From THE DAILY COLONIST, September 1.

## THE CITY.

NOVEMBER, 1, 1893, has been proclaimed as the date for the coming into force of the Fire Insurance Policy Act of 1893.

ESSIE TITTEL, the actress, who played a short stock engagement in this city, is shortly to marry a fifteen times millionaire.

SAYS the Glasgow Weekly Mail of August 12: "Jane McIntosh, 7 West street, desires the address of Charles Wood, last heard from at 22 Toronto street, Victoria, B. C."

CHARLES HENRY WRIGHT and A. M. Leitch, both charged with forgery, have elected for speedy trial. The former will have his case disposed of on Saturday morning.

MEMBERS of the Epworth League gave a social, on Wednesday evening, at the Centennial Methodist church, to the members of the Quarterly Official and Trustee boards.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for an athletic entertainment, parachute descension and drill by the Victoria Fire Department, on the evening of Saturday week, the 9th inst.

EVANGELIST JOE HESS, the converted prize fighter, who was here about twelve months ago and addressed several large meetings in Temperance hall, has been stricken with paralysis.

FOUR drunks and a Chinaman, known as Ah Kee, charged with supplying liquor to an Indian, made up the Police court docket yesterday. The information laid against the Mongolian was withdrawn.

A. C. TRAINOR, for many years a resident of Victoria, has taken over the New York dining parlors, which he will formally open on Saturday and thereafter run in first class style, open day and night.

REV. MR. LEE, Bishop of the African M. E. church, who passed through Victoria last Friday, on his way to Nanaimo, will be here on Sunday next, and address the colored people of Victoria, at the Lyceum hall, Broad street.

AUGUST, just closed, has been, in Victoria, a hard month on the little ones, the great proportion of the forty deaths recorded being those of infants. The number of births for the month was twenty-six, and of marriages, thirteen.

AN ingenious thief succeeded in extracting furs valued at $60 from a bale forming part of the cargo of a northern steamer, recently arrived, replacing the valuable skins with several pairs of boots. Suspicion points to a Chinese cannery employe.

EDWARD MUTCH, charged with drugging and robbing a chance acquaintance, having elected for speedy trial and entered a plea of "not guilty," the evidence in the case will be heard next Friday, the prisoner in the meantime being released on bail.

MEMBERS of Fernwood lodge, C.O.O.F., are requested to be present in full force at the regular meeting, this evening. The delegates to the late district meeting will make a very interesting report of the proceedings of the district lodge. Nomination of officers for the coming term will also be an important part of the evening's proceedings.

PETER LARSON, the contractor for the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, arrived in Spokane unannounced the other day and dodged the newspaper reporters by securing a quiet boudoir in a pretty but secluded locality. In conversation with a friend, he said: "Tracklaying is going on rapidly. Rails are laid across the border now and there is no reason to doubt that everything will be finished on time. It looks that way at present according to the best calculations."

THE San Francisco Chronicle says editorially: "The details from Victoria of the seizure of British sealers by the Russians show very plainly that the Czar's cruiser exceeded her instructions. If all the vessels captured were permitted to go on parole they will be apt to appear at home instead of reporting at Vladivostock. The Russians have a bad name for their manner of dealing with the masters and crews of confiscated vessels, and it is the policy of wisdom to keep out of their clutches."

THE beautiful residence of Mr. Robert Scott, Cedar Hill, was the scene, Wednesday evening, of the marriage of Mr. R. J. Hawkey, principal of the Spring Ridge public school, and Miss Isabella Scott, the ceremony being witnessed by a large company of friends and neighbors. Mr. R. Landells and Miss Jean Ann Scott supported groom and bride, and Rev. D. MacRae solemnized the marriage. The number and valuable character of the wedding gifts bore testimony to the popularity of bride and groom.

THE suggestion has been thrown out by a veteran of the police force that the men on patrol duty in the suburbs be furnished with bicycles. The silent steed, would, it is claimed, be of immense service and worth an additional man in each case, for it would enable the officer to report fires quickly, run down offenders and cover his territory twice or thrice instead of once a night and with greater ease. At any time the officer could in an instant lock his wheel by the roadside and leave it safely until he had use for it again. The suggestion merits consideration.

"IT is reported," says the San Francisco Call, "that D. M. Cashin, who was at one time connected with the Appraiser's office in the Custom house, wishes to come back to this city and answer to the indictments found against him by the United States Grand Jury. Cashin is charged with defrauding the Government out of duties on imported goods, and for the past year has been in hiding in Victoria, Mrs. Cashin came to this city recently and applied to United States district Attorney Garter for a reduction of the bail, which has been fixed at $25,000. She said that if this was done her husband would come back and stand trial. The District Attorney refused to grant the request, but said that if Cashin returned and gave himself into custody he would see that the bail was reduced.

THE new city lock-up is now in regular use, and its advantages or disadvantages are becoming recognized by the jailers. It is new and, consequently, sweet and clean, two great points in its favor; but had the jailers been consulted when the plans were prepared, it, no doubt, would have been laid out differently. The cell floors, for example, would have sloped toward the passage-way, in order that the apartments of the prisoners might be kept cleaner and dryer; the prisoners' bath-room would not have been reached only through the office, and there would have been a store-room of some sort, where the blankets, table utensils, etc., might be conveniently kept. The officers' bath-room, with a big window opening on Cormorant street, ground floor, would not have been provided with a heavily barred jail door, and there would have been some communication between the lock-up and the barrack-room. The peculiarities instanced are a few of the unusual features of Victoria's new lock-up.

A NEW building is being erected in connection with Angela College, with a view to accommodating the increasing number of pupils.

THE lawyers are taking advantage of the vacation to get old cases in order, with a view to bringing them to a conclusion when the legal machinery is again in motion.

REV. CHARLES CURRY, formerly of Australia, is advertised to lecture at Temperance hall, Pandora street, this evening, taking for his subject, "The Monk that Shook the World."

MR. JAMES BRADY, C.E., manager of the Thunder Hill mine, is down on a visit, and is stopping at the Balmoral. Things at the mine are proceeding quietly, and Mr. Brady has nothing out of the ordinary to report.

NAPOLEON SAUTIER and Mrs. Marie Louise Liberty, who eloped from Vancouver, are said to be in Victoria. Their intention is presumed to go to California by to-day's steamer. Mr. Liberty will seek a divorce.

ALL the headquarter companies B.C.B.G.A. turnod out to drill in the Market hall, last evening, in preparation for General Herbert's arrival in Victoria. The drill was given under Col. Prior's supervision and was well attended.

YESTERDAY morning witnessed the interment, at Ross Bay cemetery, of the mortal remains of the late G. Jowl, who died at Parson's Bridge, on Tuesday. The deceased was about forty years of age, a widower, and the father of two children, who are living in Eastern Canada.

CONGRATULATIONS are being extended by his numerous friends to Mr. Stanley Phipps, of the Lands and Works Department, who, at last, has fallen a victim to Cupid's dart. The interesting announcement appears in to-day's issue. The happy couple left, this morning, for Shawnigan lake.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH of this city has incorporated under the Benevolent Societies act, with the following gentlemen as trustees: John Sluggett, Charles Henry Tarbell, Samuel McCully Smith, James B. Clarke, Donald Grant Walker, Donald McMillan, Charles Rupert King, William Marchant and Daniel Campbell.

MESSRS. W. C. ARCHER, J. P. Cameron, J. H. Currie, James Delaney, R. G. Henderson, R. B. Kerr, R. J. Sutherland, Wm. Tomlinson and W. R. Mills, all "British subjects and residents of New Denver," have given notice of an application to the Legislature for incorporation as the New Denver Electric Light & Water Works Co., Ltd.

ANDREW KEATING has given notice of application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to establish a highway along the line between sections 12 and 13, South Saanich, starting from the intersection of the West road, across ranges 1, 2 and 3, east, and so far into range 4, east, to meet the East Saanich road.

THE window of C. A. Lombard & Co.'s music store at present contains an interesting portrait in oils of the intrepid explorer Mackenzie, whose centenary was recently celebrated in this city. The picture is from the brush of Mr. Rene Quentin, and as a work of art alone, apart from the historical associations, would attract attention anywhere.

LAST night's drawing for the 34th appropriation of the Victoria Building Society resulted successfully to shares 150 A and B, 150 C and D being withdrawn. The winning shares stand in the name of Mrs. A. M. Wescott, and the drawing committee was composed of Messrs. W. W. Northcott, George Brown and J. T. Fee. This makes $117,000 awarded up to date.

THE Canadian Gazette notes the marriage, on August 10, at Portskewett church, Monmouthshire, by the father of the bride, of Charles Herbert Beevor-Potts, of Nanaimo, son of Walter J. Potts, of Amersham, Bucks, and grandson of the late Sir Thomas Branthwaite Beevor, Bart., of Haigham Hall, Norfolk, to Gertrude Mary, youngest daughter of Rev. W. H. Williams, M.A., rector of Portskewett and rural dean.

AT THE residence of Mr. R. Weir, J.P., Metchosin, Mr. George R. Porter was yesterday afternoon married to Miss Minnie Hartley Swanwick, Rev. W. G. H. Ellison officiating, the Misses Ellison acting as bridesmaids, and Mr. W. H. Porter being his brother's supporter. The bride was given away by Mr. Weir, her grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Porter will at once take up their residence on the former's ranch in South Cowichan.

PARTS one and two of "The Book of the Fair" have been received from the publishers—The Bancroft Company, of San Francisco and Chicago. The work promises to be one of the most elaborate and at the same time artistic of books devoted to a description of the great "White City." The illustrations are up to the well known high standard of the Bancroft Company, and the fact that the literary portion of the work is from the hands of Hurbert Howe Bancroft himself is sufficient guarantee that it will be a most fitting souvenir of the greatest show on earth.

ACCORDING to the official journal of that trade, the hours and wages of stone-cutters in the following places in Canada are: Toronto, nine hours a day and five on Saturday, wages 43c per hour; Ottawa, nine hours and nine on Saturday, wages 33⅓c per hour; Sault Ste. Marie, ten hours a day and nine on Saturday, wages 40c per hour; Vancouver, B.C., eight hours a day and four on Saturday, wages 56¼c per hour; Victoria, B.C., nine hours a day and eight on Saturday, 56¼c per hour, and Winnipeg, nine hours a day and eight on Saturday, wages 45c per hour.

THE Police court business during the past month has been pretty active, a great many summons cases having been disposed of. The cases dealt with are recorded as follows: Drunk, 28; for safe keeping, 1; larceny, 1; deserters from H. M. navy, 4; assault, 5; obtaining goods under false pretences, 1; unsound mind, 1; forgery, 2; possession of intoxicants, 1; supplying intoxicants 1; infraction of Revenue by-law, 15; infraction of Street by-law, 8; infraction of Liquor License by-law, 1; infraction of Park by-law, 3; infraction of Hack by-law, 1; infraction of Fire by-law, 1, and infraction of Public Morals by-law, 2.

MR. JOHN WILSON is down from Cache creek, and is registered at the Oriental. Though reporting things quiet, Mr. Wilson does not bring a tale of hard times, so frequently heard now. The hay crop has been a remarkably good one, both in quality and quantity, so that stock owners will be in a position to provide against a recurrence of last year's cold snap. Ample provision is being made in the matter of outside supplies for the cattle. Mining has been quiet, and the general tenor of life smooth, consequently Mr. Wilson has no news of a remarkable character. He will return home in the course of a day or two.

LIEUT.-COL. DESJARDINS, M.P., of Quebec, is a guest at the Victoria. He is a man combining military, political and journalistic qualities, having been for some years editor of Le Canadien, and being also a prominent militia officer; he was a member of the Quebec Local House before he aspired to Dominion political honors, being successful in the contest for the constituency of Montmorency at a by-election in 1890, and re elected in 1891. Mr. L. I. Frechette, M. P., who accompanies Col. Desjardine, is descended from one of the old historic French families of Quebec He was first elected to the Commons in 1882, and returned at the last election. They are here for pleasure and information.

PROFESSOR GUSTAF RETZIUS, who is a member of the Academy of Sciences and inspector of the University at Stockholm, is a guest at the Hotel Dallas. He has been gathering useful data for his profession. On the last trip north of the steamer Princess Louise, Mr. Retzius was a passenger. He went as far as Bella Bella, where he met Mr. Jacobson, an old acquaintance of his, who is engaged in a line of inquiry in which he is particularly interested, and which, in fact, brought him to this coast, —namely, the history of the customs and language of the natives. Although his stay in the North was rather short, Mr. Retzius has secured a great many Indian curiosities, and information for his Academy, Mr. Jacobson having given him all possible aid. Mr. Retzius is well acquainted with Mr. Jacobson's brother, Aderian, who is head of the Berlin University of Science, one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the world. "I have been all through Eastern Canada and the United States on business in connection with my profession," said Mr. Retzius, last evening, "and I find this to be one of the prettiest countries I have ever been in. During my stay here I have been a frequent visitor to the Provincial museum, which, although it greatly interests me, I think could be greatly improved, the opportunities for doing so being far greater than they will be in future years, when probably students of science would give a good deal for data which they can readily obtain now for almost nothing. Of all the collection of Indian curios now on exhibition in the Berlin University, I think that from Alaska is better than any other of the Pacific Coast."

## BUSINESS FOR THE BOARD.

### Three Important Resolutions Which Ald. McKillican Will Present to the City Council at a Special Meeting This Afternoon.

A special meeting of the City Council has been called for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by His Worship, the Mayor. There are several important matters of business to be brought forward, including the following resolutions, notice of which was duly given yesterday morning by Ald. W. D. McKillican.

"Resolved, that that portion of a resolution of the Council, passed on the 9th day of August, 1893, which awarded the Spring Ridge surface drain contract to Messrs. H. H. McDonald & Co., at $9,784, and that portion of a resolution of the Council, passed on the 14th day of August, 1893, which authorized the City Clerk to affix the corporate seal to the contract awarded for the above work to Messrs. H. H. McDonald & Co., be hereby rescinded and annulled; and that the Spring Ridge surface drain be constructed in brick and the contract for the same be hereby awarded to Messrs. Coughlan & Mayo at $8,935 35, and that the city clerk be authorized to affix the corporate seal to the contract.

"Resolved that all persons resident upon or owning property along the line of the surface drains where there is no sewer, be permitted to connect their premises temporarily with the surface drains, only separate water being allowed to enter the drains where a sewer is available for carrying off sewage matter."

"Resolved that Messrs. F. W. Adams and William P. Sayward be notified to remove immediately, at their own expense, the fences, buildings and other obstructions belonging to them on the south side of View street, between Cook and Ormond streets, back to the street line as defined by the City Engineer, for the purpose of widening the said street to the uniform width of sixty feet, said removal having been agreed to by the said F. W. Adams and William P. Sayward in their letter to the Council, dated the 2nd of May last.

## FIRES FOR AUGUST.

### A Longer List Than Usual But Comparatively Little Damage Done to Property.

August 3—3 a.m., box 62, fire at stable on South side Rae street, between Douglas and Blanchard streets; owner, C. Nelson; cause, supposed to be ashes; loss, $350; no insurance.

August 4—Box 61, at 1:45 p.m., fire on roof of two-story building, Waddington alley; cause, sparks; no loss.

August 12—11:30 a.m., box 35, fire at two-story brick building, No. 75½ Wharf street; occupant, Captain A. H. Burns; cause unknown; loss $15.

August 16—11:40 a.m., box 31, fire at two story frame residence, No. 134 Humboldt street; occupant, C. A. Vernon; cause, sparks falling on roof; loss $25.

August 17—Box 31, no fire.

August 19—9:30 p.m., box 31, chimney fire at two-story brick building, No. 45 Yates street; no loss.

August 21—8.30 p.m., box 31, fire at Vancouver bakery, Fort street; cause, gaslight setting fire to window blind; no loss.

August 25—7.30 p.m., box 61, rubbish fire, Chinese garden, Cedar Hill road; no loss.

August 26—Still alarm; brush fire near Protestant Orphanage, Cook street; no loss.

August 26—5 p.m., still alarm; grass fire, Dallas road; no loss.

August 27—11.15 a.m., grass fire, Beacon Hill; no loss.

August 27—11.45 a.m., box 61, grass fire, Fernwood road; no loss.

August 27—2 p.m., still alarm, grass fire, Cook street; no loss.

August 27—5.15 p.m., box 61, fire on roof of J. A. Graham's residence, Hillside avenue; cause, sparks; loss $10.

August 31—1.30 p.m., grass fire on Pandora street; no loss.

Total fires and alarms, 15; estimated loss during month $400.

ARRIVALS at the Victoria: E. A. Curtis and W. Thomas, Vancouver; Robert Carmacher and J. B. Macabe, Marquette, Mich.; W. Gamble and Miss Gamble, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Bruce, F. B. Hollenbech and C. E. Thompson, Seattle.

You don't know how much better you will feel if you take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will drive off that tired feeling and make you strong.

## COUNCIL CANDIDATES

### Air Their Eloquence at Victoria West and Discuss Municipal Matters.

### Electric Light, Fire Protection, Sewers and Other Matters Claim Attention.

There was no complaint of overcrowding at the meeting in Victoria West, last evening, in connection with the candidature of Mr. Caleb Bishop, as the attendance was limited. His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Bragg were present, as well as Mr. Robertson, the other candidate for the North ward. Mr. Warner and Mr. McKenzie were elected chairman and secretary respectively.

Mr. Caleb Bishop was the first to address the meeting, devoting his attention first to the question of lighting, which is one of the main objects in Victoria West. Where is the money to come from? There is no power to increase the power in the city to extend out to that place; but there is the tramway company, from which power can be got without any difficulty, and the speaker outlined the necessary distribution of the lights required. Then there was the question of fire protection. There have been several fires out there lately, when it was found people were powerless to help themselves. He considered immediate steps should be taken to remedy this. The speaker also referred to the question of sidewalks, their danger to the public in some places, and their total absence in many cases. Great injustice had been done in this respect, as was instanced by the work done on Hillside avenue, the Saanich road, Cadboro Bay road and other places. One improvement was badly needed in the sidewalk along the Esquimalt road, which is at present in a very dangerous state. The Council took these places into the city, and knew the conditions which existed, but the people were asked to pay their ordinary taxes and afterwards expected to pay under the Local Improvement system for these necessary things. This was not fair; and the speaker thought that the people of Victoria West had a good honest claim, that some of the money paid in taxes should be spent in the locality. As regards the water supply, he had to say that if the Council would supply and place hydrants, the people would find enough water without cost to the city. As to the sewerage, Mr. Bishop was very sorry to hear that the surface drains had been turned to improper use. In passing he would express the hope that some of the $25,000 raised for this purpose would find its way out to Victoria West. He had heard that in opening this drain at one point, typhoid fever had broken out in two families, and the chances are that this terrible disease may spread. This should be stopped immediately, and the sewer used disinfected. Connection should be made with the sewers where completed, at once. There was no use laying out a lot of money in the construction of a sewer and then leaving that sewer unused, and he therefore thought the branches should have been connected at the same time as the main sewer was being built, and thus save considerable trouble and expense. The taxation in the matter of the sewerage was not equal, a fact very evident in looking at the North Ward. Again there was the unequal enforcement of the Streets by-law. In conclusion, he would say that if the people thought him a fit and proper person to represent them, he would be happy to serve them.

Mr. W.A. Robertson, the other candidate, referred to the unequal disposition of the taxes. The affairs of the Council are in such a muddled shape, it is utterly impossible to say how matters really are. But there is one thing certain, and that is there is extra taxation; but what good had come of it, it would take a microscope to discover, for if the people want anything they are pointed to the Local Improvement By-law. The whole trouble was that we are under too much government, Municipal, Local, Dominion and Imperial, the last being the best, inasmuch as it costs us nothing. These are times when everyone was curtailing expenses, and the speaker would like to ask if the Council had done anything towards lightening the burden of the people? If they had not done so, he maintained they should have. Mr. Robertson also reflected on the unequal representation of the North Ward in the Council, and also spoke of the question of the Indian Reserve. This is a matter that should be disposed of—in fact the city should have this property. Also, there was the Victoria & Sidney railway, in connection with which the city had been called upon to pay a large amount of money. He did not think the city should be "cinched" at all in this matter. Mr. Robertson had noticed on the Council bulletin board a notice to the effect that leave would be asked to turn sewage into the surface drains. He did not think that there would be any great advantage in this, provided proper protective measures were taken. Reference was also shortly made to the water supply, the speaker being of the opinion that that, under the present financial circumstances, the best should be made of what the city has got. In connection with the overland railways, he thought the people would be guided by circumstances, but considered it would be to the interest of the city to guarantee a certain sum. He was opposed to the Local Improvement By-law, on the ground that it was unfair. Had the city started in with such a measure, it would be all right. The contract trouble was also touched upon, and incidentally the speaker expressed his disapproval of any man being compelled to pay a tax for leave to work.

Mr. Beaumont Boggs asked from the candidates an expression personally of their qualification, which was given.

His Worship Mayor Beaven was called upon for a few words. With regard to the extension of the city limits, he had not been a party to it, and he considered it was a great mistake that the people had acted as they did. In the matter of the Victoria & Sidney railway, the ratepayers had voted on this, and if the company did not meet their obligations the city had to protect its credit. The consequence was that the city had to pay out some nine or ten thousand dollars this year, a sum which could have been used to good advantage by the Council for other purposes. His Worship went into the question of receipts and expenditure, and showed that the Council had spent up to the present some $125,000 over their receipts, which had to be made up by the close of the year.

After having answered a number of questions put by the meeting, His Worship was followed by Ald. Bragg, who went into an exhaustive explanation of his position in connection with the late contract trouble. Mr. Boggs put Ald. Bragg through a severe catechising on this subject, words just getting warm between the two when the chairman interfered, and the Mayor replied to some remarks of Ald. Bragg.

The usual votes brought the proceedings to a close.

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## THE CITY.

THERE have been twenty new water services granted and one building permit issued during the month of August.

COMPLAINTS are made that the South Saanich road is at present in bad condition, the road labor having been unsatisfactorily performed.

S. PERRY MILLS has been retained by the gentleman who says he will bring an action to unseat Ald. McKillican, but so far no writ has been issued or action taken.

M. F. BAILEY has now been missing from his home on Meares street almost a week, and the fear that he has drowned himself is becoming more and more a conviction as the days go by.

FRANK SANSON was in the Police court, yesterday morning, charged with first attempting to break the door of a cabin, on Chatham street, and, later, resisting Officer Redgrave. For the first offence he was fined $10, and for the second $20.

AUGUST collections for Inland Revenue division No 37, Victoria, are as follows: Spirits, $6,476 86; malt, $3,387.74; tobacco, $5,132 75; cigars, $840; licenses, $125; petroleum inspection, $74 60; malt liquor, $73 80; rent of land, $22. Total, $16,132.75.

THE collectors for the Jubilee hospital funds will be around to-day soliciting subscriptions, and hope to be well rewarded for their work. They feel that they are collecting for a most worthy institution which is a credit to the city, and hope for liberal support in their efforts to properly maintain it.

MRS. ROBERT JOHNSON, of Black Point, Halifax county, N. S., has written to Superintendent Sheppard for information concerning her son, Walter Johnson, who was last heard from in this city. Any friend of the young man, knowing his address, would confer a favor on the anxious mother by communicating with her or with the Chief of Police.

THERE is not a very great deal of interest taken in the election of an Alderman for the North Ward, vice Munroe Miller resigned, which is to be held to-day. The poll will be taken at the City Hall at the usual hours. Friends of both the candidates are, however, doing more or less quiet work, and the vote cast may be much heavier than it is now supposed it will be.

PREPARATIONS are actively going forward at Esquimalt for the departure of the Royal Arthur, which will take place on Monday morning. She will go north for ten or fifteen days, and will return to put matters in order for the Southern trip. The boats which have been cruising about since the vessel's arrival are in need of the scraping and overhauling which they are at present receiving.

LOCAL Conservatives are talking about making some arrangements to have a public meeting in Victoria during the visit of Hon. Geo. E Foster, Minister of Finance, and Hon. A. R. Angers, Minister of Agriculture. The suggestion made is that the ministers shall be asked to address a mass meeting to be held at the Victoria Theatre, and there is little doubt if proper arrangements are made the distinguished visitors will be accorded a hearty reception.

THE authorities are considering the advisability of having a telephone placed in the doctor's residence at the new Williams Head quarantine station. There are telegraph poles all the way down, and thus the only expense that would be incurred would be for stringing wires and putting in instruments. A telephone service throughout the quarantine station connecting the different buildings and giving easy communication would also be a great convenience.

MR. JUSTICE WALKEM yesterday afternoon received a plea of "guilty" from A. M. Leitch, charged with forgery, and, in view of the application for mercy made in the prisoner's behalf by Mr. E. E. Wootton, his counsel, sentenced him to fifteen months' imprisonment only. The crime was committed on Saturday last and detected Monday, Leitch being at once arrested and committed for trial from the Police court. He elected for speedy trial yesterday and was not kept waiting.

ONLY a small number of people were present last evening to listen to a highly interesting discourse on the life of Martin Luther, by Rev. Mr. Curry. This was the loss, however, of those who failed to attend. The speaker traced the life of the great reformer from childhood up, filling in the intervals with many little pictures and anecdotes taken from the career of the subject under discussion. In this the lecturer displayed a close intimacy with the history of Luther, giving many instances which have not yet been brought before the public in such an interesting manner.

THE wonderful musical prodigies, the Beasey Children Concert Co., of California, have been engaged by the directors of the Jubilee hospital to give two of their delightful concerts at The Victoria, on Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9. Speaking of these very clever little people, the Santa Cruz Surf says: "The Beasey children do not have more promised for them than they perform. They are promising little musicians, and what they already accomplish is wonderful for their years. Miss Jennie, the eldest, though still young, is a musical composer. Her violin playing is wonderfully easy and finished, her bowing free, and her execution surprisingly good. 'Mayflower,' the third, is a capital little pianiste, though she is too short to think of using the pedals. Violetta, the baby, is a revelation, and to see the midget stand bravely up alone and play the "Carnival de Venice," on her mite of a violin, bringing out sonorous tones and giving tricksy variations, enthused the audience to the last extent."

MR. W. A. JOWETT, of Nelson, is paying Victoria a brief visit, and speaks hopefully of the prospects of the upper country, notwithstanding the prevailing dull times. Speaking of operations at the mines, Mr. Jowett reports operations going on at the Washington, Dardanelles, Idaho, Bonanza King, Mountain Chief, Lucky Jim, Wellington, and several others, where a number of men are constantly employed. An extension of time has been granted on the bond of the Great Western mine, and he expects that his firm will commence operations within a very short time. A quantity of ore has been brought down to Kaslo by wagon, the sampling works being now in operation. The manager and consulting engineer of the Silver King are expected to be in Nelson in the course of a few days, when no doubt steps will be taken to commence work. Building is going ahead on both the Nelson & Fort Sheppard and the Nakusp, the latter road being expected to be finished about December. Nelson City is holding its own, real estate prices remaining firm. Quite a number of men are taking up land on the lake shores now and devoting their attention to fruit growing, to which that locality seems well adapted. Mr. Selous has set a good example in this direction, and reaped a reward of at least one apple this year.

MR. EDWIN HOBBS and Miss A. E. Newham were joined in marriage, yesterday afternoon, at St. John's church, by Rev. Percival Jenns, Mr. F. N. Hobbs and Miss Eddy supporting respectively the groom and bride.

AT St. James church, yesterday, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven united in marriage Mr. Henry March, of Cowichan Lake, and Miss Edith Wardroper, youngest daughter of Mr. John Wardroper, of Manchester, England.

WORK on the new drill shed will now be pushed forward with all due rapidity until that structure is completed. This is understood to be the result of a telegram having been received yesterday from Major-General Herbert containing the necessary instructions.

THE COLONIST'S Plumper Pass correspondent writes that he may have been misinformed in regard to the explosion of the boiler at Tumbo Island; he will "investigate and report." The boiler, in any event, was not the original one; it was blown to atoms, and replaced by a boiler purchased in this city.

A MEETING of the City Council was called for yesterday afternoon, to deal with several matters of which notice had been given. Aldermen McKillican and Styles, with Mayor Beaven, were on hand, but the balance of the board did not turn up, and the meeting had therefore to be abandoned for want of a quorum.

HEREAFTER, Collector Milne will devote the afternoons of Monday and Saturday to the consideration of sealers' claims, and it is necessary that parties having claims should have them in proper shape, so as to save any unnecessary trouble to the Collector, and also facilitate the business of settlement. Claims must be certified by the owner, master or first officer of the schooner to which the claimant belongs.

EDWARD HOLMES, the English pedestrian-reporter who recently completed a transcontinental tramp, went over to Vancouver yesterday with the intention of returning Monday. While on the Mainland he will doubtless have something to say in reply to the statements of "Pedestrian" in Wednesday's World. "Pedestrian," in a letter from Agassiz, intimates that though Mr. Holmes is a good walker, he is a better "fakir."

YESTERDAY afternoon Dr. Hull took a party of invited guests on a pleasure trip in his pretty little naphtha launch, Mecca. The journey comprised a visit to the Gorge, and afterwards a spin round to Esquimalt, where the war vessels formed an item of interest to the party. Although the water was rather rough and choppy, the little vessel proved herself more than equal to all that came her way. The Doctor expects to return home about Sunday morning.

A MONTREAL paper announces that a test will shortly be made of the jurisdiction of the Supreme court of British Columbia to dissolve marriages, numerous divorces having been granted by the judges here, but their validity never having been determined by any court of final resort. The power, not enjoyed in any other Provinces of the Dominion, is obtained, it is claimed, under the English Divorce Act, passed while this Province was as yet a Crown colony.

THE meeting of Sir William Wallace Society was well attended last evening. A large number of performers took their places as singers, dancers and instrumentalists. H.M.S. Garnet was represented by some of the men from that vessel, who seemed to enjoy themselves well taking part in the performances of the evening. The sailors' hornpipe pleased them highly. It was resolved that the proposed picnic should be abandoned and a concert held instead—two weeks hence. Several beautiful songs were sung. The meeting seemed to give satisfaction to all present.

MRS. HASTINGS, otherwise Hattie Stratton, is still in custody at Port Townsend, unable to raise the necessary $150 bail. Several stories are going the rounds about the probable incentive which this pretty creature had to follow in smuggling as a means of earning money. One is of a sentimental character, to the effect that she was driven to it in order to provide for a sick mother and sister. This, however, meets with but little credence in several quarters, and she will have to take her chances of the act in which she was caught so red-handed. M. B. Sachs is defending her.

THE second annual convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs will be held in San Francisco the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st inst., when fire departments all the way from Texas to British Columbia will be represented. Chief Deasy, of the Victoria fire department, has already been notified of the meeting and has been assigned a most difficult topic to speak on: "The importance of insurance companies discriminating in favor of lower rates of insurance in all cities, large or small, which have paid fire departments." The topics have been chosen by the executive committee of the association, and their discussion is for the general benefit of all firemen.

WINNIPEG COMMERCIAL, Aug. 21: "An Ottawa telegram says that S. Wilmot, superintendent of fish culture, to-day received a report from the inspector relative to the fisheries in Lake Winnipeg. He says the fisheries have had a remarkably good season. Usually the catch of white fish lasts till the first week in October, but this year sufficient have already been caught to supply the market for the season, and the fishermen have all been dismissed. This is due to more severe restrictions on fishing which prevented the depletion of the lake by outsiders to the extent to which it was practised in former years. Very wonderful, to be sure; but as the catch of fish has been increasing right along, only an interested official can see how 'the severe restrictions' have had anything to do with the success of the catch this season." Perhaps the modest superintendent will take credit to himself for the big run of salmon in the Fraser year.

TICKETS numbers 5 and 12 won the gold watch and cigar holder at Morris' last night.

AN additional polling place has been established at Harper's claim on Horsefly river, in the electoral district of Cariboo.

Two Chinese peddlers who were convicted by the Police Magistrate a short time ago of selling vegetables without a license have appealed, the cases coming before the County Court on the 7th instant.

WORK at extending Broad street through to the city market commenced yesterday. The brick building left partially finished at the end of Broad street is about the only obstruction in the work and it is being torn down.

YESTERDAY was the last day which the Young Men's Christian Association had to secure pledges to cover their debt of $3,000, and at 10 o'clock last night the work was finished. The members all wear a serene smile, and will soon call up their friends for the money pledged.

AN ordination service will be held in the Reformed Episcopal church, to-morrow morning, when Mr. G. Clement King will be ordained Presbyter of the R. E. church, the ceremony to be performed by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge. Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the First Presbyterian church, will occupy the pulpit.

DR. JAMES MCGREGOR, the City Librarian, reports having given out 1,663 books during the month of August, of which 804 were taken by ladies and 859 by gentlemen. The average number of books distributed per day was 64, while the highest number was 127. There were 9 new cards issued to ladies and 18 to gentlemen, a total of 27.

EARLY this morning fire destroyed a house on Cedar Hill road about two miles from the city limits. The house was owned by Dalby and Claxton, and up to last Saturday was occupied by a man named McGlashan, but was vacant at the time of the fire. Loss, about $4,000. Chief Deasy went out to the scene, but found it impossible to render any assistance.

IT was understood that Mr. Napoleon Sautier and Mrs. Liberty arrived over by the Rithet, yesterday, with the object of taking the San Francisco steamer; but, if they did so, they kept out of sight, and left under assumed names. Mr. Liberty has retained counsel, and will proceed at once in the matter of obtaining a divorce, in which event it is expected affairs will once more run smoothly.

LAST night William A. Steele, a pioneer who came to this Province thirty years ago, died in this city. He was a prominent member of the Victoria lodge of Odd Fellows, and also a member of Victoria lodge United Workingmen. He was for many years superintendent of the Dominion Government dredging operations, a position he held until compelled to give up on account of failing health. Deceased was a man of sterling good qualities and much respected. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss. The funeral takes place from the Oddfellow's hall to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## COAL SHIPMENTS.

### Exports of the New Vancouver Coal, Mining and Land Company of Nanaimo

The following are the foreign shipments of the New Vancouver Coal Company for the month of August:—

| | Tons. |
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| 1—Steamer Wanderer, Port Townsend | 45 |
| 5—Steamer Tacoma, Port Townsend | 93 |
| 5—Steamer Mogul, Port Townsend | 38 |
| 8—steamer Wanderer, Port Townsend | 55 |
| 8—Steamer Mogul, Port Townsend | 13 |
| 8—Ship Eclipse, San Francisco | 2,502 |
| 8—Bark Rufus E. Wood, Wilmington | 2,346 |
| 8—Steamer Montserrat, San Francisco | 1 841 |
| 10—Steamer Grandholm, San Francisco | 1,630 |
| 12—ship Louis Walsh, Wilmington | 2,372 |
| 12—Steamer Holyoke, Port Townsend | 43 |
| 16—Steamer Romulus, San Francisco | 4,001 |
| 17—Steamer Mogul, Port Townsend | 50 |
| 17—Steamer Sea Lion, Port Townsend | 34 |
| 18—Ship L. J. Morse, San Francisco | 2,300 |
| 18—Ship India, Santa Monica | 2,089 |
| 19—Steamer Wanderer, Port Townsend | 44 |
| 19—steamer Mogul, Port Townsend | 34 |
| 22—Steamer, Tacoma, Port Townsend | 39 |
| 24—Steamer Montserrat, San Francisco | 1,485 |
| 25—Steamer Holyoke, Port Townsend | 39 |
| 25—Steamer Tacoma, Port Townsend | 35 |
| 25—Steamer Grandholm, San Francisco | 1,636 |
| 26—Bark St. Jorn, San Francisco | 2,700 |
| 30—Ship Commodore, San Francisco | 3,120 |
| 30—Steamer Wanderer Port Townsend | 43 |
| 31—Steamer Romulus, San Francisco | 4,200 |
| Total | 32,467 |

### THE WHEEL.

#### THE PROVINCIAL MEETING.

Thanks in a great measure to the energy shown by Local Consul Fred. G. Turner, the first annual meeting of District 11 of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, to be held in New Westminster next month, promises to be far and away the most notable bicycling event in the history of the sport in British Columbia. The racing programme will, it is expected, extend over two days, and it is quite probable that Will. Hyslop, the champion of Canada, will be one of the contestants, Harbottle, his great Toronto rival, giving him battle. These men make their mile in 2:18, and are looked upon as future world beaters. The Westminster meeting will also see the Provincial championships, one and five miles, decided for 1893, and the remainder of the programme will be taken up with team and class races, the latter taking the place of handicaps, as experience has demonstrated them to be far more satisfactory, both to riders and spectators. The Westminster meet will demonstrate the advantages of C. W.A. connection in many ways and the Wanderers, the first C.W.A. club in British Columbia, should not miss the opportunity to show the Province that they still lead in numbers and enthusiasm. A meeting of the district executive is to be held next Saturday at Vancouver, when all the details of the meeting will be decided.

W. A. Gourley, Spokane; Mrs. Sinclair, San Diego; John R. Thomas and E. O'Malley, San Francisco; and Mrs. E. Rankin, San Francisco, are guests at the Dallas.

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