...CAN AND HIS INDIANS.

...E EDITOR: Certain writers in ...he papers here seem particularly ...f bringing odium on those who ...r. Duncan an introductory letter ...ited States authorities, which, ... aided him not a little in ... for his Indians a landed heritage ...ous freedom, both of which— ... to say—were virtually denied ...his country. ...hat, Mr. Editor, prevented these ... from obtaining the rights of ...men in our midst? The working ...uch men as these writers, the ...d supporters of ecclesiasticism ... at the bottom of the whole ...

...he Anglican bishops and their ...s not been working, sometimes ...and at others in an underhand ...to crush Duncan, and that from ...commencement of the trouble, ...he thousand Indians would to... ... been living peacefully and prox... in their old home, and their ...one hundred thousand dollars ...f trade would not have been lost ...ty. ...n labored in every conceivable ...btain justice for his Indians, as ...are acquainted with the history of ...ince for the last few years know ...t the machinations of these miser... ...rs of ecclesiastical intolerence, ...nd tyranny, thwarted him on ...nd, and only when it was perfect... ...that neither land nor justice were ...tained for his *proteges* here, he ...nd obtained both for them from ...hbors. ...ow that these miserable supporters ...ny have succeeded in driving from ...dst that indomitable spirit and ... has been instrumental in raising ...rbarism to civilization, they turn ...hoble few of our leading men who ...red to aid in obtaining justice and ... for the oppressed. But these ...le sycophants of "my lord bishop" ... to raise in our midst any substan... ...ling against these men, as, thank ...ere is among the masses an innate ... freedom and justice which will ...hem rather applaud than condemn ...rse taken by the signers of that in... ...ory letter. ...ors! They brand these men who ... uphold justice in our midst as ... But who are the traitors to our ...wealth? Those who would deny ...in our midst the right of religious ...s and the power to own a home ...f their own. ANGLO-SAXON.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

...L. S. Triumph leaves for England ...tonight from this date.

...steamer Premier, Capt. Ferguson, ... from the Sound early yesterday ...g and will not go out again until ...row.

...steamer Yosemite has been placed ... New Westminster route in place ...Rithet. The Louise does the Vic... ...ancouver business temporarily.

...ie McTavish of Saanich has gar... ...an excellent crop of cereals and ... These are well known through... ... province and will gain fresh no... ...in the Dominion.

... steamer R. P. Rithet yesterday ...longside the bark Argyleshire and ...rged 2,000 cases of salmon into her ... The steamer left again for the ...or another load of fish and after dis... ...g this will be laid up for some ...r repairs.

MARINE.

...mer Walla Walla has sailed from ...rancisco for Vancouver.

...vessels are expected at Moodyville ...l lumber for southern ports.

...amer Geo. W. Elder will leave for ...rancisco to-day at 1 o'clock p. m.

...ks Dilhhur and Vikar are expected ...ve shortly at Hastings for lumber.

...k Coldstream took on 700 cases of ...n from the Western Slope yester...

...bark Sarah S. Ridgeway has been ...teaed to load another cargo of an... ...te coal at Port Moody.

...k Arabella, now undergoing repairs ...e commanded by Captain Williams, ...rly of the brig Percy Edwards.

...k Craigwhinnie Bradford, was towed ...the outer wharf yesterday to Welch, ...t & Co.'s wharf at the foot of John... ...reet.

PERSONAL.

...Mowat, inspector of fisheries, is at ...riard.

...O. Shannon came down from the ...and last night.

...t. McAlister returned from Van... ...r last night.

...v. Mr Davis (Episcopal) will preach ...anich to-morrow morning.

...Gordon and C. Wilson came down ...the mainland last evening.

...s. and Miss Frith and Miss Fielders ...return to Calgary to-morrow morn...

... H. Mead, of the Royal Route cause ...from the Sound yesterday on the ...ier.

...s. H. B. W. Aikman and daughter ...n the Mexico which sailed from San ...cisco yesterday morning.

...ss M. Rogers, of New Westminster, ...has been visiting friends in this city, ...ned home yesterday morning.

... S. Davys, M. E., arrived down ... Lilloaet on Friday night and is stay... ...at the Oriental. He will not return ... the spring.

...v. E. P. Flewelling, of Brandon, ... over to Vancouver this morning. ... remaining there a few days he will ...rn home.

...rnelius Booth, government assesor, ...has been laid up for sometime with ...njured leg, is out once more and able ...tend to his duties.

... E. Rand, of Vancouver, has gone on ...siness trip to Montreal, New York, ...London, England. He wil be absent ...five or six months.

...miral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, ...mander Simpson and Flag-Lieuten... ...Garforth returned from the interior ...night on the steamer Princess Louise ...went aboard the Triumph on the pin...

... A. Sandeman, representing Messrs. ...A. Small & Co., wholesale clothiers, ...treal, is at the Driard. Mr. Sande... ... is one of the most popular travelers ...ning out of Montreal and has many ...nds in British Columbia. It will be ...embered that he was the recipient of ...touching address and handsome, ...gh unique, bouquet on the occasion ...is last trip to the province. He will ...ain here for some days.

... C. Shaw returned last evening from ...g trip to his native place, St. Cather... ... He went as far as New York, where ...viewed the great yacht race, but didn't, ... a true Canadian, *volunteer* a cheer. ...s not built on American lines, and the ...kees *yacht* to have known it. This'll ...em know he was a good Victorian. He ... a grand time and is delighted with ...trip. It is needless to say, however, ... like all residents of the west, he is ...d to get back again to "the land of the ...ng sun."

...CHBISHOP SEGHER'S MURDERER

...er is Committed to Stand Trial Nov. 14.

...Frank Fuller, who murdered Arch...hop Seghers, was up for examination ...ore U. S. Commissioner Brady at ...ka. After the examination of several ...nesses he was committed to stand his ...l on November 14.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 1887.

From the DAILY COLONIST, October 26.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Importing Llamas.

Col. Baker, M. P. P., proposes importing Llamas from South America, and will try so propagate them in the Kootenay valley.

"C" Battery.

Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D.A.G., telegraphed to Ottawa yesterday that all was in readiness for the reception of "C" Battery. It is expecred the officers and men will start at once and be here in a week's time.

Death of a Marine.

J. Mitchell, a marine belonging to H. M. S. Triumph, who had been ill at the Naval hospital Esquimalt, expired on Monday night. The remains will be buried to-day in the cemetery at Esquimalt, and will be followed to the grave by an escort of his late companions.

"What's in a Name?"

The *Columbian* objects to our calling Victoria the "land of the rising sun." Surely it does not imagine, as some of its mainland contemporaries would like to believe, that her sun has set They can't see that they are "morning." People are sometimes stricken that way.

The Champion Wrestler.

Jack McKeown, our champion wrestler is in Victoria, where, it is reported, he is to be matched by some ambitious athlete belonging to the Island City. Quite a number of our Vancouver sports have gone over. They have unbounded confidence in Jack's ability to down any man on the coast.—*Vancouver Herald.*

Our Horses Abroad.

Mr. A. McConnell, of Kamloops, says the Winnipeg *Sun*, arrived from the west this morning with the sorrel gelding Chuck, a noted one-quarter and one-half mile performer, and Ribbon, a chestnut gelding and long distance horse. Mr. McConnell is at Hinman's Palace stables, and is ready to meet any flyer in the city for any amount up to $500 a side.

Wad-el-Ward.

This converted Israelite is in trouble at San Francisco. An old woman of 87, who calls herself a "Pilgrim," and is stone deaf, complains that W.-E.-W. induced her to place a valuable collection of *curios* which she made personally in Jerusalem in his hands for the purpose of illustrating his lectures, and that he now refuses to return the articles.

Capt. Grant Contradicts.

Captain Wm. Grant wishes to contradict the statement in yesterday morning's papers, concerning the schooner L. Houlette and his private affairs. He has simply purchased the schooner and intends having her taken to British Columbia, but at present has not decided what trade she will be engaged in.—*Halifax Chronicle.*

Vancouver Weather.

The *Herald* makes the following announcements:

"A few flakes of the "beautiful" fell this afternoon. The first of the season.

"The ground was covered this morning with hoar frost."

Come down frends and enjoy the "Italian skies" of this lovely Island. Leave the frisid for the torrid.

A New Schooner.

Mr. A. Wasberrg of Plumper's Pass, took a quantity of gear away in his sloop yesterday, which is to be used in rigging a schooner now being built by him at the Pass. The vessel is to be seventy feet in length, and will register about thirty tons. Mr. Wasberrg was the builder of the ill-fated Active which was lost off the west coast last season. It is hoped better luck will follow the new vessel.

Coming to British Columbia.

A number of provincialists are about going to British Columbia. The schooner Arawanah has been purchased by Capt. Seward, of Lunenburg, who intends taking her to British Columbia. She is shipping a crew at Lunenburg, and will leave early next week. The schooners Pioneer and Annie C. Moore will also probably leave here shortly and go out. The voyage from here is expected to occupy four months. One of our town residents is in Halifax this week in connection with the matter of getting a vessel to go out there.—*Sydney Herald.*

Discordant Indians.

Yesterday afternoon a group of Indians near Porter's wharf were doing their best, or worst, to make life a burden to any one within earshot. They had evidently got well primed with fire-water, and were just in the condition that demands noise to gratify the overflowings of their spirits. With arms locked around one another several of the bucks were chanting songs that may have been musical to them, but to ears uneducated to such sounds the row was awful. A bevy of squaws were squatted around, and from appearances seemed to enjoy the whole business hugely. Whether the concert finished in a row or not is unknown as the reporter was unable to stand the terrible racket long enough to see the end.

Return of the Nimrods.

A party of hunters returned on Sunday evening from a month's trip in the interior, hunting cariboo. The nimrods consisted of M. C. Pike, W. A. Pike, B. Drake, Sir R. Musgrave, and N. P. Snowden. The train was left at Kamloops and they proceeded by pack horses to Priest's Valley, and from there on to the summit of the Gold range towards Kettle river, the highest altitude reached being 8000 feet. They were fortunate in securing big game, and brought back with them as trophies of the chase the heads of twenty-three cariboo, one grizzly bear and five deer. They also bagged quantities of grouse and. During a portion of the trip the party ran short of provisions, having to put up with bear's grease and beans, but they all returned with every evidence of having greatly benefited in health by the trip.

It Slipped Away.

An amusing incident occurred on Turner's wharf yesterday afternoon. A long length of half-inch chain was to be put aboard a craft which was lying alongside. The tide was out, and the vessel was several feet below the level of the wharf. One end of the chain was lowered down to the boat and it was being "payed out" from the wharf. The man in charge evidently thought this a slow method, so he told those who were coiling the chain away to "stand clear," and he would let it run down itself. All being ready the chain was let go, but just at that moment the vessel took a slight sheer off from the wharf, and instead of going into the hold, where it should have gone, the chain ran overboard at a lively rate, and all efforts to stop it were useless. It whizzed over the edge of the wharf, and rattled down into the water till the whole length of some 150 feet had disappeared in the waters of the harbor. Then the man who had charge lifted up his voice, and the air was rent with nautical expressions of disgust. The crowd smiled audibly, and the newspaper man stole away, thinking it better not to interview that seafaring man till the storm had blown over.

Another Party Coming.

Two C. P. R. colonist cars have been sent to Chicago for the transportation of another party of American farmers to Port Angeles colony, in Washington territory.

Victoria Rifles.

The Victoria rifles have received new caps and leggings, which will be served out this evening at weekly drill. A full attendance of the members is desired as the company is preparing for annual inspection.

The Onderdonk Claim.

Mr. A. Onderdonk, of New York, and Mrs. Onderdonk were in Ottawa recently on their way home from Detroit. Mr. Onderdonk says he is not concerned in the dispute between the Dominion government and the Canadian Pacific Railway company regarding the condition of the section of railway built by him in British Columbia. He completed his work according to contract and under the inspection of the government engineers. The road was taken off his hands by the government and handed over to the C. P. R. He was relieved of all responsibility in connection with the road as soon as it was taken off his hands.

St. Joseph's Social and Literary Society.

The membership of this society has increased to such an extent that the old Philharmonic hall on Fort street has been leased for its use, and is now being completely renovated. At the regular meeting, held last evening, which was largely attended, several new members were elected, and David F. Fee, jr., was chosen president for the ensuing term. This society is for the advancement of young men. It is to be hoped that in their new quarters they may attain the aim for which it was organized. It must be borne in mind that this society is nonsectarian, notwithstanding the name by which it is known. "*Fides, Amicitia, Veritas*" was proposed as a motto for the society, and was unanimously accepted.

The Fasted Calf.

A fine fat calf was brought down by one of the steamers yesterday and landed on the wharf. In a short time a couple of boys put in an appearance and proceeded to lead the youthful ox away. The animal went quietly for a short distance along Wharf street, and the youngsters thought an easy job was in hand. Vain delusion! The wretched little brute made a sudden bound, capsizing the lad who held the rope, and pulling it from his hand started off at a gallop, with tail up and head down. It dove down on to the Central Coal wharf, pursued by the boys, and rushed into a shed, where it tore round and round at a terrible gait, scattering lumps of coal, wheelbarrows, shovels and coal sacks in wild confusion, bleating meanwhile with all the power of its bovine breath. It at length tried to climb up a heap of coal, but the footing being insecure, it fell, when both youngsters got hold of the rope and by hanging on like grim death succeeded in bringing the unruly beast's wild career to an end, and the captive animal was again led away, but this time the boys were very careful and kept a tight hand on the tether.

Indian Industrial Schools.

Several Naas River Indians, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Tait, Indian missionary, and Rev. J. E. Starr, N. Shakespeare, M. P., Sheriff McMillan and David Spencer, of Victoria, met Mr. L. Van Koughnet, deputy superintendent general of the Indian department, at the Driard yesterday forenoon and held a conversation in regard to the Indian industrial schools soon to be established—two on the island and two on the mainland. The chief point elicited was that it was the intention of the government to make them entirely non-sectarian, Protestants and Catholics being alike admitted. An adjournment was made to the Indian office at 2 o'clock. It was decided here that it would be unwise for the Naas Indians to make their statement in the presence of other than the officials of the department. Rev. Mr. Tait thought this unfair, but Mr. Van Koughnet ruled that it was entirely a departmental matter and he could not consent to any persons other than the Indians being present. The deputation withdrew, the Indians laying their case before Mr. Van Koughnet and Dr. I. Powell, provincial superintendent of Indian affairs.

Band of Hope Concert.

One of the pleasantest juvenile entertainments ever held in our city was given by the Band of Hope in the Temperance hall on Monday evening, and was attended by a large and appreciative audience. From the advertisement we expected something rather novel, but the entertainment far surpassed our expectations. It was thoroughly temperance, was laughable, yet touching, and each part was so well sustained that it was difficult to say which did the best. Master Frank Jewel represented the Government, Miss Hattie MacIntosh, Fair Canada; Miss Jennie Rudge, Mother Goose; and some of the family were: Miss Josie Spencer, who sang very sweetly "Red-Riding-Hood"; The Cruel Wolf who reamsabouts being intemperance (Miss Nettie Luney); The Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe, (the veritable shoe was there and seated conspicuously in it looking as sweet as a picture) was Mabel Clark, while the rest of her children came forward and gave the audience a song. Miss Lucy Rowon as Goody Two Shoes was very touching, and Master Willie Grant as Jack the Giant Killer was excellent. Two instrumental pieces are specially worthy of notice, one by Miss Eva Haughton on the piano, and the other by little Willie Coates on the concertina. Altogether it was thoroughly successful and at the close of the evening the wish was expressed that Mother Goose would soon again invite the public to spend an evening with her temperance family.

The MacLean Libel.

The following is taken from the *News-Advertiser's* report of Monday evening's meeting of the Vancouver city council under the sub-head of "Communications:"

From Theodore Davie as follows: "I am instructed by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company to bring to the attention of the council the extraordinary conduct of His Worship Mayor MacLean on Friday last, when that gentleman gave public utterance amidst a large concourse of people, to the false and defamatory statement that the company's steamer Princess Louise, which was licensed to carry 500 passengers, was an unsafe conveyance for the passengers at that time embarked and about to embark in number far below the vessel's licensed capacity. I am instructed by the company to enquire whether the council affirm or disavow the slanderous utterances complained of, as upon the answer to this question will depend the form of proceedings which the company intend to institute for redress in respect of this malicious calumny."

Ald. Mannion asked if the report of His Worship's utterances was correct.

His Worship replied that under the circumstances he could say nothing.

Ald. Humphries asked to have the letter read again.

The letter was read a second time.

Ald. Humphries wanted some further explanation. He thought it would be well to refer it to the city solicitor. As for the letter he suggested it should be framed in a big gilt frame.

On motion of Ald. D. Oppenheimer, seconded by Ald. Mannion, the letter was filed.

B. C. Tea Plant.

We note the following home news from abroad in the Ottawa *Free Press:* Experiments on a small scale are being made with the British Columbia tea plant which grows in abundance along the coast of the province. The Indians and Chinese gather the leaves and after drying them in the sun use them for making tea. The leaves have a strong resemblance to the Chinese tea leaf, though a little coarser, and the flavor is not unlike that of some grades of Indian teas. Should the experiments prove that the leaves will produce a good tea, a new and valuable industry will be developed in the province.

Home.

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

A COLONIST reporter was strolling around the suburbs yesterday morning when his attention was attracted to an expressman busily engaged in transferring from a humble house a variety of household furniture to his vehicle, under the superintendence of a woman whose face bore many marks of care and sorrow.

But clinging to her skirts was a child, yet too young to realize how hard it is to sever the associations of a life time, and whose countenance beamed joyful anticipation.

The reporter learned that the husband and father had removed to Portland where his family were about to meet him.

"We'll soon see papa?" said the little one.

"Yes."

"And Uncle John?"

"Yes."

"And Aunt Mary?".

"Aunt Mary is in Heaven."

And the mother's tears fell fast as she caught the child in her arms and carried her away.

Poor little one! She knew nothing of the tenacity of the grasp of home on human hearts. She knew nothing of the visions that floated before the mother's eyes of the old farm where her childhood had been passed, of the old church where she worshipped in her girlhood, of the old graveyard where her father and mother and many of her young companions lay buried. Heaven has many mansions, but on earth the weary spirit finds but one, and that is known by one of the sweetest words in our language—home.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

The Attorney-General of British Columbia against the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and others.—This is an action brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the government against the Canadian Pacific railway to recover damages for breach of an agreement dated the 23rd day of February, 1885, a bond for $250,000 conditioned for the due performance of the agreement having been executed the 26th November, 1885.

The plaintiff in their statement of claim set out the bond and the agreement and assigned breaches. The defendants in their statement of defence pleaded, among other things, that they were prevented from performing their contract by certain injunctions issued by the court, restraining them from proceeding with the work. To this portion of the defence the plaintiff demurred upon the ground that the injunction of the court was no excuse for the non-performance of a contract, and the demurrer came up for argument yesterday.

Mr. Charles Wilson, for the plaintiff, argued that a defendant will be excused from the performance of a contract when he has been prevented by the act of God, the Queen's enemies, the passing of an act of parliament subsequent to the agreement making the performance unlawful, or overwhelming force as a declaration of war. The present case came within none of these exceptions. The mandate of the court, although entitled to obedience, was obtained on the motion of a stranger, and the court but declared the law as it was, and the parties must be taken to have contracted with reference to the law existing at the time of the contract, that the defendants had created a charge or duty on themselves, and were bound to make it good or answer in damages, as they might have provided against it in their contract, that the case was one of those where the performance had become impossible in fact by reason of the particular circumstances. The difficulty here was not so much the act of the court as the act of the party obtaining the injunction, and it was clearly within the contemplation of both parties that lawful entry on the lands between Port Moody and Vancouver should be made, and it was no answer to the plaintiffs' claim for damages to say that they were prevented by a stranger from doing the very thing they had contracted to do. A man may contract to do difficult things; difficulty of fulfillment is no excuse, and where one contracts to do one of two things he is not discharged even when one of the two things becomes impossible. Here the defendants had contracted to do a certain thing by a certain time, or pay a sum of money, and he submitted that these paragraphs of the statement of defense demurred to were bad in law. He further contended that the plea were bad in not negativing default on the part of the defendants, as it was consistent with the plea that the defendants assented to the issuance of the injunction.

Mr. Drake for the defendants contended that the injunction of the court had the force of, and was equivalent to, an act of Parliament, and it having been subsequently dissolved by a higher tribunanal he defendants were not liable, and the defense was good. An injunction prevented time from running, and that was the defense here. The defendants were bound to render obedience to the court and should not be held responsible in damages for not doing that which the court had declared unlawful. After hearing Mr. Wilson in reply, his Lordship reserved judgment.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That, "Bridget, you are never in the kitchen when I want you. How is it?" "Sure, mum, it's for the raison there's no telling when you're a-wantin' me."

That it was very late and Brown was steering Robinson homeward. "What will you say to your wife?" Brown asked. "Not a (hic) word," said Robinson. "Why not?" "I won't have a (hic) chance."

That an Alsatian woman goes to confess. "Father, I have committed a great sin." "Well?" "I dare not say it; it is too grievous." "Come, come, courage." "I have married a Prussian." "Keep him, my daughter. That's your penance."

That according to the Rev. Dr. Frank L. Norton, of Lynn, Mass., the converted heathen give much more liberally to missionary objects than home Christians. And so he suggests the following paraphrase of the familiar missionary hymn as very apropos:

"The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.
The Christian in his wisdom
Bows down to gold alone."

BAYARD AND GARLAND

Have a Rupture Over the Behring's Sea Seizures—The Result Favorable to Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 22.—It is believed here that the reported rupture between Secretary Bayard and Attorney General Garland over the Behring Sea seizures, and the former's tacit admission that Canadian sealers were wrongfully seized, will enable the Dominion Government to obtain compensation for their owners without difficulty.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSED.

Strange Conduct of the ex-Principal—He is Dismissed and the School Closed.

The late principal of the high school, Mr. J. N. Muir, has recently been acting in an incomprehensible manner, his eccentricities being the subject of considerable comment. However, as his engagement expired on the 1st November no notice was taken of these by the board. Yesterday morning he seems to have overstepped the dictates of common sense, sent Mr. Offerhaus, second master, home, and merged the two classes into one. A letter from the secretary had been forwarded to the ex-principal, instructing him to remove private clippings of various letters sent to the press which he had posted up in the room for the benefit of the scholars; it is presumed they were written by himself. Mr. Muir not only neglected to carry out the wishes of the board, but posted up the secretary's letter also. The board heard of this intentional insult, and four members proceeded to the school yesterday morning and requested Mr. Muir to come into another room than that in which he was presumably teaching. He gruffly declined and the board summarily dismissed him from his position and informed the scholars that the school would remain closed until the arrival of the new principal. The actions of Mr. Muir are certainly without precedent in the school history of the city, and could only have been brought about by a somewhat disordered imagination. The trustees have simply done their duty in the matter, and the ex-principal has in every instance been accorded courteous treatment, and is now unworthy of the slightest sympathy.

MARINE.

Schooner Wanderer will go to Saanich this morning for a cargo of salmon which she will take to Vancouver.

Bark Robert Kerr was towed to Departure Bay yesterday by the Pilot, which returned to port early this morning.

The ships now at Nanaimo awaiting and loading cargoes of coal are the M. P. Grace, Bohemia, Harland and Berlin.

Am. ship Joseph Spinney is overdue at Seattle from Liverpool with 2,750 tons of railroad material, being out now 187 days.

Br. bark Argyleshire will probably finish loading her cargo of salmon on Saturday and have quick despatch for London.

Yesterday the harbor presented a lively appearance as there were no less than fifteen vessels at the wharves and in the stream.

Ship Royal Alice, Fletcher, sailed from Liverpool for Seattle a week ago, with 1,857 tons of railroad iron for the Seattle Lake Shore and Eastern Railway Co.

Steamer Premier, Ferguson, left for Vancouver at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon and will take on at that port for the Sound, a large consignment of freight.

Following are the names of the vessels loading and awaiting cargoes of coal at Departure Bay: Ships—Frank Pendleton, Commodore, T. F. Oakes, Robert Kerr and several scows.

It is reported that the pilot sloop Ariel, of Port Townsend, is missing, as she left that port over a week ago to look for a vessel at the Cape and nothing has been heard of her since.

Schooner Lottie Fairfield was taken alongside the barkentine Constitution yesterday and will discharge a part of her ballast into the latter vessel, which will leave for Chemainus in a day or two.

Ship Cape Verde, Mitchell, is now out 91 days from Marryport, Eng., with 2,500 tons of steel rails for the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern R. R. She is expected to arrive about the middle of November.

Br. bark Clairmont was brought around from Esquimalt yesterday afternoon by the Alexander and berthed at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf, where she will load salmon under charter to Turner, Beeton & Co.

Bark Coldstream, Kendall, has completed her cargo of 22,250 cases of canned salmon and was yesterday hauled from her berth at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf, alongside of the bark Craigwhinnie. She will sail for Liverpool at noon to-morrow, the tug Woodside towing her to the cape.

POLICE COURT.

(Before E. Johnson, Q. C., S. M.)

Ah Leek, on remand from the 22nd, charged with stealing the cash drawer in the Colonist Hotel, containing $97.

Mr. Gannaway appeared for the defense.

E. H. Henly, sworn, said that he was barkeeper of the hotel on the 19th and had charge of the place; the defendant was general servant; took the money upstairs every night, and on the day of the robbery brought the money down at 10 o'clock a. m.; paid a bill and put the money in a desk in a room on the ground floor; the amount in the box was a little over $90; the box also contained papers and bills; did not look for the cash box until 10:30 o'clock p. m., when he found it gone; defendant was the only man in the house and he went to his (the Chinaman's) room and found him in bed partially dressed; told him to get up and went with him to the room where prisoner opened the desk and said "all gone"; telephoned for the police and the Chinaman went to bed again; the next day witness saw a strange Chinaman with the cook in the kitchen and when he made his presence known the stranger went into the garden and disappeared; Ah Leek wanted to go to town on Thursday and acted queerly; telephoned for the police again and Officer Robb came out and talked with him; the officer left; Officer Thomas came out in the night and arrested the Chinaman.

Cross-examined—The hotel is a public house; there are three doors leading into the dance hall and four entrances to the room where the cash box is kept; about a dozen persons called at the house the day of the robbery; Mr. Cameron is the barkeeper. Witness was there for a fortnight; a woman with her husband was there on the day of the robbery and a woman from New Westminster with a child stayed at the hotel for five days.

To the Court.—The man and woman were in the bar-room and were in no other part of the house; no person was in the other portions of the house on the day the cash box was stolen; the man and woman had no food or anything to drink; the man was sick.

Supt. Bloomfield here asked that the case be adjourned until the 31st and His Honor granted the request.

E. Dwyer was charged with maliciously injuring property at the Club Theatre, valued at $10.

Mr. W. Whittaker, who appeared for the prisoner, denied the charge and after the evidence of J. Reilly had been heard the case was dismissed.

Give Them a Chance!

That is to say, your lungs. Also all your breathing machinery. Very wonderful machinery it is. Not only the larger airpassages, but the thousands of little tubes and cavities leading from them.

When these are clogged and choked with matter which ought not to be there, your lungs cannot half do their work. And what they do, they cannot do well.

Call it cold, cough, croup, pneumonia, catarrhal consumption or any of the family of throat and nose and head and lung obstructions, all are bad. All ought to be got rid of. There is just one sure way to get rid of them. That is to take Boschee's German Syrup, which any druggist will sell you at 75 cents a bottle. Even if everything else has failed you, you may depend on this for certain.

CABLE NEWS.

A Dynamiter Dies in London, and Important Disclosures Will Result.

A Dark Horse Wins the Cambridgeshire Handicap Against Long Odds.

Beach and Hanlan Are to Pull on the Date Set for the Race.

A Dynamiter Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—A man died suddenly to-day in South London, and a subsequent search of his apartments disclosed the fact that deceased was an American, and that he was a member of a dynamite conspiracy. The police have been unable to arrest any of the conspirators, as no overt act has been committed by them. An inquest will be held to-morrow, when full disclosures will be made.

Gladstone Speaks Again.

Gladstone arrived at the seat of the Marquis of Ripon, in York county, to-day. He made speeches at several stopping places *en route*, including Leeds, which was greeted by immense crowds. In response to the demands of the people for a speech Gladstone said that events were occurring each week showing conclusively that the policy of the government in Ireland was going from bad to worse. The tide was flowing in powerful currents and would quicken, he ventured to hope, thus relieving him of any anxiety he had formerly felt respecting the length of the Home Rule struggle.

Still Fearsome.

The authorities at Scotland yard had almost completed the evidence against a man necessary to enable them to arrest him when he suddenly died. The circumstances of his death were so suspicious that the detective officials ordered the coroner to hold an inquest, which promises sensational revelations. It has transpired that the practice of patroling the river in front of the palace of St. Stephens at Westminster (the house of commons), which was abandoned some time ago, was recently reassumed by the police, and still continues.

Getting Better.

Mr. Gladstone is rapidly recovering his strength.

A Dark Horse Wins.

The Cambridgeshire handicap was run at Newmarket to-day. Distance one mile and 240 yards. The race was won by Mr Vynor's Gladiator; H. F. Barclay's Bendigo, second, and Quicksand, third. Odds against the winner were 40 to 1.

Trouble Ahead.

The unemployed thousands who frequent Trafalgar square are quiet and orderly. Trouble, however, is likely to soon arise as their numbers are daily augmented.

Royal Paupers.

The fecundity of Princess Beatrice is a general topic of comment, and suggests the possibility of strenuous opposition on the part of the radicals, at next session of parliament, to further grants to members of the reigning family. There is nothing in this to be sure, but it is only twelve months since Beatrice gladdened the heart of her mother by ushering into the world her first pensioner upon the bounty of the people of England. The time seems to have arrived when it is necessary to formulate stipulations limiting the frequency and number of children to be provided for, or curtailing the usual allowances for such a purpose.

Chamberlain Appointed.

At an immense meeting held at Islington to-night, at which a resolution expressing satisfaction with the government's appointment of Mr. Chamberlain as chief of the British fisheries commission was offered, Chamberlain replied to the resolution, saying he fully appreciated the reference to the honorable and important mission upon which he embarked in a few days. He read a telegram, stating that the Toronto *Globe* had referred to some of his words and construing them into an insult to all Canadians. There seems to be great misapprehension in his meaning. What he said was that there was a part of Canada seeking commercial union with the United States, implying free trade between Canada and the United States, while it was proposed to continue to impose protective duties on imports from the mother country, thus Canada was to give preference in every article of manufacture to the United States over Great Britain.

A Steamer Burned.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The steamer Hinderblan, which arrived at Marseilles yesterday from New York, was totally destroyed by fire. All the merchandise was also destroyed. The Hinderblan was a French steamer.

Nations Ally.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The *Figaro* this morning says the Copenhagen visit of the czar of Russia was taken with a view of acting decisively in the Bulgarian matter. The paper also says an anti-German alliance has been formed by the czar between Russia, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and Holland. It is expected other powers will join the alliance.

Public Meetings Forbidden.

CORK, Oct. 25.—A Queenstown magistrate has forbidden the holding of any meeting by the people at Middletown during the time the recorder of Cork hears appeal of O'Brien from the sentence imposed at Mitchellstown. The Cork police have taken possession of the Middletown court house so as to prevent a meeting of citizens. The mayor has convened a meeting to protest against the recorder of Cork trying Mr. O'Brien. John Dillon is expected to arrive to-day.

Treated Equally.

DUBLIN, Oct. 25. — Crown Counsellor Woodfird has announced that the government intended to treat English and Irish agitators in Ireland alike.

An Editor Imprisoned.

Mr. Walsh, editor of the Wexford *People*, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment at hard labor on another charge.

They Will Pull.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Oct. 25.—The backers of Beach have refused to allow Hanlan to postpone the race arranged for between them. Hanlan, however, is much better now, and adheres to the original date.

LAIRD BROS., OF BIRKENHEAD.

Arrival in Victoria of a Member of the Great Ship-Building Firm.

Messrs. William and M. Laird, of Birkenhead, Eng., arrived on the Princess Louise last evening and registered at the Driard. The former gentleman is a member of the firm of Laird Bros., ship-builders, who rank among the first in England. To a representative of THE COLONIST Mr. W. Laird stated that their trip over the C. P. R. to this point had been one of pleasure, and they had thoroughly enjoyed the many interesting points of the journey, and especially the grandeur of the mountains of British Columbia. The firm of Laird Bros. have constructed in the course of its existence vessels for nearly all the large merchant steamship companies and for many of the navies of the world. For the Imperial government they have built numerous vessels, the largest of which was the "Agincourt" now somewhat out of date, though it recently took a prominent part in the great naval review on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee. The latest vessel they constructed for the English navy was the "Rattlesnake," a combination of torpedo and gunboat. It is of 500 tons displacement, has a steaming capacity of 3000 horsepower, and attains a speed of twenty knots an hour. Several others of this class are being constructed in the government dock yards. Laird Bros. built the "Huascar" for the Peruvian navy, which did good service in the Chilian-Peruvian war. It was very badly battered up by the victorious Chilians, by whom it was taken and again fitted up and placed in service. It was the first iron-clad that entered the Pacific ocean. The firm have recently built a number of the latest class of gunboats for the Portuguese, for service on the African coast. The latest merchant steamer of special note constructed was the "Ireland," built for the royal mail service between England and Ireland. This is a side-wheel steamer and attained the extraordinary speed of twenty-two knots an hour, and is the fastest in the service. There are numerous other vessels of note which might be mentioned as having been constructed by this firm, among them the celebrated privateer "Alabama," which played such an important part in the late American war.

During a busy season, Laird Bro.'s employ from 2,000 to 2,500 men. At present they are not very active, there being very little ship-building in progress. This state of affairs is chiefly accounted for by the fact that there is a feeling among ship-owners that there is about sufficient tonnage now existing to do the carrying trade of the world and they are inclined to rest from investing for a season. Constant changes are being made in modern ideas of construction, and investors are deferring expenditures until there is a definite settlement as to which is the most useful and economical style of vessel to construct. There was a belief when the first steamship was built to China that it was quite a speculation as to whether it would be profitable, but since then steam has to a great extent superseded sail, although sailing vessels of a very large type are still being built and are said to be profitable. A great saving has been made of late years in the consumption of coal on steamers, from one-fourth to one-half now being consumed in a voyage compared to that formerly required. The latest class of engine used is the triple-expansion, they being placed in all steamships of recent make. Engineers consider that while a pressure remains at 150 pounds, no further economy in using steam will be needed, but should it be increased to 200 or 250, then probably quadruple-expansion will be required.

Mr. Laird thinks that there will soon be renewed activity in ship-building in England. During the life of his firm they have altogether built 550 vessels, a record which they may well regard with satisfaction.

The Messrs. Laird will remain in Victoria for a brief stay, and will return east *via* the C.P.R.

OUR MINES.

The Director of the Geological Survey's Tour—Future Prospects of the West.

Dr. Selwyn, C. M. G., director of the geological survey of Canada, has just returned from a trip of inspection. The work gone over in that now being carried on by parties composed of the staff of the survey from Ottawa to Vancouver, B. C., including the Sudbury copper districts, the Port Arthur iron and silver mining district, the Banff and Lethbridge coal districts and the various copper, iron, gold, and lead mining districts in the Selkirk and Rocky mountains. Dr. Selwyn in conversation among other things said: "Proceeding on to the Banff mines I examined the extent and quality of the coal taken out, and found it to be a fair anthracite, perhaps a little inferior to the best taken out in Pennsylvania. The Banff Coal company are shipping large quantities of coal over the C. P. R. to Vancouver, and by boat to San Francisco where a lucrative market has been opened for it.

"The demand in the Northwest is so small that very little is shipped east, but as the country becomes better populated the Banff coal will be, no doubt, universally used. The extent of the vein upon which are the Banff and Lethbridge coal mines is almost unlimited, and there is sufficient to supply the entire Northwest for many years to come, as well as a healthy export trade.

IN THE SELKIRKS.

"I then visited the silver mining districts in the Selkirk range, where promising outputs of argentiferous lead have been made from the veins opened, and, according to assays made, the ore taken out contains 800 ounces of silver to the ton with a large percentage of lead. Should these veins prove as fruitful as the present indications tend to show, it is very probable that immense quantities of this valuable ore would be taken out annually. The mines are situated between the first crossing of the Columbia river going west and the summit of the Selkirks. They have been opened up on a small scale, about 3,000 feet above the level of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on the side of a very precipitous mountain, just about the limit of timber growth, and consequently all the ore and supplies have to be taken up and down on the backs of horses and mules. Of course if the ores turn out well, inclined tramways could be built to convey the ore to the level of the railway.

"While at Vancouver I obtained a fine specimen of the Canadian panther which will be placed in the museum here.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

"The gold mining operations in British Columbia are being carried on on a small scale, owing to the exceeding difficulty of transportation. I believe that as soon as the country is opened up and the means of transportation made easier, large quantities of gold will be taken from the mines in British Columbia. One of the future industries of that country is, however, the cultivation of fruit. The land and climate are admirably adapted for the raising of such fruits as apples, pears, and other fruits, but at present the cost of labor is so great that it is impossible to cultivate fruit to advantage."—*Ottawa Journal.*

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Perkins,