Municipal Council.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last evening, His Worship Mayor Fell in the chair.

Present—Couns. Barnard, Humber, Lipsett, Higgins, Vigelius, Robertson, Styles, Smith and Grant.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From C. W. R. Thomson, stating that he had received complaints with reference to escape of gas near the premises of W. C. S. Seeley, and stating that the sanitary arrangements were very bad.

His Worship said there was a decided nuisance caused by the oscillation of the bridge and that something must be done to remedy it.

Coun. Lipsett thought it was strange the gas company would from their own interest allow the gas to escape, and thought they ought to remedy it. The matter ought, he said, to be laid over for a week for the sanitary committee to report. Referred to the sanitary committee.

From eight residents on Erie and Montreal streets, asking for an extension of the water pipes to their premises. Referred to water committee.

From J. P. Elford, asking for use of Government street while building store for A. Ofner. Granted.

From eleven ratepayers of Spring Ridge, asking that the surplus water from the Empire brewery be permitted to pass through the old drain. Referred to water committee.

From E. C. Baker, M. P., and N. Shakespeare M. P., stating that they had asked the postmaster-general to allow six letter carriers for the city, and believed the request would be granted, and asking that the streets be numbered. Referred to committee on street numbering.

REPORTS.

The street committee reported [illegible] certain improvements, including new sidewalks, and that the city barrister be instructed to frame a bylaw for a loan of $50,000 for street improvements.

Coun. Robertson said he had not signed the report because he did not believe in loans of any kind, with the exception of the sewerage loan.

Coun. Lipsett said he was surprised at the councillor's objecting to seeing the streets improved until we had a sewerage system; because pipes may not be laid for a few years was no reason why the streets should not be repaired.

Coun. Higgins said he would, strange to say, support Coun. Robertson in his views. He considered the water bylaw the most important, except that for sewerage, and felt the passing of the bylaw under question would raise a prejudice in the minds of the people and injure the chances of the very important ones.

Coun. Grant said he favored the repairing of the streets, and thought all should be done in that regard to do honor to the city. He combatted Coun. Robertson's argument that the laying of sewerage pipes in the future would injure the streets, and argued that there was nothing in the objection.

Coun. Barnard thought all the by-laws should be given to the people, and that they could choose which they desired. If the by-law passed, the necessity of patching up the streets would be done away with, and the city would become a pride to all citizens.

Coun. Vigelius said he did not favor borrowing money, but where it was necessary he did not object. He thought the hall committee had not done its duty. He was satisfied to leave the matter in the hands of the people.

Coun. Humber said he believed in the habit of borrowing money when he found it would pay. This council had done better on the streets than any former council and he did not believe in the remarks made about patching; she believed the water by-law would carry; that the park by-law would not; lastly and thought that if the people wanted the streets improved they would vote for it. The report was accepted.

Coun. Barnard moved the adoption of the park committee's report with reference to the loan of $25,000 for beautifying Beacon Hill park. Report adopted. Aye—Couns. Grant, Lipsett, Smith, Barnard and Humber.

Nay—Couns. Styles, Robertson, Vigelius and Higgins.

THE WATER WORKS.

The report of Jas. A. Mahood, C. E., stating that he had checked Mr. Hendry and Mr. Pickering's estimate for the water works, and believed they were more than sufficient to cover the cost, was read. Received and filed.

Coun. Lipsett said Mr. Rithet and Mr. Ward, insurance agents, had written a letter to the council, and receiving no reply, considered it discourteous.

The clerk said it was a petition, which had been received and filed. He wanted to know if he was expected to reply to each of the seventeen persons interested?

WATER BYLAW.

Coun. Smith moved that the council go into committee of the whole on the water work's bylaw. Carried.

After discussing the clauses as revised the council adjourned.

PRIVATE ILLUMINATIONS.—The regatta committee request that private picnic parties who may visit the Gorge on Thursday evening next will illuminate their boats with Japanese lanterns and torches so that the effect of the illumination may be heightened as much as possible.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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BIRTHS.

At Wrangel, Alaska, on the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. Jos. Clearihue, of a daughter.

At Savona, on the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. A. B. Leighton, of a son.

In this city, on the 25th st., the wife of Sidney J. Pitts, of a son.

In this city, on the 29th instant, the wife of Dr. McIlwain, of a daughter.

In this city, on the 23rd inst., at the family residence, Pandora avenue, the wife of Lawrence Goodacre, of a daughter.

NOTICE.

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS

SEALED TENDERS, PROPERLY ENDORSED, will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of

Tuesday, 10th August next,

For the Construction of a

Howe Truss Bridge and Approaches,

OVER SOOKE RIVER.

Plans and specifications can be seen and forms for tender obtained at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B.C., 28th July, 1886.

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NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, ALBERNI, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From Our Daily Colonist, July 28.)

Personal.

The Lieut.-Governor, Mrs. Cornwall and family yesterday returned from Cowichan lake, where they had passed ten days.

Hon. Mr. Smithe and Mrs. Smithe, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pearse, and Miss Dunsmuir, returned from the east coast yesterday.

Sir George Stephen, Bart., president, Lady Stephen, and Mr. W. C. Van Horne, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific railway, left here towards the latter part of the week. Capt. John Irving left this morning for Vancouver, and in company with Supt. Abbott, will proceed to Donald, and meeting the distinguished guests, accompany them to the city. It is understood that during Mr. Van Horne's visit a settlement will be effected between the owners of the right-of-way on the Inlet, and the Canadian Pacific.

General Sherman, accompanied by his daughter, will visit this city when the Grand Army of the Republic encampment, to be held in San Francisco in August, is over. They have already purchased tickets.

Col. Herchmer, of the northwest mounted police, and wife, have arrived in the city, and are guests at Roccabella.

Mrs. Meldrum (wife of Mr. J. H. Meldrum, of Topaz avenue) and son, arrived in New York on Monday last en route for this city.

Among the visitors to the city yesterday were Mr. R. Matheson, superintendent of the Ontario Deaf and Dumb Institute, Dr. Gillett, superintendent of the Illinois school for the deaf, the largest one of its kind in America, A. L. E. Crouter, of Philadelphia, a Canadian who has worked himself up to his present prominent position, M. H. Hammond, superintendent of the Law Institute. Miss Richards and Miss Fisk, well known teachers of the Oral System, and Miss True, who, it is understood, is the first articulation teacher on the continent. All these ladies and gentlemen have been attending the eleventh convention of instructors of the deaf and dumb in America, at Berkeley, Cal., and are enjoying their visit to the "Sunset Province."

Mr. T. S. Carman, editor and proprietor of the Daily Times, of Calgary, was in town yesterday, and left for Port Townsend this morning. Chief Justice Begbie will remain a few days in Victoria.

Mr. C. C. Scott has gone to Vancouver where his head office will be established in future.

Mr. J. B. Mulliken, general manager of the Detroit, Lansing and N. R. R., is at the Driard.

Mr. J. Ruffner, correspondent of the Delta, and San Joaquin Valley resources, of Visalia, Cal., has arrived in the city on a visit to his brother, Mr. Isador Braverman. He left for Puget Sound yesterday en route to Yellowstone Park.

A dispatch announces that Sir Hector Langevin, who was ill at River du Loup, is better.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Heathorn have arrived in England.

Mr. Marcus Smith, C. E., has arrived from the east. He will superintend the construction of the new Port Moody wharf the building of which will be at once proceeded with.

Mr. Thomas Moore, factory inspector, arrived from the mainland yesterday.

Mr. W. Wilson, the well known purser on a favorite Sound steamer, accompanied by his bride, arrived in the city yesterday enjoying the honeymoon.

Mr. J. H. Todd arrived back from the mainland yesterday.

Mr. D. W. Buchanan, a representative of the Winnipeg Commercial, has been visiting in the interest of that journal. Mr. Robt. J. Hill, of the Seattle Daily Times, arrived in the city yesterday, but returned per steamer George E. Starr.

Messrs. F. C. Gamble and A. Brealey were passengers by the Princess Louise last night.

Messrs. J. Levy and H. L. Salmon returned from Vancouver yesterday.

Mrs. Mara was a passenger by the Senatr yesterday from the mainland.

Mr. J. Van Volkenburgh came down from the mainland yesterday.

Mr. James Orr, M. P. P., of New Westminster, is in the city.

At the Driard, Mr. Mallory, Portland; Chas. and wife, San Francisco; J. M. Kimball, Portland; H. M. Cobland, San Francisco; G. A. Blackwell, Tacoma; E. A. Burnham, Yokohama; E. Ehrman, Portland; H. V. Edmunds, New Westminster.

The Sproule Case.

The Ottawa Evening News concerning this now famous case, says: Another issue has just been added to the now famous Sproule murder case, the government having received to-day intelligence that the Attorney-General of British Columbia has given notice of an appeal to the Imperial Privy Council. It will be remembered that Sproule, who is an American citizen, was arrested in the Province on a charge of murder. A verdict of guilty was brought in, and sentence of death was pronounced, but prisoner's counsel made an application before the Supreme Court for the release of Sproule on a writ of *habeas corpus*. Judge Henry, who was sitting in Chambers, at the time, without going into the merits of the case, decided that the prisoner had not been legally tried, Sproule having been remanded and sentenced in a district, otherwise than that where the alleged offence was committed. The judge forthwith ordered that Sproule be brought to Ottawa by the sheriff, for the purpose of being discharged from custody. The sheriff has not shown any alacrity to obey the summons, and the decision of the Attorney-General of British Columbia to appeal to the highest court in the empire will make matters rather complicated. Many points of great interest to the legal profession, involving the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the constitutionality of an appeal to England, will be decided by the final judgment in this case. Sproule, who is at present respited until August 19th, will likely have to enjoy a further lease of life as the appeal cannot be heard before the Privy Council until several months elapse.

Vancouver.

A. E. Shannon, a young man from the east, was committed for trial on a charge of robbing a cyprian of some money and jewelry.

A tree on Westminster avenue was struck by lightning on Monday morning and burned.

The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27—10 p. m.—Indications for the next 32 hours continued fair weather in Washington territory; generally fair weather, except in the northwestern portion, light local showers.

PICNIC.—St. James Church Sunday school picnicked at Cadboro Bay yesterday. The children with their teachers and friends proceeded to the bay in a bus and enjoyed their outing thoroughly.

Week's Gossip.

A Tom Cobb who lived near Paris for present claims to be the oldest man in Ontario.

That there is a new baby on Deer Hill avenue. It arrived the other day. It is a smart one. The little 5-year-old sister watched it carefully for a few minutes yesterday, and then turned to the maternal head of the family and said: "Mamma, couldn't pups have paid another dollar and got a larger one?"—*Albany Democrat.*

That the trans-Caspian railway has been opened for traffic as far as Merv.

That Mrs. Langtry is negotiating for a site for a theatre for herself in Shaftesbury avenue, a new and popular London thoroughfare.

That she used to meet him at the gate with a kiss and a smile like morning light; but now she comes to the door in a dingy old calico wrapper and throw down at the heel, shades her eyes with her hand, and with a voice that seems to need oiling inquires, "Did you bring that butter?"

That one of the most humiliating experiences in a man's life is to sit in a dentist's chair and have him bore six or eight inches up into the head where noticeably intelligent with the brain which was supposed to fill the upper story.

That "I have got into a rapid decline," said the editor as he swept three pound fourteen ounces of original manuscript into the waste basket.

That an editor of one of the leading magazines is quoted as saying that he has enough good poems on hand to supply his magazine for two years. Wonder why he doesn't print one of these "good poems" now and then, and thus gradually work them off.

That "the born poet," truly remarks Miss Cleveland, "has no agony in his song." Indeed no. It is the poor wretch who listens to his song who lies awake and moans for the chloroform.

That bees unquestionably possess the power of memory, says a scientific writer. So does the man upon whose head the bee happens to hold a caucus.

That the largest pearl in the world was lately sold in London for $3456. It weighed three ounces.

That Herr Krupp is about to establish a cannon factory at the Russian naval station at Nikolaief.

That the Princess Louise of Wales is studying the Swedish language in anticipation of her marriage to Prince Oscar.

That a French girl treated by Pasteur in April returned to her home in the department of Jura and recently died of hydrophobia.

That before leaving London, Sarasate, the Spanish violinist, refused $500 which was offered him to accompany Patti in a single song at her last concert before her marriage. He demanded $1000.

That a pretty innovation among the gorgeous gowns of the latest Queen Victoria's drawing rooms was a flight of butterflies embroidered on one side of the train. The work was so exquisitely done that the pretty creatures seemed alive.

That one of the Pharaohs has been disinterred at Sulek, near Cairo. The mummy was dug up in the present of the khedive, and proves to be the remains of Rameses III of the twentieth Egyptian dynasty, who reigned about 1200 B. C., and was a near descendant of the Memephtah who was probably the Pharaoh of Exodus.

That the Rangoon Gazette states that the government of India is about to grant a concession to work the ruby mines in Upper Burmah to a powerful French company, with a sprinkling only of British names for official use, and states that by means of this concession France is likely to again obtain a firm standing in Upper Burmah, and to enjoy large territorial rights.

That the finest piece of lace ever seen in England is being shown at the Edinburgh exhibition. It consists of a huge counterpane more than two yards square, in Point de Venise, and of extreme beauty and richness of design. It was made about a hundred years ago for the reigning pope, and is occupied two or three industrious years in making. A few years ago it found its way back to the royal lace factory at Venice, whence it was added to the collection of Stuart Samuel of London.

That the owners of the ground at Brigg, Lincolnshire, in which the pre-historic ship was discovered, claim that the finder has to obtain from the lessees possession of the "chattel," and were successful. These archæological treasures seem destined to inspire litigation—the "Stone Man" case to wit.

That I am perfectly at home in the water," remarked a hard citizen. "Yes, but not outside of it," remarked another gentleman, "the color of those noses betrayed his fondness for the prohibitory ticket."

The "Cascadia."

The popularity of the "Cascadia" would seem to be established, judging by the numerous and eager who gather there of an evening to witness an entertainment which, while it is known by the name of "variety" is especially free from the slightest taint of vulgarity, and furnishes a most legitimate and pleasant means of passing an hour or two. The performance last night opened with a song medley by the company, succeeded by a duet performed by Miss Nettie Peters and Miss Grace Carlton. The comicalities of the comedians Thorne and Peters caused considerable amusement and applause, and were followed by songs by Miss Carlton and a laughable farce, Phil Peters, who is quite a genius in his line, provided a fresh food for fun in several ditties, while Miss Nettie Peters, in sentimental song, evinced the possession of a very sweet and clear voice. A laughable farce concluded the entertainment, and the management deserve credit for the system that they have adopted with regard to admission. The entrance fee is ten cents and each visitor, as he passes in, is provided with a check which is good for refreshment. By this means the employes at the door is enabled to discriminate between those wishing to enter, and thereby can keep the audience select. The performance will be repeated every evening.

Marine.

Steamer Idaho is due to-day from Port Townsend, and will after a few hours' stay leave again for Alaska.

The ship New York has discharged nearly the whole of her cargo of steel rails at Port Moody.

Two full rigged vessels are at present lying at the Moodyville docks, loading cargoes of lumber for Australia. The sawmills in the neighborhood are working on full time turning out large supplies of lumber.

The ship Beconsfield will not be ready to take her cargo for a week's time, having to be beached and scraped previous to being loaded with lumber for South America.

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LABRADOR.

Old Tale of Arctic Weather and Terrible Suffering.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., July 27.—The schooner Barrett has put in here, bringing the latest news from the Labrador coast. For nearly two weeks she was blockaded in York harbor, forty miles east of Northeast river, by fields of ice. She brings five families who had reached that point from Sandwich bay, over 100 miles inland, by sledges, drawn by ponies on which they subsisted after their arrival. York harbor is crowded with fugitives, but these came from the southern coast and know nothing of their northern neighbors. On July 19th two snow storms buried eastern Labrador, cutting off all communication with its population of 15,000 persons. Snow has closed all the trails. A relief vessel will now go direct to York Bay to the relief first of the sufferers there. While Bay dispatches report that Hudson Bay strait is again frozen over which is an unprecedented occurrence at this season, the report that the temperature is ten degrees below zero is, however, denied. The cold results from immense masses of arctic ice along the coast and it does extend 200 miles from the sea. Up to date twenty survivors have arrived here. The number they have died is estimated at 250. Since Saturday an east wind has blown off the banks increasing the firmness of the coast ice.

Martney vs. Shuswap Milling Company.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 27.—In the supreme court, before Justice McCreight and a jury, Martney vs. the Shuswap Milling Company, in which the plaintiff claims sixteen thousand dollars, and the defendant, by counter claim, claims seventeen thousand dollars, took all day and will be resumed to-morrow. Mr. T. Davie and Mr. McColl for plaintiff; Mr. Bole and Mr. Wilson for the defense.

Sir John and Lady Macdonald in Victoria.

Sir John and Lady Macdonald are enjoying their visit very much. After the long trip across the continent they needed repose and their many friends thoughtfully accorded it them. Calls were received from 2 to 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Lady Macdonald, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Macdonald, enjoyed a walk, and Sir John in company with a friend took a stroll around the town. The face and figure, so familiar though before unseen by almost all Victorians, were recognized by nearly everybody, and the premier was the cynosure of all eyes. Those who have known him in the past failed to see any difference in the sauntness of his step, and the

GRAND OLD MAN

would seem to have discovered that elixir of life which has been the dream of so many philosophers. At the age of 72 he still retains much of the freshness and vigor of his early manhood amid all the cares and responsibilities incident to his exalted position. The party dined in the evening at Senator Macdonald's and retired early. To-day they will be busied in the same quiet manner, viewing the different objects of interest in the immediate vicinity of the city and breathing in the health-giving properties of "our glorious climate." To-morrow evening at the Victoria Theatre Sir John will be presented with

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in the presence of a distinguished company, and will reply at some length. This event is being looked forward to with a great degree of interest by our citizens, more especially by those who have not heretofore been privileged to hear Sir John speak.

THE REGATTA

is being pushed forward with commendable enterprise, and promises to be the great event of the year. Other festivities in honor of Sir John are talked of, including an excursion to Saanich Inlet and a trip over the Island railway. The party will remain here some three weeks, and if weather that time will be able to see much of Vancouver Island. It was decided at a meeting of the Victoria Assembly Club, yesterday, to tender Lady Macdonald

A BALL,

to be held at the New Assembly rooms, Fort street, on Friday, August 6th.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Colonial Officials Injured in a Derailed Train.

BOSTON, July 23.—A special train conveying Colonial officials, now in London attending the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to a grand naval review at Portsmouth, was derailed in transit. Twelve prominent persons received serious injuries.

Eastern Canada Mail.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 19.—At the dry dock works this morning, under a pile of stones and earth, was found the dead body of Wm. White, foreman of the laborers. The wall fell on Saturday morning burying the unfortunate man, but no one knew of his whereabouts until discovered this morning.

OTTAWA, July 19.—The new steamer which the government contemplate purchasing in New York for the fisheries protection service in the "Yosemite," a vessel of four hundred tons. The price to be paid is about $45,000.

WINNIPEG, July 19.—On Thursday last at Horetta, two boys, W. McDougall and Charles Dumas, were shooting in the woods, when the gun of the former was accidentally discharged, shooting Dumas in the groin, so that his bowels protruded. He died in great agony.

MONTREAL, July 23.—Mr. Van Horne, vice-president, and Mr. Olds, traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific, leave in a few days for Vancouver for the purpose of arranging a basis of freight rates over the line. Mr. Olds states that at present it was impossible to promulgate a fixed traffic owing to the war of freight rates between the transcontinental lines.

THEATRICAL.—It is thought the best theatrical attraction at The Victoria will be Mr. F. M. Page, in "The Medium," a musical comedy. The support is chiefly taken from the people who have been with Jeffreys-Lewis at the Alcazar, in San Francisco.... We have it on good authority that Minnie Hauk, the famous prima donna, supported by a first-class concert company, will play here towards the latter part of August—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

AN exhibition was given at the Windsor hotel last night by a gentleman recently arrived from San Francisco, of a new kind of gold, which he claims can be produced for 20 cents per thousand. The test was quite successful, and it is understood an effort will be made to introduce it here.

THIS YEAR'S MME. MODJESKA, the most famous and most popular prima donna of our remote city, will be the leading musical and dramatic event of the season, and preparations are being made among our cultured classes to give her a royal welcome and an elegant audience.

A PARTY of Victoria tourists brought down by the steamer Idaho yesterday, consisted of W. F. Graves, and one Rosse, for J. B. Leighton.

JUDGE HENRY claims that his order regarding Sproule must be obeyed, despite the notice of appeal to the privy council, and he is on his way out to enforce it.

COL. HOUGHTON, D. A. G.—The Mail-Gazette contains a good likeness and a biographical sketch of this gentleman.

THE "KITH AND KINNERIES."

British Columbia to the Forefront in the Great Exhibition.

Canada's Display and Its Interesting Exhibits.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

The colonies are much to the fore just now. The "Colindesian" or the "Kith and Kinneries," as the Colonial and Indian exhibition is called, is a great success and the conferences, which are held frequently in a large room set apart for the purpose, create much interest. The United Colonization Society, under the chairmanship of its able president, Lord Brabourne, held a conference on Tuesday last, in which delegates from the different trade societies in all the principal towns in England took part, and the general feeling seemed to be in favor of the government of Great Britain, in concert with the governments of the different colonies, in originating a system by which families might be sent out and take up land where there is an abundance of room for them, being helped at starting with seed, corn and potatoes and with provisions for two years, after which time such a community ought to become self-supporting. The only two

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that I noticed at the conference, both of whom took part therein, were Captain Verney, R. N., M. P., and Mr. Sebright Green. I have been through the Canadian section of the exhibition several times and find a great deal that is more interesting. British Columbia sent some good specimens of grain, and a lump of Nanaimo coal is very much admired. I have heard many people express their doubt of its having been brought such a distance. Some think it is imitation, like the obelisk of gold. Some of the largest pears exhibited are those from Vancouver Island. We are curious to know in what fluid they are preserved. Perhaps some of your readers will give us this information. We notice that Sir M. B. Begbie, Hon. J. W. Trutch, and Mr. Jessop are the largest exhibitors of fruit from your province. Some of the specimens have preserved their form and color perfectly, some have gone bad, notably some peaches with Mr. M. B. Begbie's name on it. In

THE CANADIAN MARKET

there are always apples and others for sale, as well as maple sugar. It seems to be in very great demand. Australia seems to have united with Canada in supplying this market with fruit, though it is known by the name of the Canadian market, the Dominion gets credit of much of the Australian fruit. I saw some very fine apples a short ago, which were sold, and that readily, at 50 each. Australia exhibits some

EXCELLENT WINES.

The best are the claret, but some of the sherries are good, pure palatable wines, and are generally preferred to the wines, of which there is also a large supply. This exhibition differs from that have preceded it inasmuch as there is always a sale going on in the cold storage stalls, particularly among the Indian, Ceylon and Hongkong exhibitors. Some of the Bombay houses are doing a large trade in curries and chutnees. Canadians are not far behind in offering their wares for sale and probably most of the exhibits will be and before the exhibition closes. The furniture from

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and the photos and organs are very much admired, and the agricultural machinery is admitted to be superior, so that production in England. It is curious to see immense quantity of clothing and woolens of all descriptions which are sent from Canada, Australia and New Zealand. I hope the English ladies outlooking the stitches. They do not consider the needlework so good or well finished as the simple English work, but they prefer the Canadian, and I have heard that the prize offered by the Ladies of Montreal cannot be beaten, unless perhaps by that exhibited by the Mackenzie, which is pronounced exceptionally

Chinese.

Telegraph building is progressing rapidly throughout the empire.

Serious rioting has been caused Hongkong by the efforts of the Chinese secret societies to collect head money from coolies. The government is endeavoring to break up the societies.

The heads of three pirates have been stuck up on the beach at Kowloon as a warning to freebooters along the coast who have been making that place a pirate rendezvous.

The American firm of Russell & Co. has contracted to supply the Chinese government with guns and ammunition to the value of 1,250,000 taels for the defences.

The new native paper, the Chinese Times, is urging railroad building.

Particulars of the attempt of pirates to capture the steamer, Moo-Sung, and suppression of the plot, briefly noticed in the summary of news by the last mail, show that about 200 Swatow coolies intending to be discharged on board the vessel at Foo-chow. They present several hundred Chinese troops on board, baulked the attempt to capture the steamer, but stealing was resorted to instead. On ascertaining the character of the gang the officer commanding the troops directed the wholesale slaughter of the pirates. Red ribbons plaited in the queues of the soldiers to distinguish them from the pirates, and latter were decapitated as they came from below by guards stationed at hatchways for the purpose. Some took alarm, remained below, and on passengers were permitted to proceed the commander being seated with bloodshed. The deck of the ship looked like a shambles running with blood, and littered with heads and headless trunks.

CUBA.

The treaty between France and Cuba has been concluded on the terms offered by the latter. The demand for the toleration of the Catholic religion was stricken out.

JAPAN.

Since the beginning of the year there have been 10,268 cases of cholera in Japan, and 7,807 deaths therefrom.

Two students at the Tokio university have been chosen to study naval construction in England.

TONQUIN.

The French authorities have called tenders for building a railway from Hanoi to Bacninh. The government gives the necessary ground for track, stations, and guarantees interest for the capital employed in construction, and gives the builders a monopoly for seventy-five years, at the end of which time the government will take possession, buying the rolling stock.

Rome Notes.

In Shackles.

The city lock-up and Vancouver hotel. On Saturday night ten sailors were arrested in the act of playing shuffleboard poker at the Tivoli. They were taken to the cooler lock-up and locked in cells. Three of the number had to be locked up. The rest remained in jail till Monday morning, when Sinclair fined $5.50 and costs. The charge against Fletcher, proprietor of the Tivoli, will be taken up in police court to-day.

Rowing Great Sport.—Mr. Shakespeare, M.P., and John Macdonald have consented to open the Horticultural and Industrial Exhibition which will be held in the Victoria Gardens next Tuesday afternoon. There is every reason to believe that owing to the unusual efforts of the committee the exhibition will be greatly improved.

Pickering's case was again put off yesterday afternoon, Mr. Bole intimating that they have employment for from one to two hundred men in the various capacities of railroad hands, blacksmiths, farm hands, mill and woods workers, female help, etc. Here is a chance to work for all.

THE BAHAMA ISLANDS.

A Region where Earthly Existence is an Endless Lullaby.

THE WIDELY-KNOWN SPIRITUALISTIC MEDIUM AND PHILANTHROPIST WRITES IN LONDON.

DANIEL DOUGLAS HOME.

Daniel Douglas Home, at one time a very notorious, if not positively illustrious personage, died a few days ago in London, in the most absolute obscurity, he borrowed feathers, all plucked off, and only known, where known at all, as the greatest fraud of the century.

Home claimed to be the greatest of all spiritual media, and, no doubt, he either was all he pretended to be, or he was one of the most impudent impostors that ever gulled a credulous and long-suffering community. Which he really was, our readers will not find it hard to determine, when they have digested the following facts, for which we are largely indebted to the New York World:—From his early days Home was incurably lazy, and would do and say anything and everything in order to escape physical exertion of any kind. He was at an early age left an orphan, and brought from Scotland to the United States by an aunt, who in vain sought to train him to be a farmer. Work he would not, and at last, when sharply found fault with, he accused himself on the plea that he had been in communication with the spirit of a playmate who had lately died. This was when the young rascal was about fourteen years of age. His aunt, who, with all her push and shrewdness, had a strong vein of superstition about her, implicitly believed his story, and thereafter afforded him full scope for the exercise of his gifts in the spiritualistic line. It was a time when the world was all agog on such matters, and when a good medium could scarcely fail to cause a sensation and gather in a rich harvest of cash. Home had any amount of the coolest impudence. His nerves were of iron. His cunning was marvellous, and his cleverness of a certain kind was also undoubted. He played the prophet and the spiritualist with matchless adroitness and with surpassing power of face. He read character easily, and generally with a surprising amount of accuracy. Weak spots were soon discovered, and he played on these with a large amount of skill. He could stimulate to the life belief in his own lies, and no doubt he managed to do and say many things which had a strange, uncanny like look about them. In a very short time he became the rage, and when still in early manhood was run after by noble, royal, nay, even imperial personages, that he might for their benefit call spirits from the vasty deep in order to tell his patrons things to come.

Louis Napoleon was notoriously, nay, even abjectly superstitious, and Home managed to bring "my uncle's nephew" to his feet. The generally believed story is that he had two sittings with the Emperor, and that the issue was highly sensational. The sittings took place in the fall of 1861 or in the spring of 1862, and according to Home's own account of the matter, the following was the course they took:

Louis, Eugenie, and several dignitaries of the court were present each time. The first time the sitting accorded him was not long enough for him to do more than to materialize a few spirit flowers—one of which struck the Empress full in the face and greatly alarmed her. A few shadowy forms appeared, which the Emperor said he recognized as relatives of his.

At the next sitting Home said he was in full power, and materialized, or pretended to materialize, a number of disembodied spirits. They formed a circle around the Emperor, to his evident amazement and terror. He recognized and called his mother by name. Suddenly they all vanished, and one solitary figure appeared, and advanced to the Emperor. He was dressed as the pictures of the Little Corporal, and was easily recognized as Napoleon I.

Louis turned white, but, with trembling lips, managed to utter the words:

"My father!"

"In the same tone in which a person in life would speak, the reply was given, only low and impressive: 'Like mine—discovered and death in exile.'"

As the ghost spoke he placed both hands on his nephew's shoulder.

"Louis fell back in his chair, as if about to faint. With a moan the Empress swooned, the spirit form vanished, and in the alarm and confusion of resuscitating Eugenie, Home was hurried from the Tuileries, nor could any entreaty of the medium ever induce their Majesties to admit him to their presence again.

How much of this account is correct, how much imaginary, each must settle for himself. That it is probably accurate is all that can be said about it.

About this time the cunning rogue greatly enhanced his own reputation and raised the wonder of his dupes by saying that "the power" had, for the time, left him, and that now weak as other men he merely waited for the return of that which apparently came and went without regard to any known law. Multitudes waited along with him and were no doubt wonderfully satisfied when the spiritualistic current again flowed.

Queen Victoria had then recently lost her husband, and naturally wished to renew intercourse with the departed if that were possible. Home had an interview with her, but would never tell the particulars from which it may be concluded that he was not so successful as he could have desired.

Like the unjust steward, towards the end of his career Home sought especially to make friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, though truth to say, he had never been at all remiss in his worship of that divinity.

For a time he had all he could do in affording "sittings" at two guineas each. By-and-bye his faculty, according to his own account, for the general business failed. He was bound to work a richer mine. This he was able to accomplish with a rich credulous widow called Mrs. Jane Lyon. Jane had been a great beauty in her day, and was still a dashing well-preserved society lady, with a wooden hand and a large fortune. Home felt, apparently that this was his opportunity, and accordingly, devoted himself to the widow. He soon found that this artificial hand was to the worthy woman as great an affliction as was the club foot to Lord Byron.

He laid his plans accordingly. He gave up his two guinea patrons on the plea that all his nerve force was required for the miracle upon which he had set his heart. This miracle was nothing less than the turning of the widow's wooden hand into a hand of flesh. He was bound that that piece of carved timber should actually be incorporated with the dear, dainty arm of his adorable patroness. And the poor woman actually believed the story and looked solemnly for the accomplishment of the glorious undertaking. Of course a man who would sacrifice his means of living and devote himself to the vitalizing of a wooden hand was no ordinary personage, and had accordingly to be provided for out of the widow's cash.

And she was not ungrateful. His efforts in other lines were failing. Many of his hitherto faithful disciples were beginning to smell a rat, and therefore he clung to the widow with peculiar tenacity. To effect the cure it was alleged it was necessary he should be always beside the old woman. A suite of apartments were accordingly fitted up for him in Mrs. Lyon's house. For fully a year this transparent juggle went on, during which time Home managed to get hold of £60,000 of the widow's coppers. The hand, however, remained obstinately wooden, and the widow began to grow restive and to insist on either a live hand or the restoration of her cash. The risk of Home getting into an uncommonly tight place was very great, and accordingly the medium tried as a compromise a proposal of marriage. But though Lyon was a wife and two children. Kilgour is unmarried. He was immediately lodged in jail.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The coroner to-day held an inquest in the case of John T. Collins, who was killed on Sunday afternoon by Pat. E. Mullin. The jury, after hearing the testimony of a number of witnesses, returned a verdict charging Mullen with murder.

Frederick Rentschler, vice president and manager of the Indianapolis Manufacturing company, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head with a Winchester rifle. He leaves a wife and three children. Financial trouble was supposed to be the cause for the suicidal action.

ERIE, Kansas, July 27.—The trial of Willie Sells, charged with the murder of his father, mother, brother and sister, was concluded to-day. A verdict was returned finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree. The prisoner, though very pale, betrayed no emotion.

NOGALES, Ariz., July 27.—A shooting affray took place at Plancha del Plato mine between J. H. Smith, alias A. H. Morell, and Geo. H. Miles. Smith was arrested here some six weeks ago on a charge of murder, and was committed in Nebraska some three or four years ago. After his arrest he made his escape into Mexico, vowing vengeance against Miles, who gave information which led to Smith's arrest. Miles visited Plancha del Plato mine yesterday and while there saw and recognized Smith, who he stated stepped into a cabin, procured a gun and commenced firing. Miles returned the fire, shooting Smith in the stomach with fatal result.

NEW YORK, July 27.—The alleged attempt to blow up the steamboat Sylvan Stream, which was conveying Don Augusto Leopoldo, Prince of Brazil, and his party, to Bay Ridge yesterday, is regarded by the police as a practical joke. Detectives have been detailed to find out the perpetrators, nevertheless.

CANADIAN NEWS.

MONTREAL, Quebec, July 27.—The pallium was to-day conferred upon Archbishop Fabre, by Cardinal Taschereau, amid great pomp and ceremony. There was an attendance of about 17,000.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, July 26.—The Times says it is believed that the Marquis of Salisbury has offered to serve under Lord Hartington, as premier, if the latter would assume the work of forming a coalition government.

It is stated that Lord Randolph