The Colonist.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1893.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?

It is somewhat singular that the authorities have not yet settled upon a site for the new Custom House and Post Office. They have surely had time enough to make up their minds. The selection was not a difficult one to make. It is impossible to understand the cause of the delay. The money has been voted and the building, if anything like diligence had been used, would now have been well under way. It is to be hoped that the site will soon be selected and the work of construction commenced.

A STUPID GUESS.

The Times, with its usual recklessness, attributes the authorship of our special telegram from Soda Creek to the Hon. Mr. Davie, and proceeds to comment upon it as if its perfectly groundless surmise were the undisputed truth. That telegram was not sent by the Premier, and it contained what we are quite satisfied was a thoroughly reliable account of the meeting that was held in that part of the district of Cariboo. Our Opposition contemporaries not having anything sensible to say about the election in Cariboo, make a number of foolish and even nonsensical remarks regarding it. They have evidently ceased to hope to make any impression unfavorable to the Government on the electors and they expose their own weakness and that of their party by publishing a lot of pointless trash about what is going on in the district.

MR. GRAY'S APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Mr. A. B. Gray to the office of Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor statistics will, we believe, be acceptable to the people of the Province. Mr. Gray is one of the pioneers of British Columbia. He came to the Province in 1862 and has had the wide and varied experience of an early settler. He has a knowledge of the resources of the Province and is acquainted with the conditions of life in both town and country. He has been a working miner, and he has been for many years in business in Victoria. He is, therefore, in sympathy with men of all classes. Such an experience as he has had is calculated to fit him for the duties he will be required to perform. He will, we have no doubt, fulfil the duties of the office to which he has been appointed with satisfaction to the public and with credit to himself.

THE GOVERNMENT STREET NUISANCE.

We are glad to see that the attention of the civic authorities has been directed once more to the Government street nuisance. The condition of that street is a standing reproach to the civic authorities. It is a mystery to us how the chief business street of the city was ever permitted to be a hack stand, and it is a still greater mystery how the corporation allows it to be used as such after it is admitted on all hands to have been made a most offensive and even a dangerous nuisance. During the hot weather we have had of late everyone has been exclaiming against the condition of Government street. Near the Post office, and the principal shops, where it ought to be clean and sweet, and where there should be plenty of room for the public, it has been dirty and foul-smelling, and the thoroughfare has been obstructed by cabs, which, in other cities, would be compelled to stand where they would not be a hindrance to traffic. We trust that the City Fathers will make an effort to distribute the cabs in such a way that they will not inconvenience the public.

A SUDDEN CHANGE.

It would be edifying, if it were worth while, to enquire into the cause of Ald. Bragg's sudden change of opinion as to the way in which the City Council should proceed with the construction of the surface drains. When ex-Alderman Baker was his colleague it seemed never to have entered his head that the Council should have the drains built by days' work; but no sooner was there a prospect of Mr. Coughlan getting a contract than the worthy alderman began to see the beauties of the days' work plan. The change is remarkable. If it is cheaper and better for the working man to have one drain built by days' work it would be a good deal more so to have them all constructed on the same system. The sudden conversion has attracted public attention and a great many are guessing as to what is its true inwardness. Perhaps Mr. Bragg will be able to tell the citizens why it is all right in August to build the surface drains by contract, but that in September days' work is preferable. Had the change in the moon anything to do with the change of mind?

THE VOTE IN THE SENATE.

There are many surmises as to how the United States Senate will vote on the question of the repeal of the Sherman Act. It is now, it appears, generally admitted that the policy of delay and obstruction will fail, and that the question will come to a vote before long. It is, too, believed that there will be a majority in favor of unconditional repeal. Some of those who have given the subject attention, have come to the conclusion that of the eighty-five Senators forty-seven will vote for repeal. This will give a majority of nine for the President's policy. But there are others who believe that when it comes to the test, there will be a majority of from twelve to fifteen in favor of repeal. The majority may exceed that, but the vote for repeal will, it is said, be mostly Republicans, while the majority of those who vote against it will be Democrats. There can be no doubt that the Republican party, both in and out of Congress, have acted patriotically on this silver question. They have given the President vigorous support, and have, it is more than probable, forced many of the Democrats to fall into line on the side of repeal. They have shown no disposition to deprive the Democratic President of the credit he deserves for the firm stand he has taken in this matter. Their thought has been for their country, and they have left their party, in this very important matter, to take care of itself.

A WOMAN HATER.

It is well known that the editor of the San Francisco Argonaut is a brute. He says coarse things in a coarse way and he despises the refinements and amenities of civilized society. The manner in which he speaks of women is at times literally outrageous. It was only the other day that he noticed the way in which the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair do business in terms that must rouse the indignation of the women of every land. He said in the Argonaut of the 4th inst.:—

For some time the meetings of the board have filled observers with amazement. The ladies have scolded each other; their proceedings have been marked by envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness; there has been a total lack of the delicate courtesy to be expected in a feminine body; they have really been an assemblage of viragoes.

The Board of Lady Managers found themselves in unaccustomed clover. They had their passages paid to Chicago. They were dead-headed all over the fair, even to the Midway Plaisance, and had a few dead-head tickets for their friends. They had free entrance to side-shows. They rode free on launches and gondolas. They wore conspicuous badges, which marked their superiority to the ordinary feminine; and, finally, they drew six dollars a day, which left a margin after their board was paid. Yet, notwithstanding all these good things, they have raved and scolded so continuously that Mrs. Potter Palmer has had a hard job to keep them in order, and every one is glad they have adjourned *sine die*.

In this style the old Goth abuses the ladies in several paragraphs, and then, adding insult to injury, winds up by saying: "The more closely the sex is studied the more clearly is it demonstrated that women appear to very much better advantage when they are associated with men. . . . It would, therefore, seem evident that women should avoid banding themselves together and excluding tyrant man—and when they are in deliberative bodies assembled they should model their manners on those of the lords of creation."

We could, if it were not against our principles to be personal, make a pretty shrewd guess as to why the editor of the Argonaut from his editorial stronghold girds against women in this barborous fashion. We venture to say there are times when he considers it discreet to keep his opinion as to the capacity and the temper of women strictly to himself!

AN AFRICAN PIONEER.

The latest report about Emin Pasha is that he has been killed and eaten by some African savages in revenge for an outrage which he is said to have perpetrated upon them. The story is probably true. The European travellers and civilizers in Africa, if all tales are true, are not the mild and beneficient visitors that they are thought to be by the unsophisticated in Christian lands. It is now whispered pretty loudly that there is part of the history of African travel and exploration that has never been written. Rumors of executions, of cruel punishments, and of savage treatment hitherto undreamt of are now reaching us. White men living in the country and making long journeys through it with large followings of natives may have found it necessary to establish a discipline which appears to western humanitarians ferocious in its severity. It is just possible that the barbarians could not be kept in order by mild treatment, and that the native tribes have no respect for a traveller or an invader who tries to conciliate them, and who is not prompt to revenge an injury. The conditions of travel and settlement in Central Africa may be such that the ordinary rules of conduct in civilized countries could not be observed, or would ensure the speedy destruction of those who attempted to act as they enjoin. But it seems to us unfortunate that those who contribute towards the cost of expeditions to the Dark Continent were not made aware of the means that it is considered necessary to use there in order to maintain existence, while in the country, and to ensure a safe return. If the whole truth were told, it is just possible that there are many who would not believe that the end sanctifies the means, and who would conclude that to allow the natives of Central Africa to remain uncivilized for some years longer would be a lesser evil than to attempt to bring them into contact with civilization by means which the great majority of Christian men and women cannot approve.

It is at this moment very questionable whether Emin Pasha's residence in Central Africa and Stanley's journeys to discover and relieve him have done anything to advance the interests either of civilization or Christianity in Central Africa.

It may be said that the interests of humanity required that that immense region should be penetrated and opened up, and that it is folly to expect that the pioneers should be saints. It might be contended that civilization and progress must at times use rough tools, and that it is not well to enquire too closely into the means by which great objects are furthered. The road into Central Africa has been opened. The missionary and the merchant can now get there and do their work with comparative safety, and some may conclude that those who cleared the way, no matter how they did it, have done good work for mankind. According to this rude and not very scrupulous philosophy Emin Pasha and men like him must be looked upon as benefactors of the human race, but it is not a philosophy which, divested of all its gloss and all disguise, will be accepted by the generality of civilized people.

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THE CITY.

DR. WATSON, of this city, has been duly registered as entitled to practice in British Columbia.

THE contract for steam heating in the new public schools has been awarded the Victoria Plumbing Co.

WORK has already commenced on the new South Ward school. The contractor, Mr. J. G. Brown, will lose no time in getting the building well under way.

MR. JOSEPH ROSS, of Kamloops, and Miss Eliza McConnell, of this city, were married on Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 46 Third street.

THE contract for the North Ward graded school has been awarded to the lowest tenderers, Messrs. Elford & Smith, who undertake to complete the entire work for $24,636. Work will be commenced to-day under the general supervision of the architects, Messrs. Soule & Day.

AT TORONTO, on the 28th of August, Staff Captain Nellie Banks of the Salvation Army and Ensign Maltby, also of the service, were joined in marriage by Commandant Herbert Booth, a large concourse of friends filling the barracks, and the majority remaining for the hallelujah banquet afterward.

YESTERDAY'S Gazette announces the appointment of Mr. Alexander B. Gray, one of Victoria's oldest residents and best known business men, as deputy commissioner of labor statistics for the Province. Mr. J. E. Bridgeman is appointed as a clerk in the office of the Deputy Commissioner.

THE Chicago Inter-Ocean has issued a handsome illustrated supplement with descriptions of various sections of the World's Fair. Canadian displays are given the most prominent position in the issue—a rather unusual proceeding with an American journal, but one which will be appreciated in this country as well as by the numerous Canadians resident in the United States.

THE contract for the construction of the Spring Ridge surface drain, which was awarded to Coughlan & Mayo, on Wednesday evening last, was, yesterday, completed by Mayor Beaven, the threatened injunction not being heard of. Work will be commenced at once. Mr. H. H. Macdonald, who was awarded the contract in the first place, states that he has no reason to go to law over the matter, as, by doing so, he would only be delaying the carrying out of a very necessary piece of work.

MRS. HATTIE STRATTON, alias Hastings, who was recently arrested in Port Townsend and is now on $150 bail, charged with opium smuggling, was for some time a resident of this city, and acted as stenographer for a Government street business man. The Townsend Leader says "her case has been proven a pitiful one. There is now no doubt but that privation close to starvation of herself and family compelled the girl to take the desperate step which she did. For these reasons her true name has not been published."

THE case of Bossi v. the Corporation of the City of Victoria to recover $1,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by reason of the negligent construction of a drain near the property of the plaintiff, is on the docket to be tried this month in the County court. There is a possibility that when the case comes up an endeavor will be made to remove it to the Supreme court, as it involves serious questions of law as well as of fact. If it should be tried in the County court it will probably take a day at least. Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken are solicitors for the plaintiff; Messrs. Eberts & Taylor for the defence.

A YOUNG man known as Joe was brought before Mr. Farquhar Macrae, S.M., in the Provincial court, yesterday afternoon, on a charge of being in possession of liquor on the Indian reserve. He was found in company with an Indian near a house on the reserve, and when arrested by Sergt. Langley had a flask of whiskey in his pocket. The Indian Act, however, does not cover this offence and Joe escaped, as the magistrate told him, by the skin of his teeth, as if he had been in the house the lowest fine which could have been imposed would have been $25. Joe "understood plenty," and promised to be more careful next time.

THE bachelors have lost a very popular member of their circle in the marriage of Mr. Gus Grow, which took place last evening, very quietly, none but a limited number of the immediate friends of the contracting parties having been let into the secret. The young lady who has undertaken to share Gus' joys and sorrows is Miss L. Hurst, a native of Montana, but who will make her husband's Victoria home the sphere of the new career on which she has just entered. Rev. Mr. Barber tied the nuptial knot, and the Kingston took the newly-wedded pair last evening to the Sound, where the honeymoon will be spent.

OF the celebrated Beasey children, who are to give one of their delightful entertainments at The Victoria this evening, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Jubilee hospital, a Port Townsend paper says: "The concert given by the Beasey children, last evening, was one of the best things that has visited Port Townsend for a long time, and those who fail to avail themselves of the rare privilege of hearing the children on the next occasion will have reason to regret it. It is something wonderful to see the musical ability displayed by these children. The audience, last evening, though small, was an appreciative one, for, indeed, it would be impossible for any one to hear their rare musical performance without manifesting their appreciation of it."

NOT long ago the San Francisco Examiner requested an expression of opinion from the mayors of the various cities along the Pacific Coast as to the probable attendance from each centre of population at the midwinter fair. Mayor Beaven replied courteously and briefly, his opinion being published on the 28th ultimo, as follows: "While I must confess I have not yet informed myself as to details of the midwinter exposition, I can assure Californians that the people of this city are as heartily friendly as ever, and therefore may be expected to attend the fair in large numbers if the opening is not too late. It is too early to introduce figures in prophesying a large attendance from the City of Victoria." Since the publication of this friendly message, His Worship has received by almost every mail, letters in reference to his "prophecy"—some inquiring for further information, some seeking advertising and some decidedly humorous. One gentleman, who addresses "Mr. Rob. T. Beaven," claims His Worship as a long lost brother, while another is very anxious to know if he is related to the Beavens of Missouri, with whom the writer was well acquainted thirty-two years ago.

A NUMBER of small cases were disposed of in the County court yesterday and an adjournment was taken until to-day at 11 o'clock.

DEL, a West coast Indian, was fined $5 in the Provincial court yesterday for being drunk. He owned up to having had a "tenas jag" on.

YESTERDAY'S Gazette notes the incorporation of the Citizens' Building Society, of Nanaimo, and of the Kootenai Mining and Development Co.

Two "drunks" and a vagrant were the occupants of the city police court dock yesterday. The "vag" was sentenced to one month's imprisonment at hard labor.

JAILER MITTEN had a full house last evening—eight drunks and three Indians with intoxicants in their possession, which means plenty of business for the court this morning.

THE shower of yesterday was a welcome one, as it cooled the atmosphere, laid the dust, and last, but not least, extinguished the numerous bush fires that have been burning in this vicinity.

HENRY IRVING and Ellen Terry appear at Seattle on the 20th inst, and the sale of seats opens with a clean plan next Monday, the prices being $3, $4 and $5 for the house or $1, gallery. No more than ten seats may be reserved by any one individual.

EDWARD WHITE, carrying on business under the firm name of Brown & White at 61 Government street, has assigned to J. J. Austin, for the benefit of creditors, and Joseph Gosnell, grocer, of 129 Douglas street, has assigned to R. Seabrook and M. Baker.

THE Chinese peddlars' appeal from the conviction of Police Magistrate Macrae was called in the County court yesterday, when an arrangement was made to have the cases heard on Monday next. Mr. E. V. Bodwell will appear for the appellants; Mr. W. J. Taylor for the respondents.

MR. ROBERT MACBRAY, the special commissioner of the Empire, off Toronto, left, this morning, for Vancouver and New Westminster. He returns to this city a week or two later to complete his business here, and proposes to visit the Kootenay country before he returns East. He has he says met with considerable success here, and the issue of the "English edition" of the Empire is assured.

A PRELIMINARY and enthusiastic meeting was held at the residence of Rev. A. J. Greer, on Oak Bay avenue, last evening, for the purpose of discussing the proposal to establish an Episcopal church in that neighborhood, under Rev. Mr. Greer's pastorate. A committee was appointed to choose a site, and report upon the financial position of the scheme at a meeting, to be at the call of the chair.

THE marriage of Dr. Franklin F. Lord, of San Francisco, and Miss Marguerite Johnson, of Victoria, B.C., took place in San Rafael, on Thursday last, Rev. Dr. Jones, of Oakland, officiating. After the ceremony, the couple returned to the residence of the bridegroom, 1137 Oak street, San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Lord are now on a week's tour in the southern part of the State.—San Francisco Examiner.

FURTHER steps towards establishing a young people's branch in connection with the W.C.T.U. were taken at the latter's regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon, superintendents to direct the various branches and vice-presidents for the different churches being appointed. The ladies of the Union are also eager to have all the temperance societies in the city united and are slowly advancing a project in that direction. At the meeting yesterday it was decided that suitable music books be purchased for Sunday afternoon mass meetings.

THE Grand Lodge I.O.G.T., at their morning session yesterday, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: G.C.T., Rev. A. E. Green; G. Councillor, Rev. J. Rollins; G.V.T., Sister Hill; G.S.J.T., Rev. J. Calvert; G. Sec., Dr. Lewis Hall; G.S., Bro. S. Gough; G. Chap., Rev. J. A. Wood; G.M., Bro. A. R. Carrington; G.E.S., Bro. Gilchrist; G.G., Sister Fox; G.T., Bro. Harved; G. Messenger, Bro. McLaren; G.D.M., Sister Bamfield; G. Assist. Sec'y, Sister Mrs. L. Hall. In the afternoon, on the recommendation of the committee, the official organ, formerly known as the Temperance Echo, and now as the British Columbia Good Templar, was ordered to be published another year under the direction of the Executive. During the day the Finance committee presented an amended report, the debate upon which occupied the attention of the lodge during the greater part of the session.

MR. W. J. MAGEE, who was one of the first to recognize the richness of Slough creek and take steps towards winning the known wealth of gold from nature's storehouse there, has been for several days in Victoria in connection with the prosecution of work at the mines. He experienced but little difficulty when, not long ago, he took in hand the formation of a syndicate to prosecute to a conclusion the development of the mine, and the faith in Slough Creek of those forming the company to take in hand the actual work, he himself being one of four, is evidenced by the fact that they have accepted stock in payment for their contract. The necessary machinery has been ordered by telegraph from Toronto, where it is now building, and includes two 30 h.p. boilers with engines, a 12 h.p. hoist, capable of hoisting a ton, dead weight, from the bottom of the mine, and pumps sufficient for all immediate requirements, to be supplemented if necessary later on. Work will be commenced just as soon as the machinery reaches the ground, and Mr. Magee is now simply awaiting its arrival at Ashcroft, from which point arrangements have already been made for its transportation to Slough Creek. There will be no necessity for completing the drain tunnel at present, as the shaft is now practically clear of water, but this work can be accomplished with little or no difficulty when the occasion demands. About the first work to be done is the erection of a large addition to the shaft-house, and of a building to accommodate the miners comfortably during the winter, operations will be continuously prosecuted.

Dalton McCarthy.

TORONTO, Sept. 7.—Dalton McCarthy, who has been much improved in health by his visit abroad, sails from England to-day and is expected to reach here Sept. 17.

A Diplomatist's Trip.

TORONTO, Sept. 7.—Baron A. D. A. Daneathan, envoy extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the King of Belgium, with Baroness Daneathan and party, arrived in Toronto, last evening, on the way to Japan.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

International Gold Cup Second Race —Westminster's First Bicycle Meet.

Interesting Wheeling News—Northwestern Field Trials—The Queen City's Rugby Team.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The trial races of the four American sloops built to defend the American cup against Lord Dunraven's Valkyrie commenced to-day. The four sloops are: Colonia, owned by Archibald Rogers; Vigilant, known as the Morgan-Iselin boat, in which Commodore E H. Morgan and others are interested; Pilgrim, owned by a syndicate of Boston yachtsmen, and Jubilee, owned by General Charles J. Paine, the celebrated yachtsman of Boston, with whom several others are associated. One day will intervene between the races. In the "frying out" Vigilant has proved the better boat. There will be five races, one day intervening between each race. Since the trials all the boats have undergone changes, which are expected to materially affect their speed. Jubilee crossed the starting line at the same time as Vigilant, but the latter returned first, The course was fifteen miles to windward and return. Thirty-five minutes after the start Vigilant was half a mile ahead, and she won by about a mile and a half.

AN OLD STORY NOW.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The second race for the international gold cup between Navahoe and Britannia was sailed to-day in a strong northwest wind. The course was 40 miles, and Navahoe was beaten by 30 minutes.

THE WHEEL.

A CANADIAN'S VICTORY.

At the annual bicycle races of Ley's school, Cambridge, on the University path recently, John Carsley of Montreal, well known here, came in first in the five mile event, time 15:14. and second in the one mile, time 2:49.

WILL PROBABLY FALL THROUGH.

The progressive team race between the Ramblers of Northfield and the Wanderers of this city, which it was hoped to bring off during the latter part of this month, will probably fall to the ground. The Northfield boys want the race here, on Saturday of this week, and the Wanderers find the time too short for preparation. All the local racing men having gone to Chicago to ride against Zimmerman, the boys cannot put a team on the track for several weeks.

WILL ENTERTAIN ROYALTY.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 7—(Special)—The Westminster bicycle club are making elaborate preparations to entertain visiting wheelmen during the exhibition celebration and first provincial meet. Rooms have been engaged in the Douglas, Elliot block, which will be used as wheelmen's headquarters. They will be fitted up with every convenience.

THE WINNIPEG MEETING.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 7—(Special)—There is a heavy list of entries for the Winnipeg bicycle meet on Saturday. Hyslop, the Canadian champion, is entered in the quarter mile, half mile run and ride, half mile handicap, one mile handicap, two mile open handicap, and three mile lap race, and is one of the allcomer's in the team race.

THE TURF.

NORTHWESTERN FIELD TRIALS.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 7.—(Special) — The Northwestern Club's field trials, at Morris, for the All Ages stakes, resulted in Mr. Woodon's Dick Burden, Manitou, taking first; C. Davies' Brighton Tobe, London, second, and W. B. Wells' Chloe, Chatham, third.

FRUIT SHIPPERS ANNOYED.

First Result of Attempting to Handle Sound Freight Away From This Port.

A special meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade is called for this morning at 11 o'clock to consider a grievance of the Victoria consignees against the Canadian-Australian Steamship company. This arises out of the fact that the Warrimoo yesterday landed only a small proportion of the freight consigned to this port, the rest being taken on to Vancouver, thence to be returned by the daily boat. The consignments consisted largely of bananas, and there is likely to be a heavy loss on account of the perishable nature of the goods.

Simon Leiser was the principal sufferer of the Victoria merchants, only receiving 109 packages, or about one-fourth of the quantity of bananas shipped to him. The fact that the representative of a Vancouver house had had 277 packages landed for sale here, caused some irritation, but T. W. Harvey, the gentleman in question, called at the COLONIST office, last evening, to say that his good fortune was due simply to the fact that his fruit was on top and easily got at. When the steamship officers were remonstrated with on account of the expressed intention to proceed without landing the Victoria freight, they explained that on account of its position in the hold they could not get at it until that for the Sound cities was moved, and that the instructions were to unload the Sound freight at Vancouver. This latter arrangement, Mr. Harvey says, will not be nearly so satisfactory as landing the freight for the Sound at Victoria, as heretofore. Taking it up to Vancouver means, in this instance, a loss of two days.

With respect to the handling of the Sound freight, it is explained on behalf of the steamship agents, that the arrangements with the connecting steamers from Victoria have not proved satisfactory, and that by an agreement lately made a steamer running from Vancouver to Seattle and Tacoma will give a service more satisfactory, at least in point of cost. This arrangement not being known at Honolulu the freight was not this time loaded accordingly.

The COLONIST representative at Vancouver saw Capt. Arthur when the steamer arrived there yesterday afternoon, and being asked why he had not discharged the Victoria freight here replied, simply:

"My answer is, I was under instructions from the C.P.R., the agents of the line."

On Mr. Fullerton, who is in charge of the business for the C.P.R., being questioned, at Vancouver, he said:

"We stopped nearly four hours in Victoria, and discharged all freight for there we could without hauling over greatly mixed cargo, at danger of ruining perishable freight. Victoria shipments will go forward on Saturday."

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ALBERT BRUCE-JOY.

The Famous London Sculptor Pays British Columbia the Compliment of a Visit.

Career and Accomplishments of the Noted Guest—His Opinion of American Art.

Mr. Albert Bruce-Joy, the celebrated English sculptor, whose bronze statue of Gladstone was lately unveiled at Chicago, and who gave to America the bust of Mary Anderson Navarro and the monument of Dr. J. C. Ayer, of Lowell, Mass., is at present in Victoria. He goes from here to Banff, and may possible return to Victoria after enjoying the scenery of the mountains, on his way to the Yellowstone park.

Mr. Bruce-Joy's studio is at West Kensington, and from it many great pieces of work have issued, to command the admiration of the entire world of art. The distinguished sculptor has been in America about three months. He spent some time in Chicago and other Eastern cities, and then turned his attention westward, visiting, en route to Victoria, the grand canyon of Colorado, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara, the Yosemite and San Francisco. Everywhere he has seen much that gave pleasure and excited admiration.

Though for years he has been recognized as a leader in art, Mr. Bruce-Joy is still a comparatively young man. He was born in 1842, in Dublin, and was a pupil of John Foley. He is a brother of the painter, G. W. Bruce-Joy, and his father, Dr. W. Bruce-Joy, was one of the celebrated scholars of his day. Mr. Albert Bruce-Joy is a member of the Royal Hibernian Academy, and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He was the representative of Great Britain on the international jury of fine arts, at the Antwerp exhibition of 1885, and the products of his studio are known and prized in almost every land. Imaginative subjects, in which Mr. Bruce-Joy's fame was established in early life, have during late years been almost neglected, the sculptor's entire time being required by the demands upon him for monumental and portrait statuary.

His first exhibit was in the Royal Academy in 1866, and his first colossal statue was that of John Laird, which was unveiled in Hamilton square, Birkenhead, in 1877. The commission for this fine monument he obtained by competition, his two models being placed first and second out of the sixteen submitted. Since that time he has refused to compete except in one case, that of the handsome Harvey tercentary statue executed by him in 1879, and placed on the Lees at Folkestone, two years later.

Among Mr. Bruce-Joy's other works are the statue of Lord Chief Justice Whiteside, St. Patrick's cathedral, Dublin; the statue of Christopher Bushell, Liverpool; the Gladstone statue; the statue of John Bright in the new art gallery of Birmingham, and also the colossal statue of Bright in Town Hall square, Manchester; the statue of Lord Frederick Cavendish, at Barrow-in-Furness; the bust of Gladstone, presented to Liverpool and placed in the Walker art gallery; Canon Selwyn's bust in the Divinity schools at Cambridge; a medallion of the late Duke of Albany, and busts of the Marquis of Salisbury and Professor Huxley.

Among the noted sculptor's imaginative works may be mentioned the graceful composition to which was given the name "The First Flight," and which illustrates Tennyson's well known lines:

What does little birdie say
In her nest at peep of day?
"Let me fly," says little birdie,
"Let me fly away."

This, like "L'Abandonnee," is in marble. The latter appeared at the Paris exposition, in 1878, with a bust of Max Muller; "The First Flight" is at present in the Fine Art Institute, of Chicago.

Among the many busts executed by Mr. Bruce-Joy, is that of Mrs. Antonio de Navarro (Mary Anderson). It is of marble, and belongs to Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Navarro's mother. Others are Archbishop Benson, at Lambeth Palace; Matthew Arnold, in Westminster Abbey; Lord Cairns and Lord Farnborough, in the library of the House of Commons; Sir Robert Montgomery, at the India Office, and Lord Roberts, of Candahar.

The heroic statue of Gladstone, now at Chicago, is one of Mr. Bruce-Joy's latest and greatest works. It is nine feet high, and represents the British premier in the conclusion of an oratorical triumph. The right hand is open and outstretched, as if in defiance of opposition. The left grasps a roll of manuscript, and the whole pose of the great statesman is indicative of strength, earnestness and victory. The costume is considered remarkable. There is no crown of laurels and no toga; the simple morning coat hangs loosely and naturally. The statue is a replica of that which was, some years ago, placed in London, in front of Bow church, and at the unveiling of which there were present upwards of one hundred thousand persons.

At the present time Mr. Bruce-Joy has under way a considerable number of notable works. These include the Oliver Heywood colossal statue for Manchester; the Whitley memorial statue for St. George's hall, Liverpool; the marble bust of Col. Loudon Snowden; the "Cairns" replica, for the benchers of the Inner Temple, London; the memorial, with medallion, of the astronomer J. Coulp-Adams, F.R.S, for Westminster Abbey; a bust of the same, for St. John's College, Cambridge; and the Montgomery memorial, for St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. Bruce-Joy is a friend of American art, and his opinion is that American artists have a great future before them.

"America is advancing steadily," he says, "and very excellent work is now being done by both sculptors and painters. This fact is clearly demonstrated by the display at the World's Fair, but America must wait for her real success until she has her own great school of art, to which students will come from all parts of the land. At present every branch of art is still under the influence of France, which leads the world in art matters and to which students from every country flock to finish their education.

"This condition of affairs will not, however, last forever. The time must soon come when this great country will be a leader. The work now being done by the Century Magazine, by Harpers and by Scribner's amply proves this proposition. The time for the establishment of a great national art school is being brought rapidly nearer, and when it is established America, like other great intellectual nations, will reach its highest development in the fine arts."

SEIZED BY RUSSIANS.

Schooner "Louis Olsen" Captured, But Turned Loose Again.

ASTORIA, Sept. 6.—The steam sailing schooner Louis Olsen arrived in port last night from Fixo Island, on the Russian side of Behring Sea. She has 750 seal skins aboard. Captain Olsen, her owner and captain, the same man who got into trouble for smuggling with another schooner, the Rosie Olsen, in San Francisco, some months ago, reports a very eventful trip. On the 6th of July, while going under a full head of steam, her boiler burst and she had to put into Yokohama for repairs. Two weeks afterward, with 500 seal skins on board, she was seized by the Russian man-of-war Vladimir for being inside the prescribed Russian limit. The Olsen was examined by the officers of the war ship for several hours, and when the inquiry was over the captain was told to get out of the region with the schooner as fast as he could and never show himself back there again. He reports that none of the catches on the western side of Behring Sea are as large as have been stated, and that these Russian war vessels are keeping a sharper lookout this year than ever before. There are more than twice as many on guard as there were last year.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

United States Expenditure Exceeding Receipts—The Fight in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Government expenditures continue to exceed receipts. The treasury balance on September 1, including the gold reserve, was $107,000,000. It is now $105,000,000. A senator, prominent as an opponent of repeal, places the majority of the repealers at 8, but declares a vote on that proposition will be indefinitely postponed. He thinks there will be many opportunities to secure a compromise in the amendment stages, and intimates that there is a strong possibility of revival of the Bland-Allison law. It is becoming apparent that the opponents of the Voorhees bill are better organized than was supposed by the friends of the measure, and the latter are beginning to realize that the battle will be stubbornly fought and every move on their part resisted. The silver men openly allege that Voorhees withdrew his 11 o'clock resolution for fear he would be beaten in a vote on it.

CHOLERA RAVAGES.

Over Three Hundred Pilgrims Die on One Steamer.

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—The Rhine valley has been officially declared infected with cholera, and bathing in the river is forbidden. All the baths have been closed. The authorities of the Rhine valley have adopted stringent measures to prevent the use of river water for domestic purposes.

LONDON, Sept. 7. — Keen anxiety is noticeable on account of the cholera. It is reported that a charwoman employed in the House of Commons died to-day, showing cholera symptoms. On the assembling of the House, the Home Secretary asked in regard to the matter. The Health Officer replied that he had not yet ascertained definitely whether it was a case of cholera. A seaman at Tynemouth was stricken, today with cholera.

SUEZ, Sept. 7. — The steamship Etna carried a large number of pilgrims to Mecca. Between 200 and 300 died of cholera on the way out.

CHINESE DEPORTATION.

Arrests Made in California Under the Geary Law—The Plan for Shipping the Unregistered.

REDLANDS, Cal., Sept 7.—The United States marshall arrested seven Chinese this morning on warrants issued by Judge Ross under the Geary law. Five more were arrested this afternoon. Laborers from ranches were selected. These twelve warrants are the first of 170 asked for by citizens here. More will be issued as fast as cases can be tried in the United States courts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Inquired of as to how Chinese would be deported under Judge Ross' decision, unless there are enough funds on hand to cover the expense of shipping them to China, Collector of Customs Wise said that the plan decided upon is to have the steamship companies put in their bill, which would be sent on certified to the secretary of the treasury.

Judges Sent to Jail.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 7.—Three judges of the county court of St. Clair county went to jail for contempt of the United States court, for refusing to order a tax levy to pay a bonded indebtedness to construct a railroad which was never built. They were released from jail on furlough last spring, pending an election to compromise the matter. The proposition was defeated and the judges will remain in jail until 1895, when their sentences will be completed.

Pulled Down the Flag.

QUEBEC, Sept. 7.—French-Canadian newspapers claim this morning that last night a French flag hung out in honor of labor day by a merchant on St. Paulstreet, was hauled down, torn to pieces, and trampled in the mud by a number of British tars belonging to H.M S. Blake, now in port. Admiral Hopkins and officers of the Blake know nothing of the affair. Over 100 sailors were ashore at the time and it is impossible to identify the offenders. The case is to be reported to the French consul to-day.