From THE DAILY COLONIST, April 23.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Details of the "Dart's" Destruction —The Rate War Unabated.

"Wrestler" Goes to Port Angeles —Gossip of the Water Front.

Full information has been received concerning the wreck of the ten-ton Indian schooner Dart off Carmanah. She was owned by H Hudson, an Indian of Quillayute, and had been out sealing near the Ojitte rocks; Saturday night she returned and anchored near the village, to which all the crew went, leaving one man on shore to watch the schooner. During the night a heavy wind arose, the anchor chain parted, and the schooner was blown to the Vancouver shore, twenty five miles away. Captain Grant, of the tug Discovery, at Neah Bay, was notified and was out all day Sunday, but the weather was too thick for him to see anything. The Dart was built in 1890 at Lummi, Wash., and was worth, with equipments, about $1,000. She is now in charge of Lightkeeper Daykin, of Carmanah, as sub receiver of wrecks.

MARINE NOTES.

Tug Mystery took the barkentine Wrestler over to Port Angeles yesterday. There the Wrestler will fit out for the lumber trade, receiving new spars, rigging, etc. After this is done the vessel will, it is understood, proceed to the Fraser river for her first lumber cargo.

Fares for cabin and steerage passage from here to San Francisco on the steamship Walla Walla, which sails Tuesday, have been placed at the remarkably low figures of $5 and $2.50 respectively—the lowest out yet made since the rate war was initiated.

Very heavy weather has prevailed lately on the Northern California, Oregon and Washington coasts. The ships B. P. Cheney and Spartan and the steamer George W. Elder are among the vessels that suffered in the blow.

The R M.S. Miowera sailed for this port from Sydney, N S W, on Thursday. She has large passenger and freight lists.

H.M S. Imperiense, sister ship to the Warspite, is being fitted for foreign service and it is reported will shortly relieve the Royal Arthur.

The U S S. Commodore Perry has arrived at Acapulco, from New York to Puget Sound.

The N. P. liner Sikh leaves Tacoma en route to the Orient Wednesday morning.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

At the meeting held last evening of the Victoria Baseball Association the following officers were chosen: President, C. N. Gowen; vice-president, George Partridge; and secretary-treasurer, W. J. Franklin. The first game of the season will be played on the 4th of May against the nine of the Seattle Athletic Club.

TO VISIT NANAIMO.

The baseball season is to open in Nanaimo three weeks later than here, the first match scheduled by the Coal City club being for May 24, when the Seattle A.C. men will visit Nanaimo.

WESTMINSTER IN LINE.

Baseball is booming in British Columbia. Last night Westminster organized a club and will put a strong team in the field. Chief Ackerman was elected president, W. C. Moresby secretary, and ex-Ald. Gifford treasurer.

THE GUN.

POPULAR AT DUNCAN.

A meeting of the members of the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Protection Society resident in Cowichan district was held last Saturday at the Duncan hall. There was a large attendance and all present seemed much interested in the explanation given by Mr. E. Musgrave of the objects for which the society has been organized. A sub committee was appointed, in accordance with the constitution of the society, and from the interest taken in the aims and work of the society by the residents of the district it seems likely to be very successful.

A FRIEND OF GOOD SHOTS.

Dr. Gatewood has been a patron of amateur sport in Vancouver for many years. His last generous act is to present two silver cups to the Vancouver Gun Club for competition. The prizes are for the highest scores made in the next six consecutive weekly shoots.

WHIST.

K. OF P. TOURNAMENT.

At the Knights of Pythias whist tournament last night the teams were reduced to five. Play will be resumed on Tuesday evening. The standing of the teams at the close of last evening's play was:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.
Glibert and McCabe	6	5	1
LeRoy and H. Pettecrew	6	5	1
Conlin and Smith	5	3	2
Hinds and R Pettecrew	5	3	2
Deasy and Henry	4	1	3

THE TURF.

MAY STEEPLECHASE ARRANGED.

A race meeting will be held at Bowker Park on May 25, under the management of R. N. Stanley. The programme will include flat races, steeplechase, and trotting and Indian pony races.

CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

TO THE EDITOR:—The inspector of contagious diseases, under the contagious diseases animals act, F. S. Roper, has given clean bills of health to a large number of ranches in Victoria district, and the name of each ranch is published in this week's Gazette. Among the list my name does not appear, which seems rather singular to me, and I know it does to the public at large, as all my cattle have been tested by the tuberculine test. Mr. Roper is now passing the other dairies without submitting them to this test, which no responsible "Vet." would undertake.

After my cattle were quarantined (all of them subsequently being slaughtered), Mr. Roper gave my three drivers, one to each wagon, the following certificate: "To whom it may concern: Geo. McRae has not sold any milk from the cows placed in quarantine by me—F. S. Roper, Inspector C Diseases." All cows since bought by me have been inspected by Dr. Blanchard, Dominion inspector, with tuberculine. I hold a clean bill of health to day.

GEORGE MCRAE.

Nervous People

And those who are all tired out and have that tired feeling or sick headache can be relieved of all these symptoms by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives nerve, mental and bodily strength and thoroughly purifies the blood. It also creates a good appetite, cures indigestion, heartburn and dyspepsia.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy in action and sure in effect. 25c.

Goldsmith was ill-bred and too much inclined to talk about himself.

THE CITY.

THE Law relief fund now wants but $9 50 of the $1,000. The total is $990 50, E. L. M. having contributed $1 and Mrs. G. C. 80 cents—"just to even up the figures."

THE meeting of the B.C.B.G.A. Rifle Association called for last evening was adjourned after the annual reports had been adopted, to permit of consultation between shooting committees appointed by each of the three companies.

IN the police court yesterday John Cummings was sentenced to two months, imprisonment for a double assault, and four convictions were recorded under the Streets by law. The police are determined that the highways and byways shall be kept clear.

AN interesting ceremony will be witnessed at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening, when the Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, of the Church of Our Lord, will be formally invested with the insignia of his new degree of Doctor of Divinity—conferred upon him by the Presbyterian College of Montreal.

CAPTAIN PATTERSON of the food depot of the Salvation Army desires to again thank those who have so generously assisted in feeding the poor during the week. Gifts of provisions have been received from a Friend, Mr. Bull, Marshall & Co., Plymouth Bakery, London Bakery, L. Goodacre, B. Van Volkenburg, R. Eccles, and the J. B. A. Association. The new shelter will be formally opened on May 6 by Major Bennett of Winnipeg.

THE Easter vacation being over yesterday, the law courts resumed their normal appearance. The full court was in session all day, Chief Justice Davie taking his seat with his four colleagues for the first time since he was sworn in. The Chief Justice intimated that in future, Mainland appeals would when practicable be heard first, so as to consult the convenience of the legal gentlemen who had to come here from a distance.

IN the schoolroom of the Centennial Methodist church latt evening a very pleasant entertainment was gaven under the management of the ladies of the church. The evening's programme opened with prayer and singing, after which the Misses Watkins and Grant contributed a pretty duet. Miss Johnson's recitation followed; then came the Misses Tranter and Graham's duet; Mrs Mifflin's solo, Mr. Dooley's solo and Mrs Mifflin's recitation, each number receiving warm applause. Refreshments were afterwards served.

AT a meeting of the creditors of the B C. Pottery & Terra Cotta Co. yesterday, before the registrar of the Supreme court, Mr. A. S. Barham was selected as official liquidator. It was decided to carry on the business with a view to selling it as a going concern. In addition to other claims there is one for wages for $1,375. A number of creditors personally represented their own claims and others were represented by Messrs. P. Æ. Irving, Archer Martin, F. B. Gregory, Luxton, L. Crease and E. E. Wootton.

NO MEETING of the Board of Trade was held yesterday for the reason that a quorum could not be obtained. The members who at the recent regular meeting were responsible for the change of the general meetings from quarterly to monthly were chiefly conspicuous by their absence, and this fact was freely commented upon by the faithful few who waited from 3 until 3:30 in the hope that the requisite attendance of fifteen might be obtained. In this connection it is stated that the resolution conflicts with the act under which the Board exists and will not, therefore, hold. The general meeting now stands adjourned until the 26th inst.

THE Sir William Wallace society held their weekly meeting last night, when the Chief introduced the youngest piper in British Columbia, Master McKenzie. Captain A. N. Seaton afterwards delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on Navigation and Nautical Astronomy, the subject being "Longitude." By blackboard demonstration he described the trigonometrical definitions, and the calculations used by mariners to discover their true position and verify the compass. There was a very large audience who appreciated the lecture very much. At the close an interesting programme of music, song and recitation was given, in which Messrs. Moody, Hook, Sinclair, Miss Robertson and others took part, and Mr R. H. Jameson read a short but interesting paper on Celtic Scotland. Next Friday night it is expected that Rev. G. Clement King will give a lecture on British Columbia, with lantern views.

THE Rev. H. B. Brashier, of Calgary, will not be the new rector of St. James, for the simple reason that he is no longer a recognized clergyman of the Church of England. The facts of the case are as follows: Mr. Brashier was arrested in Calgary a few days prior to the date of his intended departure for this city, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. On account of his position and certain other circumstances, the case was not pushed on the understanding that Rev. Mr. Brashier give up his letter of orders and engage not to attempt to again officiate as a clergyman in any diocese. This he did, and at once left for the United States. Mr. Brashier had been in Calgary for four years and was a universal favorite—so popular indeed that when the call came from St James church his bishop was very anxious to keep him in his diocese, and several livings were offered him. He decided, however, to come, and was to have preached his first sermon here on April 28. He was about thirty years old and unmarried. The official notice in the matter arrived here in the shape of a letter from the Bishop of Calgary to Archdeacon Scriven, administrator of this diocese during the absence of Bishop Perrin, stating that it would be impossible for Mr. Brashier to come to Victoria for the reasons narrated.

REV CANON GOOD, for the past twenty years pastor of St. Paul's church, Nanaimo, returned yesterday evening on the City of Kingston from Seattle, where his son, Harry C Good, is a prisoner awaiting trial for the shooting of Policeman Glasscock. The constable continues to improve daily, but is still too weak to venture out of his room, and the preliminary hearing will therefore be delayed until the early part of next week. Canon Good has retained counsel for his son, and will return to Seattle so as to be with him when his trial is brought on. He ascribes all the trouble and disgrace that his son has brought upon himself to drink and bad companionship. Harry was well known in this city seven or eight years ago, when he acted first as under book keeper and then as collector for S J. Pitts, wholesale grocer. Having collected upwards of $700 in Nanaimo for Mr. Pitts, he decamped with it and a female companion to whom he was afterwards united in marriage. Mr. Pitts personally went to the Sound in pursuit and induced Good to return all the money then remaining in his possession—between $100 and $200. As he promised better conduct in the future, Mr. Pitts overlooked his wrong-doing and received him back into his employ. His reformation was, however, unfortunately short-lived.

YESTERDAY being the eightieth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Fields, a number of her friends organized a surprise party in her honor, waiting upon her at the residence of Mr. Henry Jewell. After tea she was made the recipient of several presents, including a sum of money. The old lady is still lively and full of jokes, some of the stories she told being much enjoyed. Several of the old time songs and hymns were sung, the proceedings terminating with prayer that her declining years might be among the happiest of her life.

THE case of the William Hamilton Co. v. Victoria Lumber Co. came up for hearing in the full court yesterday before Justices Crease, McCreight and Walkem. This was a cross appeal of defendants on a counter claim to have certain damages allowed for demurrage of fifty-four days of the steamer Daisy by reason of the explosion of a defective boiler supplied by the William Hamilton Co. This demurrage Mr. Justice Drake at the trial allowed. The argument lasted all day, and finally judgment was reserved. Messrs. E. V. Bodwell and Archer Martin appeared for the appellants; Mr. J. J. Russell in reply.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A Lively Tilt Between the Mayor and Ald. Partridge Occupies the Meeting.

His Worship Finally Terminates the Proceedings by Declaring an Adjournment.

A series of spats between Ald. Partridge and the Mayor resulted last night in the Mayor abruptly bringing the city council meeting to a close.

Upon His Worship directing the City Clerk to read the communications,

ALD. PARTRIDGE rose to a point of order. He wanted to know, he said, whether this was not an adjourned meeting from Monday.

Upon being answered in the affirmative, he contended that being only a continuation of Monday's meeting the business should proceed from the point at which it had been discontinued, and therefore it was not proper to go back to communications. He asked for a ruling.

"My ruling," said the Mayor, is to go on with the communications."

"No, sir," objected Ald. Partridge, "we ought to go on with the water works by-law introduced by Ald. Bragg at last meeting."

"Why that was adjourned for two weeks," replied the Mayor.

ALD. PARTRIDGE still held to his point that communications were not in order.

"What business do you want brought up?" asked His Worship.

"I don't want any particular business brought up, but I object to your going into anything foreign to the subject," insisted the alderman.

"What business is to come up then?" asked the Mayor.

ALD. PARTRIDGE—"That's just what I want to know." (Laughter.)

HIS WORSHIP—"Well if you don't know don't obstruct. You are simply acting as an obstructionist."

ALD PARTRIDGE—"That may be your opinion, but I insist on my point."

"Read the communications," said the Mayor, turning to the City Clerk.

ALD. PARTRIDGE—"It's not legal."

"Legal or not," went on His Worship decisively, "they are going to be read."

At this juncture Ald. Macmillan moved an adjournment; because if Ald. Partridge wanted to stick at the legality of the matter he would not stop him. He saw in Ald. Partridge's tactics, however, a desire to put off action on a motion of his (Ald. Macmillan's) referring to the city engineers.

THE MAYOR was quite in favor of an adjournment.

"It's just what I'd like," he said, "for I have another meeting I can attend. This meeting is adjourned."

"Hold on," interposed Ald. Bragg. "We're not ready; the motion is not put."

ALD. PARTRIDGE seconded Ald. Macmillan's motion to adjourn, and proceeded to accuse the Mayor of having treated him with contempt at former meetings. For instance he had not been asked by the Mayor to attend a meeting held before the last regular council meeting. It was only by accident he had heard of the meeting.

THE MAYOR replied that he had given instructions that all the aldermen should be notified of that meeting. Ald. Partridge must have got out of bed on the wrong side, and was simply talking nonsense. Only at the last meeting Ald. Partridge had said something about a motion that was brought in by Ald. Dwyer last year, that was palpably false.

ALD. PARTRIDGE indignantly denied the accuracy of the Mayor's statement.

Then things quieted down enough for the motion to adjourn to be put. It was voted down by four to five.

Next came the motion of which the Mayor had given notice that he would recommend to the council in regard to rescinding the declaration of the ballot for city librarian. Ald. Macmillan moved and Ald. Humphrey seconded it.

ALD PARTRIDGE insisted, and the Mayor as strongly denied, that the motion was not exactly the same as had been posted on the bulletin board. Ald. Partridge's objections were that whereas Ald. Macmillan and Humphrey appeared as mover and seconder, they did not appear on the notice on the board. The Mayor need not think he was a fool, and he would insist that the motion as it was at present had not been given twenty-four hours' notice.

However, the Mayor put the motion, which was carried, Ald. McLellan alone voting with Ald Partridge.

The balloting for city librarian then proceeded quietly for a while, after Ald. Partridge had moved that Ald. Macmillan act as scrutineer and the latter had declined on the score that one who voted could not act as scrutineer.

Seven ballots being taken resulted in the vote standing five for Mr. H. Goward and five for Mr. H Jewell.

Ald. Partridge drew attention at the eighth ballot to the paper handed to him having been wrongly marked for both candidates.

His Worship, after expostulating with the alderman, and the meeting becoming somewhat free-and-easy, finally remarked: "I will not sit here and see the city's business brought into contempt, so I declare this meeting closed. This election can be settled at the next regular meeting. This meeting will adjourn."

That settled it and the meeting terminated.

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OLD MEN'S HOME.

A Visit to Where the Aged and Poor Are Passing Their Last Days.

The Majority Are Contented, But a Few Say They Have Grievances.

Armed with a letter from the Old Men's Home committee instructing Superintendent Sutherland to give every facility for investigation, a COLONIST reporter went out yesterday on a visit of inquiry. There have been rumors and complaints from inmates that the home is not what it ought to be, and the object of the inquiry was to find out as far as possible where the trouble lay.

Accordingly, yesterday morning, the visitor dropped in unawares on the Superintendent, and to prevent any chance of special preparations being made for his reception asked to be shown through the establishment forthwith.

The inmates were all up with the exception of one sick man; breakfast was over; those who were unable to work were sitting sunning themselves on the verandah or feebly taking a little exercise about the grounds. Four or five of the abler men were at work in the vegetable garden that has recently been started, and inside the house others of the old men were cleaning up the rooms, sweeping the floors and doing light chores. In the kitchen Mrs. Sutherland and a young woman were busy cooking the dinner. In the bedrooms the beds were nearly all made, the floors were being washed or swept, and things generally were being "tidied." Poor old Halfpenny, who for the past eight months has been lying on a sick bed, appeared to be as comfortable as could be expected under the circumstances, and his sheets and bed-clothes were clean and decent.

There are twenty-four inmates at the home at present. Of these seven are fairly able to work; seven others are classed as capable of very light employment, such as a little sweeping or cleaning up in the house, and the remaining old men are past all work. Though Superintendent Sutherland is not much of a bookkeeper he has lists of all supplies brought into the home and a diary of the meals and other information. Though there is a book for names of inmates, the method of keeping it might be improved, for the names of the present inmates are all mixed up with those who have died or have been removed, so that to furnish a list of the present occupants the superintendent is obliged at some trouble to pick out the names from the book.

According to the diary of the articles supplied at meals daily, the fare at the home is varied enough. A specimen day shows:

Breakfast—Mush, tea, bread and butter.

Dinner—Vegetable barley soup, boiled beef, turnips, carrots, onions and beets.

Supper—Eggs, bread, butter and tea.

Syrup, puddings, pickles, cheese and preserves appear through the week.

A visit to the dining room at noon showed that there was for dinner yesterday mutton, potatoes, tea, bread and butter, and for one or two of the invalids eggs. The superintendent explained the absence of a second vegetable by saying that cabbage had been ordered but had not been received in time to cook for that day's dinner. The tables were neatly set, the food was well cooked, and the dishes and table were clean.

Next the inmates of the home were interrogated as to what complaints, if any, they had as to their treatment at the home. Mr. Sutherland was not present and the questioning was done as privately as possible, each man being assured that his name would not be published.

Most of the old men expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied with the superintendent and the home generally. Others had complaints. Four or five were down on the home committee for not allowing them to go to town just when they pleased. Restraint is irksome to old men used to the free life of pioneer days, and they don't like having to ask leave whenever they go to town. One man complained that for five months he had not been permitted to go down to the city. This is denied by members of the committee and by the superintendent. One or two had complaints about the food not being well cooked, but the evidence of the majority of inmates contradicted this.

Pointing to his trousers, which were in a most dilapidated condition, one man complained that he was refused decent clothes. His appearance was certainly not decent.

Ald. Macmillan yesterday afternoon on being told of the charge said that the difficulty was to get the man to wear better clothes.

One of the chief complainants laid it down that the home could never be properly run until three ladies were put in charge of it instead of the committee of the council.

Then another man stated that a couple of weeks ago three sacks of onions were brought to the home and had since disappeared. At least none of the old men had been given any at their meals. An examination of the bills for a number of weeks past showed that one sack of onions had lately been purchased for the home and of this half was still to be seen in the storeroom.

Two men refused to talk at all. They had their grievances, they said, but as it did no good to say anything they preferred to keep quiet. One of them was going to the new government home at Kamloops. A good deal of interest was manifested by those eligible for the government home to learn when they would be removed. Some were anxious to get there, while one or two hoped exchanges would be effected so that they might remain in their present quarters.

Harsh language to himself and favoritism towards others was alleged by one man to be his grievance. Otherwise the home suited him all right.

On the whole it would appear that there may possibly be some lack of tact in the superintendent's treatment of the inmates, he has a difficult task to perform, requiring more however than an ordinary amount of firmness, tempered with discretion. Under the new system of having those who are able to do so perform light work, it is probable that the old men will be happier, and in future things will run more smoothly than in the past.

U. S. REVENUE FRAUDS.

NEW YORK, April 19.—One of the most startling stories of fraudulent evasions of customs duties which has developed in the port of New York for years came to light to-day. It involves the name of O L. Syper & Co., of Fifth avenue and Twenty-Sixth street. The informer is L. H. Todd, who was head salesman and was discharged in January last. Two weeks ago he appeared at the collector's office and gave astounding information which has since been verified. The amount of money out of which the government has been swindled, it is said, will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

THE CITY.

AS a matter of convenience for people who need U.S postage stamps, U.S. Consul Roberts now keeps a stock on hand.

HENRY BLOOMHART GREAVES, of Somenos, has been appointed a provincial constable for Cowichan district, with headquarters at Duncan.

A COUNCIL of the Royal Arcanum will soon be formed in this city, the requisite number of charter members being almost secured already.

THE popular Saturday night concert in the Y. M. C. A hall drew a large crowd there last evening. The programme as already published was admirably carried out.

THE annual vestry meeting of St. James church will be held in the hall on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A special meeting of the congregation is also called for the same night.

AN interesting programme of music, concluding with the farce "From Punkin Ridge," was given at Temperance hall last evening by the I O G.T. lodges. There was a good attendance.

MR. W. EDGAR BUCK desires to tender his hearty thanks to every member of the "Il Trovatore" company for their kind co-operation, which brought about such highly artistic and successful general results.

ON the occasion of the consecration of the Bishop of Hereford on the Feast of the Annunciation, the Bishop of Columbia took part in the ceremony, which was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

A COSY new hall that has just been erected on North Pembroke street, Spring Ridge, will be formally opened on Wednesday evening next with a ball and supper. The Richardson orchestra will furnish the music for the former.

THE preliminary steps toward fixing the date of the annual municipal court of revision have been taken by Ald. Cameron. He will move at to-morrow's meeting of the board of aldermen that the court open at 10 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, June 4.

MR. S. A. LAWRENCE yesterday completed the purchase of the entire Gowen estate, inclusive of the business property at the corner of Yates and Blanchard streets and 100 odd acres on the Cedar Hill road. The amount of consideration is said to have been $12,000.

THE motion to settle the list of contributories in the Thunder Hill Mining Co. case was up before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday. Messrs. Richards, Q C., and Mason appeared for the liquidator, and Messrs. Wilson, Q. C., Bodwell and Luxton for the shareholders. The hearing will occupy several days.

THE ladies on the committee of the Maternity home return sincere thanks for donations received during March from Mrs. Dumbleton, Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. Brasch, Mrs. Fiumerfelt, Mrs. Simon Leiser, Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Howe, Mrs. Harvey and Hon. J. H. Turner—also to Drs. Holden, Fraser and Jones for professional attendance.

THE returns are now complete for the Cowichan portion of Cowichan-Alberni district, where a bye election was held on Thursday to fill the seat in the legislature vacated by the elevation of Hon. Theodore Davie to the bench. At Cowichan Lake six ballots were cast for Mr. Wood and two for Mr. Huff. The total vote thus far reported is therefore: Wood, 160; Huff, 101—Mr. Wood having a majority to date of 59, with Alberni, where Mr. Huff resides, to be heard from.

EDWARD and Charles Ferris and John Davie, three boys of Victoria West, had a hearing before Magistrate Macrae yesterday, the charges against them being violation of the public morals by-law. These are the lads summoned at the instance of the public school board for writing obscene words on the fences and otherwise damaging school property. The information was laid by H. Callow, and the charges being proved the magistrate reserved his decision. It will be given early in the week.

"IL TROVATORE" was given its final presentation at a matinee performance in The Victoria yesterday, the audience being a large one for the afternoon. Several of the principals, notably Mr. Buck, were suffering from severe colds, and this considerably detracted from the pleasure of the occasion. The ballet, headed by Mrs. Kent, was, in compensation, even better than before, and the dancing of the seven ladies, as well as the little gypsies, called for many expressions of admiration.

THERE was a full attendance of delegates at the meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council last night, when among other business Ald. Macmillan's motion to have the filter beds completed by day labor met with hearty approval. A petition will be forwarded to the board of aldermen asking that both the proposed Gorge road bridge and the filter beds be constructed by day labor. The council also expressed its appreciation of Trustee Marchant's endeavor to have a night school started in Victoria in the near future. The Trades and Labor council is in a very healthy condition, many new labor unions having joined of late.

THE fund for the relief of Mrs. Law and her destitute little ones is now closed, the total having reached the full amount—one thousand dollars—which the public of Victoria out of the generosity of their hearts were asked to contribute Yesterday $7 was received from the employes on the new parliament buildings and $5 from Mr. George Jeeves, these contributions bringing the grand total up to $1,002.50. Mrs. Law feels deeply grateful to the friends who have come to her assistance in her time of sorrow and bereavement, and returns to them her heartfelt thanks. She has been provided with a comfortable house, rent free, by Mr L Dickenson, into which she has moved with her little family, and she hopes to be able to maintain herself and them for the present without touching the fund so kindly provided as an expression of the practical sympathy of Victorians. A detailed statement of the fund will be published in a few days and the money will be safely invested for the benefit of the children—such in the mother's unselfish desire.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A serious shooting accident happened to Joseph B. Phillips last evening while he and Fred. Braden were driving out to Sooke lake on a fishing expedition. They had a loaded gun in their vehicle. Shortly after leaving Goldstream Phillips jumped out of the rig to fix the traces. While he was doing so the gun exploded, the contents of both barrels striking him under and near the pit of the right arm The wounded man was taken back to Goldstream while Braden came on to the city for medical aid. Mr. Phillips, father of the wounded man, accompanied by Braden, Dr. Jones and another doctor, drove out to Goldstream These who saw Phillips after the accident say the principal danger of his wound is through loss of blood.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE YOUNG.

Ald. R. T. Williams, who a few weeks ago gave notice of his intention to introduce a by-law for the purpose of keeping the boys and girls of the city off the streets at night, has just received from the city clerk of Stillwater, Minn., a copy of the now famous ordinance of that city, enacted on February 9 of this year with a similar object in view. The copy was received in response to Ald. Williams' request for information and is published in full. It is thought that a by-law drafted on similar lines might be found very advantageous in Victoria:

"An ordinance to prevent riots, noise, disturbance and disorderly assemblages in the city of Stillwater, or any disorderly conduct in public places, and to provide for the arrest and punishment of any person or persons guilty of the same. The city council of the city of Stillwater do ordain as follows:

"Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any boy or girl under the age of sixteen years to be abroad upon the streets, alleys or public grounds of the city of Stillwater between the hours of nine o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m unless accompanied by some person of lawful age, having him or her in charge, or unless upon some errand by permission or direction of his or her parents, guardian or employer. He or she shall not then loiter on the way nor make any undue noise by shouting or yelling or otherwise to disturb the peace and quiet of the city.

"Section II—Any boy or girl who violates any of the provisions of the first section shall be subject to arrest by any police officer or any citizen without process. Upon such arrest he or she shall be taken and delivered into the hands of the parents, guardian or employer of such boy or girl. Upon a second or any subsequent arrest such offender shall be taken by such officer or person before the municipal court for trial, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ten days.

"Section III—It shall be the duty of the chief engineer of the fire department to have the hour of nine p.m. designated by ringing the city fire bell nine slow taps consecutively.

"Section IV.—This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law."

CHIEF JUSTICE DAVIE

The banquet tendered by the bar to Chief Justice Davie in honor of his appointment to the bench, came off very successfully at the Driard last night. The dining room looked very handsome with its decorations of bunting and flowers. Over forty guests were present, quite a number of legal lights from the Mainland coming down to help in honoring the guest of the evening. Hon. A. N Richards, Q C presided, Chief Justice Davie being seated on his right and Mr. Justice McCreight on his left. The menu was excellent as befitted the high reputation of the Driard for good dinners.

In proposing the toast of Chief Justice Davie, Hon. Mr. Richards referred to the successful carehr, legal and political, of the guest of the evening, and said he was sure that all must agree that no more fit man could have been appointed to the bench of the province.

In replying, Chief Justice Davie, who was greeted with much enthusiasm, gave reminiscences of the old days and referred in a very able speech to his early career and to those whom he had known.

Mr. Justice McCreight, Hon. Attorney-General Eberts and others also spoke, and with speech and songs the evening passed most pleasantly.

SEEN IN THIS CITY.

William Farr, the dramatic culmination of whose double life has horrified and amazed Winnipeg so recently, has not yet been apprehended, and it is believed he is now in or nearing San Francisco. No word of his whereabouts since his escape from custody was obtained until yesterday—and then it was found in this city.

Leaving the Manitoba capital on Monday evening, it is evident the fugitive came direct to the Coast, very possibly having the assistance of railway men of his acquaintance, for a lady resident of Toronto street, this city, a former resident of Winnipeg, states positively that she saw him here on Wednesday or Thursday evening. She was at that time totally ignorant of the crime laid at his door and consequently did not speak of the occurrence until yesterday.

Farr was, when she saw him, standing in front of the post office engaged in conversation with a man whom she did not know. He was dressed in dark clothes and wore a natty black felt hat of the Christy stamp. So earnestly engaged in conversation was he that she did not get an opportunity to speak, as she otherwise would have done, the fugitive engineer being an old Winnipeg acquaintance. It is quite possible, and indeed that is the probability, that Farr caught the San Francisco steamer and is now beyond the jurisdiction of British courts.

The case of William Farr furnishes a notable chapter in the criminal history of Canada. A prosperous and popular man, he for years lived a double life—having a wife and family in one part of Winnipeg and at the same time being engaged in marriage to a young lady residing in another quarter of the city, who of course believed him a single man. As the date of his wedding approached, it is charged that he concocted the diabolical plot to destroy his wife and family by burning their home while they slept. The fire was happily extinguished, and a strong case against Farr developing he was arrested, charged with attempting arson. While held for trial he managed to make his escape by prying a bar from the guarded window of the room in which he was confined, and descending by a rope to the ground.

Since then, until yesterday, no trace of the missing man was had. He had been a resident of Winnipeg for some years and latterly had held a responsible position as the driver of a railway locomotive.

A CLOSE CONTEST

The result of the poll for the bye-election in the Cowichan Alberni district, so far as known yesterday morning was:

	T. A Wood.	G. A. Huff.
Duncan	36	34
Somenos	23	13
McPherson's	25	13
Cobble Hill	13	23
Chemainus	7	12
Total	154	99

Cowichan Lake will be heard from to-day and the polling places in the Alberni part of the constituency are not expected to have their figures in until Monday or Tuesday at earliest. Some 70 or 80 odd votes are expected to be polled there, and as it is there that Mr. Huff resides and accordingly expects to receive the strongest support, the contest will undoubtedly be close.

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