives a brief summary of the results reached in Davidson's book soon to be published in which he shows Shakespeare to have been steeped almost in every kind of vice, to have been a fornicator, adulterer, usurer, oppressor of the poor, drunkard, systematic liar and forger of pedigrees, dying in the prime of life from results of three days' drunken spree. He next shows we have no record that Shakespeare ever owned a library, or even a book, and that not a single scrap of his manuscript has come down to us and there is nothing to show that Shakespeare was not very illiterate.

The Indian Trouble Over.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Aug. 27.—4 p. m.—The Utes are on the reservation and the commander of the forces at Duchesne has agreed to assist the U. S. marshal in arresting Colorow and his two Indians. They are wanted by Sheriff Kendall. He has been agreed to here by Leslie and Kendall, and a courier has been dispatched to headquarters for an endorsement. The war is virtually over.

The Bonds Received.

GALVESTON, Aug. 27.—To-day the county officials received by express thirteen county school bonds, carried off by defaulting treasurer W. J. Burke. No effort is being made to secure the return of Burke, who surrendered to the authorities of San Francisco yesterday. The county officials have no funds that can be used for the extradition of criminals apprehended beyond the limits of the state. They will hold Burke's bondsmen for the deficit.

The Way of the Transgressor.

W. J. Burke, the defaulting treasurer of Galveston county, Texas, who disappeared last November, a shortage of $40,000 having been found in his accounts, appeared in the office of the Associated Press in this city, this afternoon, and said he desired to return to Galveston and plead guilty. When Burk left Galveston he carried away with him $16,000 worth of the bonds of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, which were held by Galveston county for the permanent school fund. Burk had retained $13,000 worth of these and exhibited a receipt showing he had shipped the bonds by express from this city to Galveston four days ago. After leaving Galveston last November, Burk came to this city and remained in hiding two weeks, when he sailed for Australia. He