

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JANUARY 11. A SCENE IN THE COURT

Hearing of the Bostock Criminal Label Case Has a Sudden Interruption.

Counsel for the Defence Disagrees With the Magistrate and Leaves the Room.

The hearings of the criminal libel suits was quite interesting yesterday. A number of spectators watched the proceedings at the police court all day, and just before the close in the afternoon were rewarded for their patience by a passing sentence quite out of the common. At the morning session the charge against Editor Nichol of the Province, was resumed. The defence called two witnesses in the persons of Premier Turner and Hon. C. E. Pooley, but most of the questions put the witnesses were ruled out as inadmissible at a preliminary hearing. The question of press comments on the cases was again brought up by Mr. Martin, who claimed that the magistrate should interfere in the matter. He was again told that the court did not control the press in the matter.

Mr. Martin—"Did you authorize Mr. Cassidy to write to the Province people asking them to withdraw the charge?" His Worship—"I rule that Mr. Collart is responsible for the alleged libel, in order as was stated to vindicate your public and private character." Mr. Cassidy, at this juncture, expressed his willingness to have the letter or question put in as evidence. Mr. Martin—"I want an answer to my question." His Worship—"The question is overruled." Mr. Martin—"Do I understand that I am not to put this letter in as evidence?" Mr. Cassidy—"Oh if he thinks it will do me any good he can put it in, but I will not have the witness examined on the line he is proceeding on."

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Sergeant-Major Elliott Answers Mr. de Malchin's Challenge for a Sword Contest.

Navy Win the Rugby Match From the Fifth Regiment—A Social Match—Basket Ball.

To THE EDITOR:—Apropos of the recent mounted sword contest it is meet that I should reply to De Malchin's challenge in this morning's COLONIST. Having been a witness of the recent so-called "contest" in the city market, it seemed to me that an ordinary artilleryman could show to advantage the relative merits of the practice of the British cavalry as compared with the horse play of the circus rider. The result of the recent encounter between myself and De Malchin justifies such a conclusion. It is neither sportsmanlike nor manly to attribute well merited defeat to the horse of one's own selection. The poor horse, if frightened at all, was made so by the uncertainty as to whether it were really a mounted contest or otherwise. The result of the encounter upon his back (I cannot call him a rider) upon the floor.

OCEAN TRAVEL.

Rates to San Francisco to the Old Fido Shift Sound.

Adventure of the Italian Steamer Sealers Start.

The C. P. N. steamship which was wrecked on the coast of Alaska, is now being towed to San Francisco by the tugboat "Seal". The vessel was last seen on the 11th inst. off the coast of Alaska. The vessel was carrying a cargo of sealers. The vessel was last seen on the 11th inst. off the coast of Alaska. The vessel was carrying a cargo of sealers. The vessel was last seen on the 11th inst. off the coast of Alaska. The vessel was carrying a cargo of sealers.

EMPLOYMENT OF CHINESE.

Some Interesting Points as to the Situation at Nanaimo and Elsewhere.

To THE EDITOR:—I notice that in Wednesday's issue of the Times the editorial writer attempts to turn the question of the employment of Chinese in the Alexandria and Extension mines to good account, as a reason why the coal and iron mines should be removed from office, and calls upon the electors of Nanaimo city to elect an opposition member at the next general election to assist in effecting that object. The Times editor has drawn a good deal of his inspiration from the Nanaimo Review, a paper which, while it is a respectable publication of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Ltd., evidently enjoys the patronage and approval of that corporation. The editor of the Times, in his editorial, endeavors to instill a fear of direful results to the people of Nanaimo city if the employment of Chinese is continued, as it favors that company's plan to not employ Chinese underground. This is a very gross misstatement of the facts. It is well known that the employment of Chinese in the mines is a very old practice, and that the employment of Chinese in the mines is a very old practice. It is well known that the employment of Chinese in the mines is a very old practice, and that the employment of Chinese in the mines is a very old practice.

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