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Weekly Colonist.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1885.

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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, LAKE, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, May 14.

"MY BOYS!"

Their Great Victory in the Northwest---Telegram from Lieut.-Gov'r Dewdney.

To D. W. Higgins, The Colonist, Victoria:

Gen. Middleton completely routed the rebels at Batoche on Monday, and rescued all the prisoners in the hands of the rebels who scattered in every direction. Our loss, as far as heard, is five killed and fifteen wounded. Our troops acted with the greatest gallantry and bravery, and by their dash arrived in the nick of time and saved the prisoners from being slaughtered.

E. DEWDNEY.

A Sad Death.

On the 23rd of last month a young man named Marcus C. Briggs arrived at the Brunswick hotel and registered as having come from Van Horne, where he had been employed on railway construction. He was not in good health and stated that he was on his way to friends in the east, and would stay here for a short time before proceeding on his journey. He stopped at the hotel for twelve days and getting no better he said he would go to St. Joseph's hospital and remain under the care of the sisters until he improved, as he thought he had mountain fever. A couple of days after word was brought to the hotel that he was getting better. This was all that was learned until several friends from the upper country called at the Brunswick for him and they were told that he had gone to the hospital. Proceeding there the sisters informed them that the young man had died on the 6th May and was buried the 7th, just the day before calling. On his person was money sufficient and a respectable burial was given the remains.

On examining his effects at the hotel to obtain the address of his friends, several letters from his mother were found, all urging upon him to come home and trusting that he was in good health. She had not seen him for many years and was anxious he should visit his old home once more. It was in compliance with this wish that the young man started from Van Horne, but was doomed never to reach his destination, and went on the journey from whence no traveller returns. Mr. Dusterhout, the proprietor of the hotel, wrote to his mother, who lives at Savage Mills, Quebec, the circumstances of the sad case, and asking how his property should be disposed of. Many mothers will sympathize with Mrs. Griggs in her bereavement, for there are but few who have not an absent son, and how longingly the mother looks for the return of her absent boy.

The deceased was about thirty years of age, and formerly kept the St. Lawrence hotel in Portland. He was quiet and pleasant in manner and his early and lonely death will no doubt be a sad blow to his mother. Every care was shown him by the Sisters at the hospital. His death was sudden, his sickness developing a virulent typhoid fever, which resulted in hemorrhage of the bowels.

Brentwood Farm and Dairy.

Mr. Adam Glendenning's farm of about 150 acres is situated some six miles from town off the Cedar Hill road and nestles at the foot of Mount Douglas, the lofty hill which raises its head on a line with Government street in a northerly direction. The farm was originally located by Mr. Geo. Blenkinsop, now of Fort Rupert. It afterwards passed into the hands of the late E. H. Jackson, and from his estate was purchased by Mr. Glendenning, who has added to the buildings and cleared additional land and now cultivates about 160 acres. Much of the land carries timber of valuable varieties. On the west the tract is bounded by Lost Lake, a charming sheet of water in which trout abound. Among the essentials to successful dairying is a constant supply of pure water. This Mr. Glendenning has obtained by conducting water from a spring, which gushes from the side of Mount Douglas in a never ceasing flow, through pipes to his farm, every part of which is now brought under its beneficent influence. The good effects on the live stock by the introduction of this water has been almost magical, and the milk is of the richest and healthiest, and is delivered in town to customers.

A BRAVE BOY.

A few days ago three of Mr. Glendenning's children, a boy and two girls, all of tender age, were playing in a field not far from the house, when a young black bear sprang out of a thick copse and made for them. The little girls screamed in affright; but the little boy, who is aged about six years, gathered the youngest girl, aged about four, in his arms and facing the bear began to walk backwards towards the house. The cries of the children by this time had attracted the farm hands, one of whom shot the brute before it could do any harm.

Launch of Robert Ward & Co's New Powder Barge.

The recent passage by the local house of an act regulating the receipt, conveyance and storage of explosives has necessitated the building of a floating magazine, and in order to facilitate the safe handling and storage of Messrs. Curtis & Harvey's well known blasting and sporting powder, represented in this province by Messrs. Robert Ward & Co., the latter firm recently gave out a contract for the construction of a floating magazine at Laing's yard, from which point she was successfully launched yesterday. She is 40 feet long, 14 feet beam, 5 feet 6 in. in depth of held, with a deck house 26 feet long and 10 feet broad. She is copered with yellow metal and bolted with galvanized spikes covered. She is furnished with excellent ventilators and will be moored with two anchors of 300 lbs. each. She has a capacity of 60 tons measurement, and the general construction of this staunch craft reflects great credit on her builder, Mr. A. D. Strachan, and the designer, Mr. Richard Collister, government inspector of hulls.

ACCIDENT AT NANAIMO.—Mr. Edgar Fawcett received a telegram yesterday which stated that Frank Holden, aged 23 years, son of John Holden, a 20-years' resident of Nanaimo, had been killed. The young man is supposed to have met his death while shooting on his father's farm in Cedar district. Deceased leaves a wife and two children.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, May 13th.

The regular meeting of the council was held last evening.

Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Teague, Grant, Braden and Warner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

His worship stated that in reference to the regulation of the council calling the nays and yeas, he had consulted authorities which ruled that the names should be called for in council and not in committee.

Coun. Robertson said that a precedent had been established in the council which differed from that ruling.

His worship said not, the names had to be called when report from committee was being considered in council.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From John Ward requesting that the council grant an extension of the sidewalk on Pioneer street.

Referred to street committee.

From Arthur Porter stating that the wharf at foot of Telegraph street would be soon completed, and requesting the council to grade and place Telegraph street in a condition for traffic.

Referred to street committee and city engineer.

From Thos. Styles, asking use of street corner of Broughton and Government streets, for building purposes. Request granted.

From John B. Lovell asking use of Cook street for building purposes. Request granted.

From Chas. Roper asking use of North Park street for building purposes. Request granted.

From Capt. McCulloch, stating that he had been served with a notice concerning a water-closet on Simcoe street, and also that the instructions to remove the same were unreasonable and could not be complied with.

The matter was referred to the sanitary committee.

From S. G. Gillespie, asking use of corner of Yates and Broad streets, while building addition to Bossi & Giesselman's store. Request granted.

From Fell & Mills, stating that they had been instructed by Mr. D. Green to inform them that his wife had been injured by accident through a defective street on the Work estate, and that he would claim compensation for injuries received.

Referred to city barrister for report.

From Robt. Grant, calling attention to a surface drain that had been carried on Church way in front of his houses there, and that stench arising from the same was being complained of by tenants.

Referred to sanitary committee with power to act.

From Coun. R. Ward stating that he was unable to attend to-night, but had seen Coun. Grant's notice of motion in reference to taking over the electric light. He wished to enter his protest, as there were not funds in the bank wherewith to meet the same. He would suggest that the council raise the money required by way of loan, and not entail a large charge on the current revenue of the city.

Laid on the table.

TENDERS.

Tenders were received for brushing and stumping Rock Bay avenue from John street to the Gorge road, as follows: E. Wild, $275; John C. McLeod, $249; David McMartin, $225; J. Berryman & E. Maslen, $210; J. C. Blackett, $160; Noel Leclaire, $175; James Baker, $94.

Mr. Baker was awarded the contract, provided the necessary security be given.

For blasting rock on Simcoe street the following tenders were received: Mathew Lauder, $3.90 per yard; John Dorgen, $2 95 per yard; James Baker, $2 45 per yard; Berryman & Maslen, $2 75 per yard.

Mr. Baker was awarded the contract under the usual conditions.

The following tenders were received for building wood drain: Thos. Elliott, 19½c. per running foot. J. C. Blackett's tender was for different qualities of lumber and not in accordance with specifications; Berryman & Maslen, for drain from Blanchard street to Wharf, $615.

On motion the matter was referred to the street committee and city engineer to award the contract to the lowest tenderer.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Coun. Braden moved that the sum of $100 be donated to aid in the celebration of the 25th May.

Seconded by Coun. Smith and carried.

ASSESSMENT ROLL.

Coun. Teague moved, seconded by Coun. Smith, the first reading of a By-law fixing the time when the Municipal Assessment Roll, for the year 1885, shall be returned by the assessor of the city of Victoria, to the clerk of the Municipal Council of the said city, and for hearing complaints against the same. Carried.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Moved by Coun. Grant, seconded by Coun. Robertson,—Whereas, it is desirable and expedient in the interest of economy to purchase the present electric light plant. Resolved,—That this Council, on behalf of the corporation of Victoria, do now purchase from R. B. McMicking, Esq., the Electric Light plant, at present used in lighting this city for the sum of $12,500, to be paid as follows: $2,500 on the 22nd inst., and $2,500 on the same date of each subsequent month until the sum of $12,500—aforesaid be paid in full. The further conditions of purchase to be on the basis contained in a letter from R. B. McMicking to the chairman of the Electric Light and Street Lighting Committee dated 5th May, 1885.

The mover said the matter had been previously discussed thoroughly. He thought the assuming of the control of the light by the city would be an economical move. It would save a couple of thousand dollars this year.

Coun. Robertson thought it was useless wasting more gas discussing the electric light. They had already the authority of the citizens to allow of them taking over the light. It was the best and cheapest light, and there were very few who he had heard express an opinion against it. He seconded the resolution.

Coun. Braden would oppose the taking over of the light until the funds were forthcoming. It was a good light for the suburbs, but not for the main portion of the city.

His worship said that some one should take up the question of ways and means, for at the present time the funds from this year's revenue were not available. When the returns of the assessors were in probably the matter would be changed. Until then the matter should be deferred. Unless special provision was made it would take the greater part of the present revenue for electric light, and, of course, from the improvement of the streets.

Coun. McKillican thought it amounted to the same thing whether they took over the light or not, for extra lighting would be required and it would have to be done with electricity or gas. The people would be quite willing to give them the funds required to pay for the light.

Coun. Teague thought after the returns from the assessors were in, it would be found that they had plenty of funds to day for the light, and probably a surplus of $30,000. The revenue was to be greatly increased.

Coun. Braden would support the paying for the light if the increased revenue would meet it. Otherwise he would not, for it would mean the taking of money from the street improvements. He favored the electric light.

Coun. Smith said that he did not understand the matter *in toto*, but if it was as stated by the chairman of the revision committee that the revenue would be sufficient to meet it, he thought this should be done. There were funds sufficient now in the treasury to pay the first instalment. He favored the light, but thought it should be supplemented by either gas or single lamps on poles.

Coun. Grant again spoke favorably to the paying for the electric light plant.

The matter by consent was deferred until the next meeting of the council, when the revision committee's report would be before the council.

CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

The bill of Thos. Storey for improvements of City Hall, etc., amounting to $495, was referred to the finance committee for payment if found correct.

FIRE REPORT.

The fire wardens reported in reference to the communication of J. D. Ronald, that the fire department were not in immediate want of a fire engine.

BEACON HILL.

The park committee reported that there was a well and pump in good order, and also a well near the Park Hotel, which on expenditure of $35 would put in good order. The committee recommended that such be done.

The report was received and its recommendation ordered to be carried out.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coun. Braden said that he had to complain of the dangerous state of Yates street near Blanchard, where an accident would be liable to occur. There was also a dangerous place on View street, where a man fell into last night. Some one was responsible for the dangerous condition of things, and the matter should be looked into.

Coun. Grant suggested that the fire tanks be examined and emptied to see if they were in safe condition. He thought the board of trade should be asked to represent to the Dominion government the bad regulation in force in reference to the cutting of timber on the mainland.

His worship said that the board of trade had arranged for a meeting in a few days on this question.

Coun. Grant also referred to the desirability of a museum for the city; also the fact that the city should contribute something to the Northwest relief fund.

His worship said that the museum question was a provincial matter, and asked Coun. Grant to give notice of motion in reference to the granting of a sum to the relief fund.

Coun. Warner said that contractors for blasting rock were in the habit of leaving rock in sizes not according to contract, thereby cheating the corporation.

His worship instructed the clerk to inform the city engineer to exercise greater inspection over contractors.

On motion of Coun. McKillican the city engineer was instructed to examine the tanks as suggested and report.

At 9.40 the council resolved itself into committee of the whole on the water works regulation bylaw.

What Some People Say.

That English papers announce that Irving's last trip to America netted him about $150,000.

That an English physician, Dr. Meitkerke, in a recent publication, ventures the statement that a single patent medicine, very popular as a soothing draught for infants, "has undoubtedly caused the death of 150,000 children annually" in the kingdom of Great Britain.

That at the mouth of a Cornish mine there is this advice: "Do not fall down this shaft, as there are men at work at the bottom of it."

That Tom Lowrie was a humorous auctioneer in a Scotch village, and John Linn, of the same place, was a big loutish man, above six feet in height, but having a rare skill in sheep. Seeing him come forward to a sale, Lowrie exclaimed: "Oh, loah, here comes Jock Linn, a great man among sheep, and a great sheep among men."

That the steamer Olympian is till tied up at the wharf at Tacoma, Capt. Ackley having received instructions not to sail for San Francisco till further orders.

That the anticipated length of the session at Ottawa will remind old Vancouverians of the sessions of the Island Assembly, which used to last ten months in the year. The members would assemble at 3 and sit usually for an hour to two hours and then adjourn. Dr. Helmcken was always speaker—and an amiable and just presiding officer he made. The doctor, now that he has leisure, should write a book of the doings of the body of which he was the ruling spirit.

That the R. E. Church bazaar realized $935.

That the ladies of St. John's church are unremitting in their preparations for "Ye Old English Market," which promises to be a most successful affair.

That Jennie Campbell, an aged woman who kept a fruit stand in San Francisco, took arsenic and died on Monday. She is said to have been a relative of the family of Argyle and to have come to the coast many years since, in company with an English nobleman, who, after squandering the money she was possessed of, deserted her and departed. Since that time she has been driven from pillar to post, first endeavoring to support herself by teaching, and subsequently by ruder employments.

The C. P. Railway.

According to the Montreal Herald, the gap in the Rocky Mountain division of the Canadian Pacific is now about 180 miles in length. Track is laid from the east as far as Mountain creek, 80 miles from the summit. Thence to Sicamoose is 104 miles. In the event of the road being required for the transport of English troops, this portion would be traversed on the roads, which are fairly good. From Sicamoose to Kamloops—about 75 miles—there is navigation, and from Kamloops to Port Moody the road is complete: It is expected that the gap will be finished by August or September.

Marine.

British bark Viola from London for Victoria passed Plymouth May 4th.

Steamship Geo. W. Elder from San Francisco arrived at 12 o'clock yesterday, bringing 150 passengers and 713 tons of freight, 287 of which were for Victoria.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Arrived—Steamer Columbia, Portland. Cleared—Steamer Oregon, Astoria; bark Sierra Nevada, Port Townsend. Sailed—Bark Aureola, Tacoma.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Schooner Bonanza with a mining party bound for Gallowin Bay, Alaska, sailed to-day.

Personal.

Capt. Rowland Green of the Dominion Savings Bank is ill of lung trouble.

Capt. Marden, who was assaulted by Chinese assassins on Monday night is suffering very much from nervous prostration consequent upon the shock.

Rev. Mr. Malachi, late curate at Christ Church Cathedral, has resigned and will return to England.

DEATH OF A FORMER VICTORIAN.—Geo. Little, son of John T. Little, an 1858 pioneer of Victoria, died at Portland on Tuesday from the effects of morphine which a physician administered while Little was undergoing a surgical operation. The deceased was aged about 40 years and leaves a wife. At the time of his death he was keeping bar at the St. Charles Hotel.

AN ENGLISH BARRISTER.—On the 9th inst., a young man was found dead in Montgomery's hotel, San Francisco, of morphine poisoning. A certificate found on his person, and issued from Lincoln's Inn, in October, 1871, proved him to be Harry Cleveland Vaughn, of the University of London, barrister, and the eldest son of Jonas Daniel Vaughn, of Singapore, East Indies. The British consulate took charge of the remains.

FROM THE INLET.—The Western Slope came down yesterday from Burrard Inlet. She brought 10,000 feet of cedar for Muirhead & Mann, 10,000 feet of fir for Smith & Clark, and 3,000 feet of cedar for Thos. Storey, and a general cargo. The rain has been pouring for two days at the Inlet.

DEMOLITION.—The work of demolishing the old frame buildings on the northeast corner of Government and Broughton streets has commenced. Hon. W. W. Hamley will erect there a handsome two-story brick building.

THROUGH RATES.—Everything has been amicably arranged with the transcontinental lines and cutting through passenger and freight rates is now ended.

Police Court.

THE FORGERY CASE.

The testimony of J. M. Spinks, on the charge of forgery, arising out of the squatters' claims at False creek, was taken before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon. Nothing of any importance other than that brought out before the commission was elicited. Case was further remanded until 11 o'clock to-day. The attorney-general appeared for Crown and Mr. D. M. Eberts and W. J. Taylor for the prisoner.

REAL ESTATE.—Dealers report numerous inquiries for city and suburban lots at fair prices. The war scare is over and capital is no longer timid.

OTTAWA is now lighted by electricity which gives the greatest satisfaction.

From the Daily Colonist, May 15.

Dominion Land Surveyors.

The examination of candidates for the position of Dominion land surveyors has commenced in this city. The examiners are Capt. Deville, Dominion Surveyor General, chairman; Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, Dominion topographical surveyor; Mr. Thomas Drummond, topographical surveyor; and Mr. Otto J. Klotz, Dominion topographical surveyor, secretary.

There is a feeling extant among land surveyors resident here and which is shared by a portion of the public, that the formation of the board is a superfluity, inasmuch as the survey of British Columbia railway lands was entrusted in August last by the agent of the Dominion government, acting under instructions from the department of the interior, to a corps of competent surveyors. The railway line was traversed from Port Moody to a point some distance above Spence's Bridge for the purpose of establishing the centre line of the railway. Some of the unsurveyed portions of land in New Westminster district were divided up for settlement. The appointment of the board of which Capt. Deville is chairman is a supersession of the local corps of surveyors; and the inference drawn by some is that the work done last year was improperly or illegally performed. A further impression prevails that in the organization of the new survey parties local surveyors are to be ignored.

In conversation with Capt. Deville we were informed that the sitting of the examiners board was no reflection on the corps of surveyors lately in the field—the act requiring the step that has just been taken, and so far from there being any desire to push the local surveyors out of employment the act had been stretched so as to enable the board to sit here instead of at Ottawa. The captain further asserted that local surveyors had been especially favored by the provision that a surveyor's certificate from the surveyor general of British Columbia would be regarded as equivalent to a commission of a provincial land surveyor and would exempt the holder from serving three years as a pupil before coming up for examination, and that it is the intention, as far as possible, to employ local surveyors who may successfully pass the examination here.

We cannot help sharing the popular belief that the local corps which undertook the survey by and under the authority of the department of the interior have been very shabbily treated; but that is a matter that cannot possibly affect the *status* of the board and should not deter surveyors from going before it.

The Omaha Excursion.

A portion of the excursion party from Omaha, which visited Portland on a partly pleasure and business trip, arrived by the North Pacific yesterday, in charge of Mr. W. F. Carson, traveling passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, and they could not have been in more generous hands. The party immediately filled the carriages in waiting and drove to Esquimalt, visiting the dry dock and the war ship Satellite, and afterwards the varied points of interest in and around the city. The following are the names of the visitors: Chas. F. Shelby, F. Langford, A. Fried, M. H. Bliss, Euclid Martin, Geo. A. Hosgland, J. C. Cousin, W. J. Broatch, E. F. Smith, J. A. Creighton, L. Drake, G. W. Lonerger, G. B Hayden, T. J. Rogers, W. J. Jackman, C. H. Dewey, Fred Metz, J M. Ross, Omaha Republican, D. C. Russell, Omaha Bee, W. J. Jackman, Omaha Herald. The party took the trip at the invitation of the Union Pacific railway company, via the Oregon Short Line to Portland and were in charge of Mr. J. W. Morse, general passenger agent of the road. P. P. Shelby, the general freight agent, accompanied them as far as Portland. The chief object of the trip was really to allow the business men of Omaha to spy out the land, and endeavor to push business with the northwest country. This object to some extent has been accomplished and trade established between Omaha and Portland. The trip was to end there, but hearing much of the beauties of the Puget Sound region, the above number came over to Victoria and are charmed with the scenery of the Sound, and the lovely drives and landscapes of this city and district. The party dined at the Driard, and its usual excellent table was greatly commended. The excursionists left by the steamer this morning en route for Portland and Omaha.

Personal.

Miss Lizzie L. Marshall of Seattle, was clandestinely married at San Jose, Cal., on the 13th inst., to James V. Martin.

Messrs. Hugh F. Keefer, M. M. English, M. B. Atkinson, Mr. L. L. Doane and Mr. Chas. Hughes were among the passengers by the Yosemite yesterday.

Mr. H. V. Edmonds of New Westminster is at the Driard.

Mr. Pickering, who represents Mr. Beede, manager of Fry's Opera house, Seattle, and Baird's Models, came over yesterday.

Father Douckell and Mr. M. T. Johnson were passengers on the Amelia yesterday.

Mr. B. Springer, manager of the Moodyville Sawmill Co., is in town.

Mr. W. F. Carson, the popular passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, over with the Omaha excursionists, reports business generally over the N. P. on the increase.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin returned yesterday from a trip to the mainland.

Mr. Herbert Young of the C. P. R., leaves for Yale this morning.

Aid for the Wounded.

Mrs. A. W. Ross who telegraphed from this city to the mayor of Winnipeg enquiring whether further aid was required for the wounded among the volunteers now fighting in the Northwest territory, received yesterday the following telegram:

WINNIPEG, May 13, 1885.

To MRS. A. W. ROSS, VICTORIA:—Will be glad to get the help you proffer. All needed. C. E. HAMILTON, Mayor.

Mrs. Ross has already received subscriptions for the above purpose to the amount of $200, the most pleasant feature of the gifts being that they were, for the most part, made without personal solicitation.

OFFICIAL VETERINARY. — Mr. John Morley received a note from Ottawa yesterday informing him that he would receive the appointment of veterinary inspector for all horses imported from the Puget Sound and Oregon regions. No less than nine horses have been shot this week affected with the complaint, while from sixty to seventy are now sick with it. The warm weather will have a tendency to increase the disease, and only the promptest measures will prevent an epedemic among the horses.

THE WEEKLY COLONIST is issued this morning in the enlarged eight page form. The price of subscription has been reduced to $2.50 per year, and the columns are filled with the latest local and foreign news. The weekly is the best means of informing friends of the progress of the country, while generally it is the largest and best family weekly published in the province.

The Halpenny Route to Alberni

Mr. W. Halpenny, provincial government guide, and the lad McKenzie, arrived in this city on Monday morning, having made the trip via Cameron lake from Alberni to Nanaimo. They left Alberni on Monday of last week and proceeded along the Rodger river to near its head and from thence to Cameron lake, where they arrived on Wednesday. The lake was rounded on the south side, but two narrow bluffs compelled to make a raft to get around. The first one was about 120 feet in length and the second about 80 feet. With these two exceptions the south side of the lake offers good facilities for a road, and these bluffs could be easily blasted to make a road near the water's edge. After leaving the lake, which Mr. Halpenny pronounces the deepest he ever saw, they proceeded down the Qualicum river for some distance and thence across to the settlement at French creek, where they arrived on Friday evening. In Mr. Halpenny's opinion no great difficulty would be encountered in making a road by the route he took, which would open up several large tracts of valuable farming and grazing land on each end of the lake and between the Little Qualicum river and the French creek settlement. Game was seen in great abundance including deer, elk and bear. One of the latter was up a tree taking a survey of the country, as if in imitation of the explorers. Mr. Halpenny speaks enthusiastically of that section of the country and he says he will have no difficulty in finding good locations for a large number of settlers.—*Free Press.*

Marine.

Bark Phineas Pendleton has arrived at Nagasaki, Japan, from Victoria.

Bark Sparian sailed from Hongkong April 6th for Victoria.

In port at Hongkong, April 7.—Barks Alden Besse and Martha for Victoria.

Steamer Olympian for San Francisco passed out of the Straits on Wednesday night.

The British ship Earl of Dalhousie, which sank in the harbor of San Francisco cost in the vicinity of $160,000, and it is estimated that it will cost fully $30,000 to restore her to her former usefulness. She is supposed to be fully insured. The question as to whether the owners or the underwriters will suffer the damages occasioned by the mishap is a debatable one among shipping people here. Nautical men say that the vessel was "dished"—that is, did not have sufficient bearing for her heavy spars when but little or no ballast was on board. It appears that Captain Jarvis was warned of the danger of moving so light a vessel without sending down her topgallant masts. There was a strong northwest gale prevailing, and when the tug slacked preparatory to pulling the ship about, the wind caught her and sent her on her side. The captain and men aboard had barely time to get clear, as the vessel quickly turned, filled with water and sank on her side. The tug and boats from vessels near went to the aid of the men in the water and on the ship's bottom and all were saved, though with nothing but the clothes they had on. The captain's valuable library and six month's stores were among other things lost.

Departure Bay—Steamship Wellington sailed for San Francisco and steamer Empire is loading for same port.

Nanaimo—Ships State of Maine, Majestic and Helicon loading for San Francisco.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Arrived—Bark Enoch Talbot, Seattle; steamer Queen of the Pacific, Victoria.

Sailed—Ship Ericssen, Seattle; German bark Meteor, Port Townsend.

The Gun Accident at Nanaimo.

The Free Press prints the following particulars of Frank Holden's death: "On Monday evening Frank, who with his wife and two little children, were living at his father's farm in Cedar district, fired two shots at a deer but as it was getting dark he returned to the house. Yesterday morning he arose at 4 o'clock and taking his father's Winchester rifle and his dog went on the trail of the deer, saying to his father that he would be back to breakfast at 6 o'clock. After he left his father heard a shot fired and the dog bark. They waited breakfast till 7 o'clock but Frank did not return. Shortly after his dog came home alone and this aroused the father's suspicion that some accident had befallen his only son. He at once went in the direction of where he had heard the dog barking and found the body of his son, warm but lifeless. He was lying on the ground with the rifle under him and the carcass of a huge buck deer on top of him. It was evident that Frank had shot the deer and placed it on his shoulders to carry home. In attempting to cross a log he had stumbled, and in falling accidentally discharged the rifle, the bullet entering near the ear. The father went for the assistance of the neighbors and they took the body to his house, and in the afternoon it was brought to the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Thos. Morgan, in this city, and from there the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The deceased was about 23 years of age and leaves a wife, two young children, father and three married sisters to mourn his sad fate."

Point Ellice Bridge.

Two letters have appeared in an obscure morning print censuring the government for not having awarded the contract for the contruction of Point Ellice bridge to local contractors. Under ordinary circumstances this complaint would be well-founded; but in the present case it is exactly the reverse. Several local tenders were received but in every case the difference between those tenders and that of the San Francisco parties was so marked that the government felt they could not justify an award to local tenderers. Had the government declined to accept the San Francisco bid there would have been no bridge, as the vote of the house does not authorize the excessive expenditure that would have then been necessary. It may be remarked, incidentally, that the late government advertised for tenders for the construction of a caisson only in England and the Eastern provinces, and ignored local manufacturers entirely. They pursued the same course with respect to the dry dock machinery, which was awarded to an English firm without local manufacturers being asked to tender.

Daring Robbery.

The residence of Rev. W. Malachi, Humboldt street, was broken into on Wednesday afternoon and a large quantity of the bedding and other valuables taken, among them being a solid silver communion service. On Mr. Malachi returning in the evening he discovered the theft, and as he was minus bedding, etc., he did not remain at the house that night. Yesterday morning at about nine he visited the house and found that the audacious thief had revisited it and taken almost everything that could be carried away. Some of the neighbors noticed a man walk away from the residence yesterday with a large bundle on his shoulders, but did not imagine that he was a thief. The police were communicated with, and obtaining a slight description of the man seen with the goods, are searching for him. The thief made a pretty clean sweep of all the valuables, only leaving the furniture and books.

Late yesterday afternoon the neighbors were again surprised to see the man back for a third load, and sent for the police. Officers Grant and Walker proceeded to the house and found the man just coming away with a large basket piled with goods, some large crockery being piled on top. The man was taken to the city gaol and proved to be a demented carpenter named Baker, formerly a Cariboo miner. His mind is completely gone and he will probably be sent to the asylum.

THE GREEN CASE.—Miss Ella White and Mr. R. McTiernan were examined in the alleged Green forgery case yesterday, and the prisoner was further remanded until to-day.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—His honor the lieutenant-governor has given notice that the government offices will be closed on Monday, the 25th May.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

THE NORTHWEST.

OTTAWA, May 13.—In the house this afternoon Hon. Mr. Caron read the following official dispatch from Middleton: Batouche House, May 11, via Clarke's Crossing, May 12—To Hon. A. P. Caron, Ottawa. Have just made a general attack and carried the whole settlement. The men behaved splendidly. The rebels are in full retreat. Sorry to say I have not got Riel. While I was reconnoitering this morning Wm. Ashley, one of the prisoners, galloped up with

A FLAG OF TRUCE

and handed me a letter from Riel, saying: "If you massacre our families I shall massacre the prisoners." I sent answer that if he would put his women and children in one place and let me know where it was no shot would be fired on them. I then returned to camp and pushed on my advance parties who were heavily fired on. I pressed on and the

MEN RESPONDED NOBLY.

Led by their officers and Col. Straubenzie they drove the enemy out of the rifle pits, they forced their way across the plain and seized the houses, and we are now masters of the place and my force will bivouac there.

Right in the heat of the action, Mr. Ashley came back with another missive from Riel, as follows:

"General, your prompt answer to my note shows I was right in mentioning the cause of humanity. We will gather our families in one place, and as soon as it is done will let you know. I am, etc.,

"(Signed) LOUIS DAVID RIEL."

On the envelope he had written, as follows:

"Do not like war, and if you don,t retreat and refuse an interview the question remains the same concerning the prisoners."

OUR LOSS.

I am afraid is heavy, but not so heavy as might be expected. As yet I find it is 5 killed and 10 wounded. The killed are Capt. French, commanding the Scouts; Lieut. Fitch, 10th Grenadiers; Captain Brown, Boulton's Scouts; J. W. Kippen, Surveyors' Scouts, and private Wheeler, of the 90th Battalion. The wounded are, Lieut. Gordon, Surveyors' Scouts; Lieut. Laidlaw, 10th Grenadiers, and Major Dawson, 10th Grenadiers, all slightly; Serg't-Major Watson, 90th Battalion, slightly in the ankle; Serg't James, 90th Battalion, in the hand; private Young, 90th Battalion, flesh wound in the thigh; private Cook, 10th Grenadiers, shot in the arm; Bugler M. Goughan, 10th Grenadiers, shot in the finger; private C. Barber, slight wound in the arm; private Marshall, 10th Grenadiers, flesh wound in calf of leg; private W. Wilson, 10th Grenadiers, slight wound across the back; private Barton, Midland, seriously injured in the thigh and groin; Corporal Hallwell, Midland, slightly wounded in the face and arm; Lieut. Halliwell, Midland, hurt in the shoulders. This is all I know of at present. The

PRISONERS HAVE ALL BEEN RELEASED

and are safe in my camp. Among them is Jackson, the white man, who was Riel's secretary; but who is now mad and rather dangerous. (Signed)

FRED. MIDDLETON,
Major-General.

Mr. Caron continued—I also beg to read another telegram I received with reference to the steamer Northcote: "The steamer Northcote and another steamer are coming up the river with a company of the school of infantry and police, and will

OUT OFF THE RETREAT

of the rebels. The rebel loss is believed to be very severe; but as yet is not known. Among the wounded half-breeds brought in is Ambrose Jolin, of Riel's council."

WINNIPEG, May 13.—News of the capture of Batouche by the gallant bayonet charge was something of a surprise and also the cause of rejoicing to the people here. Gen. Middleton was expected to pursue other tactics as indicated in previous dispatches. No details of the successful attack on Batouche have been received and the enemy's loss is still a matter of conjecture. It is believed, however, that the rebels have been

BEATEN SO BADLY

that they will make no further stand in a body; but will very likely disperse through the western country in small bands where they cannot be hunted down without great difficulty. Riel is expected to get away to Montana as there are few obstacles in his way. In fact, there is little to prevent him disguising himself and making his way to Qu'Appelle and thence by rail to Winnipeg. He has

PLENTY OF SYMPATHISING FRIENDS

not very far from this city who would gladly give him refuge. No prominent officers were killed at Batouche. Capt. French, leader of the scouts, was formerly an officer in the mounted police, and has lately been farming near Fort Qu'Appelle.

FROM BATTLEFORD.

BATTLEFORD, May 12.—Thirty women and a large number of children have decided to leave by the trails to Swift Current. On Thursday of this week a mounted escort will accompany the party past the first woods about 35 miles distant, after which it is thought no danger need be feared. The wounded continue to improve and will probably be removed to Winnipeg when the steamers begin to run. Scouts who left last night for

POUNDMAKER'S RESERVE

returned this afternoon and announced that he had disappeared. They brought with them two ponies which they found on the trail. The scouts went up between two rivers and camped during last night in the woods at Thunder Hills reserve. In the forenoon they approached the edge of the late battle field at Cut Knife hills and surveyed the scene of that bloody fight. The Indian camp had disappeared and

NO INDIANS WERE VISIBLE.

All to be seen of the camp where Poundmaker and his band were congregated were the usual piles of rubbish to be found around the camping grounds of an Indian tribe. The surrounding country south of the river was on fire. Only conjectures as to the present whereabouts of Chief Poundmaker can be offered. There is no knowledge of his movements. Scouts express the belief that

HE HAS RETREATED

into the woody fast