

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.
-The collector Wellington arrived at Esquimalt this morning to go on the marine railway.

-The fourteen year old daughter of George Brown, of Beecher bay, shot a large partridge on Saturday.

-Rev. Dr. Sutherland, general secretary of the missionary society of the Methodist church of Canada, is on his way from Winnipeg to the coast.

-The ladies' missionary society of the Metropolitan church yesterday afternoon entertained the ladies of the church and members of the other Methodist churches.

-It is stated that Bailey the Pacheena Indian who was accidentally shot by Sergeant Levin, will recover and that it will not be necessary to amputate his leg.

-The lowest tender for the construction of the Dominion government buildings at Victoria is an eastern man, the next being a Victorian. There were fifteen tenders.

-Richard Horne, charged with impersonating an officer, was let go yesterday as there was no case against him. Chief Sheppard says he never authorized Horne to do any work for him.

-The German bark Santa has gone up the Fraser river to load salmon for Bell-Irving & Patterson for Liverpool. She came up from Hoonah in ballast and was towed up by an American tug.

-The advisability of introducing technical instruction into the public schools will be discussed at a meeting at the city hall on Thursday night, at which the school board, teachers and Colonel Baker, minister of education, will be present. There will be an exchange of views on the subject.

-Several hundred Victorians attended the concert given at the drill hall last evening by Cassasa's Midwinter exposition band. Every number on the programme was good and each received an encore, which was generously responded to. The concert due by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bates, the solo by Mr. Bates, the trombone solo by Mr. Tobin and Fritchie's clarinet solo were much enjoyed.

-At a council of the Songhees tribe held last night, Michael Cooper, brother-in-law of the late chief, Charles Freezie, was elected chief. It was decided to limit the term of chieftaincy to three years and not elect one for life, as formerly. Indian Agent Lomas was present and received the ballots. He occupied a separate room and each member of the tribe filed in and gave him his ballot. Willie Jack was elected to the vacant place in the council made by the elevation of Michael.

-Reports for the year were presented at the annual meeting of the Queen City Building, Loan & Savings Association held last evening. The directors' report shows a profit of 13 per cent. for the year; working expenses, \$150; liabilities, \$4700 and assets \$5300.

-Several amendments were made to the by-laws, including one making members who had five arrests eligible as directors. H. Williams was unanimously re-elected secretary and the following were elected as directors: Charles Williams, Chas. Kent, A. A. Aaronson, W. D. McKillop and H. Weideman.

-The hearing of the charge of burglary preferred against John Rooney and John Robinson in connection with the robbery of John Draut's saloon on Saturday night, was called in police court this morning and Rooney attempted to prove an alibi. A. Campbell and C. Magri swore positively that Rooney was with them from ten o'clock Saturday night until 2.30 Sunday morning, and was not out of their sight for five minutes. The magistrate remanded the case until to-morrow to go into the evidence.

-The Empress of Japan arrived here this afternoon 11 days from Yokohama. She was off the outer wharf at 2.30 o'clock, but it was nearly four o'clock when the tender Sadie reached the outer wharf on the return from the ship. She brought about 25 cabin passengers, among them Dr. George H. Duncan, city health officer. She has a full cargo of freight. When the ship left Yokohama everybody was awaiting the result of the expedition against Pekin. Major Richter, late military adviser in Tientsin to Li Hung Chang, was a passenger on the way to his home in Germany. He is disgusted with the condition of the Chinese army and his inability to effect a single reform.

From Wednesday's Daily.
-Louis Disara, an East Indian, was in the police court this morning, charged with having been found drunk. He was convicted and discharged.

-There was a good attendance at the conversation at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening, the capacity of the lecture room being taxed to accommodate all. Dr. Milne presided and made a few happy remarks. The programme was as follows:
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programme as previously announced was carried out and proved a very attractive one.

-Acting upon the recommendation of Superintendent Wilson, the sewerage commissioners have decided to work the men on the Fort street sewer, nine hours instead of ten.

-At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. football club, held last evening, it was decided to practice at Beacon Hill on Thursday morning at half past six and Saturday afternoon at half past two.

-Francis David was yesterday committed for trial at the fall assizes for the larceny of some fruit trees at the Poole farm, Galliano island, after a hearing in the provincial police court. The theft alleged was committed over a year ago.

-When you lay this paper down do not forget that Partridge of the Lansdowne House, 36 Yates street, is selling out of the mantle business and is selling at reduced prices his waterproofs, capes, umbrellas and jackets as he needs the room for his millinery department now under the management of Miss E. J. Dunlop.

-Nothing definite has been heard of the missing ship Ivanhoe, but it is feared that she has been lost with all on board, unless the passengers and crew were picked up by some messenger ship. The bark General Patchard, which arrived at San Francisco from Nanaimo on Sunday reports having passed a lot of wreckage and stores on the way down.

-G. C. Shaw & Co. have just received a shipment from Stewart & McDonald, of Glasgow, which came through in 28 days, which was wonderfully fast. The freight was handled by the C. P. R., and came via New York. Better time is sometimes made the other way by the same line, but it is on special shipments and in car load lots. This was just a small shipment made in the ordinary way.

-A legless man, who will no doubt prove a charge on this community, was arrested this morning on Yates street in a heathily state of intoxication by Constable Redgrave. He was so full he did not know his name. The unfortunate fellow has lost both legs at the knees, and was in a terrible state from traveling the muddy streets. It is said that he was shipped here from one of the Sound cities.

-Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare were at home to a large number of friends at their residence on Hillside avenue last evening. Mayor and Mrs. Teague were among the guests present. Music furnished the chief amusement of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Clement Rowlands rendered a number of songs. Supper was served late in the evening, and it was with regret that the hour for saying farewell came.

-John Robinson will answer for the burglary of John Draut's saloon alone, for this morning in the police court, after having carefully reviewed the evidence given yesterday. Magistrate Macrae ordered the discharge of John Rooney, who was found with Robinson on Sunday morning. Robinson was committed for trial before the higher court.

The police feel sure, in the light of the evidence of Messrs. Campbell and Magri, that Rooney had no hand in the robbery.

-A man who is too drunk yet to give his name caused a terrible disturbance on Yates street this morning. He assaulted and brutally beat an unoffending Chinaman, and it took the combined efforts of Sergeant Walker and Constables Redgrave and Carter to arrest him. He was booked first for drunk and disorderly, and later a charge of assault was entered against him. The Chinaman assaulted appeared at the station and made the latter complaint.

The Royal Fraser Valley lodge, No. 9, Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, was organized at Port Hammond on Saturday evening, October 20th, when a large number were initiated into the secrets of Odd Fellowship. The lodge has a large membership all ready. A great number of propositions were received for next meeting. General regret was expressed that the P. G. M., Rev. Dwyer, and P. G. S., Bro. Pullerton, were unavoidably absent. The officers for the ensuing term are as follows: N. G. J. C. McFarlane; V. G., W. G. Newton; P. N. G., F. Van; I. M., T. Lazenby; secretary, A. L. Lazenby; treasurer, P. E. Lazenby; conductor, C. Fosset; warden, O. N. Hamerton.

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church gave an At Home last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kinnaird, 22 Chatham street. There was a good attendance and the affair was a very enjoyable one. There was an informal programme of music, both vocal and instrumental to the regulations.

-The licenses of the Alert Bay cannery were cancelled a few weeks ago by the Fisheries Department, says the Columbian. It appears that the cannery was using seines for catching salmon, contrary to the regulations. This news was brought from the north by Deputy Sheriff McMartin. It is not known if the cancellation of the licenses seriously interfered with the company's pack.

-Robert Carrin, who burglarized the house of his old friend, W. H. Turnbull, concluded that he was losing time by awaiting the assizes and elected to take speedy trial. He appeared before Mr. Justice Cassasa this morning, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. His sentence of 90 days for larceny from the Windsor hotel will run concurrently with the sentence imposed in the higher court. He will serve his sentence on the same premises.

-Captain J. M. Luchlan and his son, Bruce Luchlan, left last night for Philadelphia after a residence of over two years in this city. Captain Luchlan is the head of the steamship department of the Southern Pacific railway and came here to make an effort to raise the San Pedro. He made several attempts, and while he succeeded in getting the hull to float he could never get it clear of the jagged rock which is in the way of the bottom well forward. What will be done with the old hulk is hard to say, but it will very likely remain where it is until the sea takes it from the rock piece by piece.

-A Port Townsend dispatch of Wednesday says: An effort is being made to charter a steamship to take a cargo of flour from Puget Sound to Japan. The Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific steamers within the last few weeks have been taking out immense quantities of flour destined for Yokohama. The demand is so great, it is said, that a big steamship is to be chartered for one or two voyages. Considerable salmon is also to be included in the cargo. Much secrecy is being exercised in the matter to prevent the flour trust from raising the price as was practiced in Galliano. The Japanese government is back of the enterprise and is anxious to secure food supplies for the army. It is believed here that large orders for flour will soon be placed with the Washington flour mills by both the Japanese and Chinese governments. The Canadian Pacific steamers have engaged to take 40,000 barrels to Japan by December 1. A steamer is expected here to-day that the steamer Wilmamette, plying between Puget Sound and San Francisco in the coal trade, has been engaged to make three trips to Japan.

H. M. S. Champion coated and took four months' rest here yesterday, and will leave in the morning for Vancouver with the old crew of H. M. S. Phasant. The new crew of the Phasant will arrive at Vancouver on Saturday morning, and the Champion will await their arrival. H. M. S. Royal Arthur is taking on 550 tons of coal to-day and will go to Vancouver on Monday morning. It is understood that she will run in there and bring Lord Aberdeen and his party to the city.

-A gentleman remarked to a Times reporter this morning that the immigration law, or some other authority, should be invoked to prevent this city being made the dumping ground for mendicants and paupered Italian and Italian now in Westminster asylum, and Edward Burke, the legless man found drunk on Yates street yesterday, were both shipped here from the Sound. The city is also visited regularly by beggars, who come armed with hand organs or fiddles. These people should be met at the boats and kept from landing.

-A dispute of long standing has been settled. Walter Heal of Lake district farm, who owns lots of cows, but the particular cow in question, he said some two or three weeks ago to have tuberculosis, and Inspector Roper ordered her destruction. Mr. Heal was in doubt about it being tuberculosis, and reported the matter to the veterinary officers for the ensuing term are as follows: N. G. J. C. McFarlane; V. G., W. G. Newton; P. N. G., F. Van; I. M., T. Lazenby; secretary, A. L. Lazenby; treasurer, P. E. Lazenby; conductor, C. Fosset; warden, O. N. Hamerton.

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THE CHARITY BALL.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital Surpass Their Former Efforts.

Two Hundred and Fifty Couples Enjoyed Themselves at the Annual Ball.

Five hundred ladies and gentlemen attended the annual charity ball held last evening, and thereby rewarded the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital for several weeks' earnest and hard work. Everything tended to make last evening's ball the most successful yet held by the Ladies' Auxiliary. In the first place the A. O. U. W. came forward and generously offered the use of their hall free of charge. Mr. A. C. Plummer agreed to shoulder the cost of the music, the ladies of Victoria supplied the supper and the members of the James Bay Athletic association decorated the hall. That all did their work well can be vouched for by those who were present last evening. Never has a ball room looked prettier than did the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. A great deal of good taste had been shown by the decorators, and when the electric light was turned on a veritable fairy scene was displayed. The hall affords good opportunities for decorating, the gallery rails last evening being covered with bunting and evergreens, while underneath were hung numerous large and small Chinese lanterns, which always look pretty and lend much assistance in the decoration of a ball room. The orchestra platform was arranged after the style of a hot house, the members of the Richardson orchestra, who supplied the music, being almost hidden from the dancers by the large palms. Other portions of the hall, including the dining room, had been similarly decorated, the decorators having attended to even the smallest detail.

The thousands of other little things that have to be attended to to make a ball as near faultless as possible had not been forgotten, and on the whole the Ladies' Auxiliary committee—Mrs. G. A. McTavish, Mrs. Charles Hayward, Mrs. A. J. Smith and Mrs. (Captain) Rudolph—well afford to rest on their laurels.

The music was all that could be desired, being played in perfect tune, the programme was well arranged, and the dancers sat down at midnight to a supper that the most noted chef would not have attempted to improve upon. In fact the supper was so plentiful that between 12 and 2 o'clock to-day luncheon was served to a large number of gentlemen.

Among the guests last evening were the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, the officers of the navy, B. M. A., R. M. B., and B. C. B. G. A., the latter wearing their uniforms. The reception committee was composed of: Messrs. Joshua Davies, president of the hospital; F. B. Pemberton, vice-president; William M. Chudley, treasurer of the hospital, and Charles Hayward. Floor managers, J. S. Yates, W. H. Ellis and F. B. Gregory.

Besides the pleasure of attending the ball, those who were present last evening have the satisfaction of knowing that they were helping out a good cause, as there is sure to be a neat balance to present to Jubilee hospital, in aid of which the ball was held.

THE FISHING INDUSTRY.

Inspector McNab Talks of the Salmon Output and Other Matters.

Charles H. McNab, inspector of fisheries, talked with the Times about the salmon output and the British Columbia fisheries generally. He said: "The returns of the salmon output have not yet been made up; in fact they are not all in, but the probability is that there will be 350,000 cases put in the market, or somewhere in the neighborhood of 100,000 cases less than last year, but nevertheless much in excess of any previous year. The prices obtained will be better than last year. The number of men engaged in fishing this year has been in excess of all former years, and therefore the fishermen individually have not made so much money, but collectively of course a large sum has been paid out. I attribute the increase in the number of fishers partly to the spring floods, which have caused many small farmers to earn a few dollars with the nets. Five new canneries were operated this year, but one was closed down, the Bon Accord, owned by Mr. D. J. Munn. I believe it was closed down for repairs, but Mr. Munn could better tell you about his own business. The total number of canneries in operation is 28, and they average about 150 fishermen each. There have been a few quinatt (spring) canneries; they have been sent to the eastern Canadian market. There seems still to be a prejudice of color against quinatt on the English market. Sockeye alone have been canned for exportation to this country. A few canoes are being canned, but very few. These three divisions of the salmon family are the only ones that have a commercial value. The hunch-back, dog salmon and steel head (pinkie trout), are caught by the Indians for their own use, and are preferred by them for pickling purposes."

"What about the disposal of offal?" "Well, very likely you know as much about it as I do. The new fisheries regulations require that the offal be deposited in the gulf; the canners claim that this is an injustice to them. An effort has been made to extract oil from the offal and also to manufacture a fertilizer. The oil as a lubricant is not a great success. It is too gummy. And, on the other hand, it cannot be used by loggers for their wagons or skids, it being too thin; they prefer codfish or dogfish oil. In the opinion of many, there is no doubt that the offal can be made commercially valuable. It is rumored that there are a number of men willing to go into the manufacture of oil and a fertilizer from the offal. But they want a bonus, and they think that the canners might give them the bonus. Of course the canners have to pay for the disposal of offal, and the sums so appropriated would be considered a sufficient bonus. The offal, in case any arrangement could be satisfactorily arrived at, would be taken to the oil refinery, conveniently situate for all the refineries, instead of out into the gulf and dumped there."

"There are more Japanese on the river this year than last, are there not?" "Yes, that is true. Over one hundred Japs have taken out naturalization papers and are fishing on licenses. This does not include Japanese who may be fishing under cannery licenses. There does not seem to be any complaint of any moment and everything is working smoothly."

"How about the hatchery?" "We will put into the hatchery about 6,500,000 sockeye ova; already five million eggs are in. This is an increase of over half a million upon last year. About three thousand ova are taken from one mill of one male. The young fish, hatchery out during the winter, are turned loose in the spring. The loss in the hatchery is not more than 8 per cent. The percentage of fish that arrive at maturity when turned out cannot be reckoned even approximately, but there is reason for supposing that a large quantity of them grow to be full sized fish. Their natural enemies, the trout and the chub, prey upon young salmon. But the instinct of self-preservation is great in the salmon, and the young salmon learn how to take care of themselves."

"Is there any increase in the output of the other fisheries?" "The supply of 1,000,000 eggs of white fish from the Selkirk hatchery were hatched out and put in the Okanagan lake. This has been of considerable benefit. There has been a good demand for halibut, and the output this year will be large. Deep sea fishing is being paid more attention to, and the persons engaging in the undertaking are receiving good returns."

THE MEDIEVAL LAW.

Against Suicide Invoked in the Case of Mr. Rowbotham.

The unique suicide statute has been dusted off again, and James Rowbotham, the unfortunate grocer who three months ago, driven to desperation by chronic illness and business cares, attempted to blow his brains out, has been brought into court to answer to the law. The preliminary hearing began in the police court at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Rowbotham, looking pale and thin and with hair tinged with white, appeared in court accompanied by a friend. He sat down quietly, and outside of a little nervous twitching of his hands, made no move. An occupant of a seat at the press table said: "This horrible performance would drive an ordinary man to go and finish the job." William Smith, clerk for the accused, and Robert Dundas, who at the time kept the saloon next to Rowbotham's grocery store, told the story of the finding of the defendant in the store room, lying on his back in a pool of blood with a revolver at his side. Dr. Frank Hall, who attended Rowbotham at St. Joseph's hospital, also gave evidence. At the close of the harrowing recital Rowbotham was committed for trial.

Rowbotham's bail was fixed at \$500, \$250 to be furnished by himself and \$250 by one surety G. H. Brown qualified as the latter, and the accused was released.

LOOKING FOR AID.

The Northwest Deputation and the Hudson Bay Railway.

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—The Manitoba and Northwest delegates met the government this afternoon at 11 o'clock and discussed the Hudson Bay railway. They want financial aid. They will meet again at 2, and will dine with Daly at the Rideau Club to-night.

Premier Davie went to Montreal last night and returned to-day.

The boiler of the French cruiser Arethuse, lying in the harbor of Brest, exploded this morning. Six were killed and twenty injured.

The conferences at the vatican of the proposed union of the eastern church and the holy see will open to-morrow. Cardinals Rampolla, Ledochowski, Vanutelli, Gallibert and Langenieux, and the Patriarch Issidore of Rome, will be present. The Maronites will also be represented. It is uncertain whether or not the pope will be able to attend the first sitting.

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