BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—Members of the Epworth league of the Metropolitan church entertained their friends last evening.

—The hackmen and Beehive lacrosse teams played a tie at the Caledonia grounds yesterday afternoon. The game afforded any amount of amusement for the spectators.

—Adam Duncanson was drowned in the Cowichan river on Sunday. He was swimming when he was caught in an eddy and sucked under. Deceased was a native of Ontario, aged 26 years.

—P. J. Nolan, formerly proprietor of the B. C. Co-operative Supply Co., of this city, who left town leaving many sorrowing creditors, was registered at the office of the high commissioner for Canada, London, England, July 24th.

—The cyclists who took part in the road race to Rocky point on Saturday were last evening banquetted at the New England by the proprietors, M. and L. Young. A repast worthy of that famous hostelry was served and enjoyed by the jolly little party.

—The Vancouver city council has voted down a resolution to submit a by-law to the ratepayers to bonus steel works. It was moved in amendment that the council wait until Mr. Withrow submits a business proposition. The council has also refused to exempt volunteers from poll tax.

—The Northern Pacific steamer Sikh sailed on Saturday from Yokohama for Victoria. The cargo is made up of 2850 tons of merchandise, principally tea for overland points, inclusive of 1000 bales of silk for New York; 550 tons for the Sound cities and 200 tons for Victoria.

—H. M. S. Royal Arthur returned this morning from Comox, where she went for target practice.

—Bush fires among the hills and across the Sound have been increasing at an alarming rate during the last few days. The air has been full of smoke and cinders all day.

—At a meeting of the Companions of the Forest, held in Foresters' Hall last evening, it was decided to organize an archery club, and all members wishing to join will meet for first practice at Mr. Parson's place, corner of First street and Topaz avenue, at 3 o'clock, next Saturday afternoon.

—On Saturday, September 8th, there will be a picnic at Sidney. Many interesting races in Sidney harbor will be held, and field sports will also be indulged in. Dancing music will be provided on Mr. Bissett's large and excellent platform. The train will leave Victoria at 2 p.m., and on its return will leave Sidney at 8 p.m.

—By the upsetting of a candle in W. H. Jones' residence at 21 Store street last evening a mattress and other bed clothing were burned. On account of the thick smoke and the lack of space the department had much difficulty in fighting the fire, but they were successful, and the loss will amount to less than $100, covered by insurance.

—The announcement is made from Ottawa that Daniel O'Sullivan has been made deputy collector of inland revenue in the place of George Williams, retired on account of ill health. Mr. O'Sullivan has been in the service for a number of years, is a faithful and efficient public servant, and a large circle of friends will hear of his promotion with pleasure.

—Rev. W. D. Barber, of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, leaves on Thursday morning for England as a delegate to the general meeting of the S. P. G. Last evening the congregation met to bid farewell to their pastor, speeches being delivered by Bishop Perrin and Hon. Col. Baker. The latter on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Barber with a purse containing $200.

—Leslie Cullom, special agent of the United States treasury department, is in the city. Mr. Cullom, although he has been in office a little more than a year, has had a hand in unearthing every important smuggling case which has been run down in that time, and has as well instituted a number of reforms in the interior workings of the American customs service on the coast in that time.

—The sealing schooner E. B. Marvin, owned by E. B. Marvin & Co., and commanded by Captain Harris, arrived this afternoon with 2111 skins, representing her catch for the season. Of the skins 233 were taken after the vessel left Hakodate. The trip across was made in nineteen days, fine weather being encountered all the way. The cruise, since leaving Hakodate, was an uneventful one. The schooner Wanderer was spoken off the coast on Thursday, bound in.

—The Empress of China left Yokohama on Sunday. She was aground for several days, but after she was floated hurried over her route to the Japanese and Chinese ports and left Yokohama but one day behind schedule time. As the Empresses arrive here one day ahead of their schedule time as a rule the China can either hurry ahead, and pick the day up, or come along as usual and make all connections. The advices as to her freight and passengers have not yet been received.

—On the Empress of Japan, which sailed to the Orient last night, were a number of Japanese who have been abroad as students, travellers and attaches of legations who are hurrying home to join the army and navy. The pride of country and interest in the general welfare of their nation is surprising. The fastest trains and fleetest steamships hardly satisfy them in their flight homeward to the defence of their country. Among the Japanese were two who represent New York papers.

—The Victoria delegates to the W. C. T. U. and "Y's" convention at Vancouver left for that city this morning. The delegates are: Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Pendray, Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Crowther, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. Flett, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. McDermott, Miss Spencer, Mrs. William Jenkins, Mrs. Grant, Miss Grant, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Cleaver, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Packard, Miss Fawcett, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. J. McMillan and Mrs. Marchant.

—Julian Ralph, the well known American literary man, was a passenger on the Empress of Japan for the Orient. He goes out in the interests of several big American publications, and besides something of a more ambitious nature on the Oriental war that syndicate letters may be expected from his pen. Mr. Ralph has been an extensive writer on Canadian subjects, and a number of his papers in Harper's have been collected and published under the title "On the Canadian Frontier." In his British Columbia paper, which he called "The Canadian Eldorado," he describes Victoria's Chinatown and tells how he drank champagne with Lee Mong Kow.

—At 9.30 last evening the Empress of Japan sailed for China and Japan, taking a fairly large cargo, a number of steerage passengers and the following cabin passengers: Captain Tudmore, G. Gillinghor, Lieutenant-Colonel Andor, Mr. Fitzite, S. Tokoki, Shokichi Kasahara, H. A. Hing, S. Mishimura, T. Oki, C. H. Evans, Lieut.-Col. Ikeda, T. Isagama, J. Teraziki, T. Saigo, H. Inonge, T. Obera, J. Oku, E. F. Kilby, W. C. Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Baron Shernberg, F. M. Vermilye, M. W. Perkins, Dr. and Mrs. Todd, Miss Sherman, Miss Holbrook, Miss Durage, Mr. Schroboer, J. L. See, Julian Ralph, Miss Cottrell, Mrs. Vendepool, J. H. Bird, E. F. Eade and wife, Mrs. Evans and children, Rev. W. L. Walker and wife, Lord Randolph Churchill, wife and servants, Rev. S. C. Bartlett, jr., Mrs. Ballagh, Miss M. Burwell, J. W. Lowrie, Miss Reno, Rev. J. Miller and wife, D. J. B. Busteed and wife, Mr. Keith, Miss Kerr and Miss McNabb.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—The transcript of the Coquitlam case has been forwarded to the circuit court of appeal at San Francisco.

—The bark Colorado, owned by the Victoria Lumber Company, arrived this morning from San Francisco.

—Labor day, the first Monday in September, which is by statute made a public holiday, will see all the banks and public offices and buildings closed. There will very likely be no other observance of the day.

—Chief Deasy has made the request to citizens generally that when an alarm of fire is sounded all unnecessary water taps be turned off. The pressure gets very low at times, and it will be a great assistance to have this simple request acceded to.

—Warburton Pike will leave for the north on the steamship City of Topeka on another of his famous journeys. He will leave the Topeka at Wrangel and journey through the Cassiar district to the tributaries of the Liard river. He may continue on to the Yukon river. He is to hunt and trap, and will be away for six months at least.

—T. D. Conway returned yesterday from the west coast, where he went to remedy some defects in the Cape Beale telegraph line. The Indians have complained that the wires crossing Nitinat harbor were so low that they could not enter with their schooners. This and other matters were attended to. Mr Conway came up in a small open boat.

—Through the kindness of Dr. Pope, superintendent of education, the provincial library has received as a donation the following rare and valuable books: Carver's Travels, Dixon's Voyages, Sir George Simpson's Travels, Rae's Narrative, Chappell's Narrative, and a number of other books of great interest relating to the Pacific Coast and Northwestern Canada.

—Eli Beam, the contractor, has assigned to John Fullerton, of 103 Government street, all of his real and personal property in trust for the benefit of his creditors. The uncompleted contract for the erection of the A. O. U. W. hall is on his hands, but it is quite likely that it will be taken over and finished by the members of the order who are interested.

—Quong Hung, who in company with a number of other Chinamen has a camp at Leech river, was before Magistrate Macrae this morning in the provincial police court charged with killing a grouse yesterday. He pleaded guilty, and in explanation of the case it was stated that all of the Chinese have been killing grouse there for some time past. The court imposed a fine of $20 with $10:50 costs added, in default of which he directed the imprisonment of the accused for thirty days. The fine will very likely be paid.

—The funeral of the late Capt. W. R. Clarke took place this morning and was attended by the Pioneer Society in a body, and a large number of sympathizing friends. The cortege left the home on Michigan street at 9 o'clock and proceeded to St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, where a mass for the dead was said by Rev. Father Nicolaye. At the church there was a large crowd in attendance. The same clergyman officiated at the grave. The pallbearers were: Captain John Irving, M. P. P., Hon. D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., George Byrnes, Peter C. Dunlevy, Allan Graham and Thomas Tugwell.

—Among the passengers northward by yesterday's Comox were several settlers from points across the line, generally in Washington State, but some from as far east as Ohio. These had been located on agricultural lands some distance up the coast by the well known prospector, Mr. Stanley Smith, who some short time ago returned from a trip during which some 70 claims were staked off. Mr. Smith reports some considerable inquiry for lands to be pre-empted, chiefly from across the line, and apparently from the "actual settler" class. He expects another large party from the Sound to follow the pioneers in a short time.—News-Advertiser.

—On account of the late hour at which the invitation was received by the board of trade to attend the opening of the interstate fair at Tacoma to-day, the members were unable to accept, and they therefore telegraphed their regrets to the fair management. It has been decided, however, to have an excursion from Victoria under the auspices of the board of trade and the agricultural society. The management of the excursion is in the hands of a committee of the agricultural society. President Flumerfelt and Secretary Elworthy will go to Tacoma on Friday to state what has been decided upon and also see what Tacoma will do towards reciprocating on America's day at the Victoria exhibition.

—The United States coast defence monitor Monterey narrowly escaped being piled on the rocks at Cape Flattery on Sunday night. She was coming up under slow steam, a bank of fog obscuring the shore. Captain Kempff reckoned that he was off the entrance to the Straits, but to make sure dropped his lead and blew the whistle at frequent intervals. When the vessel passed through the fog boulders were seen 500 yards ahead. The engines were immediately reversed and the vessel passed the cape in safty. The engineers of the Monterey have reported adversely on the Puget Sound coal, which they say is not fit for use on war vessels. If their report bears any weight Vancouver Island coal will be almost entirely used on the American warships.

—William George, a compositor on the Times, went out salmon fishing yesterday morning, and was lost in the fog. He was picked up by the steamer Rosalie and taken to Port Townsend, returning this morning.

—H. M. S. Satellite did not return from Comox with the flagship Royal Arthur. The two proceeded from Vancouver to Comox together and the Satellite remained there to take her target practice. The latter will very likely return to Esquimalt station during the present week.

—The charge of broaching cargo preferred by Captain Ferguson of the bark Lismore against Seamen Brewn, North and Whalen, is being heard in provincial police court this afternoon. P. AE. Irving appears for the captain. It is alleged that the men got on to a nice line of old Scotch whiskey in the cargo, and on several occasions drank so much of it that they got very drunk. The case will be on all afternoon.

—There was another thistle case in the police court this morning, resulting in a conviction. A fine of $5 was imposed by Magistrate Macrae. In the same court James Daley was convicted of being found drunk, but as it was the first offence he was let off with a warning. A case of alleged non-payment of wages, and a case wherein a bill poster was charged with sticking bills on private poles were not pressed. In the former case the man complained against was given further time.

—Captain Harris, of the schooner E. B. Marvin, says that the weather experienced on the way out to Japan in the spring of this year was the worst he ever saw. The Marvin went out of here with a good strong rig and well prepared for the heaviest weather, and she had a lively time of it getting across. Some of her smaller sails were blown away and several of her boats were swept from her decks. She had some bad weather on the other side, but it did not equal in severity the weather of the first forty days of her trip.

—There seems to be a general impression that the secret and benevolent societies of the city will not take hold of the project of having a societies' day at the exhibition, and that the idea will fall through. Speaking about the matter one of the committee said: "I am surprised and disappointed at the failure of the different orders to take the matter up, and I believe the general public will remember the thing and take occasion to return the compliment. The societies are always seeking public patronage and public favor, and get it to a liberal extent, in the way of picnics, excursions, balls and entertainments. But here a public matter is up, they are asked to assist, and it seems impossible to get them to do a single thing."

—Two Chinese cooks on the steamer Rosalie were arrested at Seattle on Monday, 24 pounds of opium being found in their rooms. While the Rosalie was here on Sunday Inspector Snover noticed the two Chinese cooks moving about that part of Chinatown where opium is constantly kept on sale. He concluded that they had invested some of their money in a few cans of the stuff and telegraphed Inspectors Loftus, Lord and Finley to meet the boat at Seattle. As soon as she docked an investigation of the quarters where the two Chinese cooks had their bunks was made. Two of the inspectors guarded the cooks while the investigation was being made. The officers found 24 pounds of opium concealed under a bunk and immediately the cooks were put under arrest.

—All the mystery about the Spratt & Gray letter, which was endorsed "tender," has been cleared away, and the explanation of it forever puts an end to all charges of wrong doing. Specifications were delivered to the firm of Spratt & Gray, and a short time afterwards a letter from them was delivered at the city clerk's office. Mr. Dowler believed it to be a tender, and fearing that it might be opened as an ordinary communication and the firm's figures exposed, endorsed it "tender" and filed it with the rest of the tenders. His only object was the protection of Spratt & Gray, and his mistake did them no injury, for the letter was read with the tenders, all the council heard it, and it was not until the next day that any award was made. After the meeting on Monday night Mr. Dowler explained the matter to Mayor Teague, who informed a Times reporter this morning. His worship was not particularly anxious to have a public explanation of the matter, not placing that much importance on it.

—S. C. Lewis, a mining expert, who is at the Occidental on the way to his home in San Francisco, has just returned from a visit to a mine on the Liard river, 600 miles in the interior of British Columbia, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The Liard river is a branch of the McKenzie river, which empties into the Arctic Ocean. The mine he went to see proved on examination to be worthless. Mr. Lewis says the country is rich in gold, but the season is so short that miners who go in there do not make much. Provisions have to be packed in and are very costly. Flour, for instance, costs 25 cents a pound. There are lots of shallow digging along the water course that yield from $2 to $15 a day, but they are soon worked out and the miners have to constantly keep moving. Mr. Lewis says if a railroad was built through this country, so that supplies could be got in cheaply, it would furnish profitable employment for thousands of men in the placer mines alone. There is lots of game in the country, too."

—The eleventh annual convention of the provincial union of the W. C. T. U., was convened by the president, Mrs. Spofford of Victoria, in the First Presbyterian church of Vancouver, on Tuesday. After calling the meeting to order devotional services were led by the president. The roll call of delegates, superintendents and officers showed an attendance of about 80. The different committees were then appointed, after which the treasurer's report was read. This was very full and encouraging, giving a balance of more than $100 on the right side. The corresponding secretary's report also showed marked success, the ranks being increased by over one hundred during the year. One new union was organized at Nanaimo, one of the Y's and one of the Loyal Legion, the province thereby gaining the banner for increased membership. About $1300 was raised during the year by the provincial union. After a Bible reading by Mrs. Chapman the visitors were entertained at luncheon by the ladies of the Princess street Methodist and First Presbyterian churches.

From Thursday's Daily.

—The steamer Joan will in future make one trip a month to Valdez.

—The ship Clan Robertson has arrived at the Phoenix Cannery to load salmon for the United Kingdom. She will take 75,000 cases, the largest cargo ever shipped from British Columbia.

—The hearing in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon of the three men from the ship Lismore, charged with broaching cargo, resulted in the discharge of Brown and the conviction of North and Whalen. The latter were each given six months' imprisonment by Magistrate Macrae.

—Miss McDougall of the Vancouver W. C. T. U. is seeking to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Miss Jessie Anderson, who left here several weeks ago in search of work. The sister of the young lady, who came from Winnipeg with her, is the one anxious to know of her whereabouts.

—John B. Jackson and Miss Mary Reid, both of Victoria West, were united in marriage last evening. The ceremony was performed at St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, by Rev. W. D. Barber, the pastor. The couple have lived in that district for some time, and it is there they will make their future home.

—There will be a double train service on the E. & N. railway on Monday, the schedule being the same as for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday trains. Return tickets will be good from Friday till Monday evening. This will accommodate the hunters who wish to have two or three days in the woods at the opening of the season.

—Shipments of lumber and shingles to the east from the Great Northern Coast lines for the month of August will be greater than for any other month since the completion of that system to the coast, says the Post-Intelligencer. There is a general improvement of lumber and shingle shipments all along the line, and for the present month the road will have a record of handling 700 cars.

—A piece of one of the old Douglas fir water pipes, put down thirty-one years ago to bring in the water from Spring Ridge, was yesterday dug up in front of the Delmonico hotel on Government street. It was entirely free from decay, which is a proof of its wonderful durability. The piece of pipe has been turned over to the city engineer. The old system was put down by the firm of Coe & Martin in 1863.

—Joseph Gray, for nearly 40 years a resident of Esquimalt district, and one of the first white settlers on the island, died this morning. He came to British Columbia from his home in Dorsetshire, England, for the Hudson Bay Company. At the time of his death he was 66 years of age. He leaves a widow and no children. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2:45 from the residence, Esquimalt, and at 3 o'clock from St. Paul's church.

—Fred S. Roper, provincial government inspector of cattle, has been visiting the various milk ranches from which Victorians draw their supply of milk, and has so far found but one certain case of tuberculosis. This was in a bull on a ranch in Victoria district. The bull was killed. Three cows also supposed to be infected were quarantined until it is ascertained whether they are really suffering from the disease. This is ascertained by inoculating tuberculin.

—Rev. W. L. Clay, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, presided at the social and concert given last evening by the Y. P. S. C. E. in the lecture room of the church. There was a good attendance and the affair was very enjoyable. The programme was as follows: Miss Lawrie, piano solo; Miss Cameron, reading; Mr. Muir, solo; Miss Newling, recitation; Miss Jameson, solo; intermission; Miss Brown, solo; Miss Lawson, reading; Miss Hutcheson, solo; Miss McMicking, reading.

—The United States coast defence ship Monterey will, it is said, take her target practice in the straits some day this week. The large twelve-inch gun Big Betsy is to be fired a couple of times. That big gun throws a projectile twelve miles, and the discharge of it makes thunder. It would be particularly interesting here if she could be seen at work, but that will very likely be impossible. The Monterey is to go to Tacoma, and will then do some coal testing, and it is not improbable that she may call here.

—A supposed case of leprosy in the person of a Chinaman working at Saanich was investigated yesterday by the provincial police. Dr. John Duncan made a careful examination of the man and expressed the opinion that he did not have leprosy, and on the strength of that he was let go. The man had some of the outward appearances of the disease, and it was firmly believed at first that he did have it. There is believed to be a leper somewhere in the Chinese quarter, and Dr. George Duncan endeavored to find him before he went away on his trip to Japan.

—H. M. S. Royal Arthur has received orders from the admiralty to immediately prepare for a cruise to South America, where trouble is expected between Peru and Bolivia on one side and Chile on the other. The ship is to-day taking stores, coal, water and provisions for an eight months' cruise, and she presents a busy appearance with a fleet of small boats around her giving her stores and all manner of boxes, packages and bundles. She will report to the admiralty by cable when ready, when orders to immediately proceed to Callao are expected.

—A dispatch from Port Townsend says: U. S. Marshal H. J. Woodworth of Mechanicsville, N. Y., arrived here Tuesday from Albany, N. Y., in charge of Mock Shong, Mock Coon and Lum Bick Hop, three Chinese prisoners who were arrested at Plattsburg on the Canadian line, and taken to Albany and tried. They were given twenty days in the penitentiary and ordered deported at the expiration of that time. The first steamer leaves for Hong Kong September 11, and until then the prisoners will be taken care of here by Chief of Police Hickman, Judson Grisswold and Frank Smith accompanied Mr. Woodworth as guards. They will return east in a few days.

—Messrs. Henry Croft, Joshua Davies, H. Bostock and D. R. Ker, representing the board of trade and agricultural society, in the arrangement of the excursion to Tacoma, had a conference with Mayor Teague. That gentleman pledged the hearty support of the corporation. He promised to attend himself and to use his influence to get as many of the people of the city as possible to go also. It was stated that the Islander could be chartered to make the trip, going over on Saturday, September 15, and returning on Sunday, for $600. It was proposed that tickets including round trip and an admission to the grounds be sold at $2 if possible, and the profit, if there is any, will be utilized in entertaining the Tacoma visitors when they come to the Victoria exhibition later on. The two excursions will be run on as nearly similar plans as possible. Messrs. Flumerfelt, Elworthy, Connon, Hall and Davies are going to Tacoma to-morrow, and the mayor and Mr. Ker said that it would be highly satisfactory to have them act in the matter for the agricultural association. The plan as outlined above was generally endorsed, but, as has been stated, the matter hinges upon a reciprocal affair being gotten up.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

IMPORTANT RECOMENDATION.

Sewerage Commissioners Map Out a New Area to be Sewered.

The sewerage commissioners met this morning at the city hall. Messrs. B. W. Pearse and D. W. Higgins were present, W. J. Macaulay being unwell. It was resolved to recommend to the mayor and council that Fort street from Douglas to Quadra streets, Yates street from Blanchard to Quadra, and Pandora avenue from Government to Quadra, be sewered. It was stated that something over $30,000 of the present loan was available. There were a few other matters before the commission, but nothing of any importance beyond what is stated above was done.

FIRES STILL BURNING.

Parties Deliberately Set Fire to the Bush at McCoy's Meadows.

The smoke that has been forming in clouds over the whole northwest coast during the past week has subsided somewhat during the last twenty-four hours, but it is still very thick. A good shower of rain is what is needed, and until that comes the fires will continue to extend. As far as known the largest fire on the Island is at McCoy's Meadows, on the mountains on the other side of Goldstream. A gentleman who drove in from there yesterday says the fire was an immense one. He had a companion with him, and they could not hear one another speak on account of the roar of the flames. They had much difficulty in getting out. The fire was started by a party who passed through there last week. They set fire to the dry brush in numerous places, evidently for the fun of seeing the valuable timber burned.

T. W. Jackson arrived down from Chemainus yesterday, having ridden on horseback along the wagon road. He says there is very little fire along the road, except at Sooke lake, where there is a big one. The smoke, however, on all the roads in Goldstream and Metchosin districts is very thick.

Along the line of the E. & N. railway there is very little change. The section men have prevented the flames from reaching the track, and now there is very little danger.

In the other districts around the city there are numerous small fires, which have in some cases destroyed fences, but no heavy damages have been reported. There are fires on several of the small islands, and smoke continues to rise from the Olympic mountains.

She Wanted Delicacies.

Mr. William Jecks, of Abbottsford, who recently won a blushing bride through the medium of a San Francisco matrimonial agency, is struggling along as a bachelor again. Mrs. Jecks, after the first few days in her new home, did not take kindly to farm life or the fare that is common to the British Columbia agriculturist. She pined for daily rations of fresh beef and foamy beer, and told her husband she would leave if this allowance were not granted her. Mr. Jecks declared it was impossible to grant her request. Fresh beef daily would have to be got from the cities, and would cost too much if regularly included in the bill of fare, and, as for beer, that was hardly necessary, in his opinion. This decision settled Mrs. Jecks, and she left, proceeding to Vancouver last Monday. On Wednesday Mr. Jecks sold a cow and followed her with the intention of inducing her to return. He found her without difficulty and asked her to go back and all would be forgiven, but she refused to move except on the terms of her ultimatum. Finding her immovable, Mr. Jecks inserted a notice in the press saying he would not be responsible for debts contracted in his name without a written order, and he returned home. The young bachelors of Abbotsford who envied the matrimonial success of Mr. Jecks, and who were thinking of sending to San Francisco for a wife, have now decided to satisfy themselves with the home-grown article—something not requiring beer every day.—Columbian.

Favors Refunding.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—General Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, railroad commissioner, has arrived in this city. He states that the Central Pacific road is in fine condition and that he favors a refunding of the debt of the Pacific railways to the government on a basis like the Deilly bill or something similar. He also says that the end of government ownership of railroads is foolishness and that it would take twelve billions of dollars to buy up the railways of the United States.

Condensed Dispatches.

John Dillon, M. P., speaking at Dublin, said there would not be the slightest use in re-debating the evicted tenants' bill next session, unless the Irish should utilize the interval in such a way as to convince the landlords that their best policy would be to pass the measure. Unless the government plainly declared its policy in regard to the house of lords, he said, the Irish party would have to re-consider their position.

CANADIAN NEWS.

News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

Dr. Gillies has been appointed medical superintendent of the Brandon asylum.

Lieut.-Governor Schultz has received word that the Tyrrell survey party has reached Reindeer lake.

D. McDougall, ex-registrar of the county of Waterloo, and a well known journalist, died at Berlin.

Within the past three weeks Professor Macoun has collected 408 specimens of plants for the geological museum at Ottawa.

Buyan & Flannery, general retail merchants, of North Bay, have assigned, assets nominally amounting to $17,000 and liabilities to $16,000.

Agostino Basita, an Italian fruit vendor, has left Toronto, after having, it is alleged, defrauded local fruit dealers out of sums totalling about $2,000.

The fire, water and light committee of Winnipeg has declined to consider the offer of the Keewatin Power company to supply 5000 to 50,000 horse power to city patrons.

Galbraith & Co., hosiery manufacturers, of Guelph, who made a compromise with their creditors a short time ago for something in the neighborhood of fifty cents on the dollar, have assigned.

The C. P. R. announce a sweeping reduction in lumber freight rates from Rut Portage to Manitoba points. The charges for handling grain at terminal and interior elevators are also to be reduced.

Hugh A. Allan says if the fast Atlantic service could have been profitably maintained his company would have established it long ago. He adds that the natural difficulties a twenty knot service would have to contend with would render such a service impracticable.

It is stated that the object of the visit of Messrs. Holt, Mann and Mackenzie to Winnipeg is to revive the Hudson Bay railway scheme, and after having got it into shape to ask more aid from the Dominion and provincial governments, and possibly from the city of Winnipeg.

As a result of the severe drought a number of cheese factories in Western Ontario have shut down, feed for cows having become so scarce that the amount of milk has enormously decreased. For weeks the farmers have been feeding hay to their cows, and now special feed has to be given to sheep and pigs, two months before the usual time.

Montreal Witness: Last night a bullock jumped overboard from the State of Georgia, and after being in the water for upwards of an hour was hoisted on board none the worse for his impromptu bath. A curious part of the incident was the eagerness with which those in the neighborhood hastened to the rescue. Last week a man fell in at the same place, but being a "poor beggar whom no one owned," nobody tried to get him out and he was drowned. A curious contrast between the importance of human life and property.

Public feeling in the west end of Prince Edward island is running high over the conviction of a priest for destroying liquor. The Roman Catholic congregation of Alberton recently held a largely attended picnic, at which a man of the place opened a temporary liquor store. A prohibitory liquor law prevails, but the local authorities failed to do their duty. The priest, the Rev. Father Burke, realizing that the sale of liquor on the occasion would likely lead to very serious disturbances, invaded the dealer's tent and personally destroyed the liquor. For this action he was subsequently fined $8 and costs by the local magistrate, but no action was taken against the illicit liquor vendor. Father Burke appealed to the higher court.

About the end of the month A. P. Lowe, of the geological survey, is expected to arrive home, after concluding the most interesting and extensive explorations that have been made in the Dominion. The exploration is through the centre of Labrador, of which comparatively little has heretofore been known. Lowe left with his party a year ago last June, his intention being to go from the mouth of the Mingan river straight north to Hudson's straights, thence around the coast to Hamilton inlet, thence westward to Hudson's bay. The last information received from the party was that their provisions had run out while making westward from Hamilton inlet to Hudson's bay, and they would strike for Mingan river, that being the quickest way of getting back into civilization.

A writ has been issued against the Great West Life Insurance company of Winnipeg at the instance of David Blackley, of Hamilton. The action, which is of much interest to insurance men, is for $10,000, the amount of a policy held by Blackley on the life of the late John Taylor, of Toronto. The policy was issued only a year ago, but in January last the company claimed there were untrue statements in the application, and notified the parties that the policy was cancelled. The company insisted on a full yearly premium being paid, which was resisted. Blackley was willing to pay only for the time actually insured. The company sued and gained their point. Three months ago Taylor died suddenly, and the present action will determine whether the policy was in force at the date of his death, Blackley contending that the company on its own motion cannot cancel a policy.

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