detective, "and I will show you the man who will keep watch outside your hotel."

He left the room, and when he returned was accompanied by a quiet, solemn-looking personage, who resembled a village schoolmaster rather than a detective.

His superior briefly furnished him with the facts of the case, after which Jack gave him as good a description of the man he was to watch, as he could well remember.

"You must keep your eye on him until you find out who he is and where he hails from, and then report to me," said the chief detective. "You say you are returning to London, Mr. Trowbridge, by the afternoon train?"

"That is my intention, unless it is necessary for me to stay longer in Liverpool. In that case I will willingly do so."

"I don't think there is any need for you to postpone your journey," said the detective. "We cannot take any action against this man even if we do find out who he is. We can keep him under our surveillance, however, and by finding out who he is endeavor to throw some light upon the whole affair. If my surmises are correct he will watch you until you leave, and then communicate the fact of your return to the South, to those who are employing him."

After thanking the detective for his courtesy, Jack returned to his hotel. As he made his way down the street he looked about him for the man he expected to find there, but without discovering him. This caused him to wonder whether he had not been mistaken in thinking that the other had been following him. When in the middle of his luncheon, however, he chanced to look out and see the individual standing on the other side of the street, he felt assured that his original supposition was correct. The house immediately behind his follower was a restaurant, and, seated at a table at the window, Jack observed the grave countenance of the police detective, whose services had been placed at his disposal.

After he had finished his meal he made his way to the writing room, where he composed the telegram suggested by the manager of the Mitcham Steamship Company. In it he asked the captain of the Marwhel to post a notice requesting James Ormby, if he were on board, to cable to his friend, John Trowbridge, to whom his absence was causing the keenest grief. Then, having signed a cheque drawn in favor of the Mitcham Steamship Company, he placed it in an envelope, together with the telegram, and dispatched it to their offices by one of the hotel servants. Then he was at liberty to disport himself as he pleased until the hour should arrive for him to make his way to the railway station. How to amuse himself he did not know, but eventually he left the hotel, engaged a cab, and informed the driver that he could be crammed into the space of an hour and a half. While he was giving the cabman his directions, he glanced casually across the street and noticed that his shadower had become aware of his exit.

Then he entered the cab and drove off, and in an aimless fashion explored street after street, made the acquaintance of a variety of shipping, a large number of unsavory back streets, and at last found himself back at the hotel once more.

"If you like to wait for ten minutes you can drive me to the railway station," said Jack to his cabman. "I shan't be longer than that."

"All right, sir," said the man, touching his hat. "I'll wait."

As Jack observed, there was someone else waiting too. The little man in the frock coat had made his appearance on the opposite side while he was speaking, and was now staring into a shop window, as if preparatory to buying all it contained. Some thirty or forty yards down the pavement, and on the same side as the hotel, talking to the constable on the beat, was the detective from the police-station, who, from time to time, glanced across at the man he was so carefully keeping in view.

Jack made his way into the hotel, called for and settled his bill, tipped the waiter and hall porter, and, when his bag had been brought from his bedroom, made his way into the street. His spy was in the act of engaging a hansom as he took his seat.

Upon reaching the station he made inquiries as to the platform from which his train would leave, and made his way thither. He had not been there many minutes before the man he was expecting put in an appearance, followed by the detective. The former, after having satisfied himself that he had not made a mistake, seated himself by the book stall, turning his head now and again in the direction of the train, which was already drawn up beside the platform. The detective, on the other hand, paced up and down as if he were awaiting the arrival of some friend.

Having procured all the literature he would require for the journey, Trowbridge seated himself in a first-class carriage, and lit a cigar. From his corner he was able to see both men.

Five minutes later the porters were calling upon passengers to take their seats, and Jack had the pleasure of seeing the spy make his way towards the telegraph office.

"He's wiring his friends that I have left Liverpool," he said to himself. "I wonder if the police will be able to find out who those friends are?"

Then the train moved slowly out of the station, and for the time being, at least, Liverpool was a place of the past.

What with one change and another it was nearly midnight by the time he reached Great Brackford. As may be supposed, he was thoroughly tired out, but, weary though he was, glad enough to sit up and tell his sister all that had happened him during his absence from her. Poor girl, had passed a miserable time.

Unfortunately the news he had been able to bring back with him was not of a character calculated to afford her much relief.

Next morning he was smoking a pipe in his study when his butler entered with a card upon a salver. He glanced at it to find to his astonishment that it bore the name of "Gonsalvez Ferdinand d'Alvarez."

(To be continued.)

Victoria agents of Germany have proposed to the government the immediate purchase of the Chilean battleship Capt. Prat and the armored cruiser Esmeralda, and have offered to take over the warships now being built in Europe for Chile.

TIMES FASHION HINTS.

Swell Monte Carlo coat of French broadcloth in a delicate shade of biscuit-color. It has the full baggy sleeves so much in vogue for garments of this description, with shaped cuffs, ending in points. Around the lower end of the coat there is a wide band of heavy lace, which is also used for trimming the sleeves. Broad straps of this linen lace extending over the shoulders, ending in an appliqued design of grapes and leaves. The hat worn with the coat is of white beaver with a lace crown. It is trimmed beneath the upturned brim with a wreath of white velvet poppies.

Theatre waist for a young girl, in an effective combination of pale pink and black. The foundation of taffeta is covered with ruffles of chiffon edged with narrow black velvet. The waist is made in blouse style, with a yoke and bishop sleeves, and fastens at the back.

The yoke, cuffs and fitted girdle are decorated with rows of narrow velvet ribbon, and the yoke is finished with medallions of black lace.

BUILDING SOCIETY MET.

The Annual Meeting of the Victoria Organization on Saturday Evening.

The Victoria Building Society held its fifteenth annual general meeting on Saturday night in Sir William Wallace hall. The annual report was made, showing the society to be prospering. A dividend of $2 a share was declared above all expenses.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing term: President, W. W. Northcott; vice-president, Ald. Stewart; secretary-treasurer, A. St. G. Flint; auditors, J. E. Church and W. Scowcroft; directors, G. A. Carleton, W. J. Anderson, W. Atkins, Geo. W. Anderson, and John Fullerton; surveyor, John Taylor; solicitors, Fell & Gregory.

The 88th and subsequent drawings resulted as follows: 236 A and B, John Creed; 236 C and D, withdrawn; 61 D, Ald. Goodacre; 61 A, B and C, withdrawn; 223 A, B, C and D, Geo. Phillip Weiler; 117 A, J. A. Thomson; 117 B, Mrs. Thomson, wife of the former; 117 D, Christina Robertson; 117 C, withdrawn; 170 A and B, Mrs. J. Wilson (Van Tassel); 170 C and D, withdrawn.

THE NATIVE SONS' BALL.

Committee Now at Work at the Assembly Rooms.

This afternoon the general committee for the Native Sons' ball took possession of the Assembly rooms and will spend the next ten days in converting the bare walls and floor into shape for their annual gathering on Friday, 13th February. All members are asked to give what time they can in assisting the general committee, as a vast amount of work has to be done, the committee being particularly anxious to eclipse all former attempts.

The supper committee has arranged with a well known caterer, with 27 assistants, to take entire charge of this important department, and the lady friends are asked to kindly provide the sweets and jellies as on former occasions.

The musical programme is in process of arrangement, and will contain a new two-step by a young Native Son, and which critics say is one of the very best of the year. The programme will be published in a week's time.

The general committee meets next Friday evening, when all members are asked to be on hand, as final arrangements are to be made and everything put in order for the balls.

The committee wish their friends to know that the sale of tickets is not confined to the Native Sons alone, but all are asked to join in making the event one to be long remembered.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Victoria Lodge, Loyal True Blue, Held an Interesting Session.

Victoria lodge, Loyal True Blue, No. 37, held one of their entertaining meetings on Wednesday in Sir William Wallace hall. The officers reported the lodge in a flourishing condition. Arrangements were made for a parlor social on February 11th, members to invite friends.

The installation of officers was conducted by D. D. G. M. Bro. J. Walsh, assisted by Sis. Walsh, P. W. M. The officers are: W. Sir, Bro. C. Hoskings; D. M., Sis. M. McPawn; Chap., Sis. M. Telferson; Dir. of Cer., Sis. Lambert; Rec. Sec., Sis. F. A. Walker, P. W. M.; Fin. Sec., Bro. Donnaway; Treas., Bro. A. Smith; Con., Bro. McIntosh; I. Tyler, Sis. Dorkings; O. Tyler, Bro. Worrell; P. W. Mistress, Sis. Brenen. Committee, Sisters Patterson, Minor, Craig and Smith, and Bro. Smith. After the installation coffee and cake were served by the newly installed officers.

In British gold coins one part in twelve is alloy. In silver, 18 parts in 240.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—Mrs. John W. Pattison died at St. Joseph's hospital Friday. She was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and 22 years old.

—The following are the officers of the Victoria Literary Society for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet; vice-president, Capt. Clarke; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Hardie. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Hardie's residence, Belleville street, on February 17th.

—Hon. W. W. B. McInnes will probably leave on Sunday evening for West Yale, where it is said he will take part in the preliminary arrangements for the election campaign in the interests of Dr. Sanson. Nomination will be held on Sanson. Nomination will be held on February 19th, to be followed by the election on February 26th.

—His Worship Mayor McCandless, Richard Hall, M. P. P., H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., M. P. P., L. G. McQuade, president of the board of trade, and Simon Leiser, composed a delegation which waited upon James Dunsmuir, M. P. P., yesterday, to ascertain his views upon the subject of building a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island. Mr. Dunsmuir expressed himself as heartily in favor of the scheme of building a railway, and said he would do all he could to assist in this work.

—The S. P. C. A. Society are distributing a number of the devices intended to be used in poisoning rats, and at the same time avoid the danger of dogs getting access to the poison. It is a very simple affair, and consists of a short length of timber about two inches thick, in which a number of auger holes of an inch diameter are sunken. The grease containing the poison is placed in these holes, and the device fastened where required. The openings allows of rats eating from them, but are too small to enable a dog to take any out.

—The Fernwood Athletic Association have decided to give another dance in the A. O. U. W. hall. It will take place on the 17th of February, and will be carried out largely upon the lines of the former dance. The committees having it in charge are as follows: Decoration, H. M. Wilson, R. B. King and A. Marconini; refreshment, R. A. Dalby, Thrall and A. Marconini; programme, A. Peden and P. Marchant; floor, Marchant, A. Peden and King; door, E. A. Galloy and H. M. Wilson. Only a limited number of tickets will be issued.

—The Victoria school board will ask the city council for an appropriation of $67,900 for ordinary expenses in connection with the schools, and an extraordinary appropriation of $50,000 for new school buildings. This is really a modest request beside that handed to the Vancouver council by the school board of that city. They have asked for $98,000 for ordinary expenses and $125,000 for buildings, $90,000 of which is to be expended on a new High school. Victoria's total for ordinary and extraordinary expenditure is $117,900; Vancouver's is about $223,000.

—The Victoria No 2 Building Society held its first annual meeting Friday in the Pioneer hall. J. H. MacLaughlin presided, and a large number of members were in attendance. A gratifying financial statement was submitted, and the following officers elected: President, P. R. Brown; vice-president, J. H. MacLaughlin; directors, P. R. Brown, J. H. MacLaughlin, J. Forman, Charles R. Gardiner, P. J. Riddell; secretary-treasurer, A. St. G. Flint (re-elected); auditors, F. Elworthy and J. E. Church. The first drawing for an appropriation will take place about the first week in March.

—In Admiralty reserved judgment was Thursday handed down by Mr. Justice Martin on a motion to declare H. H. Jones, the purchaser of the Blakeley at the marshal's sale, and to charge him with loss on a subsequent resale which was rendered necessary by his repudiation of this purchase. It was contended that a further order should have been made before resale took place, that there was no contract on Mr. Jones's part, and no written evidence of it to satisfy the statute. The court over-ruled these objections and ordered Mr. Jones to pay the loss of $100, the expenses and costs, amounting to $170, and the cost of the motion. L. Bond for plaintiffs, Frank Higgins for H. H. Jones.

—Passengers by Thursday's Charmer were entertained in a delightful manner on the voyage down from the Terminal City by a quartette of little singers from far off Wales. The boys, for such they were, were George, Fred, Arthur and Ernest Petch, and have come to Victoria to rejoin their father, a jeweler of this city. They were accompanied on their long journey by their mother and Miss Wallace, of Belfast, Ireland, and were met by Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace and daughter at the Terminal City. The boys belong to a family of seven, every one of whom are musicians; their father is leader of the choir of St. James church, James Bay. The eldest of the quartette referred to possesses a beautiful treble voice, while his little brothers take an alto part when all sing together.

—A very enjoyable evening was spent at Howard's hotel, Esquimalt, on Wednesday evening, when the members of the Navy Yard Football Club gave a smoker to their secretary, R. F. Rankin, who leaves for England on Saturday. After the usual business of the club was finished, the evening was given over to enjoyment. Mr. Pike opened the ball by singing "A Mansion of Aching Hearts," followed by Mr. Creighton (captain of the team), who sang "Grace Darling," in which all the members joined heartily in the chorus. Songs were also given by all the members of the team, and the entertainment lasted till the early hours of the morning, when all the members rose and sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," at the same time wishing their late secretary a pleasant voyage home to the Old Country.

—A meeting will be held in the assembly rooms of the High school on Friday evening, when steps will be taken for the organization of an alumni association.

—W. W. Southin has resigned the position of postmaster at Ladysmith. He will be succeeded it is expected by Cory S. Ryder, who has recently moved from Extension to that town. Mr. Ryder was postmaster at Extension.

—The Ladysmith Lumber Company are opening a shingle mill in that town. The Schoake Machinery & Engineering Co., of New Westminster, are to instal the machinery. The mill will be completed about the middle of March, and will be complete in every way.

—The regular weekly meeting of Victoria lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., was held on Friday evening, when the first degree of Odd Fellowship was conferred. There was a fairly good attendance. Next Friday the second and third degrees will be given.

—The manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations in January: Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. Gordon Stevenson, Mr. Geo. Marsden, Mr. N. Shakespeare, Mr. T. Shotbolt and A Friend, reading matter; Mrs. Millican, milk; Mrs. Minto, shirts; Messrs. D. Spencer & Co., hats and socks.

—On Tuesday, February 10th, an entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Capital Athletic Association at the St. James hall, James Bay. The programme will consist of selections by the best known local musicians, assisted by members of the Royal Navy. The concert will begin at 8.15, and an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

—The committee of fifteen which had been appointed to collect certain data relative to the construction of a line of railway to the north end of this Island met on Saturday afternoon, when Mayor McCandless presided. Sub-committees were appointed whose duties will include a conference with James Dunsmuir, M. P. P., a report on the financial side of the proposition and the merits of the scheme submitted by C. H. Lugrin.

—The band concert on Saturday evening was as usual excellent in quality. The musical selections by the Fifth Regiment band were much enjoyed. A cornet solo by Bandsman W. V. North called for loud applause owing to its excellent rendering. "Rag Bag," a medley arranged by Bandmaster Fina himself, was also received with hearty applause. The basketball match was won by the J. B. A. A. after a fast game, the score standing 12 to 8.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Miss Mallette Passed Away on Saturday—Remains of Mrs. George Stewart Interred.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital on Sunday of W. S. Mills, a native of Liverpool and 36 years of age. Deceased has been ailing for some time, having been at the Marine hospital for a number of months before going to the Jubilee. He was the first mate of a vessel which touched at this port, and leaves a widow and family living in England. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mrs. Helen M. Sparrow died Sunday at the family residence, Park road. Deceased was 76 years of age and a native of New York state. The funeral has not yet been arranged.

Miss Florence Nellie Mallette, youngest daughter of James and Mrs. Helen Mallette, died on Saturday afternoon at the residence, No. 5, Queen's avenue. Deceased had a wide circle of friends, and the news of her death came as a shock to all. She was a constant attendant at the Metropolitan church, and numbered among her acquaintances all the young people who attend that church. She was 24 years of age and a native of Cleveland, Ohio. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday from the residence, and later at the Metropolitan Methodist church. The choir will be in attendance, and funeral services at the house, church and grave will be conducted by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George Stewart, of Bonnie Brae, took place on Sunday afternoon fro mthe family residence at 2 o'clock. There was a very large attendance. Rev. Mr. Wright conducted the services, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. A. B. Reid, G. Williams, D. McCaskell, G. Laughton, H Buckle and L. Agassiz.

The remains of the late Mrs. John W. Pattison were laid to rest Monday morning, the funeral taking place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna at 10.15, and Christ church 10.30. Rev. Canon Beanlands conducted the services. Beautiful flowers were presented, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. C. Thornton, E. Palmer, R. Ward, T. Fraser, R. Turner and G. Anderson.

Mrs. J. A. Rhinebarger, aged 28 years and a native of Portland Island, died at her home on Saturday last.

WHOLESALE MARKET.

The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

Potatoes (new), per ton	$ 8.00@12.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Turnips, per 100 lbs.	50
Parsnips, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.50
Butter (creamery), per lb.	28
Butter (dairy), per lb.	20
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	30
Chickens, per doz.	3.50@ 6.00
Hay, per ton	12.00
Oats, per ton	25.50
Barley, per ton	26.00
Wheat, per ton	31.00
Beef, per lb.	8@ 9
Mutton, per lb.	9@ 10
Pork, per lb.	9
Veal, per lb.	10@ 11

Over 500 letters were found buried in a lumber yard at Toledo, Ohio. Every envelope had been slit, but money orders and cheques to the value of several hundred dollars, which could not be disposed of without danger of detection, were left undisturbed. The envelopes were rifled of jewellery, cash and New Year's gifts.

JANUARY WAS LIGHT MONTH FOR FIREMEN

Only Half a Dozen Alarms and No Loss — Returns of Customs Department.

The fire department had an unusually light month, there having been only six alarms. The blazes were minor ones, some of them being of freak origin. For instance a refractory cow kicked over a lamp in a barn on Moss street on New Year's day and the chemical apparatus from number two hall was hurried to the scene. Fortunately the fire was extinguished without any loss. Another rather peculiar blaze occurred at the corner of Oak Bay avenue and Cadboro Bay road on January 10th. The electric wires became crossed and the lamp pole caught on fire. The pole is still there.

The slumbers of the department were rudely disturbed early on the morning of the 20th by a leather-lunged Celestial who raised such a row in the rear of the hall that the men thought the entire Chinese quarter was in the grip of an inextinguishable conflagration. When they arrived at the scene of the fire on Fisguard street they found that it was merely a burning chimney. The Chinaman who gave the alarm had disappeared at the first tap of the bell. The alarms for the month are as follows:

January 1st, 7.15 a.m., fire in Tait's hay barn on Moss street; cause, cow kicked over lamp; extinguished by No. 2; no loss.

January 2nd, 9 p.m., telephone alarm; overheated stovepipe at Manhattan saloon; no loss.

January 7th, 5.45 p.m., box 62; fire in roof of foundry, Albion Iron Works; caused by spark from the cupola; no loss.

January 10th, 7.25 p.m., fire on electric light pole, corner Oak Bay avenue and Cadboro Bay road; no loss.

January 20th, 3 a.m., box 27; chimney fire in Chinese tenement house on Fisguard street; no loss. Same day, 4.50 p.m., still alarm, chimney fire in Jubilee hospital; no loss.

In connection with the last fire it fortunately happened that Chief Watson was at the institution at the time. He was just entering the building to see his wife who is under treatment there, when he noticed one of the chimney on fire. With some of the attendants he succeeded in quenching the blaze with little difficulty.

Customs Returns.

There is nothing of special interest about the returns of the Victoria customs for the last month. Chinese travel was very heavy, particularly in the forepart of the month, and it will be seen that collections from this source were large. But while many newcomers arrived there was a proportionately big number of Chinese on the home bound list who went to China to spend their New Year's. On these emigrants there is a dollar collected apiece. The imports for the month totalled $201,272, of which $27,819 represented free and $173,453 dutiable goods. The revenue for the month was made up as follows: Duty, $48,767.18; Chinese, $17,758, and other collections, $185.90, making a total of $66,711.08. The foreign and domestic exports amounted to $37,092.

INTERNATIONAL YACHTING.

The Proposal to Hold Races Is Being Favorably Considered.

Both Victoria and Vancouver are taking up the suggestion of Pacific coast international races with great enthusiasm. As Seattle yachtsmen were the first to take active steps in this direction it is but natural to suppose that the Americans are equally anxious to carry the project to a successful issue. With both the Canadian and American yachtsmen in favor of the proposition those interested may look forward to developments in the near future. Seattle as well as Tacoma is ready to go ahead with the building of boats worthy of upholding the honor of the Americans.

Sergt.-Major Mulcahy, secretary of the local club, has written to Seattle asking for information as to the steps to be taken towards preparing for the carrying out of the scheme. As soon as a satisfactory reply is received the Victoria club is ready to go ahead with the necessary arrangements.

It is likely if the proposal meets with the success anticipated, that Vancouver and Victoria boats will first hold a series of races in order to decide which is entitled to represent British Columbia against the Americans.

W. H. Langley, captain of the Victoria Yacht Club, has written to the Vancouver Province as follows:

Editor Province:—It is with pleasure that I noticed in the columns of The Province of the 26th instant an article relating to proposed international contests between Canadian and American yachts of a one-design class.

It is stated, however, in said article that "small fleets of boats of this type will then be built in this city, Victoria, Seattle, and possibly other cities on the Sound." In justice to Victoria yachtsmen, I would like to point out that they were the first to start a one-design class, and last year six yachts of this class were built and raced throughout the season, and were productive of the very best kind of sport. These boats, as their class would indicate, are all exactly alike, being built off the same model and having precisely the same sail plan. Upon their completion they were drawn for by the owners, so that any possibility of favoritism was avoided. It is within my knowledge that the Seattle yachtsmen got their idea of forming a class of this description from Victoria, and I believe that it is this type of boat which will be adopted by them and by Vancouver yachtsmen.

The subject of international yacht racing has been considerably discussed by representatives of both nationalities, and there is no good reason that I can see why these contests should not be held, and that we should have them as well on the Pacific seaboard as on the Atlantic, the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes. Beginning in a small way, with boats of the dimensions you refer to, there is no doubt in my mind that interest in yachting will be so much increased by these events that gradually the yachts competing therein will grow larger and larger, and that some future day we shall see such noble craft racing for the "Pacific cup" as will rival the stately fliers which have been for years striving for and defending the America cup on the other side of the continent.

Many of the block houses built in South Africa by Kitchener's troops are now being used by the Boer farmers as residences pending the rehabilitation of their farms.

LEGAL NEWS.

Deadman's Island Appeal Still in Progress—Applications Arising Out of Theft Case.

The Full court did not sit on Saturday. Hearing of appeal in the Deadman's Island case was adjourned from Friday until Monday, and is still proceeding. It will probably occupy the court for some days to come.

The only order made by Mr. Justice Walkem in Chambers on Saturday was in re M. B. Lang, deceased, the administrator being granted his discharge on passing his accounts. C. M. Berkeley (Eberts & Taylor) for applicant.

His Lordship listened to some heated arguments in Chambers on Monday in cases arising out of the Lorimer and Kircheimer charges. Wing Chong, Tim Kee and Hop Kee & Co., who purchased from Kircheimer the goods alleged to have been stolen, commenced actions in the County court against Kircheimer to recover the money they paid for the goods, and garnisheed certain moneys in A. L. Belyea's hands. J. P. Walls and E. Powell, counsel for Kirchcimer, applied to-day to have these garnishee orders discharged, claiming that the actions are for damages, not for liquidated amounts, and that the suits are premature, since Kirchcimer may be acquitted, in which case the Chinamen will have no claim against him. R. H. Pooley opposed the applications on behalf of the Chinamen. His Lordship finally decided that these applications must be dismissed without costs, and that the garnishee summonses and trial of the actions must stand over until the next sittings of the court after Kirchcimer has been tried. He remarked on the similarity of the present cases to that of Uriah Nelson, which was tried before him in the upper country several years ago.

FAREWELL SMOKER.

Master Gunner O'Brien Remembered By His Comrades Before Leaving For Bermuda.

A smoking concert was given in the sergeants' mess of the R. G. A. at Work Point in order to give Master Gunner O'Brien a fitting send off upon his leaving for Bermuda. He was the recipient of a case containing a double set of carvers bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Master Gunner O'Brien by the members and honorary members of the sergeants' mess, Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, B. C., as a mark of their esteem upon his departure for Bermuda, January 27th, 1903."

There were about sixty present, Major Thomas acted as chairman, and there were included among the guests Major Gurdon, Capt. McDonald, Lieut. Millman and Lieut. Cameron. Letters of regret were read by the chairman from several of the other officers, owing to short notice and previous engagements, also from Col. Grant, who was unable to be present on account of injuries received.

A pleasant evening was spent, a good programme of music being given.

The directors of the Northern Pacific railway have declared the regularly quarterly dividend of one and one half per cent., and an extra dividend of one half per cent.

BIRTH.

GIFFORD—At Ladner, on Jan. 19th, the wife of Lafe Gifford, of a son.

FLOWER—At the Olery, near Ladner, on Jan. 22nd, the wife of John Flower, of a son.

INNES—On the 29th inst., the wife of A. W. V. Innes, of a daughter.

HILLS—At Victoria, B. C., on the 27th inst., the wife of Charles William Hills, of a son.

KIRKPATRICK—At Nelson, on Jan. 23rd, the wife of J. A. Kirkpatrick, of a son.

LOWE—At Rossland, the wife of W. E. D. C. Lowe, of a daughter.

STARR—At Victoria, on the 30th inst., the wife of A. E. Starr, of a daughter.

MORDEN—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, the wife of Wm. Morden, of a daughter.

SIRIANO—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 21st, the wife of P. Siriano, of a daughter.

KERNAGHAN—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 23th, the wife of J. Kernaghan, of a son.

BOURNE—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 26th, the wife of J. Bourne, of a son.

SUTHERLAND—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 26th, the wife of J. P. Sutherland, of a daughter.

BOSQUET—At Nelson, on Jan. 25th, the wife of P. Bosquet, of a daughter.

MACLEAN—At Vancouver, on Jan. 21st, the wife of Marmaduke MacLean, of a son.

MARRIED.

BURKHOLDER-PILLAR — On Tuesday, Jan. 27th, 1903, at the residence of the bride's parents, "The Woodlands," French Creek, B. C., by the Rev. Walter Carr, Rev. Jenkins Burkholder, of Unionville, Ont., to Annie, youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Pillar, sr.

CARVOSSO-BEARLE—At Vancouver, on Jan. 28th, by Rev. E. E. Scott, Sydney S. Carvosso and Miss E. J. Bearle.

BLANE-BOULTON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 28th, by Rev. Dr. Grant, H. Blane and Miss Annie C. Boulton.

RUEL-L'ECUYER—At Rossland, by Rev. Father Welch, Edward Ruel and Miss A. L'Ecuyer.

MAWHINNEY-NICHOLAS—At Kelowna, on the 22nd inst., by Rev. Mr. Smith, Frank Mawhinney and Miss Minnie B. Nicholas.

DIED.

ROWLAND—On Sunday, 25th inst., at the family residence, Esquimalt road, Matthias Rowland, of Devonshire, England, aged 73 years.

SPARROW—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, 1903, at the home of her son, W. G. Sparrow, Helen, the beloved wife of I. M. Sparrow, aged 73 years.

MALLETT—At the family residence, No. 5 Queen's avenue, on the 31st ult., Florence Nellie, youngest daughter of James and Helen Mallett, aged 24 years, a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

INNES—At Vancouver, B. C., on Jan. 31st, the infant daughter of L. A. W. Innes, aged 2 days.

PATTISON—At the St. Joseph's hospital, on the 30th inst., Mary Jane, beloved wife of John W. Pattison, of 61 Fort street, aged 22 years and 7 months, and a native of Lincolnshire, England.

HILAND—At Vancouver, on Jan. 27th, Charles Hiland, aged 12 years.

STEWART — At Bonnie Brae, South Saanich, on the 29th inst., Eliza Anderson, the beloved wife of George Stewart, aged 73 years.

MACKIE—At New Westminster, on Jan. 29th, James Mackie, aged 73 years.

WARNER—At Kamloops, on Jan. 25th, Mrs. M. Warner, aged 27 years.

DUNN—At Kamloops, on Jan. 25th, Joseph Dunn, aged 44 years.