## Local. News

(From Friday's Daily.) Farmers From Australia.—D. H. Ross, commercial agent at Melbourne, has submitted a report to the Ottawa government, in which he says that a large number of Victoria farmers are selling out and going to British Co-lumbia and Alberta.

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British Columbia's new and wonderful little white bear, which has been christened by learned men of science in honor of Mr. Kermode, the young curator of the Provincial Museum, continues to attract very much attention in the East, and out of the flood of inquiries with respect to its peculiarities, chiefly from students of natural history, there cames a timely article in the May Century by J. Holland, director of the Carnegie Museum.

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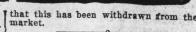
Deserters Break Jail.—Sometime during Wednesday night at Nanaimo John Newman and Ernest Witworth, deserting bluejackets of H. M. S. Egeria, who were locked up a week waiting for the warship, due at the Coal City today, broke the lock on the door of the city lock-up and escaped.

Rain Is Needed.—Farmers and gardeners generally of Victoria and surrounding districts are awaiting a good shower of rain with keen anxiety. The remarkably dry winter and spring has resulted in leaving the ground almost free of moisture, and the putting in of crops is seriously retarded in consequence.

First Strawberries.—For the first time this season strawberries are now on sale in Victoria—the offerings, of course, being those grown in California. They are being held at a fancy price, the retail price being, 35 cents a pound. Being the first of the new fruit, however, they are very welcome and find ready purchasers.

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Among the vessels declared obsolete and sold under the hammer was a former, fingship of the Esquimalt fleet, H. M. S. Warspite, and there were cruisers which-served on this station; the Aretbusa, detached and sent to China at the time of take of the Boxer outbreak, among them. In all there were 28 vessels sold to the high-set bidder.

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but this does not finally dispose of the matter by any means. Ald. Fell has still another chance to "get his work in." When the bylaw giving effect to the committee's recommendations comes to be framed, it will then be in order to press for any changes which may be thought desirable, and Ald. Fell may be depended upon to take full advantage of the opportunity thus presented. "Ald. Hanna says he does not be arrived with the erection of the new Old Men's Home building, and the bathing pavilion which is to be put up on the beach on Dallas road at a point at the foot of Montreal street. Architect Thos. Hooper was in each instance given the job of preparing plans for the two buildings, and the bathing pavilion which is to be put up on the beach on Dallas road at a point at the foot of Montreal street. Architect Thos. Hooper was in each instance given the job of preparing plans for the two buildings, and the bathing pavilion which is to be put up on the beach on Dallas road at a point at the foot of Montreal street. Architect Thos. Hooper was in each instance given the job of preparing plans for the two buildings, and the bathing pavilion which is to be put up on the beach on Dallas road at a point at the foot of Montreal street. Architect Thos. Hooper was in each instance given the job of preparing plans for the two buildings, and he with the erection of the new Old Men's Home buildings, and the bathing pavilion which is to be put up on the beach on Dallas road at a point at the foot of Montreal street.

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