Local News.

—Albert Martin arrived in the city yesterday from Kaslo. He will in future be a member of the C. P. R. survey force on the Island.

—Dominion Day was celebrated in Dawson by the running of the first passenger train on the line of the Klondike Mines railway. An excursion to Grand Forks took place.

—It is reported from Dawson that the contract given by C. M. Hatfield, the so-called rainmaker of Los Angeles, has been cancelled owing to his inability to deliver the rain contracted for.

—J. Morton was clubbed severely by a man named Frances in a drunken brawl at Cumberland on Wednesday night. The victim was severely injured about the head and back, and is in the hospital in a serious condition. Francis was arrested immediately after the row.

—Mrs. G. H. Barnard ('phone 231) and Mrs. Hardie ('phone 423) were appointed the home committee for July at a meeting of the Home Nursing Society held Thursday morning at the city hall. Those desiring the society's assistance will kindly telephone either of the ladies mentioned.

—On Wednesday evening a young man named Fred Smith was drowned while bathing in Tsoleum river, near Courtney. His companions swam to his assistance and dived several times in an endeavor to rescue, but without success. The body was recovered at an early hour yesterday morning.

—Baron Kamura, lately head of the Japanese peace commission, who has just been appointed by the Mikado as ambassador to the court of St. James, will reach Victoria about August 1st, en route to England. He will spend a couple of weeks in Canada before sailing from Quebec on the Empress of Britain, that is scheduled to leave on August 18th.

—Chief of Police North, of Vancouver, has been dismissed as the result of a private inquiry held by the commissioners. At a meeting on Wednesday his suspension was made permanent. Charles Chisholm, for many years superintendent of the Thames water police in London, has been appointed to fill the position. There will be no public investigation as requested by North.

—Messrs. Watson & Jones, the Yates street grocers, received a fine shipment of strawberries from the farm of Harry Tanner, M. P. P., of Saanich, Thursday. The berries are of a special kind, with which Mr. Tanner has been experimenting, and the size and quality of the fruit at once attest the success of his efforts in growing them.

—June 27th has been reserved by the people of the neighboring municipality as Shawnigan Day. At the fete held this year on the date mentioned a good amount was raised towards the erection of a public hall at Cobble Hill. Several valuable prizes were given for athletic sports, among the donors being Weiler Bros., Scott & Peden and E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd., of this city.

—An amicable arrangement has been decided upon regarding the taxation of canned salmon as personal property under provincial laws. There has been a dispute for several years between the government and the Fraser river canners as to the method of arriving at a [illegible] basis. It has now been agre[illegible] tax shall be founded on t[illegible] a 30 per cent. reduction.

—At the New England hotel on Tuesday afternoon Mr. Hugh J. Priest and Miss Hattie Spalding, both of Sequin, Wash., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. S. J. Thompson, of the Centennial Methodist church. At the Chinese home on Tuesday evening Mr. Sempai, of California, and Miss Hatsu, who has just arrived from the Orient, a Japanese couple, were united in matrimony. Rev. S. J. Thompson conducted the ceremony.

—Geo. D. Collins, the San Francisco bigamist extradited from Victoria, still displays his wonted resourcefulness in endeavoring to get out of goal. He applied in the former city on Saturday for an order that he be liberated in the custody of a deputy sheriff to search for records lost in the big fire. As Judge Lawlor discovered such order would permit a round the world jaunt in quest of the burned up documents the request was promptly denied.

—A grass fire occurred this afternoon in the neighborhood of Beacon Hill. Shortly after 2 o'clock the fire department responded to a call from box 16. The blaze was discovered in front and to the south of South Park school. It was extinguished with comparatively little difficulty. The public generally and picnickers in particular are requested to exercise care in throwing away lighted matches or doing anything else likely to set on fire the dry grass of the suburbs during the summer season.

All those who attended W. G. Fisher's first excursion of the season last Monday to Cowichan Bay were well rewarded for time and money spent. It is Mr. Fisher's intention to run these excursions every Saturday afternoon, except July 14th, when the Y. M. C. A. will have their annual picnic, and on July 28th St. John's church have arranged with him for their annual excursion. To-morrow the boat will leave the C. P. R. wharf punctually at 2 o'clock for a most delightful trip through the islands of the gulf, and will make a short stay at North Saanich wharf. Tickets may be obtained at the C. P. R. ticket office. One of the pleasures of the trip will be the music by the Victoria mandolin orchestra, not the Margherita club, as stated yesterday. Tea, coffee, lemonade and other refreshments will be served on board. Victoria will be reached on the return about 9 p.m. Having the moon full will make the return trip doubly enjoyable.

—The marriage took place on Friday at the Centennial Methodist parsonage of Mr. Andrew Reynar and Mrs. Carrie May Somers, both of Ballard, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. J. Thompson.

—Professor Shutt, chemist of the Central experimental farm at Ottawa, is expected to visit Victoria about the 31st of this month. He will travel through a portion of the province and may give lectures to the farmers at different points.

—On Friday the death occurred of Mrs. Catherine Pike, widow of George Pike, of Guelph, Ont., at the family residence, No. 58 Fourth street. She was a native of Monaghan, Ireland, 65 years of age, and leaves four sons and two daughters to mourn her loss.

—Francis J. Jennings, a prominent cattleman of Montana, will shortly arrive in Victoria to reside permanently. In recording his marriage a week or two ago to Miss Bessie E. Escher, a San Diego exchange states the above fact, and also that Mr. and Mrs. Jennings will tour the Yosemite on their honeymoon before coming here to live.

—Joseph Rostein, of the Victoria Transfer Company, will leave for the East shortly to take up his residence. Mr. Rostein disposed of his interests in the business a short time ago to J. H. S. Matson, and retired from the secretaryship of the company. He is still acting in the office, and will remain for a short time, after which he proceeds to New York.

—On Wednesday evening the members of Victoria West lodge, I. O. G. T., held their usual weekly session. Owing no doubt to numerous holiday attractions only a small attendance was registered. Business was, therefore, quickly disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the few present wended their way to the Gorge park to enjoy the pleasures of that resort.

—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. held a special meeting Friday afternoon to perfect arrangements for the Y. M. C. A. excursion to Fulford Harbor on Saturday next. Mrs. Andrews, the president, occupied the chair. Committees were appointed as follows: Purchasing, meals and refreshment. The Cecilian orchestra will furnish music. A pleasant outing is anticipated for all who attend.

—G. H. Robinson, lately manager of the Britannia mines on Howe Sound, died suddenly in New York a few days ago, his wife being with him. Deceased, who practiced his profession of mining engineer for many years in Salt Lake City, and was afterwards associated with F. Augusuts Heinze, was well-known in this city. He had extensive mining interests not only in this province, but also in Utah and Mexico.

—An inquest was held Friday afternoon on the remains of the man picked up in the water between Ross Bay and Foul Bay on Thursday. A verdict of "found drowned" was returned. It was impossible to definitely identify the body as that of Charles Wales, missing from North Saanich. It is generally believed, however, that the remains are those of Mr. Wales. The funeral took place on Saturday morning from W. J. Hanna's parlors.

—A farewell banquet was tendered T. R. Whitley, late manager of the Chilliwack branch of the Royal Bank, by the business men of that town on Wednesday evening upon the eve of his departure for Victoria, where Mr. Whitley is assuming charge of the local branch of the bank. Mr. Whitley has resided in Chilliwack for 13 years, and made himself very popular, taking a deep interest in all enterprises connected with the welfare of the community.

—Passenger traffic over the Northern Pacific is so heavy this season that the management found it necessary on July 1st to run two of the five daily trans-continental trains in two sections, one of these being the North Coast Limited. It is estimated that over ten thousand tourists will visit Yellowstone Park this summer. The Northern Pacific is now running the regular excursions from Spokane and other Eastern Washington points to Victoria.

—A communication has been received from Ottawa, dated the 28th of June, signed by Colonel Vidal, adjutant-general, granting Quartermaster-Sergt. Winsby, of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., a commission as quartermaster, ranking as captain in the militia. This is given as a special rank of distinction for long and efficient services. Quartermaster-Sergt. Winsby has served in the volunteers in England and the militia of Canada from boyhood, upwards of 40 years.

—"A large party of American mining men will arrive in the city about the end of July en route to the north," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "The party will consist of some of the most prominent mining men of New York and Chicago, and will include some of the Guggenheims. It is headed by S. W. Eccles, of Chicago, and will embark on the steamer Princess May for the north, sailing from here on July 31st. Arrangements have been made for a stop of half a day at the Treadwell mines north-bound. The party will go through to Dawson and after spending some time there a visit will be made to the Atlin district. The party will number about 20, and will spend a couple of weeks inspecting the different camps in the Far North."

—The First Presbyterian church choir have prepared a splendid programme of a most varied character for their concert and ice cream social to be held next Wednesday evening in the schoolroom of the church. There will be several quartettes, trios and duets, both humerous and otherwise, as well as vocal solos, piano solos and recitations of a high order, but light and bright befitting the occasion, also an instrumental trio, by Mrs. Lewis Hall, Messrs. Longfield and Larrigan, Mrs. Gregson, Miss Howell Miss Scowcroft, Miss Wilson, Messrs. Gordon, Kinnaird, Bremner, A. Longfield, Adamson, Macdonald, Wilson and J. G. Brown. Ice cream, cake, etc., will be served at the close of the concert programme, and a most enjoyable evening is assured.

—Allan Rice McLean, aged eleven, the son of Alexander B. McLean, of Fairview, Vancouver, was drowned on Thursday in False creek while bathing with other boys.

—The funeral of Rosina Poulet took place at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company. Service was conducted by Rev. Father Fisser.

—The steamer Indianapolis will make a change in her schedule. Next Tuesday she will be off the run and will continue to make that day the one for her "lay over," instead of Wednesday, as at present.

—The four-year-old child of Earl Irvine was hurt on Friday afternoon, being knocked over by Chief Watson's rig on the corner of King's road and Second street. The injuries were painful, but not serious.

—Friday evening Rev. Dr. Campbell took his Bible class out for a spin up the Arm. The night being an ideal one the young ladies and gentlemen had a very enjoyable time, returning home about 11 o'clock.

—It is announced that Capt. Muspratt Williams, R. G. A., has been appointed to special service under the Canadian government. This will be good news to Capt. Williams' many friends in Victoria.

—The marriage of Mr. H. G. S. Heisterman, of the law firm of McPhillips & Heisterman, and Miss Salsbury, daughter of Mr. W. F. Salsbury, treasurer of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, is announced to take place on Wednesday, July 18th.

—The annual general meeting of the board of trade will be held in the board's rooms at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon next. As the election of officers will be the first business to be considered it is particularly requested that all members attend promptly.

—A young man named Walter Hutchinson, who was wanted for the theft of $800 from the Union Bank at Didsbury, Alta., was caught in Vancouver last Sunday and on Thursday was taken back to Alberta by Constable York, of the Northwest Mounted Police. Hutchinson for formerly teller in the bank there.

—Far West lodge, No. 1, K. of P., installed at their meeting Friday night the following officers: C. C., A. A. Humber; V. C., H. W. Murray; Prel., A. Hodnett; M. of W., C. H. Merkley; M. of E., S. L. Redgrave; M. of F., W. P. Smith; K. of R. & S., Harry Weber; M. at A., W. H. Johnson; I. G., J. M. Hughes; O. G., J. W. Elliott. The ceremony was performed by Dept. Grand Chancellor Phil. R. Smith.

—The St. John's excursion per S. S. City of Nanaimo on Saturday, 28th July, should prove extremely interesting as well as enjoyable, seeing the enterprising promoters have decided to make the head of Saanich Inlet, commonly called Goldstream Arm, the destination. This is the first time this lovely spot has been selected for an excursion. Popular prices for tickets and refreshments will be duly advertised.

—St. Columba's Sabbath school celebrated Dominion Day at Mrs. Marshall's picnic grounds, the Gorge, on July 2nd, when a most pleasant day was spent in boating, sports and games. Even those who went to work for the children's pleasure found time for a boat ride or to take part in a game, from the simple fact that Mrs. Marshall placed all the conveniences at the disposal of the school free of charge.

—The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church are making preparations for a garden fete to be held at the Gorge Park on Wednesday, July 11th. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon, with high tea from 6 to 7.30. An orchestra will be in attendance, booths for the sale of fancy work, candies and ice cream will be in charge of a number of young ladies. A cordial invitation is given to all. Full particulars will be given at a later date.

—On Wednesday next there will be celebrated in this city the first merchants' and clerks' half holiday. The stores will be closed at 1 o'clock, and an hour later a steamer, probably the Princess Beatrice, will leave the C. P. R. wharf, Belleville street, for an excursion trip among the islands of the Gulf. She will stop at some convenient landing place and will return by moonlight. This outing has been arranged in keeping with the holiday, and it is hoped that many of the clerks and merchants will take advantage of the trip.

—A meeting was held in the Foul Bay schoolhouse on Friday by residents of the new municipality of Oak Bay. The purpose of the gathering was to discuss the coming election, the nomination for which will be held on the 13th of July. In order to save the expenses of an election it is proposed that a mutual understanding be come to so that on nomination day the reeve and council may be selected without the necessity of calling for a poll. A number of names were proposed at the meeting last evening, several of whom were not present. Committees were appointed to wait on those who were not in attendance and ascertain their wishes before a decision can be arrived at.

—A gentleman bathing close to Mrs. Marshall's landing at the Gorge on Saturday came near losing a diamond ring valued at about $30. The ring dropped into the water, and for a time the parting seemed permanent. Fortunately there were some boys bathing in the vicinity, and they being informed, the search commenced. As is well-known to swimmers frequenting that part of the Arm, the water off the landing is pretty deep, and a current running strong makes diving with accuracy very difficult. Under these circumstances many would have given up the ring as gone beyond recovery. But one of the boys, Dennis Pennock, did not think so. He was told of the approximate location. He dived twice without success, but the third time brought the sparkling diamond to the surface, highly delighting the owner, and incidentally performing a fete that would be difficult to beat in the water.

(From Monday's Daily.)

—The following two mineral claims were recorded within the past few days: The Nepolian, on the shore of Hesult harbor, Nootka Sound, by John Mortimer, and the Fawn, adjoining the Omega, on Wolf mountain, Malahat district, by Thomas Pitt.

—Andrew Haslam, supervisor of log scalers for the provincial government, stated on Saturday that unmanufactured logs could change hands any number of times without being scaled. It is only intended to scale previous to manufacture to ensure a correct measurement of all timber cut.

—The Yale Dredging Syndicate is constructing a large dredge of the New Zealand type at Yale. The buckets will have a capacity of 63 cubic feet a minute or over 30,000 feet per day of eight hours. The machinery weighs about 120 tons, and 120,000 feet of lumber is being used for the frame work and superstructure.

—In the police court this morning the charge against a young lady of stealing a skirt, a hat pin and $3.50 in cash from a friend, which was remanded from Saturday, again came up. The informant announced her desire to withdraw the charge, which request was granted. Two drunks were dealt with in the usual way.

—A man named Cornelius was accidentally drowned in the Chemainus river near Mount Sicker yesterday afternoon while fishing. A coroner's jury to-day returned a verdict of accidental death. Cornelius, who was a diamond drill expert, came from St. Louis for the Tyee Mining Company.

—Certificates of work were issued recently in respect of the following mineral claims near Victoria: Wallace, R. J. Whidden; Daisy, J. C. Coleman; Victoria, S. A. Baird, and O. M., W. G. Manly. Surveys, in lieu of work, were recorded in respect of the Springfield, as lot 22, Seymour district, and Copper Hill, as lot 41, Helmcken district.

—The remains of Mrs. Pike were laid at rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Fourth street, Rev. Dr. Campbell conducting the services. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral emblems. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. G. Glover, A. McKenzie, J. Robertson, T. Buttler, A. Hunter and J. Elsworth.

—Manager Jamieson's offering for this week at the New Grand theatre includes: Armstrong and Holly in the comedy sketch, "The Expressman"; the three musical Keltons in a novelty musical act; Hildebrandt and Vivian in feats of strength; Harry Jolson, comedian; Frederic Roberts in illustrated song, and new moving pictures. Prof. M. Nagel's orchestra will render as an overture selections from "Faust," by Gounod.

—Charlie Yip Yuen, a well-known Chinese merchant, who formerly resided in Vancouver, is in the latter city endeavoring to secure capital among his countrymen for the construction of a branch railway from the southern province to connect with the Imperial line to Pekin.

—The Butterfly Club's picnic will be held on Thursday, July 12th, at Kanaka ranch, near the Sailors' and Soldier's Home. Members and their friends are requested to be at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home at 3 p. m. Refreshments will be provided at the club's expense.

—St. Andrew's Presbyterian church garden fete will be held at the Gorge park on Wednesday, and the moving pictures will be an added attraction to the good things provided by the ladies for their friends during the afternoon and evening of that day. An orchestra will also be in attendance, and with a number of booths for the sale of fancy work ice cream, candies, etc., and high tea from 6 to 7.30, a good time is promised to all who attend.

—The garden fete to be held to-morrow in the grounds of Mrs. Rattenbury, Oak Bay, in aid of the Emergency Club, promises to be a great success. It will be from 4 to 10 p. m., the Maypole dance commencing at 4.30. A band will be in attendance, and a minstrel troupe and archery contests will add to the pleasure of the occasion. Afternoon tea and ice cream will be dispensed and a sale of work held. In the evening the grounds will be lighted by electricity. As the proceeds are for charity, a very large attendance is expected.

—The County court is sitting to-day, presided over by Judge Lampman. This afternoon an interesting case is up for hearing, Drake vs. Cameron. This is an action which arises out of the sale of a running horse belonging to the plaintiff. The animal was sold by auction, having been put on sale by the defendant, who has a livery barn. The dispute is as to whether the defendants were authorized by the owner to allow the horse to be sold at the price realized.

—Richard Hawk, son of a car repairer for the B. C. Electric railway, was struck by car No. 71 at the junction of Esquimalt and Craigflower roads on Saturday evening. The boy was riding a bicycle down Craigflower hill and the machine caught in the fender on which he landed, his head striking the front of the car. Dr. R. L. Fraser, who was riding past, attended to his injuries, which consisted of several cuts and a slight concussion of the brain. He is out of danger, although yesterday his condition was somewhat serious.

—Last Saturday the second excursion of the season by the City of Nanaimo was given under the direction of W. B. Fisher. The day was ideal for the outing and the comfort and pleasure of those in attendance was further enhanced by the presence on board of the Victoria orchestra, under the leadership of Sidney Talbot. A cruise was taken among the beautiful islands above Sidney, and then a landing was made at Wrights, North Saanich, where the excursionists were given an hour ashore amid the lovliest pastoral scenery in British Columbia. The return journey was made by moonlight, Victoria being reached about 9.30 o'clock. The City of Nanaimo is an ideal vessel for these excursions, and no lovelier outing can be imagined than those provided by these excursions.

—J. B. Babcock, provincial fishery inspector, left yesterday morning for the Lillooet hatchery. While there he will make arrangements for the collection of spawn during the coming season.

—On Saturday afternoon lifts were made at two fish traps at East Otter Point and Peddar Bay, by Findlay, Durham & Brodie. There were 2,500 salmon in all caught, about 600 being sockeyes. The fish were sent to the Fraser river cannery belonging to the company.

—D. W. and A. S. Idding, two special writers for Recreation and other United States magazines, have arrived in Vancouver to outfit for an extended trip along the Cariboo trail to gather material for articles on the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in British Columbia. They spent the summer of 1904 on Vancouver Island.

—The checking of baggage from this coast to Liverpool by the C. P. R. has apparently proved very satisfactory, and the privilege is being extended to those who travel by the Allan and Dominion steamship lines across the Atlantic. The company has also under contemplation now the reciprocal checking of baggage from Liverpool to Hongkong.

—The annual garden party under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, St. Barnabas' Guild and Willing Helpers will be held at 84 North Chatham street, residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalby, on Wednesday, July 11th. The party will open at 3 p. m. There will be the usual tea, candy, ice cream, fruits and flower stalls. Music will be provided, and there will be illumination and fireworks in the evening.

—Leo Ives, son of H. Ives, Dunedin street, on Friday afternoon rescued a young man who was drowning in the Arm near Ian St. Clair's baths. With a friend named Spencer, he was rowing back from a trip to the Gorge, and noticed a young man about 19 floating with only the top of his head above water. Quickly rowing to his assistance he grasped him by the arm, and was eventually successful in getting the young man into the boat. The rescued man refused to give his name, and went away with a couple of friends.

—If the Victoria Automobile Club wishes to secure visits from the many autoists from the Sound who are taking advantage of island roads something should be done at once in the way of obtaining a flat rate from the C. P. R. for bringing autos here from Seattle. The excursion rate of $5 granted by the company running the Walalcole from that port to Nanaimo is drawing a large amount of attention to the Coal City as an auto centre. The Nanaimo Free Press of Friday said: "Nanaimo's fame as the centre of good automobile roads is travelling. Yesterday Mr. Cissna, a well known Bellingham banker, accompanied by his family, arrived in the city on a visit to his brother-in-law, James Caldwell. Mr. Cissna made the trip from Bellingham to Vancouver in his big Winton touring car. He brought the car over to Nanaimo on the Joan, and before returning home will make the runs to Alberni and Victoria."

PERSONAL.

W. K. Houston has returned from a business visit to San Francisco. Like many others, Mr. Houston pictured the stricken city of the Golden Gate a prostrate community with no hope of ever again feeling in the same degree the energy which characterized its former life. But contemplation of the actual operations there has changed his opinion. 'Frisco, he believes, will rise greater than ever. The superb spirit of its people was stunned, not destroyed. Lisbon, which in three seconds turned nearly over and dumped about fifty thousand people into eternity, rose like a dream in a quarter of a century, and present indications point to a similar revival of the California metropolis. Everybody is busy. Merchants are doing business in temporary quarters, and in their humble offices are planning great things for the future. And those things will mean many changes for 'Frisco. They may mean the relegation of Market street to second place in the arrangement of thoroughfares and the elevation of stately, aristocratic Van Ness avenue to first position as a retail business street. Oakland, in Mr. Houston's opinion, can never take San Francisco's place; nothing but a new San Francisco can.

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Rev. S. J. Thompson, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, has returned from a visit to New Westminster, where he attended the annual summer school in connection with Columbian College. This is a gathering of representatives of the Epworth Leagues and other religious organizations of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster for the purpose of discussing mission questions and studying the Bible. It is held in a marquee on the grounds. Rev. Mr. Thompson delivered several addresses while there and states that a great deal of interest is being taken in the various sessions. N. Shakespeare and Mrs. Shakespeare intend going over to the Royal City in the course of a few days.

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Mrs. Wark, proprietress of the Strathcona hotel, sustained a slight accident while driving to the city on Thursday. Nearing Goldstream the horse shied, and the wheel of the buggy striking a log it overturned, throwing Mrs. Wark out. She was unconscious for a time, but afterwards walked to the Goldstream hotel, and later drove to the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lugrin and family, including Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw and Mrs. E. Brunswick Shaw, have gone to their seaside camp at McLachlan Point, Esquimalt.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mesher are visiting Mrs. M. A. Wylde, Fort street, prior to the departure of Mrs. Mesher and daughter for England. They will travel via the C. P. R., connecting with the Empress of Britain, leaving on the 26th inst.

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F. Grundy, of the Bank of Commerce staff in this city, has been removed to the branch in Nanaimo. Mr. Grundy left on Saturday for the Coal City and will enter on his duties at once.

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Mrs. W. K. Houston has returned from a visit to friends in Seattle.

TALK OF A RIVAL LINE TO ENGLAND

TO BE ESTABLISHED BY A. WEIR AND CO.

Scow on Dallas Foreshore Completely Wrecked--The Athenian Was in Collision.

Andrew Weir & Co., of Glasgow, intend to make an attempt to break into the ocean freight carrying trade between the United Kingdom and this coast now enjoyed by the Blue and White Funnel lines, operated by Alfred Holt & Co., says the Vancouver Province. To this end the firm has now on the berth at Glasgow the first vessel of the fleet which is to be placed on the trade between Glasgow, Liverpool, Vancouver, Seattle and San Francisco.

According to information received in this city the new line will be operated via the Suez canal and Oriental ports, as are the vessels of the Holt lines. The reason for running the line south so as to include San Francisco is that it is realized that the competition of the Holt lines will be hard to fight, and as it does not touch at points below Puget Sound, Andrew Weir & Co. expect to be able to pick up some uncontested business there to help make the venture pay in its infancy.

The steamship which will make the first sailing to this coast is the Suveric. She is one of the well known Eric fleet, which consists of some thirteen vessels, all of them freighters of large capacity. Gradually a large number of these vessels will be pressed into the trade if it is found to pay. Two of the Eric fleet are now on this northern coast, the Dungric, which is lying in Burrard Inlet awaiting decision of MacKenzie Bros., her charterers, as to whether they will release her on account of late arrival, and the Ellenic loading at Ladysmith for Nome.

The Suveric is on the berth at Glasgow and next month she will shift to London to take on cargo there for this coast and Oriental ports. The sailing date of this steamship is not fixed yet, but she will likely leave London late in August. What time she will make on the run out here is questionable. None of the vessels of the fleet to which she belongs have the speed of the Holt liners.

PUEBLA LATE.

R. P. Rithet & Company, local agents of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, have been advised that the steamer City of Puebla will not leave for the Golden Gate until Wednesday evening. She will, therefore, be one day late in leaving, owing to a delay on the Sound.

With regard to the northbound steamer, the Umatilla, the Victoria agents have not yet been notified whether she has left the Bay City today. The Umatilla and City of Puebla are the only steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company that are yet operating on the Victoria and 'Frisco route.

LOST A SCOW.

The scow, which last week drifted ashore on the rocks of the Dallas road foreshore, is a complete wreck. A section of the craft was towed in by the steamer Dominion on Sunday, but its value is so small that it can hardly be placed against the total loss. The scow was owned by C. A. Goodwin, the proprietor of the Dominion, and it broke adrift on Friday night. At the time it was being towed in from Albert Head with a big load of sand. After it had been loaded it was found to leak, but by keeping the pumps of the Dominion going the water was kept down in the hold, and all was proceeding well until some distance off the Dallas road a heavy sea struck it. The waves sent the scow over at the head, and the stern up in the air, the towing line snapped and in the dark the barge was soon lost. She drifted to the rocks and was there pounded to pieces. The lost of the barge and sand represent six or seven hundred dollars.

ATHENIAN DAMAGED.

The C. P. R. steamship Athenian, which was due to arrive from the Orient on the 21st inst., will probably not reach port until some weeks later. News from Yokohama, under date of July 7th, reports that the British tank steamer Apachee collided with the C. P. R. liner, inflicting injuries which necessitated both ships returning to port for repairs. The Apachee was out-bound at the time. The extent of her damages or those which the Athenian sustained has not yet been received.

THE FIRST PRACTICE.

The new Dominion government lifeboat was given a trial with Capt. J. C. Voss in charge on Saturday afternoon. The craft was taken from Esquimalt into the roads, where the surface of the water was a little rough. Then it was taken into the harbor and to the Gorge, and then back to Esquimalt, where the boat is kept in one of the naval sheds. During the run the muscles of the men were well tested. Captain Voss at different stages addressed the men on the proper handling of the boat, and altogether the cruise was a most satisfactory one. Captain Voss' crew on Saturday was composed as follows: F. Hatcher, F. Jones, W. Hibbs, Charles White, T. Wilson, William Worth, E. T. Laurie, Paul Beygrau, H. Laing and W. H. Spurrier, with W. S. Duncan and W. H. F. Richdale.

SHIPPING NOTES.

A letter from Capt. McKiel, of the schooner Dora Stewerd, reports that he has secured an Indian crew of 14 men, and will leave for Behring Sea in a few days.

The Norwegian steamship Thyra is expected to arrive about the end of the week from Java with a cargo of sugar for the B. C. Sugar Refinery, Vancouver.

The steamship Camosun will arrive from Northern B. C. ports to-morrow morning and will sail again on her return voyage at noon.

What Other People Think

ANARCHISM AND MR. HAWTHORNTHWAITE.

To the Editor:—It is not good for a community that men with extreme views should rule. British Columbia is essentially a country needing extensive co-operation from capitalists, and everyone who has the interests of the province at heart must take steps to see that capital and existing interests are treated fairly.

It is difficult to realize that anyone should threaten to haul down the "Old Flag" from our government buildings and hoist up the red flag of revolution, especially in British Columbia. Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who is reported to have advocated such a procedure, is one of the brainiest men in the province. There are several people who would find it possible to agree with him on many points, but are shocked by his reckless and extravagant threats, which in British Columbia are unnecessary. The people already have the power in their own hands. It is government of the people, for and by the people. If we have not got what we require, it is our duty to take the earliest opportunity to dispense with the services of our representatives.

Rapid changes are not good for any community, and evolution must necessarily be slow. We must improve existing conditions step by step; we may develop government ownership by degrees. We may prevent centralization of capital by natural means, truth and justice. There is no need to cut off the heads of capitalists or to burn down their warehouses, offices and mansions. We must recognize that we have not the monopoly of unselfish righteousness, and by our errors we may do more to injure our cause than to gain our ends. The capitalists have done much during the last decade toward the advancement of true Socialism by their own acts, showing how huge organizations may be successfully manipulated. By their huge combines and monopolies they have excluded free co-operation and have furnished a powerful argument against their continuance.

Has it ever occurred to so-called Conservatives and Liberals that many of them are Socialists at heart, and that it is only the want of tact of such men as Mr. Hawthornthwaite which prevents the realization of many of the best and far-reaching reforms? If he and his friends were to control the destiny of British Columbia there would be bad half-hours for several of the capitalists, and anyone who ventured to differ from them.

Such men as Mr. Hawthornthwaite have their minds in a mould more often labelled "destruction" rather than "construction." The people should see to it that all those who abuse and threaten those who do not agree with them should be treated with silent contempt.

The day will come when we will own the railways, telephones, gas, water and electric light, power and tram lines. Life and fire insurance and compensation for the working man, together with old age pensions, are questions which are not so remote as some persons would imagine.

We need good roads to open up the province, and if the government will make the roads the people will soon put on their own motors, and distribute the necessities of civilization. All unselfish, thinking persons will agree that no true Socialism can be based upon fraud and wickedness, and to take from any person what is theirs according to the law of the land is a crime. Large companies will have to give up their business, but the state will give them due and honest compensation, and their moneys will ultimately become re-invested for the benefit of all, under new conditions.

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SPRING RIDGE SAND PITS.

To the Editor:—A question which has puzzled me, and for which I can find no logical answer, is: Why, oh! why are sand pits allowed in the heart of this city? Is there another such instance in a civilized country? Everyone recognizes that it is a great drawback to this vicinity—a public nuisance—a birthmark, as it were, on the fair face of our city. Why does it remain? They must be filled up in time. Why not now? Have we a ward representative, and where in the world is he? Mr. Editor, you would scarce believe it, but the fact is there are three blocks running west from Fernwood, with practically no road at all. Some people have the nerve to call it a street. Two blocks are monopolized by sand pit owners, and the third one would make a fairly good trail.

This is certainly a ridiculous state of affairs here. People have been living year after year submitting to this inconvenience, and yet apparently no move is made to abate the nuisance. It is a hardship that seems wholly uncalled for and a subject our local representatives might well take up with the residents of Spring Ridge. I referred to this matter some time ago, and suggested the filling in of those sand pits instead of allowing fresh ones to be opened up. Mr. Editor, if through the columns of your valuable paper we can submit to the powers that be the wretched state of affairs as they now exist because of those sand pits with a view to getting the relief to which we are entitled, then the people of this neglected locality will be forever grateful.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

Severn Bridge, July 7.—Miss Mary McCully, of Toronto, was drowned in Sparrow lake yesterday. She was canoeing with her brother and younger sister when the canoe upset below the rapids. The brother and the younger sister were rescued.

BORN.

DALLAIN—On the 5th inst., at 53 South Turner street, the wife of A. J. Dallain, of a son.

PETERS—At New Westminster, on July 4th, the wife of A. G. Peters, of a daughter.

DIED.

PIKE—At the family residence, No. 58 Fourth street, on the 6th inst., Catherine Pike, widow of the late Geo. Pike, of Guelph, Ont., aged 65 years, and a native of Monaghan, Ireland.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2.30 p. m. from above residence.

Friends please accept this intimation.