Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1888.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, April 28.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Royal Victoria College.

The senate committee on private bills have passed a bill to incorporate the Royal Victoria College with branches in Winnipeg, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia.

A New Publication.

We have received the first number of the Juneau City *Mining Record*, a bright, well-printed, newsy sheet, which does credit to "the land of the midnight sun." May it long flourish!

The Metlakahtlans.

Alaska *Free Press:* About eighty-five Metlakahtlans arrived in Juneau this week. They have come to stay and seek work in the mines. Their squaws will follow shortly.

Sad Affliction.

Mr. and Mrs. Belanger, of Government street, have met with a sad affliction in the death of their beloved daughter Malvina, which occurred yesterday. The young lady was aged twelve years, and had been ailing for some time past.

For Victoria.

The following passengers for this port left San Francisco yesterday on the Umatilla: Mrs. Pittock, Capt. W. E. May, Sing Wood, D. Acton, E. W. McCoy, Wm. Keeifer, E. McLean, A. Weil and wife, Mackyuen, Lee Quim, C. E. Cummings, Miss M Cridge and J. Whaley.

"Woman."

The April issue of *Woman* is full of entertaining and instructive matter. Edgar Fawcett's new novel, "A Demoralizing Marriage," is continued through several chapters. Florence Percival contributes a lively sketch, entitled an "An April Fool," the *denoument* of which leaves one in a condition of delicious mystification. "Leabia's Fancy Work," by Grace Winthrop, is a graceful love story. In "An Island and an Idyl," H. L. Spencer relates a romantic episode connected with the Island of Grand Manan at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy. Laura Clay discusses "Responsibility of Women to Society." Anna Olcott Commelin describes some woman's clubs, with a retrospective glance at the history of clubs from earliest times. Under the title of "One Woman's Idea," Eleanor Corbet imparts some excellent notions relative to tasteful apparel. There is, of course, the usual amount of useful information in the several "departments" of the magazine, which are attracting universal attention by the masterly manner in which they are handled and sustained. The foregoing is only a partial list of the contents of the April issue, which, like each of its predecessors, is superior in quality to all that have gone before. The illustrated features of this number are especially deserving of commendation.

Cricket.

A game, between married and single members of the Victoria Cricket Club, will be played this afternoon on Beacon Hill. Following is a list of the matches that will be played during the coming season: May 5th, Over thirty *v* under thirty; May 12th, Victoria *v* St. George's Society; May 18th, Victoria *v* B. C. G. A. (return); May 26th, Law and Banks *v* Club; June 1st, Victoria C.C. *v* Union Club; June 9th, Victoria C.C. *v* "C" Battery; June 16th, Victoria C.C. *v* Esquimalt; June 30th, Eleven *v* Next Eighteen; July 7th, Married *v* Single; July 14th, Victoria *v* St. George's Society; July 21st, Over Thirty *v* Under Thirty; July 28th, Law and Banks *v* Club; Aug. 4th, Victoria *v* Union Club; Aug. 11th, Victoria *v* "C" Battery; Aug. 18th, Canadians *v* The World; Aug. 25th, Mr. Sinclair's Eleven *v* Mr. Pooley's Eleven. May 24th, June 23d and and July 2nd have also been reserved for games, but it is not known what matches will take place on those days.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Elizabeth Isaacs, charged before Judge Richards yesterday with vagrancy, was allowed out on her own recognizance.

A Chinaman named Ah Sing was fined $50 and costs yesterday in the police court for smuggling two packages of cigarettes, valued at $8.

The rendition of Davy Crockett at the Club Theatre by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cleaves is worth seeing. They are a clever pair and draw largely nightly.

Mr. H. L. Gulline has gone to Seattle to engage in business with H. B. Cameron as real estate and commercial agents. Mr. E. J. Thain will conduct the business of Gulline & Co. here.

Owing to the prorogation of the House being fixed for this afternoon, the rifle match between teams from "C" Battery and No. 3 Battery, B. C. G. A., will be postponed until Saturday next.

The steamer Yosemite brought down from New Westminster yesterday a large boiler for the Vancouver Coal Company at Nanaimo. It was shipped from Montreal.

In the police court yesterday morning, His Honor Judge Richards sentenced the young man Le Guine, charged with robbing Langley & Co.'s store, to await trial at the next assizes.

MARINE.

Steamer Pilot leaves for Comox to-day at 12 o'clock noon.

Barkentine Constitution has sailed from San Francisco for Chemainus.

Steamer Wellington left San Francisco yesterday for the Wellington collieries.

Steamer Mexico will leave the outer wharf to-day at 1 o'clock p. m. for San Francisco.

Ship John A. Briggs, from Nanaimo for San Francisco, passed out to sea yesterday morning in tow of the tug Alexander.

British bark Brier Holme, prior to going to Moodyville to load lumber for the west coast of South America, is taking in ballast.

Steamer Sardonyx was taken to New Westminster by Capt. Irving from Seattle, where she will lie until her services are required.

Steamer Belle arrived from Vancouver yesterday with a scow laden with hay. The steamer will return to New Westminster this morning.

American ship Fannie Tucker, Greenleaf, 1,526 tons, arrived at Port Moody on Thursday from San Francisco, where she will loan a return cargo of coal.

British ship Ellisland, from San Francisco to load lumber at Port Gamble for Melbourne, arrived at Port Townsend on Thursday. The Ellisland is a magnificent monarch of the water, having a tonnage of 2,355 tons, or the largest of any ship that has ever been on the Sound waters.

A Last Resort.

Last summer, says Wm. J. James, of Atherley, Ont., I felt very miserable with pains over my kidneys, fluttering of the heart and nervousness; after taking different kinds of medicine, hearing of B. B. B. I thought I would try it; one bottle completely cured me. I can highly recommend it to others. tu-th-sat-dw

It is probable that Rev. S. J. Thompson, of the George street Methodist Church, Peterborough, will come to British Columbia next year.

Lord Roseberry will visit Canada during the present summer.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Indian Industrial Schools.

In the Senate, Hon. Mr. Macdonald will ask for correspondence between the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in B. C. and the government, on the subject of establishing industrial schools for Indians in B.C.

Land Slide.

The Pacific express on the C. P. R. encountered a land slide at Twin Bute yesterday and will not arrive at Vancouver until this evening. Mr. Edgar Marvin, Sr., and party are on that train. They were to have returned this evening, but will not arrive until to-morrow night on the Yosemite.

Steamboat Engineer.

Thos E. Bate, son of Mayor Bate, of Nanaimo, passed his first examination as a steamboat engineer before Mr. Russell, steamboat inspector, and a few days ago he received his certificate from the department at Ottawa. Mr. Bate, who is one of Nanaimo's best sons, is to be congratulated on his success.

Polled-Angus.

Calgary *Tribune:* We understand that Mr. F. S. Barnard, of B.C., puchased Proud Prince, one of the Polled-Angus two-year-old bulls, for $400, and intends placing him on his ranche at Kamloops. Piper, who is a half-brother to the famous Dexter, will probably go to the same district.

From San Francisco.

The following are the passengers by the Mexico from San Francisco: Mrs. Pittock, Sing Wood, E. W. McCoy, E. W. McLean, Mack Yuen, C. E. Cummings, Capt. W. E. May, D. Aiton, Wm. Keifer, A. Weil and wife, L. E. Liquime, Miss M. Oridge, J. Whaley.

For San Francisco.

Following is a list of the passengers who left this city yesterday for San Francisco on the steamer Mexico:—Kethe Calvert, Sister Joseph, Sister Pauline, Sister Stephen, Peter Marquhart, J. Dassonville, Mrs. Geo. Williams, Miss S. Williams, Mrs. J. Theall, Mrs. S. E. Lightcap, G. Ertel, and twelve in the steerage.

A Cow Run Down.

As the train from Victoria was entering the station at Nanaimo on Friday, it ran down a cow belonging to Mr. S. Price. The cow came on the track at Prideaux street and engineer Garland whistled and slowed down, but it did not move and the locomotive knocked it off the track. It was so badly injured that the owner was obliged to kill it.

The Pacific Cable.

The *Empire's* London cable says: The impression prevails here that the British annexation of Fanning, Christmas, and Penhryn islands in the Pacific, indicates that the Pacific survey, which always regarded the annexation as essential to establish the practicability of a Pacific cable, is about to be undertaken. It is alleged that apart from the commercial value of the cable, the Imperial government realizes that it would serve to bring several British naval stations within touch of each other.

Rock Creek Wants.

T. Elliott, secretary of a miner's meeting held at Rock Creek, has forwarded resolutions passed at that meeting recommending that the record books be kept at Camp McKinney, and that the mining recorder be also stationed permanently at that camp, instead of at Kettle river. The present place of record is highly inconvenient. The present recorder, Mr. Nicholson, is highly commended as an officer. The necessity of a gold commissioner holding court at the camp is also referred to. The resolutions have been forwarded to the Minister of Mines.

High School Examination.

Names in order of merit of high school pupils who made over 50 per cent.: *English History*—Misses Johnston, Fraser, Fawcett, Master Gibbs, Misses Withrow, Powell, Lee, Workman, Pickard, Mebius, Master Miller, Misses Askew, Carr, Master Gardiner. *Philosophy*—Master Gibbs, Misses Johnston, Pickard, Carr, Fraser, Withrow, Masters Miller, Francis, Misses Powell, Askew, Master Powell, Misses Lee, Robertson, Fawcett, Lettice. *Geography, over seventy per cent.*—Misses Withrow, Fraser, Master Gibbs, Misses Powell, Watson, Master Gardiner, Miss Mebius, Master McDowell, Misses Ure, Johnston, Newbury, Tite. *English literature*—Misses Pickard, Lee. *Latin*—(junior division)—Misses Fraser, Jeffree, Masters Hayward, Lawson, Higgins, Misses Pickard, Davey L, Master Heisterman, Miss Rattray, Master Finlayson, W. H.

Police Court.

Kenneth McLeod, charged with refusing duty on board the schooner Mary Ellen, was discharged. Mr. Mills appeared for the prosecution.

Dick, an Indian, was fined five dollars for being drunk.

James Crowley, for the same offense, paid a similar sum into the city coffers.

A vagrant of long standing, named Henry Soar, was given two months' hard labor in the provincial gaol.

The case of Ah Sing, charged with entering Canada without complying with the provisions of the Chinese Restriction act, was the next one brought up.

Mr. J. P. Walls, who represented the defence, contended that the act was unconstitutional.

Mr. Wilson said that the act applies to persons of Chinese origin.

His honor said the man was liable to a fine of $500 or imprisonment for a term, not exceeding twelve months. He thought that the question would now arise whether sailors on foreign vessels can come ashore in this province.

Mr. Wilson swore to the information being true and asked his honor to grant a remand.

A remand was allowed until Tuesday next and the defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of $250.

Lizzie Howard did not appear to answer to a charge of vagrancy, but Mr. Stuart pleaded guilty in her behalf. The woman was sent for and fined $5.

PERSONAL.

G. Leiser returned from the mainland last night.

Judge Atkinson returned to Westminster this morning.

Mayor Oppenheimer returned to Vancouver this morning.

F. C. Ambridge, travelling auditor of the C. P. R., is at the Driard.

R. Brodrick, jr., leaves to-morrow by the Olympian for San Francisco.

D. Wilson, inspector of schools, and T. C. Sorby have returned to the city from the mainland.

G. A. Keefer, Thos. Kerr, W. F. Bullen and W. Gordon were passengers from Vancouver last night by the Louise.

J. J. Honeyman, of Baird & Honeyman, Farara farm, Comox, came down by yesterday's train and intends staying a few days in the city, on business bent.

Montague Chamberlain, the well-known New Brunswick naturalist, is on his way to this province. He has been engaged by a New York millionaire to secure for him a cabinet of birds, and other national history specimens. Prior to leaving the commercial capital of the province by the Atlantic, he was banquetted by his friends.

CRICKET.

The High School Club Win the Final Match.

Yesterday afternoon the High School and James Bay elevens met at Beacon Hill, to contest the final match. As will be seen by the score appended, the former eleven won, having a majority of thirteen runs. The match was well played and, although the James Bays did not win, they made a plucky resistance. The High School club will challenge other teams during the season.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Higgins b Anderson	36	b. Anderson	11
Baker b McLeod	1	c and b Anderson	1
Humber c Spring b Anderson	8	b Anderson	0
Gardiner b Anderson	3	b McLeod	1
Becker b Anderson	0	Run out	0
McKenzie c Smith b Anderson	0	b McLeod	6
Partridge c Jackson b Anderson	4	c McLeod b Anderson	9
Courtenay c Angus b Anderson	1	Not out	0
Ure, not out	1	c and b Anderson	0
Dodds b Anderson	0	b Anderson	0
Phillips c McLeod b Anderson	0	b Anderson	0
Extras	3	Extras	0
Total	57	Total	28

Grand Total....85

JAMES BAY.

1st Innings		*2nd Innings*	
McLeod b McKenzie	1	b McKenzie	2
F Smith, run out	3	b McKenzie	1
Anderson	15	c Ure, b McKenzie	12
Moore c Baker b Higgins	2	b McKenzie	4
Jackson b McKenzie	0	c Partridge b McKenzie	18
Spring c Humber b Higgins	0	c Humber b McKenzie	2
Wolfenden b Higgins	0	c Partridge b McKenzie	0
Tiedemann c Ure b Higgins	2	b Higgins	1
Angus c and b Higgins	3	c and b McKenzie	0
A Smith, run out	0	Not out	0
McDowell b Higgins	0	c Partridge b McKenzie	0
Extras	3	Extras	1
Total	28	Total	44

Grand Total....72

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Annie Pixley will be the next attraction at The Victoria.

Another and successful blast took place at the Nicol rock, Nanaimo harbor, on Thursday evening.

The attention of the public is called to the announcement of Messrs. McGregor, Knight and McKitrick in another column.

H. P. Ball, of Vancouver, will arrive in the city to-night, for the purpose of signing articles with Wm. Paine for a race in Esquimalt harbor.

Mr. Joseph Hoskin, of Vancouver, and Miss Lizzie Williams, of Nanaimo, were joined in the sacred bonds of matrimony at the "Black Diamond city" on Wednesday.

It is understood that Dr. Griffin is negotiating for the sale of the Sunday *Star*. The sale will probably be consummated to-morrow. The Dr. purposes issuing the *Star* as a society paper twice a week.

A meeting of temperance workers will be held in the Blue Ribbon ball on Wednesday evening next for the purpose of electing lay delegates to the Dominion Alliance Convention, to be held at Vancouver on the 16th May. The meeting commences at 8 o'clock p. m.

A horse attached to a spring wagon was left standing in front of THE COLONIST office for several hours last evening. It at last became impatient, and in a fair way of breaking its fastening, when a policeman came along and took it to the station.

One of the deck hands of the steamship Sardonyx, whilst at Westminster, missed his hold of the casting line and tumbled into the water. An Indian, who saw the accident, fished him out, the man being none the worse for his ducking beyond getting a slight chill.

KAMLOOPS' CONDOLENCE.

Its Citizens Pass Resolutions in Respect to the Memory of the Late Hon. Thomas White.

A meeting of the citizens of Kamloops was held on Thursday afternoon last in the court house for the purpose of giving public expression to the feelings of respect and high esteem entertained by the people of that town and district for the late Hon. Thos. White, minister of the Interior, and also to record the deep sympathy felt for the bereaved family in the great loss sustained by the death of one of Canada's ablest sons. The gathering was fairly representative of the leading citizens, business and professional men of Kamloops. On motion of Mr. J. T. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Tunstall, Mr. James McIntosh was appointed chairman and Mr. D. McGregor secretary.

Mr. McIntosh, Dr. Tunstall, Mr. J. W. McKay, Indian agent, and Mr. D. McGregor spoke.

After further remarks the following resolution, to be forwarded to Mr. Mara, M.P., Ottawa, was moved by Dr. Furze, seconded by Mr. G. W. Jones and carried unanimously:

"The citizens of Kamloops have learned with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. Thos. White, Minister of the Interior, on Saturday last. In him Canada loses one of her most eminent statesmen and one who has endeared himself to us especially by his policy as Minister of the Interior. We beg of you as our representative in the Commons, to convey to the members of the cabinet our deep sympathy in the loss of their late colleague and also to express to Mrs. White and her family our condolence in their sad bereavement."

The secretary was instructed to forward the resolution by telegraph to Mr. Mara at Ottawa, and to send a written copy, with the signatures of the citizens attached, by mail. The resolution was signed by all present and numerous other citizens, representing all shades of political opinion.

MARINE.

Tug Pilot left for Comox at noon yesterday.

Steamer Mexico sailed from the outer wharf yesterday at 1 p. m. for San Francisco.

Collier Antonio is loading coal at Wellington for San Francisco. She will be ready for sea to-day.

Steamer Wellington sailed from San Francisco on Thursday for Wellington for a return cargo of coal.

Steamer Cariboo Fly sailed for the north yesterday afternoon with large freight and passenger lists.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder, Capt. Hunter, sailed for Alaska from Nanaimo on Friday, having taken on 500 tons of coal there.

British iron bark Argyleshire will leave London on June 1st for this port under consignment to Turner, Beeton & Co. See their advertisement.

Steamer Jennie, from San Francisco, arrived at East Wellington on Thursday evening, and is now loading a return cargo of 1,600 tons of coal.

British bark Brier Holme was towed to Moodyville yesterday by the tug Alexander, where she will load lumber for the west coast of South America.

One half of the cargo of lumber which the bark Pietro B. is now loading at Hastings mills is destined for Noumea, in New Caledonia, one of the New Hebrides Islands, and the remainder for Sydney, N. S. W.

A movement is on foot to secure for Robt. S. White, editor of the Montreal *Gazette*, and son of the late Hon. Thos. White, the seat for Cardwell, vacated by the death of the latter. Some leading Liberal politicians pronounce in favor of giving practical proof of their appreciation of the father's worthy son by allowing him to secure election by acclamation should he be chosen by the Conservative party.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Wedded.

At the first wedding ceremony held in the Presbyterian church, Kamloops, the contracting parties were Mr. Wm. Pooley of Nicola and Miss Jennie Douglass of Pictou, N. S.

The Medical Council.

The semi-annual meeting of the medical council will be held this evening at eight o'clock. Intending candidates can secure all necessary information by applying to Dr. Milne, secretary, before the meeting.

Victoria Customs Duties.

Collections at the port of Victoria, B. C., for the month ending 30th April, 1888, were:

Duties	$65,886 88
Miscellaneous	341 88
Chinese immigration	170 00
	$66,398 76

For Behring's Sea.

The sealing schooner Triumph, Capt. Dan McLean, is preparing for the season in the north, and will sail in a day or so. The Mary Ellen, Capt. Alex McLean, will also leave in a couple of days. These veteran sealers state that blows, bluff, or a clean pair of heels will prevent them from being taken by any American revenue cutter pirate.

Laid to Rest.

The funeral of the late Malvina Belanger took place yesterday morning from the residence, Government street, at 9 o'clock, and was largely attended by friends of the grief-stricken family. The *cortege* proceeded to St. Andrew's procathedral where the funeral service was performed, after which the remains were conveyed to Ross Bay cemetery and laid in their last resting place.

The Westminster Southern Railway.

Considerable excitement exists at the present time in Westminster city over the probable construction of the Southern railway to the boundary line. On Saturday there was a rush for acre lots on the southern side of the river at Brownsville, and the speculators were already contemplating the immense profits that would accrue to them on their investment.

Gas Explosion.

An explosion of gas occurred in the mine at Anthracite at about five o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Fortunately there was nobody in the mine at the time, or there would have been great loss of life. The miners had only just quit work, and the men from the stall where the explosion occurred had only got clear of the place when the explosion of the blasting charge, which ignited the gas, occurred. Great damage was done to timber, &c. The force of the explosion did some injury to the fan and blew dust and stuff into the engine house. Greater precautions will be necessary, or some catastrophe will be likely to occur at any time.

How He Fixed Him.

Capt. Alex. McLean, master and owner of the Mary Ellen, is one of the pleasantest fellows in the world, and those who sail under him say they do not desire a better commander; that is, when they attend to their duty. On his late trip to the west coast, one of the hands refused to obey orders, and the captain got in a left hander that laid him out. He then placed the malcontent in irons in the hold on a diet of bread and water. On his arrival in port he had the man placed in custody, and on his appearance before the magistrate the latter decided the prisoner had received sufficient punishment.

The Salvation Army.

Way Cry: Victoria.—Capt. Coffin. We are marching on and old "Clubby" does does not like it: he tries to disturb our meetings and upset us, but hallelujah! it is no go. We had an "all-over-the-shop" meeting on Wednesday last, the soldiers did not march (only three officers), and the people came to see what was up, and one lady, while we were on the march, said: "I knew the S. A. wouldn't last long." But two souls got saved Sunday night and were on the march Monday and testified. One of them, a Frenchman, gave his testimony in French, and the other is a Swede. More to follow.

They Eloped.

Rougemont, in D'Iberville, P.Q., has a sensational elopement. The *cure* of that town went to Chief Hughes, of Montreal, on Saturday and asked assistance in a most peculiar case. Pierre Lacaille is a very wealthy farmer there who suddenly left his home and wife and eloped with a woman who used to do washing. She is married and leaves five children and a disconsolate husband. "It is a love affair," said the good *cure*; "I cannot explain it otherwise." It must be noted, however, that the woman is fifty years old and the farmer forty years old. He took with him some $9,000 in cash and leaves to his wife three good farms. He has written her from Washington Territory and says he is happy with his choice. She should do the best thing she could and might marry if she chose. Chief Hughes said he could do nothing in the matter.

Death of Mrs. Hills.

A gentle, Christian lady has entered into rest. On Sunday last, at noon, the beloved wife of the Lord Bishop of Columbia passed away at "The Close," in the presence of mourning friends. Mrs. Hills had been ailing for some time and her death cannot be said to have been unexpected; it was none the less a shock to the whole community. The deepest sympathy is expressed on all sides for Bishop Hills, whose beloved helpmate through life has been called away from his side just as he was about leaving for the old home across the Atlantic to spend the future years of an earnest and useful life amidst the scenes of his youth and early manhood. The deceased, who was the eldest daughter of Sir Richard King, K. C. B., was aged 65 years. She became the wife of Right Rev. Bishop Hills in 1865, and for twenty years resided in this city, loved and respected by all who knew her. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning from Christ Church Cathedral at 11:30 o'clock.

Runaway Accident.

On Sunday evening a hack driver named Blair called at Bowman's livery stable and hired a horse and buggy, and on Government street handed the outfit over to a couple of *demimondaines*, who drove to Esquimalt. While passing down Esquimalt hill, through reckless driving, the buggy came into collision with a rig from the Transfer Co.s stable, the shock breaking the shafts and throwing one of the occupants into the road. The horse freed itself from the buggy and ran to the city, passing through Government street between ten and eleven o'clock. On reaching James Bay bridge it slipped and fell, and evidently sustained serious internal injury, for it was unable to regain its feet. It lay there until after nine o'clock Monday morning, when Mr. Bowman was informed of the affair. The horse was alive at this time and attempted to get upon its legs, but again unsuccessfully, and was carted to the livery stable yard, where it died ten minutes after its arrival. Officer Abel, it is said, saw the animal lying on the bridge at eleven o'clock Sunday night, and informed the stable of the fact, but no attempt was made to save the poor brute, and Mr. Bowman will be $250 the loser in the transaction. There is an urgent need for the formation of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and those who previously broached the subject, should again take the matter up and carry the project to a successful issue.

Once Lived Here.

Mrs. C. D. Faling, who recently shot and killed her husband while he was riding in a buggy through a San Francisco street, once lived in Victoria. She was a Miss Barrett, of Portland, daughter of a statesman there. In the summers of 1869 and 1870 she stopped here some time with her father. She was then a shy, pretty girl of about 18, and none who knew her at that time would have imagined that in after life she would develop into a murderess.

Chilliwhack Notes.

J. C. Henderson, Chilliwhack, reports that the various crops are in splendid condition at the present time. There have been many thousands of fruit trees planted during the past year, and this class of farming will be given considerable attention now that a market is available. Mr. Henderson has added over five hundred trees to his orchard, and will place in a patent dryer for the purpose of drying plums and apples for export. The weather so far has been of a very rainy character, and ranchers are grumbling in consequence.

The Nicola Mines.

W. F. McCulloch returned on Saturday from the Nicola mines. He states the Nicola Milling and Mining Co. have attained a depth of 125 feet on their ledge, drifting at various depths, the ore improving in quality. Geo. Henderson is down about 100 feet on his claim and has now gone to San Francisco for the purpose of securing machinery to develope his mine. Mr. McCulloch went up the North Thompson and struck a ledge about eight feet in width, and has brought back with him samples of the ore, which is of fair quality.

From the Sealing Grounds.

The schooner Penelope, Capt. Steele, with 655 seals skins aboard, arrived from the sealing grounds on Sunday. Seals are reported to be plentiful and when the Penelope departed for this port, the schooner Sapphire was taking them in large quantities. It is thought that this season's catch will be the largest of any previous one and although some of the schooners were a little behind time, they are doing well. This is very gratifying news to the owners, who will at least be compensated to a certain extent for what they lost in the Behring's sea.

Died of Consumption.

Miss Wilson, a young lady of about sixteen years, who had been attending the Mission school, Yale, was taken ill at Westminster a few weeks ago. Being of a somewhat robust nature no fears were entertained about her recovery until that fatal disease consumption seized upon her constitution. She was taken to Yale in a very weak condition and was tenderly cared for by the loving hands and warm hearts of the Sisters and friends of the Mission school, but on Wednesday her spirit took its flight. She was buried in the cemetery there on Friday, the funeral rites being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Small of the Episcopal church.

Sealing and Fishing.

Judge Swan, of Port Townsend, who has been in Victoria for several days, left for home yesterday morning. His visit here was for the purpose of acquiring information regarding sealing matters, which he will forward to the department at Washington. He leaves for the American capital *via* the C.P.R., in the course of a day or two. The Judge states that Jacobs & Co., of Massachusetts, who own a large sealing fleet there, and who are also owners of the Mollie Adams, now sealing on the west coast, will send fifty schooners to this coast next spring for the purpose of engaging in sealing and fishing.

Religious Newspaper Controversy.

The *Christian Guardian*, Toronto, contains a somewhat tropical letter from Rev. W. W. Percival, formerly pastor of the Pandora Street Methodist Church, anent correspondence of a British Columbia Methodist to the same paper in which a contrast is made between the conduct of the church under his and the present pastor's ministrations. The recent revival meetings have led the gentlemen writing under a *nom de plume*, whom Mr. Percival recognizes as a prominent official of the Methodist Church, to grow warm in praise of Rev. Mr. Starr's labors. Mr. Percival writes with all his old time fervor, and we look forward with interest to a reply from British Columbia.

Niagara Hack Charges.

Several tourists arrived on the Sound steamer one evening last week and at 6:30 engaged a hackman for an hour's drive, he stating that the price would be the legal fare, $1.50 per hour. They were absent an hour, but on reaching the hotel the hackman persisted in charging $2.50. As the party were going away on the early morning steamer, they reluctantly paid the fare. Such cases are not infrequent and especially with this individual, and it would be in the interests of the city if an example was made of him. Tourists coming here do not expect to be fleeced, and where the attempt is made, the transgressor should be heavily fined and his license cancelled.

Caledonian Picnic Grounds.

Mr. Andrew J. Smith, president, and Mr. Thos. Russell, treasurer of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian society, have completed the purchase of twelve acres of land fronting on Beacon Hill park and Simcoe street, from the Dallas estate, through Mr. Alex Munro. The price paid was $13,000. It is the intention of the society to set apart three acres of the purchase, fronting on Simcoe street, for picnic purposes, for which it is admirably adapted. The balance will be placed on the market in the shape of residential lots, and they expect to make sufficient profit from the transaction to repay them for their expenditure. In the purchase they have not failed to exercise their national characteristic of shrewdness, and the society is to be congratulated on the bargain secured.

THE QUEEN OF THE PACIFIC

Strikes a Rock in Port Harford Harbor and Sinks—All the Passengers Saved—Loss, $400,000.

A dispatch received at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, yesterday says that the steamer Queen of the Pacific, which sailed from that port Sunday for San Diego, struck a rock as she was entering Port Harford and sank in a short time. The passengers and crew left the sinking vessel in boats and were landed safely. A telegram from Capt. Alexander says that the vessel sprang a leak and filled rapidly. Wrecking apparatus and divers left San Francisco as soon as possible after the news was received, and if the weather remains calm it is thought the vessel can be raised and the damage be small.

The "Queen" was one of the favorite steamers owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and ran to this port from San Francisco for three years. She was built by Cramp & Sons, ship builders, of Philadelphia, and was considered one of the fastest boats in the company's service. Her commander, Capt. Alexander, was in her since she came to the coast, and a more popular and trustworthy man never walked a deck.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Sam. Hall Drowned at the Gorge While Running the Rifle in a Boat—His Companions Escape.

Yesterday afternoon a notorious woman named Mabel, a resident of Broad street, together with three men, S. Hall, — Westbeck and another rowed in a boat to the Gorge and, while attempting to pass under the bridge, were upset. Westbeck, who is a sailor and a good swimmer, succeeded in bringing the woman and one man ashore, but Sam Hall sank beneath the waters and was carried away by the current. His body was not recovered at last accounts. Supt. Roycraft was notified of the occurrence, and sent officers to search for the drowned man. It is said that he is the individual who was concerned in the smuggling of playing cards, recently found in the old skating rink.

After eleven o'clock last night Westbeck was arrested by Officer Walker while creating a disturbance at Mabel's house on Broad street. He was too drunk to give a coherent account of the accident, and was still clothed in his wet garments. The presumption is that the quartette were all intoxicated at the time of the disaster.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Laidlaw, of Westminster, is in the city.

Hon. J. H. Pope is not likely to recover.

Dr. Milne returned from Vancouver on Sunday night.

Mrs. and Miss Rattray left for Vancouver this morning.

Ald. D. R. Harris returned from the Mainland last night.

A. G. Gamble, of Woods, Turner & Gamble, Westminster, is in the city.

Hon. Mr. Smart, Minister of Public Works, Manitoba, is seriously ill.

Ven. Archdeacon and Miss Woods arrived from Westminster last night.

Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir returned on last evening's train from a visit to Wellington.

Chas. Semlin, M. P. P., left on this morning's steamer for his home at Cache Creek.

E. A. McLean, of San Francisco, arrived on the Umatilla yesterday and is at the Driard.

Mrs. T. Orchard, of McGregor, Man., eloped on Monday with F. M. Edey, of Austin.

Capt. Troup and family left for Kamloops this morning. Mr. Montague Troup will join them in a week.

M. H. Kramer, for the last six months a resident of this city, left on Sunday morning for a short trip to Stuttgart, Germany.

G. E. Parks, of the Bank of British Columbia, Westminster, came down last night on the Yosemite.

J. C. Henderson, Chilliwhack, A. R. Johnson, Nanaimo, and Jas. Drummond, H. B. Co.'s agent, Langley, registered at the Oriental yesterday.

W. C. Ward, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, returned from the Mainland last night on the Yosemite.

E. V. Bodwell and wife, of Vancouver, who have been spending a few days in the city, returned home this morning.

Miss Mercier, daughter of Premier Mercier, is to be led to the hymeneal altar by A. B. Gowan, advocate, next month.

The Canada Club, London, will entertain Lord Stanley of Preston, the Governor-General-designate of Canada, at dinner on May 2nd

Miss Mabel Allan, daughter of the late Sir Hugh Allan, was married to Mr. Colin Campbell in Montreal on Friday. The presents were magnificent. The bride has $150,000 in her own right.

Prof. H. S. Sharpe left by this morning's steamer for Vancouver to play at the Campobello concert this evening. He will be absent until Monday next. This is the first time Prof. Sharpe has been off Vancouver Island since his arrival here a year ago last December.

John Ogilvie, one of the great flour milling company of Montreal and Winnipeg, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Ogilvie, arrived from the south by the Alaskan on Wednesday and are at the Driard. They have been spending the winter in Southern California, and after a few days visit in Victoria and Vancouver, will leave for the East.

F. H. Tuck, formerly of St. John, N B., and now practicing law at Vancouver, made his Pacific *debut* at a concert recently held in the city of his adoption. We are told that he "proved himself to be a very careful and able accompanist." Mr. Tuck's former New Brunswick friends are glad to know that his musical capabilities are appreciated by the people of the ambitious little city on Burrard Inlet.

Mayor John Gates, of Portland, Or., died at a quarter to 6 o'clock on Friday evening. He was born at Mercer, Maine, and was 60 years old on the 31st of December last. When he was 8 years of age his parents moved to Worcester, Mass., where he grew to manhood. He came to Oregon about 1847, and, except for a short trip East, has been a resident of Portland ever since. For ten years he was engaged in the sawmilling business, and then went into the service of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company as chief engineer, which position he held until the company in 1879 was merged with the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. He remained with the new company as chief engineer of the river division until early last fall, when he left their service. Mr. Gates was elected Mayor of Portland in June, 1886, and gave that city an honest, economical administration, in keeping with his character. His term of office would have expired the first Monday in June next. Mr. C. M. Forbes, President of the Council, will perform the duties of Mayor.

MARINE.

Ship Harry Morse sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo on Saturday.

Collier Wellington arrived at Departure Bay on Sunday from San Francisco.

Ship Glory of the Seas cleared at San Francisco for Nanaimo on Friday.

The British schooner L. Houlette, Halifax for Victoria, was sold at Sandy Point, according to advices of March 11th, for £434, surveyors having declared her unseaworthy and it being impossible to make repairs in order to leave the port.

Steamer Umatilla, Capt. Holmes, 67 hours from San Francisco, arrived at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, and left for the Sound five hours later. For Victoria she brought 29 passengers and 152 1-10 tons of freight.

Barkentine Constitution, announced as having sailed from San Francisco for Chemainus, has sailed for the Behring's Sea on a cruise for codfish. She was announced in a subsequent issue as having put back to port on account of northwest winds. From a reliable source we learn that the barkentine put back to get her papers, which the master had forgotten.

Bark Bella Vista was hauled alongside the sunken bark Arabella on Sunday. Men are at work on the latter, and another endeavor will be made shortly to float her with the aid of the former. Should the attempt prove successful, the vessel will be taken to Esquimalt and there placed in the drydock for repairs.

Following is a list of vessels on the way to Moodyville for cargoes of lumber: Italian bark Innocenti, ship Pactolus, British bark Alice Muir, Chilian ship Hindostan, British ship Mirzapore, German ship Helios, Norwegian ship Olaf Tryggvason. Those on the way to Hastings are the British ship Trafalgar and the British bark Ullok.

GONE INTO PORT.

Captain Gardner, a Pioneer Shipmaster, Passes Away.

On Saturday last there passed away one whose sturdy form was, until recently, a familiar object on this coast. Captain William Gardner came to this State a pioneer. He brought into this port in 1849 the first vessel from Liverpool, the bark Jane Dickson. She was afterwards sold and converted into a store-boat. He was proud to relate that he was the first man who paid pilotage in San Francisco harbor.

Captain Gardner was afterward in the Port Warden and Pilot-master's Department in this city, and subsequently ran for four years between San Francisco and British Columbia, remaining in the latter place as Pilot and Port Warden from 1859 to 1870.

The captain was a native of Ross, Herefordshire, England, and was 82 years of age at the time of his death. He was a man of strict integrity and thoroughness in all he undertook, and was held in high esteem by his large circle of acquaintances. He died at his residence 728½ Union street, on the 11th inst., and leaves a widow, one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren.—*S. F. Call 25th inst.*

[Captain Gardner was a pioneer pilot in these waters and pooled receipts with Pilots Pike and Titcomb, also pioneers and who died many years ago. The old gentleman was a very popular citizen. His last command was the bark Don Nicholas.]

LOCAL BRIEFS.

They say Vancouver has a big boom,
And at blowing that she's game,
Victoria has no boom at all,
But she gets there just the same.

The Yosemite brought all the delayed mails, including an English one, last night.

The police court was unusually quiet yesterday, two drunks only being present. They were fined $5 each.

The Topham brothers, of England, have just returned from Cowichan Lake, where they have secured some large bankers' contracts.

The British Columbia Conference will meet on Tuesday, May 8th, at Westminster, and continue in session during the remainder of the week.

Tenders will be received at Ottawa until the 18th May, for the conveyance of mails between Esquimalt and Nanaimo and Victoria and the railway station.

The people in the neighborhood of the Gorge Road are destroying the beautiful and ornamental arbutus trees; they strip off the bark and in time the trees dies.

On Sunday morning a large landslide occurred between Port Moody and Vancouver, to the depth of thirty feet. A large gang of