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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Pond Lilies.

Says the St. John *Sun*: Some pond lily bulbs from Miller's pond, near Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, have been sent to Victoria, B. C. It is said our pond lily is not indigenous to British Columbia.

The C. & O.

Southern Pacific officials now state that the California & Oregon road will undoubtedly be completed by December 1st next, and before the 10th of the month through trains will be running to and from Portland.

Mexico's Freight.

The steamer Mexico, which arrived arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning, brought freight for the following ports: Victoria, 104 tons; Vancouver, 270 tons; Port Townsend, 187 tons; Seattle, 417 tons; New Tacoma, 320 tons.

A Sad Anniversary.

The first anniversary of the death of the lamented Archbishop Seghers, which occurs on the 28th inst., will be observed at the pro-cathedral with unusual solemnity. His Grace Archbishop Gross and a number of bishops will be present on the occasion. It is understood that a great many priests will also be in attendance.

Met His Deserts.

Samuel M. Goddard, the man charged with stealing boots from Mr. E. H. Fisher, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment yesterday by the police magistrate. It appears that the prisoner was a respectable man in the east, and Mr. Fisher said his only reason for bringing the charge was to have him sentenced for a short term of imprisonment in order to make him sober. He had been on a spree for over two weeks.

A Sad Trial.

A lady, Mrs. Knight, appeared at the police court yesterday and charged her husband with attempting to do her grievous bodily harm. She said that they had arrived from Vancouver on Saturday, and since that time she was in fear for her safety, and she now wished to obtain a separation from Knight. His honor said that as no offense had been committed in this city, he would dismiss the defendant, and the wife could resort to some other means to secure a separation.

C. P. R. Notes.

Gen. Manager W. C. Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific, was at Toronto on Wednesday, it is supposed on business connected with the eastern entrance of his line to Toronto. He said the Sault Ste. Marie branch would be completed next week and that trains would be crossing the Sault river by December 7th. The Duluth road was built 250 miles west and will be finished next spring, while the Minneapolis and Sault road will be finished next month. He said work on snowsheds in the Selkirk mountains is finished for the season, seven miles being the total length constructed.

Victoria's Mayor.

Mayor Fell, of Victoria, is kicking again. At the last meeting of the city council he refused to put a resolution, offered by one of the councillors, and an appeal from the chair showed a majority of the council opposed to his view. It is intimated that the action of the mayor will bring him into court, for the majority seems determined that the affairs of the municipality shall not be muddled through the obstinacy of the presiding officer. Wouldn't it be a good thing for Victoria to elect as mayor next year a competent man with a clean record—one who is able to maintain the dignity of his office, and place the public interest above his personal eccentricities!—*Columbian.*

Dominion Appointments.

The last issue of the *Canada Gazette* contains notice of the following appointments in this province: James Fitzsimmons, of New Westminster, Deputy Warden of the Penitentiary, from 12th August, 1878. Richard Heber Pidcock, of Fort Rupert, Indian Agent for the territory lying within latitude 49 degrees, 40 minutes to 52 degrees, 15 minutes north, and longitude 125 degrees, 5 minutes to 129 degrees, 10 minutes west, from 14th June, 1886. Joseph William Mackay, of Kamloops, Indian Agent for the territory lying within latitude 49 degrees to 51 degrees, 30 minutes north, and longitude 118 degrees 30 minutes to 122 degrees west, from 15th of June, 1884. Israel Wood Powell, of Victoria, doctor of medicine and a lieutenant-colonel (temporary) in the Militia of Canada, Indian Superintendent for British Columbia, from 23rd December, 1879. Henry Guillod, of Ucluelet, Indian Agent for territory lying within latitude 48 degrees, 25 minutes to 50 degrees, 25 minutes north, and longitude 123 degrees, 50 minutes to 128 degrees west, from 6th March, 1882. William Laing Meason, of Williams Lake, Indian Agent for the territory lying within latitude 50 degrees, 30 minutes, to 54 degrees 30 minutes north, longitude 118 degrees, 20 minutes to 125 degrees, 35 minutes west, from 4th August, 1883.

Sir A. P. Caron on the Way.

Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., yesterday received a telegram from the Minister of Militia, dated English River, Ont., stating that he was on the way, would stop one day at Regina, and advise from that point what day he would arrive.

Drill.

The members of the Victoria rifle company will parade at the drill shed to-morrow evening at eight o'clock, when special drill will be had. The company will take part in the general inspection before Sir Adolphe Caron, Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D. A.G., and Col. Powell, A. G., on Saturday next.

Thoroughbred Stock.

Mr. J. A. McNeill, of this city, has lately returned from the east with a fine young blooded stallion. He comes from old English imported stock and stands 16 hands high, is 1500 pounds in weight and two years old. Mr. H. D. Benson, of Ladner's Landing, also returned with a Clydesdale stallion and fifteen head of thoroughbred cattle.

Great Joke on a Bachelor.

Mr. Duprat, of the Interior Department, Ottawa, whose wife was credited the other day with having given birth to triplets, turns out to be an unmarried man. It is understood that some wag sent the announcement of the great event to a local paper, which published the paragraph in good faith. Mr. Duprat is said to be going round with a very big club in his hand looking for the said wag.

For the Seal Fisheries.

A Halifax dispatch says: Nine Nova Scotia vessels have recently been purchased to engage in the Pacific seal fisheries. Three of them were formerly employed as fishery protection cruisers. The last one purchased is the Triumph, the fastest vessel of the Nova Scotia fleet. Nova Scotians already in the business say it is most profitable and will take a boom when the Alaska company's monopoly expires two years hence.

Police Court.

Annie, an Indian, drunk, fined $10. Thomas Dunn, drunk, bail estreated. Chilkite, drunk, fined $5 or one week. James Lafontine, drunk, fined $5. Matthew J. Knight, charged with attempting to inflict grievous bodily harm, dismissed. Mackwah Jim, an Indian, for being in possession of an intoxicant, fined $25 and costs. Cha Kwong, for supplying liquor to Indians, fined $50 and costs. Samuel M. Goddard, for stealing, one month's imprisonment. H. Spaulding, burglary, remanded. Jack Sing, on remand charged with stealing, further remanded.

Notice to Mariners.

Fog Bell at Active Pass.—Notice is given that a fog bell, operated by machinery, has been erected and put into operation by the Government of Canada at the Light Station on Georgina Point, at the northern entrance to Active Pass, British Columbia.

Lat. N. 48° 52' 25"
Long. W. 123° 17' 50"

The belfry, a square wooden building painted white, stands on the extreme westerly part of the point, about 40 feet from the Lighthouse.

The bell is hung in an open part of the belfry facing seaward, and is 30 feet above high water mark; it will sound one stroke every fifteen seconds.

This notice affects Admiralty Charts 579, 1917, 2689 and 2840.

Behring's Sea Seizures.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto *Mail* wires his paper as follows under date of the 15th inst.: Capt. Warren, of Victoria, B. C., owner of five of the sealers seized in Behring's Sea, returned from New York to-night. He says that a large number of his friends in New York, who are principally fur dealers, sympathize with the owners of the sealers, as they do not desire to see the Alaska Commercial Company given a monopoly in Behring's Sea. So incensed are the friends of the San Francisco owners at the treatment accorded their vessels that the commanders of the United States cutters Bear and Rush are to be indicted for piracy. While in New York Capt. Warren took advice of an eminent American counsel with respect to his claims for damages against the American government. The opinion was given that Captain Warren had a clear right to damages, but the counsel deemed it advisable to revise his claim and work it more in accordance with American practice. Capt. Warren expects to receive the document here to-morrow. Some additional information relative to the seizures has reached Ottawa during Captain Warren's absence, and this he will place at the disposal of the government in order to make the case against the United States stronger. Capt. Warren will be in the city for a few days.

PERSONAL.

A. B. Gray returned from the mainland on the Yosemite.

E. J. McFeely, of McLennan & McFeely, Vancouver, is at the Clarence.

J. A. Webster and H. V. Edmunds were passengers last evening from New Westminster.

Mrs. T. L. Briggs and children arrived down yesterday on the Yosemite from New Westminster.

R. Byrn, with Turner, Beeton & Co., intends taking a trip to his old home in England, in a few days.

Miss Heathorn, who has been visiting friends in San Francisco, returned on the Mexico yesterday morning.

Thomas R. Smith, Assistant Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, left for the mainland this morning.

D. T. Fairbairn, who for some years has been editor and manager of the Port Arthur *Sentinel*, has come to British Columbia to engage in newspaper work.

Mrs. S. P. Hill, a contributor to the English and colonial press, arrived from New Zealand yesterday on the Mexico and is registered at the Clarence. She will remain in Victoria for several days.

The Montreal *Herald* announces the retirement of John Livingstone from its editorial charge, to assume control of the Toronto *Empire*. Molyneux St. John succeeds him as editor of the *Herald*.

Among the overland passengers on Sunday night was J. D. Walker, who more than twenty-five years ago established the Bank of British Columbia in this city, in which he was the first manager. Mr. Walker left Victoria in 1866 to enter the English banking house of Falkner, Ball & Co., at San Francisco. He retired from that firm two years ago and is now settled with his family in London. Mr. Walker, who has not visited Victoria since leaving here in 1865, is much struck with the evidences of improvement and thrift he sees on every side. He will leave for the south to-day.

Prevailing Sickness.

The most prevailing complaints at this season are rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, inflamation and congestions. For all these and other painful troubles Hagyard's Yellow Oil is the best internal and external remedy. tu-thu-sat

For Frost Bites.

There is no better remedy for frost bites, chilblains and similar troubles, than Hagyard's Yellow Oil. It also cures rheumatism, lumbago, sore throat, deafness, and lameness and pain generally. Yellow Oil is used externally and internally. tu-th-sat-dw

MARINE.

Br. bark Hermine will go to sea to-day.

Br. bark Clairmont went to sea yesterday afternoon.

Br. bark Penshaw, from Moodyville, was at Sidney November 15th.

Ship Glory of the Seas is about due at Departure Bay from San Francisco.

Br. bark Craigwhinnie was to have been towed to the Inlet last night by the Pilot.

Tug Falcon towed the ship W. F. Babcock to Race Rocks on Sunday. The ship went to the Sound.

Ship Pactolus has been towed from the Sound to Burrard Inlet, where she will load lumber from Shanghai.

Tug Alexander returned from Cape Flattery early yesterday morning after having towed the ship Berlin to sea from Nanaimo.

The U. S. government steamer Thetis sailed from San Francisco last week for Sitka, to take the place of the Pinta, which has been doing service for a year or two in Alaskan waters.

Steamer Mexico, sixty-four hours from San Francisco, arrived at the outer wharf at 1:15 o'clock yesterday morning with fifty passengers and 1,278 tons of freight. The run up was a remarkably pleasant one. She left for the Sound during the afternoon.

NAVAL.

H. M. S. Conquest was at Honolulu November 2nd.

SUPREME COURT.

Edwin John, plaintiff, in error, vs. The Queen. The court consisted of the Chief Justice and Justices Crease, Gray and Walkem, who gave judgment upon the writ of error obtained by prisoner to reverse the sentence of two years' imprisonment passed last assizes upon him for assault with intent to commit rape.

The Chief Justice and Justice Crease both gave judgment to the effect that the point of error was not well taken. The verdict of assault with intent was properly passed under sections 183 and 191 of the Procedure Act. For this reason it was their opinion that the judgment should be confirmed.

Justices Gray and Walkem then discussed the matter in favor of the prisoner. They held that there is no statute authorizing a conviction for misdemeanor under an indictment for felony. There was a great deal of difference between the two cases, as in one case the maximum punishment was seven years' imprisonment and the minimum two years; in the other five years was the maximum and one hour the minimum. As they held that there was no statutable authority for sentence their Lordships Gray and Walkem were of the opinion that judgment be reversed and the prisoner discharged. The Court being equally divided, the case will come before the Supreme Court and will be heard at Ottawa in February next.

From the DAILY COLONIST, Nov. 20.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Daily Mail.

The postal authorities have decided on establishing a daily mail service between this city and East Wellington, commencing with the New Year. W. S. Chandler has been already appointed postmaster.

Police Court.

Ah Sing was charged with stealing a sum of money and valuable jewelry from the residence of Mr. F. W. Foster, Simcoe street, James Bay. Prisoner pleaded not guilty and the case was continued until to-morrow.

The Elder's Freight.

The steamer Geo. W. Elder, which left the outer wharf yesterday afternoon for San Francisco, carried about 1,100 tons of freight consisting principally of 800 barrels and 40 large casks of oil from the north, 2,000 bags of oats, 100 tons miscellaneous C. P. R. bond and 600 barrels of salmon from this port.

Inspection.

The artillery will parade for annual inspection next Saturday. In addition to the D. A. G., Col. Holmes, Sir A. Caron and Col. Powell, A. G., will inspect the men. It is very probable that "C" battery will be inspected at the same time. There will be drill on Monday and Friday evening for the volunteers.

Completely Renovated.

St. James Church, James Bay, has been undergoing a complete renovation and now presents a handsome appearance. A small and antique looking porch has been added to the main entrance, which sets the church off to advantage. The outside walls of the building are reconstructed and with double boards no inconvenience from cold is feared.

The Strike on Conklin Gulch.

Mr. John McLean, who arrived from Quesnelle the other day, brought with him a large gold nugget, taken from the head of Conklin gulch. The two sides of the nugget are fastened on to white quartz and is very little washed, proving that it came from out the surrounding ledges. It is thought that big pay will be taken out of this new strike.

Fell Down a Flight of Stairs.

As Mrs. Woodruff was going down the stairs of the Savings Bank yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, she slipped and rolled down to the landing. The driver of a hansom, Burnley, who happened to be in the bank at the time, ran to Mrs. Woodruff's assistance and found she had received a nasty cut on the forehead. He gave her what help he could and took her to Dr. Helmcken, who sewed up the wound, after which Burnley took the lady to her home on the Work estate.

Outgoing Passengers.

Following is a list of the Victoria passengers who left for San Francisco on the Geo. W. Elder yesterday afternoon. In addition to those mentioned are a large number from Sound ports: J. J. McLean and wife, W. F. Anderson, H. F. Gerkhardt, B. E. L. Williams, C. Y. Mulkey and wife, J. L. Casket, D. A. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. Joel A. Wood, J. K. Rewlings, Alex. Gay, W. Buchanan, F. W. Brown, C. L. P. Marius, J. A. Leach, Thos. Mene, W. E. Baines, Mrs. R. Broderick, Mrs. J. T. Scott.

Would not Stand Fooling.

As the Princess Louise was being made fast to the wharf last night, one of the passengers, a stranger, thinking to get ashore sooner than the rest, stepped over the rails on to the wharf right into Mr. Briggs' arms. Mr. Briggs told the venturesome youth to go back and on refusing to do so, he took him into custody, more to give the man a fright than anything else. Several other passengers were also about to jump on to the wharf, but seeing the reception the leader got they decided to wait patiently till the gangway was laid across.

Indian Smuggling.

Customs Officer Hunter yesterday morning seized a couple of Indian canoes supposed to contain goods smuggled from the Sound. They were deserted by their owners, who refused to pay duty, and the goods were stored in the warehouse. In the afternoon, however, the Indians brought down Mr. Lenz, of Lenz & Leiser, who identified the blankets as having been purchased at their store during Friday afternoon. The lot was packed in several trunks and released. Only a few articles of small value were contraband and on these the Indians paid duty.

Cleared for London.

The iron bark Clairmont loaded by Turner, Beeton & Co., cleared for London yesterday with 33,800 cases salmon, valued at $190,000, and several tons general merchandise. This vessel has had exceptionally quick dispatch.

Still at Work.

On Friday night between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock a discovery was made by the family of Mr. F. W. Foster, James Bay, that their residence had been robbed. Suspicion pointed to the Chinese cook, who had been working only a few days. He was subsequently arrested but nothing was found on him. Valuable jewelry was taken and about $85 in bills and some silver. A strong effort is being made by the police to find the missing articles, but their efforts at last accounts have proved fruitless. This is the second daring burglary that has taken place within the past week and residents are warned to keep their valuables under strong lock and key.

Daring Robbery.

On Friday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock the residence of Mr. R. J. Russell on the Esquimalt road, was entered and a quantity of valuable jewelry stolen. Mr. and Mrs. Russell were at dinner at the time and the latter having completed her meal repaired upstairs with a lamp and was astonished to find the bureau drawer open. On examination she found that the lock had been broken and the drawer ransacked. Mr. Russell notified the police the following morning and gave the pawnbrokers a description of the jewelry. That evening a Celestial offered some of the stolen property for sale at Aaronson's, but the boy who was attending to the shop, not knowing anything of the robbery, was just on the point of buying the jewelry when the Chinaman, who evidently thought he smelt a rat, fled from the store and has not been seen since. The cook in the employ of Mr. Russell has been arrested on suspicion and a reward of $25 is offered by the gentleman for the apprehension or arrest of the other fellow, who is probably now in hiding about the dives of Chinatown.

A Long Voyage.

Schooner Ariel is now ready to proceed on her voyage to British Columbia. All the necessary alterations and repairs have been made, and she is now said to be in good trim to buffet the winds and waves which may be encountered on her passage to the Pacific. Capt. Bucknam expects to reach his destination about April. She will carry a crew of eight men, and Capt. Bucknam will be accompanied by his wife and two children. Her cargo consists of 1,230 kegs cut nails, shipped by I. & E. R. Burpee; 70 bbls. plaster, shipped by the Albert Manufacturing Company; 84 sacks (about 9 tons) Grand Lake coal, 1 gross oil stoves; and 1 gross scythe stones, shipped by the master and and J. M. Taylor. The cargo is valued at about $4,120.

Messrs. Willis, Mott & Co. of the Golden Grove woolen mills are shipping a trial lot of their light homespuns to British Columbia, per the schooner Ariel. The Golden Grove mills have been running overtime for months to keep up with orders.

The Coldbrook mills are sending 75 tons of nails, and Mr. Pender is shipping about 20 tons of horse shoe nails by this vessel.

Schr. Ariel, Capt. W. Bucknam, sails sometime to-day. She will engage in the Pacific seal fishery.—St. John, N. B., *Sun* (Nov. 8).

N. W. Rifle Match.

The annual meeting of the New Westminster Rifle Association was held at the range, Brownsville, on Thanksgiving day. The morning broke bright and clear, a favorable indication for good shooting, which was subsequently realized. Following is the score:

FIRST MATCH—ASSOCIATION.

Ranges 200 and 400 yards, five shots at each range.

1 A. F. Coulton, silver cup presented by Lieut. Bonson	41 pts.
2 Capt. Scoullar, $5.00	40 "
3 T. F. Bonson, $4.00	39 "
4 Thos. Mowat, $2.50	38 "
5 Dr. Smith, $1.50	36 "

SECOND MATCH—ASSOCIATION.

Ranges 200 and 400 yards, five shots at each range.

1 Dr. Smith, challenge cup presented by Lieut. McNaughton	40 pts.
2 Thos. Mowat, $7.00	39 "
3 Wm. McColl, $5.00	37 "
4 J. Reid, $2.50	37 "
5 W. Wolfenden, $1.50	37 "

MILITIA MATCH.

Open to non-commissioned officers and men of active militia—Range 200 yards, seven shots.

1 Sergt. J. M. Smith, silver medal presented by Capt. Scoullar	30 pts.
2 Pte. Sharp, bronze medal presented by Lieut. Mowat	27 "
3 Pte. Forfar, $3.00	26 "
4 Pte. Fletcher, $2.00	26 "
5 Pte. Fletcher, $1.00	26 "
6 Pte. Smith, 50 cents	26 "

The challenge cup, presented by his honor Lieut.-Governor Nelson, for the highest aggregate score, was captured by Mr. Cotton, who scored 78 points. The $5 prize, presented by Mr. A. P. Cotton, D. L. S., for the second highest aggregate score, was won by Thos. Mowat, who scored 77 points.

Artillery Competition.

The firing of No. 2 Battery, Lieut. Irving, in the competition for the challenge cup presented by Major Prior, took place at Finlayson Point. Battery Nos. 3 and 4 fired last Thursday, the former making such a good showing as to distance both competitors. In the preliminary practice eight men fired one solid shot and one shrapnel shell, the highest possible score being twenty-two points. In the second practice of the four highest in the first fired two solid shot and one shrapnel, the possible score being thirty-four points.

The following are the scores of Nos. 2 and 3, that of No. 4 not being obtainable:

NO. 2 BATTERY.

(1ST PRACTICE.)

Sergt. Major Sinclair	13
Sergt. Sargeon	11
Corp. Woodgate	12
Bomb. Drake	8
" Crease	11
Gunner Walker	14
" Langley	10
" Sullivan	13
	93

(2ND PRACTICE.)

Sergt. Major Sinclair	26
Gunner Sullivan	18
" Walker	14
Corp. Worsfold	3
	61
Total	153

NO. 3 BATTERY.

(1ST PRACTICE.)

Sergt. Williams	20
" Atkins	13
" Newbury	20
Corp. Braund	14
Bomb. Winsby	17
Gunner E. Flemming	14
" H. Flemming	13
" Langley	21
	132

(2ND PRACTICE.)

Bomb. Winsby	25
Sergt. Newbury	24
" Williams	17
Gunner Langley	12
	78
Total	210

The total number of marks made by No. 4 were 114. It will be seen that battery, Sergt.-Maj. Sinclair of No. 2 heads the list in the 2nd or competitive practice, his score, twenty-six points, being the highest individual score made on the range. Next comes Bomb. Winsby, who made twenty-five points. The firing of No. 3 battery was almost phenomenal and the boys deserve all the credit they have earned. It will be noticed that the "crack shots" with the rifle have also become "crack shots" with the big gun. Altogether the competition is a credit to our volunteer force and one of which they may well feel proud.

Base Ingratitude.

A week or so ago a man appeared before the police magistrate charged with drunkenness. He begged hard for his release from a fine of $5 which was imposed upon him, but without success, and he was committed for one week's imprisonment. It appears he was acquainted with Mr. E. H. Fisher, and he sent for him and unfolded a pitiful yarn. Out of the kindness of his heart that gentleman paid the fine and the man was released, much to his apparent joy, and his expressions of gratitude were so profuse that Mr. Fisher at once determined to reform him and gave him employment to keep him steady. But to his disappointment Mr. Fisher found one morning that he had been robbed, and as suspicion pointed strongly to the man he had aided, he had him arrested yesterday and locked up to await a hearing at the police court tomorrow.

From Carnes Creek.

Mr. John A. Cameron arrived down from the Big Bend district on Wednesday evening. He was located on Carne's Creek during the summer, where high water greatly interfered with the work of washing the gold. Everything in the way of dams were swept off the creek in the spring and new ones had to be constructed. About the first of the present month Mr. Cameron commenced sluicing but heavy rains broke his neighbor's dam and also greatly injured his own. This was repaired, and after washing a portion of three days, the water again rose. Mr. Cameron was quite ill at this time and came out to Revelstoke leaving two men in charge of his claim. High water in the creek prevents successful mining, but Mr. Cameron thinks that if the stream be diverted, there would be many fortunes taken from the stream bed. This could be done by constructing a five hundred foot tunnel in order to convey the water to an adjacent deep ravine. This would empty it into the Columbia and would leave over twelve hundred feet dry for sluicing purposes. The results accured while washing by means of wing dams. Mr. Cameron considers as justifying the statement that an immense amount of gold could be secured. The cost for making the tunnel would be about $5,000, the greater portion of the work being through gravel.

MARINE.

Ship Lindisfarne will complete her cargo of Nanaimo coal to-morrow.

Bark Hermine, having secured another crew, was to leave for sea to-day.

Br. ship Cumberland which took a cargo of coal from Nanaimo for San Diego, will not return, but goes to Portland to load wheat for the U. K.

The boat stolen from the bark Hermine by the seven sailors who deserted this vessel on Thursday night, was returned yesterday on the Olympian.

It was an error to state that the bark Malay was at Chemainus for the purpose of loading coal, as she is there to load ship timber and piles for San Francisco.

Ship Berlin, which was towed to sea yesterday by the Alexander, is bound for San Francisco and carries a cargo of 2,400 tons of Nanaimo coal and 13,000 feet of lumber of Haslam & Lee's saw mill.

Bark Constitution, which cleared at the Nanaimo custom house for Mexico on Wednesday last, carries 230,000 feet of rough lumber, 50,000 feet flooring and 40,000 laths, shipped by Messrs Croft & Angus, of the Chemainus saw mills.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder, Ackley, left for San Francisco at the usual hour yesterday with a cargo of a large passenger and freight list. The Umatilla will take the Elder's place on the up trip, while she will probably go into the southern trade.

PERSONAL.

J. S. Sparrow, of Pendray & Co., has returned from the mainland.

Captains McAllister and Urquhart returned from Vancouver last night.

Mrs. R. Broderick and son were passengers yesterday on the outgoing steamer for San Francisco.

G. A. Fraser, of Vancouver, has been called to St. John, N. B., by the sudden illness of his father.

Mr. McKay, late editor and proprietor of the *Enterprise*, Chesley, Ont., accompanied by his wife and family, are on their way to California.

It is announced that Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patten, professor of geology at Princeton college, will succeed Dr. McCosh as president of that institution.

Mr. John McLean, proprietor of the Occidental hotel, Quesnellemouth, Cariboo road, accompanied by his wife, arrived down on Wednesday evening last, and are registered at the Oriental. Mr. McLean is one of the pioneers of Cariboo and is known to all the old-timers, among whom he is very popular. He has not visited Victoria since 1860, and is pleased with the substantial changes that have been made since then, though he recognizes some of the old landmarks that yet remain of the stirring times of 1860. On Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. McLean will leave for Ohio, where the former will visit the scenes of his youth.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The Royal Hospital authorities beg to thank Mr. Joseph Gomell for a box of apples donated to the inmates.

A Vancouver bonnanza has drawn $15,000 in a lottery and will depart with suddenly acquired wealth for the east.

Mr. L. G. Dumbleton will occupy the residence of Major Prior, M. P. P., during the absence of the latter's family in San Francisco.

Mr. James Miller, well known in musical circles in this city, will open a class for instruction in singing on Tuesday evening next in Calvary Baptist church.

Regular trains will run on the E. & N. railway beginning this morning, all repairs having been completed on the washouts at the Niagara and Arbutus canyons.

The name of the bishop of Minnesota, mentioned in Thursday's issue in connection with the letter to Dr. Hartman, should have read Whipple, not Alhipple.

The members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows will hold a social on Friday next, when instrumental and vocal music will be given. A dance will be had after the social.

Mr. Henry Croft, M. P. P., of Croft & Angus, Chemainus, has taken the handsome new residence of the late Hon. W. Smithe, James Bay, and will occupy it during the coming session of the legislature.

Duncan Smith of the North Arm of the Fraser, left Westminster on Wednesday for his former home in New Brunswick. He expects to be away about two months.

A large snow plough has been built at the C. P. R. shops for use in the mountains. The plow portion is sheeted with galvanized iron, and is braced in every direction so as to withstand the pressure of the heavy masses of snow it has to encounter in the mountains.

Valuable to Know.

Consumption may be more easily prevented than cured. The irritating and harassing cough will be greatly relieved by the use of Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam that cures coughs, colds, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. tu-th-sat-dw

A Significant Fact.

The worn out, waste and poisonous matter in the system should escape through the secretions of the bowels, kidneys and skin, or serious diseases results. B. B. B. opens these natural outlets to remove disease. tu-th-sat-d&w

HON. JOHN ROBSON

Interviewed on His Return from Eastern Canada.

The Disallowance Question and Behring's Sea Seizures—Ontario's Progress—Our Transcontinental Line.

The Hon. John Robson, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines for this province, returned home from an extended visit to Ontario on Sunday night by way of the C. P. R. The Hon. gentleman looks hale and hearty and accorded our representative an interview, when the following colloquy ensued:

Rep.—Would you have any objection to state how far and in what particulars your mission to Ottawa has been successful?

Minister—I do not feel at liberty to give a specific answer, inasmuch as the subjects and results are necessarily of a confidential character, and must come before the executive, if not before the legislature, before they can, with propriety or advantage, be given to the public. I feel free to say generally, however, that very important results have been and are likely to be attained.

Did you find the government at Ottawa favorably disposed towards this province?

I found the ministers with whom I was brought in contact, apparently anxious to meet the provincial government in a fair spirit and to adjust existing differences, and the impression I received is that the increasing importance and great possibilities of our province are beginning to receive due recognition at the federal capital.

Do you think it probable that the policy of disallowance will be enforced, as against the New Westminster Southern Railway?

I entertain strong hopes that it will not. I am confident Sir John Macdonald is anxious to see his way to avoiding such a collision, as he is now convinced disallowance in that case would provoke. Both Mr. Chisholm and myself did our best while at Ottawa towards averting any difficulty of that kind, and I venture to think not without good results.

In what way do you think such a collision will be avoided?

I do not feel at liberty to say, but I am aware that the matter is occupying the serious attention of the ministers and that a way out of the difficulty is likely to be found. It is pretty well understood now that the railway in question would not be antagonistic to C. P. R. interests, but the reverse.

Am I right in assuming that there was no ground for the newspaper statement to the effect that you said the people of New Westminster were willing to forego their right to their railway out of a spirit of loyalty to the C. P. R.?

You are quite right in assuming that, and more. So far from doing anything of the kind, as already stated, I made every effort in my power to clear the way for the avoidance of any obstruction to that railway, and it would have been strange and unnatural had I not done so. Apart from my duty to my own constituency, I have a large personal interest in seeing that road built, and have always been a strong advocate of it both in and out of the Legislature.

I understand you were consulted when at Ottawa upon the subject of the international fishery question, with especial reference to the Behring's Sea outrages. Is it your opinion that the Commission will deal with that branch of the subject?

It is my own opinion that Canada will object to the Behring's Sea matter being, so to speak, "thrown in," with the fishery dispute proper. The Behring's Sea dispute is now involving the rights of all maritime nations upon the high seas, and for Canada to consent to its being mixed up and considered with the Atlantic fishery dispute might be regarded as an admission that it is a fitting question for compromise as between the two nations only. I think it likely that Canada will prefer to stand on her undoubted rights and thus have the sympathy and support of all maritime nations. Meanwhile I am aware that the Dominion government is pressing the claims for indemnity of our people who became the victims of the Behring's Sea outrages, and up till the time I left Ottawa there had been no official denial at Washington of the right to compensation.

Did you observe much improvement in Ontario since your previous visit?

Yes. The improvement in many parts of Ontario is very marked, indeed. There are to be seen in most of the towns and cities unmistakeable indications of greatly increasing wealth, while in the country the eye meets everywhere signs of improved farming and increasing comfort.

This being your first trip over the C. P. R., what are your impressions respecting the road and the country traversed by it?

The road itself is undoubtedly a marvellous feat of enterprise and engineering skill. Its appointments and management elicit unmeasured praise from all who travel over it, and for grandeur the mountain scenery simply beggars description, while the civility and assiduous attentions of the officers, present to the traveler a pleasing contrast to what one meets with on some other roads.

THE MIGHTY BISMARCK.

Prince Bismarck's works are among those things of which history will be bound to take note, as it does of the campaigns of Alexander and the conquests of Charlemagne. He stands among those who have created nations and marked the beginning and the end of great epochs. It may be the vast and embattled fabric he has raised may prove as unsubstantial as his enemies hope, and that the new German Empire may not long survive the sturdy veterans who have founded it. Perhaps, also, the domestic policy to which he has lent his gigantic energies for years past will turn out (as many Germans believe) to be nothing more than an elaborate attempt to war against natural tendencies, which is doomed to end in failure. Again, it may happen, that the relentless fee whom he has warded off for years will fall upon his country and tear her asunder, when once she is deprived of his genius and watchful care. These things "lie upon the knees of the gods." But even if the worst anticipations of the enemies of Germany and of the settled order of Europe should be realized, it will be impossible to deprive Bismarck of the credit of having made "a geographical expression" into a nation, and of having, in far less than the space of a single life-time and by an almost unequaled combination of audacity, caution, diplomatic skill and unwavering resolution undone—if only for a brief period—the work of centuries of misfortune and incompetence. The stupendous difference between the Germany of 1866 and the Germany of 1887 is the measure of Prince Bismarck's achievements in statesmanship and diplomacy.

But if it is as the creator and the representative of German unity that Prince Bismarck is regarded by foreigners, there are many millions of his countrymen who have been reminded by a recent ceremony that whilst he has always been a German he has never ceased to be a Prussian. What he has done for the Empire is much; but it may be doubted whether he has not done even more for the kingdom. When King William, in September, 1862, called Herr von Bismarck to his councils, Prussia was in the crisis of her destinies. The country was laboring heavily in a trough of a period of revolution and disaster. The abortive outbreaks of 1848, with the rigorous of *regime* the Prince Regent that followed, had shown a deep distrust between the Crown and the people, and the *gran rifiuto* of Frederick William—the disgraceful surrender of Olmutz—had left its effects in what seemed like the permanent abdication by Prussia of all claim to the leadership of the German people. The star of Austria and of France were in the ascendant; that of Prussia on the wane. Keen, indeed, must have been the prescience which could have imagined that in less than ten years both Austria and France would have been humbled to the dust, and that the heritage of the Brandenburg electors would have grown into a great State which not only controlled Germany, but was the arbiter of the destinies of Europe. Still less could any one have supposed that the unpopular "Junker," whom King William had pitchforked into his Cabinet, to the intense disgust of his subjects, his counsellors, and even the members of his own family, would have become in a few years the idol of five-and-forty millions of Germans, and the most powerful personage in the civilized world.—*London Standard.*

THE DUCHESS OF ARGYLE.

Finding of the Naval Court at Port Townsend—Sensible Suggestions.

Says the Port Townsend correspondent of the Seattle *P.-I.*: A naval court was convened yesterday in the office of Rev. J. B. Alexander, British vice-consul, this city, to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the British iron four masted ship Duchess of Argyle, and the causes thereof, together with the conduct of the master, officers and crew upon that occasion.

The board of inquiry, as the naval court is usually termed, reported as follows: It appears from the evidence given before this court that the Duchess of Argyle sailed from San Francisco on October 13, 1887, bound for Burrard inlet with a part cargo of general merchandise and ballast and a crew of thirty hands all told. The ship was manned by competent, skillful officers and crew, and all things necessary and essential for a vessel of her burden on such a voyage as contemplated. The Duchess of Argyle made Flattery light on October 28; from that date until she stranded on November 3, the vessel experienced adverse winds, strong breezes and dense fogs. The court exhibited an opinion as follows: That the master, H. E. Heard, appears to have navigated his vessel in a seamanlike and proper manner, and in our judgment the loss of the ship is to be attributed to the strong current to the northward and across the outlet of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, setting the ship on the shore of Vancouver Island in the vicinity of Bonilla point, during