

**BRIEF LOCALS.**

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**Gleanings of City and Provincial News  
in a Condensed Form.**

Fortunate crew and three Americans living on the island were sustaining life by means of the eggs they found and by fish they could catch. Their communication was a matter of great difficulty, owing to the fact, which was quite dangerous at night, but all were relieved, and the shipwrecked crew, who had been fifty days on the island, were taken to Annapolis on the Comus and landed there. All on the Comus are looking forward to their early return to Esquimaux.

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the suggestion emanating from the Yarmouth Liberal Association that steps be taken for the formation of a provincial Liberal association, as set forth in a circular discussed by the Young Men's Liberal Club at their meeting last evening. It is one that ought to be regarded with favor by all Liberal associations in the province. In unity there is strength, and we can conceive of the best plan of solidifying the Liberal party in British Columbia and ensuring successful concerted efforts whenever occasion may demand than by forming a central organization in the manner suggested. While the need of immediate thorough organization may not be so fully apparent, there can be no question of the ultimate value of action. In having already acted in this regard, British Columbia is well advanced behind other provinces of the Dominion. We hope to see the matter taken up speedily and acted upon promptly. Hitherto it is making very rapidly in this province just now; let Liberals be in a position to actively participate, if action should arise, in fixing its lines.

It seems utterly idle to talk of the Dominion government incurring an obligation to assist in the building of a road from Penticton to Boundary Creek this year. People who talk glibly about this being done apparently forget the existence of the senate, which so recently showed itself ready to put the government in an awkward position whenever possible. They also forget the temper displayed by the house of commons railway committee, which was by no means such as to encourage the government in regarding the plan permanent in advance of the proposed legislation. In France, who probably knows the situation as well as anybody, is reported as saying that he does not hope for a subsidy even at the next session of parliament, much less during the recess. It

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It was fixed at \$2,000, himself in \$1,000 and two sons \$500 each. The bondsmen met, and Ruthven got off in the morning to deliver his evening lecture. The hall was crowded and the pastor has given an oration by his friends in the advice of his counsel he delivered his sensational lecture, but he was not true to the history of religious strife from his point of view. This morning Ruthven was in the police court before Magistrate for examination on the charge of publishing indecent literature. On the charge he was remanded from court. At the request of the defense he was remanded until the next morning, bail being renewed at \$2,000.