

THE CITY.

REV. G. T. FRYLAND, the "boy preacher," who was in Victoria last year, is now in the city...

NUMBER 4 locomotive of the E. & N. R. ran off the track in crossing the Equi-malt road at Victoria West yesterday afternoon...

PREPARATIONS are now being made for the departure of the various warships on their southern cruise...

REV. JOSEPH HALL a few days ago performed the ceremony which made Miss Elizabeth M. Ross a bride...

LATE last night a buggy and grey horse, belonging to an expressman named King, who lives at Spring Ridge...

The Spanish road was the scene of a hunting accident on the usual order sailing morning, Captain Bissets of the sailing schooner Annie E. Paine...

The funeral of Judge H. D. Gals, who was killed at Pavilion Mountain, last week, by being thrown over a cliff by a runaway horse...

In the case of the Corporation of Vancouver, who appealed against the decision of the court in the case of the Westwater, condemning them to pay \$245 to Dr. Brydson Jack for attendance on a smallpox patient...

In the Nelson Miner of a recent date Mr. J. F. Bledsoe, who for some time was an active and popular member of the Colonist staff...

PASSENGERS who arrived by the steamer Premier last evening bring the sad news that Conductor Coburn, of the E. & N. railway, who, with his family, was on board...

MARK NORTON, who enjoys the distinction of being one of the best-known sporting men on the North Pacific coast, returned from a short hunting expedition yesterday afternoon...

A WESTMINSTER special says: "A few months ago a German named Mosher, representing himself as the owner of a shirt factory in Victoria, solicited orders in town for his goods, obtaining in some instances \$10 to \$20 in advance on account of the shirts ordered, which were to be delivered within a specified time..."

The bold highwaymen who "held up" John Farnham on Blenheim street Monday night, under circumstances related yesterday, were evidently making a night of it. Yesterday a man giving his name as John Fox reported to Sergeant Walker that he too encountered the same pair in the lane running parallel with Meares street...

The newly appointed members of the Provincial Board of Horticulture held their first meeting yesterday in the office of the Department of Agriculture, there being present, A. O'Brien, Victoria District; T. Trage, Sals Spring Island; E. Hatcher, Ladner; Mrs. Cunningham, New Westminster; and Thos. G. Earle, Lytton...

THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, the only one which was absent being Mr. J. B. Anderson, Victoria District. The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John H. Turner, was also present. The afternoon and evening sittings were devoted to discussing regulations for the more efficient carrying out of the act under which the Board was constituted. It was decided to enforce the law more strictly in regard to the inspection of importations of fruit, trees and plants, and the proper spraying of orchards in the Province. The new rules will be ready for publication in a few days. To more readily and efficiently attend to the proper inspection of imported trees, Mr. Hutcherson, the Provincial inspector of fruit pests, left last night for Portland, and will spend the next ten days in travelling through Oregon and Washington, returning as early as possible the number of trees that are likely to be shipped to British Columbia this year. The Board will meet again in this city on November 13.

THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

Safely In From the Orient After a Rather Rough But Uneventful Passage.

A Canadian Commissioner From the Russian Seal Islands—Japan's Naval Adviser.

The Royal Mail Steamship Empress of Japan arrived in about two o'clock yesterday afternoon on her thirteenth voyage toward Hongkong and Yokohama. She brought 28 saloon, 12 intermediate and 263 steerage passengers, the last named being Chinese and Japanese. The freight consisted of 2,579 tons of general merchandise, of which 73 tons, or 706 packages, were for Victoria. Four saloon and thirty-two Chinese passengers disembarked at Victoria, and five Chinese women intended for here went on to Vancouver on the advice of the local customs house officer, who did not feel satisfied that their business was legitimate.

The trip was rough, but uneventful. While the Japan was at Hongkong there were a number of Chinese vessels wrecked in a series of typhoons, but no lives were lost. Three days out from Yokohama she passed the steamer Tacoma, of the Northern Pacific line, bound for Tacoma.

The saloon passengers who disembarked here were B. C. Holt, H. C. Jarrett, R. N. Vennings and Dr. A. E. Zooyeff. Those who proceeded on to Vancouver were Charles A. Conolly, Miss Daniels, W. S. Edwards, Capt. Boquist, W. J. Hancock, Capt. Ingles, Mrs. C. Gardiner-Johnson, Mr. Matthews, Joseph Oliver, Mr. Overbeek, Lucie Ford, Miss Palmer, H. S. Stevens, Rev. and Mrs. Sowerby and six children, Mr. Taylor, Commander and Mrs. Walcott, R. N. Vennings is of the Marine and Fisheries Department at Ottawa, and is returning from a mission to the Commander Islands, on which he was dispatched by the British Government. His duty was to observe the method in which the regulations for the preservation of seal life are observed there, and also to report upon the effect of the regulations. The information thus obtained is expected to be of use in framing the regulations governing sealing in waters contiguous to Russian territory under the terms of the recently concluded agreement between Great Britain and Russia.

Capt. Ingles is an officer of the Royal Navy, who has on his way home to England, after having completed six years service as naval adviser to the Government of Japan. He was recommended for this important post by the British Admiralty. Capt. Ingles speaking to a COLONIST representative yesterday expressed a very high opinion of the Japanese navy. He says the education of the higher officers has been very much improved in late years, and that concurrently with this advance in knowledge the naval equipment has been improved.

The Japanese are now able to build modern warships for themselves, and they are about to place in commission the largest vessel ever built in Japan. This is a sister ship to one built in France to the order of the Japanese government. She is a 4,000 ton vessel, and in her armament includes a 66 ton gun, which for its weight is the most powerful in the world. Japan has now become so far advanced, says Capt. Ingles, that she is not much in need of advice on most points, but being so far removed from Western nations she requires some one to be acquainted with movements there to tell her when she is going wrong, and such advice may save her a great deal of money. There now remains only one foreigner in the Japanese navy, and he is an Englishman named Hammond, a gunnery instructor, who went out with the naval mission sent from England at the request of the Japanese Government twenty years ago.

The mission was not retained very long, all the members being dispensed with, with the exception of Mr. Hammond, and the Japanese got along by themselves very well for twelve years, and by their request Capt. Ingles went out as naval adviser. This office, to which there was attached the highest salary in the service, has now been abolished on the score of economy. In the army, as in the navy, there is now only one foreigner, a German major. An Italian officer looked after the coast fortifications until a few years ago, but he fell into bad health and left. The army he declares to be in a splendid condition, and to be the only army in the East that could march up to Peking at any time. The soldiers he declares possess the dash and fire of the Spaniards, with the patience of the Orientals, and the combination makes them almost irresistible in the Orient.

H. C. Jarrett, is a well known New York theatrical manager. He has been travelling on pleasure with his wife and family, whom he left to accompany other friends on a globe trotting expedition, while he returned to America on business. Mr. Jarrett says he will rejoin his family at Cairo at Christmas time. He left for the Sound last evening. R. C. Holt is a son of the ex-Mayor of Liverpool, who is also the head of the Holt line of steamers.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES. OPEN FOOT OFFICERS. NANAIMO, Oct. 24.—(Special).—The Y.M.C.A. junior association football team has re-organized for the season and is open to challenge.

VANCOUVER'S ENGAGEMENTS. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB will play a team picked from the lawyers and real estate men on Saturday. The club's fixtures for the season are: Nov. 4—Westminster, Brockton Point. Nov. 11—Nanaimo Hornets, Nanaimo. Nov. 18—P. R. Brockton, Brockton Point. Nov. 25—Mainland and Island, Beacon Hill. Dec. 2—Westminster, Queen's Park. Dec. 9—Vancouver, Brockton Point. Dec. 16—Victoria, Beacon Hill. Dec. 23—Vancouver, Brockton Point. Dec. 30—Mainland and Island, Brockton Point. Jan. 6—Nanaimo Hornets, Brockton Point. Jan. 13—United Banks, Brockton Point. Jan. 20—Victoria, Queen's Park. Jan. 27—Victoria, Brockton Point. Feb. 3—P. R. Brockton, Brockton Point. Feb. 10—Law and Real Estate, Brockton Point. Feb. 17—Law and Real Estate, Brockton Point. The club in its present shape is not as good as last year, and unless wonderful improvement is made, Vancouver will lose her proud place in the football field as she has in lacrosse.

THE BING. CORBETT AND MITCHELL NOT TO FIGHT. NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Charles Mitchell has stopped training and W. A. Bradley, acting for Corbett, has declined the Bellingborough club's offer of \$12,000 to bring off the fight in London. Both principals hope the Coney Island club will take care of them, so far as the expenses already incurred are concerned. As far as can be seen the fight is absolutely off for good.

THE CITY.

An adjourned special meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria Telephone Co. was held yesterday, routine business being disposed of.

The Ladies' Aid of the Metropolitan Methodist church are arranging for their annual sale of work, which will be held on the 14th proximo.

J. E. PHILLIPS has purchased the bankrupt stock of the Victoria Marble Works, Tuesday afternoon at reduced rates. His place of business is 76 View street.

FRANK GREENE, who took the liberty of helping himself to the contents of a neighbor's most safe, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment for so doing, yesterday morning.

It was not deemed necessary to hold an inquest in the case of the old man Day, an inmate of the Victoria hospital, who died on Monday. The inquest was held at the Victoria hospital on Monday.

J. W. MURPHY and Miss Grace Sly were passengers by the City of Kingston on Tuesday afternoon. J. W. Murphy, who was in the Victoria hospital, was taken to the Victoria hospital on Monday.

The Equatorial Indian, who in a fit of jealousy recently attempted to cremate his wife, was last heard from near Wharfedale, where he fled at the first sign of trouble, together with the witnesses in the case.

NEXT Wednesday night the annual ball under the auspices and for the benefit of the Jubilee hospital will be held at Assembly hall. The preparations are on a magnificent scale and the tickets are going well.

THE pastorate of Robt. Philo in the Congregation Emmanuel is soon to terminate; no steps have yet been taken to fill the vacancy. The pastorate of Robt. Philo has been terminated. He has been visiting the Sound cities.

A FATAL accident occurred on Tuesday, not far from the Mount Newton hotel, Saanich. A number of Japs were at work clearing land for a contractor, when the falling branch of a tree struck one of them and killed him instantly. An inquest is not considered necessary.

MR. ST. G. FLINT, late of Flint & Williams, and Mr. Thos. S. Prosser have entered into partnership under the firm name of Flint & Prosser. They will carry on a real estate, financial and general commission business, at 18 Broad street, where they have opened offices.

PREPARATIONS are being made for the supply of salt water to the Leander baths in the Five Sisters' block. Pipes will be laid as far as the outer wharf, so that the supply will be pure. The baths are proving very popular, and a ladies' class has been formed which has possession on certain mornings.

MR. JOHN SAYTAL, of Spring Ridge, received slight injuries, chiefly cuts in the face and neck, yesterday, through the explosion of a small quantity of dynamite left in a can to "blow." The dynamite had been put away the previous evening and the presence forgotten.

It is doubtful if the recent killing affair on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway will ever come into the courts. The man who shot the dead man has escaped across the boundary, but his whereabouts have been ascertained, and he is expected to be extradited. The fact of the outcome of a press, and as all the witnesses are so drunk that they cannot give a clear account of what took place it would be hard to secure a conviction.

THE Merchants Exchange Club committee had an interview yesterday with the directors of the British Columbia Board of Trade Building Association. The committee resulting in satisfactory arrangements being made regarding the rental of the premises required by the club. Matters have now been taken out of the hands of the directors, and the furnishing of the premises will proceed without delay. The new club will be opened not later than November 10.

POTTERS, of whom the woods are full just now, are not at all particular as to whose grounds they trespass upon or whose property they destroy. They are now made themselves conspicuous a day or so ago by invading the grounds of Craigdarroch, Mrs. Dunsmuir's residence; another party took possession of the Carey Castle park, where Hon. Mr. Dewdney himself surprised them in the act of slaughtering his tame pigeons. The "sportsmen" fled at the Governor's approach, leaving their game behind.

THE annual inspection in sixty-four pounder drill of the B.C.S.A. will take place as follows: No. 3 Company, Monday, 30th inst. No. 1 Company, Tuesday, 31st inst. and No. 2 Company, Wednesday, November 1. The inspection will be in the form of a drill, and will consist of the drilling every afternoon and evening at the drill hall. No. 1 Company will drill again this evening and Friday afternoon. The late change in the drill renders it necessary for every man to attend regularly and to do his very best.

THE very large number of friends who attended the funeral of the late Moses Lumby, yesterday afternoon, showed the general esteem in which the deceased was held. The services, which were held at Christ Church Cathedral, were most impressive. Rev. Canon Beaudin, assisted by Rev. Canon Paddon, officiating, while several beautiful hymns were sung and appropriate prayers were read. A number of beautiful offerings were sent by friends. From the church the funeral proceeded to the cemetery at Ross Bay, where the interment took place. The pall-bearers were: Hon. F. G. Kerwin, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Hon. Col. Baker, F. S. Barnard, M.P., Major Dupont, Messrs. J. Austin, A. W. Vowell and William Finlay.

THE court-martial to determine the responsibility for the disappearance of upwards of \$250 of the Government funds in the custody of Lieut. Masters, of H.M.S. Garnet, opened at 9:30 yesterday on board the Champion. Capt. Hooks presided, and the other members of the court were: Commander Huntington, Commander Stokess, and Lieutenant Davenport. The Admiral's Secretary, Frank Dent, acted as judge advocate, and Capt. Hughes-Talbot as prosecutor. Lieut. Y. E. Bell and P. E. Irving were present as counsel to watch the case on behalf of Lieut. Masters. Three witnesses were examined, these being Corporal Iringham, Staff Paymaster Olland and John O'Brien, assistant ship steward. The evidence was to the effect that a number of persons had access to the chest from which the money disappeared. The court adjourned until today, when again the testimony being several other witnesses to be examined.

SEALING PROFITS AND PROSPECTS.

What the Vessels of the Canadian Fleet Have Accomplished During the Past Season.

And What Their Intentions Are for the Future—Speculation as to Japan's Policy.

"Will Japan enact regulations similar to those decided upon by Great Britain and the United States on the one hand and Great Britain and Russia on the other?" This is the question which, above and before all others, is engaging the attention of those interested in the sealing industry just now.

"Will the hospitable citizens of the Island Empire continue to permit the destruction in Japanese waters of the much-prized producers of sealin coats—or will they not?" Much depends on how this question is answered. Of course, if a protectorate is declared in favor of the Japanese seals, it means loss of their coast to the seal companies of their last haven, and if it is taken from them they will be obliged to submit themselves to the narrow privileges of the new regulations.

As yet Japan has taken no steps toward the prohibition or regulation of sealing in her territorial waters, and as a result the majority of the Victoria sealing fleet, during the next few months, shape their course for Yokohama or Hakodate. Several vessels are fitting out for Christmas and will set half the fleet under sail. They will in many instances take their hunters only from this side, making up the usual complement of men and the steam, combing and boat-pullers. Whether this is a bid for popularity with the Japanese or because the Japs have proved good seamen in the past is a matter of opinion—possibly it is both.

The official statement of the catch of the fleet during the season just closed is here presented; all the vessels have now returned to port, with the exception of the Maud S., now at Yokohama, where she will winter, and the steamer "Worlock," combining sealing and trading, which is expected home next month. The catch of the Maud S. is included in the statement prepared by Collector Milne and given below:

Table with columns: Vessels, Tons, Masters, B.C. Co., Jap. Co., and Totals. Lists various vessels like Triumph, Sapphire, Maud S., etc., with their respective catches and owners.

A VOICE FROM KAMLOOPS.

TO THE EDITOR:—The man who lacks interest in the present juncture lacks patriotism. At the risk of intruding on your valuable space, I would ask to be allowed to give expression to the prevailing opinion relative to the convention which met lately at Kamloops to discuss weighty matters regarding the "Constellation League." The high-sounding title—"Constitutional League"—which brought this assemblage together might cause considerable consternation in the minds of people who believed in law and order. But the resolutions proposed without discussion at that gathering showed how ill-assorted the ideas of its members were.

The historical mountain had not brought forth anything so palpably unjustifiable as we feared, as the meeting was to be held at Kamloops—the capital in embryo—a brand new constitution would be framed, and the names of the delegates sent down to posterity among such as met in Philadelphia in 1776 and in Quebec in 1858. But, alas, Brown, Cotton and Kitobon were not of that distinction. A Provisional Government was not formed; the distant guns of a hostile ship were at a safe distance and in a few minutes the vapors of demagogues vanished in this air. How those gentlemen from the sea coast have presumed on the gullibility or ignorance of us up-country people! The "moral right" to preach division and sectionalism is not to be questioned, but to speak of separation was crass treason, and the talk of redistribution is neither just nor generous. We know what this means. Representation of the population would be fixed by the Rules of the Cascades and north of Thompson make no reference to redistribution, except in a vague way, condemning every sort of Government. They know that the population of Vancouver, Westminster city and district, is much larger than the sparsely settled districts of the interior, but they do not care. They know that the Government is doing, and are simply carrying out the delay. No large constituency suffers from the want of members to represent them; but they suffer woefully by send-

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The Cargo of the Disabled "Miwera"—Official Investigation Into That Vessel's Standing.

Departure of the Salmon-Laden "Ladstock"—The "Maud S." Preparing Her Defence.

A. F. Cooke, of Honolulu, speaking of the Miwera disaster says, in the Tacoma Ledger: "There were 1,500 bags of rice, 4,000 bunches of bananas and 800 pineapples, lying on the wharf at Honolulu for shipment to Victoria on the Miwera. These had to remain until the departure of the Anstralia. Of the bananas 1,000 bunches became too ripe to ship before the Anstralia left, and were sold at 25 cents a bunch and the rest had to be repacked. The Miwera's cargo of fruit was sold at auction and the canned goods and general merchandise, of which there were about forty tons sent to the Fraser River by the Anstralia. Late exchanges from Honolulu contain full particulars of the wreck and the unsuccessful efforts to float the steamer. There is considerable dispute as to the points from which the Miwera made the entry of the passage. Says the Bulletin: 'While some maintain that she followed the usual route from the bell buoy, passing the spar buoy on her starboard side without making the necessary turn at this point, others assert that she entered from the Ewa side of the passage, and the captain, finding himself suddenly in shallow water, gave orders for turning around and heading her out again, and that it was while making the turn that she was wrecked.' The latter is the view held by the Anstralia, where the Miwera ground-dred is just about that point of the Ewa side reef which steamers from Waianae and Kanae round in entering the harbor. It is a locality well known to yachtsmen, who give it a wide berth on account of the rocky shoal adjacent, with breakers in the near distance. The British Minister Woodhouse states that it will be his duty to convene a court of inquiry into the disaster."

THE "MAUD S." A private letter received yesterday from Yokohama announces that the Victoria schooner Maud S. has reported to the resident British consul and is now preparing her case, which is a strong one. No matter what the outcome of the trial is, the schooner will winter at Yokohama, and if she wins the day will outfit there in the spring.

THE LADSTOCK AWAY. The British bark Ladstock, which is laden with salmon for the United Kingdom, and which was towed into Equilmalt by the tug Hope on Monday, will tow to sea to-day. She was loaded on the Fraser river by Bell-Irving and Paterson, and being a large vessel carries a big cargo.

RUSSIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

LYONS, Oct. 25.—More than 200,000 visitors are in this city this morning, having come to participate in the fete upon the visit of the Russian naval officers, who will stop here four hours, then proceed to rejoin their ships at Toulon. Every boat plying upon the river Rhone and Saone, which traverse the city, was covered with flags. An enormous number of gifts have been prepared for presentation to the Russians, either for themselves, the Czar or the Czarina. Among the gifts are twelve beautiful silk dresses for the Czarina, a large number of silk French and Russian flags, and 2,500 silk handkerchiefs, the latter intended for the sailors of the Russian fleet. The Russian visitors arrived here at 10 o'clock and an immense crowd waited their coming. When they stepped ashore they were received with frenzied enthusiasm. The officers met and welcomed the officers. The prefect delivered the speech of welcome. The party then started in carriages to the Hotel de Ville (city hall), and there was a perfect jam along the route taken. The streets were repeatedly cheered. Several times the carriages were stopped and the well-dressed women embraced and kissed the Russians, who seemed to like this part of the welcome better than all the rest, and made no effort to defend themselves from the assaults of the best French ladies.

DEPARTURE OF THE RUSSIANS.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—One hundred persons were seriously injured during the fireworks last night. Crowds occupied the streets until this morning. The mob who the day before made all drivers of hacks doff their hats and cry "Vive la Russie!" One cabman who refused to cheer for Russia was "attacked" severely; police rescued him after a hard fight in which they were charged by the rioters. Several men were arrested. The Russians left the Lyons station this morning amidst tumultuous cheers.

MARRIAGES.

FRANKS—McINTOSH.—At South Saanich, B.C., on the 23rd inst., by Rev. Mr. Christian, William B. Franks, of Victoria, to Emma C. McIntosh, of South Saanich, Victoria county, New Scotland.

CLUTE—WALKER.—At 45 Bithmore Walk, on the 23rd inst., by Rev. Mr. Christian, Fred Clute, of Victoria, to Mary Louisa Walker, of New Westminster.

DEATHS. LUMBY.—In this city, on the 23rd inst., Moses Lumby, late Government Agent at Vernon, a native of England, aged 61 years.

VICTORIA NURSERY.

P. T. Johnston & Co. offer for sale a large and varied stock of Fruit Trees, Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, Bulbs, etc. As they wish to clear a portion of their nursery surplus parties can purchase for cash before the end of October. Can obtain great bargains. Nursery, 25 Charles Street, off Cadboro Bay Road. Seed Store, 22 Douglas Street. Inspection solicited. Catalogues on application.

ALL MEN.

Young, old or middle aged, who find themselves nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in any of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headaches, pimples on the face and body, dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and elsewhere, bad humors, deposits in the urine, loss of willpower, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes, surrounding circles under the eyes, and all other symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity unless cured. The spring or tonic force having lost its tension every function wastes in consequence. Those who through abuse committed in ignorance, may be permanently cured. Send your address and ten cents in stamps for book on disease peculiar to man, sent post free. Address: M. V. LUBON, 24 Macdonnell Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada. Please mention this paper.

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