From THE DAILY COLONIST, January 6.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Contest in Cariboo.

I. B. Nason, ex-M.P.P. and Mr. Borland are the candidates nominated for the seat in Cariboo rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Joseph Mason. The election takes place on the 14th inst.

Hard at Work.

A large staff of workmen are busy on the Macaulay Point property, cutting and blocking out streets. The men will live in camp on the ground and hurry forward the work. The streets are to be wide, well graded and well drained.

The Busy Bouncer.

This official has a not-at-all monotonous life on the Sound steamers at present. He is supposed to keep the broken-pocketed men, who apply for a free passage, hard at work during the trip. Some particularly amusing scenes are witnessed every night when the bouncer is called into operation.

Coming Events.

The Married Ladies will hold no "At Home" to-night, but next Tuesday will be to the front with a sheet and pillow case party, the latter being used as the mask, and the former as the costume. It is rumored that a masquerade ball, to be given in about a month, is being arranged by the Comus Club.

Salmon from the Fraser.

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer R. P. Rithet reached port yesterday morning, having on board 5,400 cases of salmon from the Fraser river. She reports that there are still from 12,000 to 15,000 cases to be shipped from the mainland canneries.

Progressing in Every Way.

The public school at Cadboro Bay reopened yesterday with an increase in attendance of fully fifty per cent. Under the instruction of Miss Harrison the pupils are making excellent progress, and the fact is fully appreciated by the parents.

A Labor Man.

James A. Power, President of the Federated Trades of Bellingham Bay, and General Organizer of the American Federation of Labor for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, is in the city. His business is to, if possible, extend the operations of the American Federation to British Columbia.

To be Tortured.

The Indians in the neighborhood of Port Essington are becoming more highly civilized than the majority of the tribes of the Coast. Their latest venture is in the form of a brass band, the instruments for which will go up by the Danube. The Siwashes, not in the band, will no doubt suffer while the practising is in progress.

St. Barnabas' Church.

This church, at the corner of Cook street and Caledonia Avenue, will be opened for divine service on Wednesday. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 a.m., and Evensong with sermon by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, at 8 p.m. The offertory will be on behalf of the building fund.

At the Cathedral.

Christ Church Cathedral was again crowded last Sunday evening, when the Christmas carols were repeated for the second time. A good offertory was taken for the benefit of the choir. Every day the need of a new church becomes more apparent; sittings are constantly called for, and cannot be given. The plans for the new cathedral will be under way this week.

In Celebration of the Holidays.

Dr. Richardson and the staff of the Jubilee hospital gave a quiet little dancing party in the womens' ward, last evening, there being at present no patients in that part of the institution. The president and board of directors were invited guests, and music was provided by Prof. Sharp. The affair was a source of pleasure to all.

The Parliament Buildings.

Already preparations are being made to get the parliament buildings in order for the rapidly approaching session of the provincial parliament. The place is being heated up and the lighting and warming apparatus are being tested so as to show their defective spots, if any. It is the intention to thoroughly overhaul the premises and their appointments, making them as perfect as can be.

New Year's Day at Sea.

On her last trip up, the steamer City of Puebla shut down steam and hove to in the open ocean for twelve hours, to enable her officers, crew and passengers to inaugurate the New Year, which was just being entered upon. The wants of the inner man were liberally and elegantly provided for, and every one says that through the generosity and thoughtfulness of Captain Delaney they had a wonderfully good time.

Charles Morton.

On Sunday afternoon the late Charles Morton, one of the old timers of Victoria and the British Columbia coast, was buried in Ross Bay Cemetery, the body being escorted to the grave by a large number of citizens. The chief mourners were Messrs. J. Page and Thomas Earle, M.P., the pallbearers being Messrs. Morris Moss, J. Loewen, J. Robertson, J. B. Lovell, Thomas Shotbolt and T. Braundt.

Death of Emma Abbott.

A brief despatch from Salt Lake City yesterday announced the death of Miss Emma Abbott, the famous prima donna. Miss Abbott was in San Francisco, two weeks ago, and played a successful engagement. When she left for the East she was apparently in good health and her voice was not impaired by even the semblance of a cold How she contracted the illness that ended her life is not known, but it may have been caused by the sudden change from the milder climate of the coast to the extremely cold weather that now prevails in Utah and the neighboring states.

Shooting Gulls.

As if to avoid the stringent law which prohibits the shooting of gulls in harbor, a number of Siwashes were yesterday observed employing those primitive weapons—bows and arrows—in their efforts to bring down their illegitimate feathered prey. It is said that they were not specially successful in their endeavors, the groups into which the birds settled down dispersing before their enemies could get within range. Stealthily the Siwash paddled about the front of the harbor, but the birds were "too fly," and amid clouds of feathers and flapping of wings they flew out of sight, all the hunters could do being to exclaim "Ugh!"

Visiting Victoria.

Among recent arrivals in Victoria is Mr. Warren, of the well known organ manufacturing house of Toronto. They have just put an organ of considerable power and magnificent tone into the St. Andrew's church, Vancouver. Being so near the Queen city, Mr. Warren considered it would be foolish on his part not to cross the Straits and ascertain what this city and community were like. He expresses himself well pleased with this place, and expects to pave the way while here for extensive improvements to existing instruments, or to supply new organs for those now in use, which some people think are neither powerful enough nor sufficiently modern to meet all requirements.

School Openings.

Yesterday morning the school population of Victoria—at least such of its members as are in attendance at the educational institutions—turned out in full force and at the due and regular time were welcomed by their teachers to the trials essential to the triumphs which, to a greater or less extent, are the lot of every scholar. The children appeared to be ruddy and healthy, possessed withal of that abundance of intellectual energy and brightness, without which all the teaching in the world avails but little. The exercises of the present term bid fair to be more than ordinarily interesting and successful, and the next examinations will manifest how young Victoria, when fairly on its mettle, can distinguish itself.

Killed Instantly.

A runaway accident with consequences fatal to Mr. B. Gordon's horse, occurred on Menzies street yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ewing had been driving one of his own horses in the locality mentioned, and got out of his buggy for a moment, to converse with a friend, holding his horse by the bridle. Something startled the animal, and it made a mad plunge across the street, dragging Mr. Ewing under its feet while he hung on bravely. Only a few yards away it collided with Mr. B. Gordon's delivery cart, the end of the shaft of the runaway's rig striking the other horse in the shoulder, and killing it instantly. No one was hurt, and no blame can be attached to Mr. Ewing for the unfortunate accident. His plucky endeavor to restrain his horse was freely spoken of by those who witnessed it.

Salmon by the Danube.

The C.P.N. Co's steamer "Danube," which arrived from the North on Sunday morning, had on board the following shipments of salmon, Cunningham & Co, Skeena River, 7,774 cases; do. Lowe Inlet, 6,087 cases; River Inlet Canning Co., 3,963 cases; Alert Bay Canning Co., 4,280 cases; Standard Canning Co., 1,933 cases. She left yesterday afternoon for Esquimalt to discharge this salmon into the ship Henry Villard. She had also 12 barrels of salmon and 68 half-barrels. These consignments clear up all the salmon in the North, with the exception of 2,500 cases at the Rivers Inlet Cannery, which will be brought down hereafter.

Mrs. Hamm's Funeral.

The last ceremonies were yesterday afternoon paid to the remains of Mrs. Hamm, the esteemed and talented daughter of Mr. John Weiler, the well known and highly successful merchant of Victoria. Irrespective of her family connections, Mrs. Hamm, who has for the last fourteen or fifteen months resided at Seattle, had a large circle of intimate friends in this, the home of her girlhood, to which, after a brief period of married life, she was brought in order to be laid to her final rest. There was a large attendance both at the family residence on Blanchard street and at the grave, at both of which appropriate and extremely feeling services were performed by Rev. P. McF. Macleod. The cortege was a long one, the pall-bearers being Messrs. George Wynn, C. N. Gowen, G. Anderson, George H. Maynard, P. Phillips, H. L. O'Brien.

Minstrels, To-morrow Night.

Goodyear, Elitch & Schilling's minstrels will appear at The Victoria, to-morrow night. When the curtain rises on the first part, a beautiful scene will catch the eye. Walls of silk plush, draped and festooned with heavy silk cords, tassels and fringes, comedians as Monte Cristo jesters, vocalists as gay cavaliers, musicians as Monte Cristo fishermen—a glittering scene of beauty, involving an actual outlay of $10,000 in gorgeous wardrobe and draperies. There are a number of novel acts by both American and European artists, grotesque dances, grand marches, etc. The principal actor is the quaint genius, Charles W. Goodyear, a comedian with a national reputation. People all over the country who have been to see him forget the cares of the day. There is nothing he says which he ought not to say, nothing he does which he ought not to do.

Journeymen Plasterers' Strike.

On Sept. 6, the journeymen plasterers employed in Victoria informed their employers that after January 1, 1891, they would no longer work on any building where Chinamen were employed as assistants. On New Year's night the plasterers received the following letter from the contractors, in consequence whereof they have discontinued work:

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27, 1890.

To the Journeymen Plasterers of Victoria:

GENTLEMEN—In answer to your demands, made some time ago, with reference to dispensing with Chinese laborers.

We would say that after a careful consideration of the subject, at a meeting held for that purpose,

We, the undersigned contractors of Victoria, consider your demand is unreasonable, and declare that we cannot comply with it.

(Signed) E. GILCHRIST, GEO. GLOVER, W. WEBSTER & CO., CHAS. WENTWORTH, HENRY C. EDWARDS, W. PETHRICK, GEO. H. RICE, J. E. THOMAS, S. BARTLETT, GEO. PETHRICK.

LAUGHABLE AND MYSTERIOUS.

The Steen and Woods Combination Amuse and Puzzle Their Opening Night Audience.

People like to be mystified. That is, perhaps, the reason that the audience went away so thoroughly satisfied, after witnessing the performance, last evening, at The Victoria, Mrs. Steen, who made the acquaintance of the Victoria public some six years ago, is better than ever. Her forte is mind-reading, so called, but in her case, at least, simply the development of memory to an intense degree. By some series of well understood, but most mysterious signals, she promptly proclaims any name, figure or date, or accurately describes any object that her husband may be able to see or know of. Unlike other mind-readers, she does not claim the possession of any mysterious power, but says that every apparent miracle is accomplished by well studied and well contrived trickery, of what nature, of course, she doesn't say. The illusion is in every case perfect. Her performance is truly wonderful, and whatever her system is, she has it "down" to the finest of fine points. Assisting her in her part of the entertainment is her husband, while the other members of the entertaining force are Mr. Woods and Edna, the "Queen of the Air." The former is a clever sleight of hand artist and ventriloquist, shining the brighter in the latter capacity. His dialogue between the resurrected McGinty and a "cullud" brother is very amusing, while his imitation of the distant notes of a cornet is highly artistic. Edna is indeed a mystery. Her aerial performance is presumably the arrangement of clever mechanical aids, but the illusion is so perfect and so mystifying that it is well worth seeing. The company do not claim to be wizards or witches, or spiritualists, but they have a treasury of wonders, and their performance serves splendidly to pass away an evening pleasantly. An entire change of programme will be made for to-night, the last appearance, and patrons of the theatre should turn out, and show that they appreciate a good novelty, without a trace of coarseness or vulgarity.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

Another Three-Story Brick Block to be Erected on Yates Street.

It is understood that preparations will be commenced in the course of the next few days for replacing the one-story block extending from the Lenz & Leiser building, on Yates street, down to Wharf, with a three-story modern structure. The additional two stories will be raised upon the existing one, but the first floor will be practically rebuilt, the front being torn out and replaced by a handsome and thoroughly fashionable one. According to present arrangements Mr. Leiser will occupy the entire building, with the exception of the space held possession of by the Capital saloon, it remaining as now in its present position, although it is also to be remodelled. The new block will vastly change the appearance of lower Yates street, and very much for the better. Another three-story block a little higher up the street is also talked about, and tenders are invited for the erection of a third on the corner of Government.

ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

Sealing Men Leave for the American Capital to Present Their Claims.

In Sunday morning's COLONIST it was mentioned that Mr. Gregory, of Belyea & Gregory, would be a passenger to Alaska by the City of Topeka, his mission being the transaction of some legal business. The nature of that business, it is now understood, is to procure certain documentary evidence needed in the case of Capt. George R. Ferry, master of the schooner W. P. Sayward at the time of her seizure, for damages from the United States government. Capt. Ferry has also left for the East, to be present when his case is called next week before the Supreme Court at Washington.

Capt. J. D. Warren has also gone to the American capital as president of the Sealers' Association. The exact nature of his business is not made public, but it too is in connection with the adjustment of the sealing question.

MORE THAN TWO TO ONE.

The Extension of the City Limits Endorsed by a Good Majority.

Although the vote cast was not a very large one, a great deal of interest was taken in the vote upon the extension of the city limits, upon which the residents in the locality most interested were called upon to pronounce judgment yesterday. As the voters had all a considerable distance to come to the polls, the vote was no doubt smaller than it otherwise would have been. The returns, however, show clearly the state of feeling in the suburbs, which will add about 3,000 to the population of Victoria. The following was the division of the 254 votes cast, out of a possible 580.

For the By-Law	174
Against the By-Law	80
Majority for	94

A VICTIM OF OPIUM.

The Drug Drove Lai Suey to Madness and Then Suicide.

Dr. Morrison, coroner, and a jury composed of L. Dickenson, foreman, MacCluskey, Potts, Noble, Shore and Hughes, yesterday afternoon, investigated the case of Lai Suey, the Chinaman who died at the Jubilee hospital on Friday of a wound in his neck. One of the companions of the dead man said that he was a slave to opium, using it in every form, and it had made him mad. Officer Walker gave evidence of finding Lai Suey crying on the street the night before he was found with his throat cut. He asked him what was the matter, and the Chinaman replied "Its the opium—opium." The doctor who was called in testified to the character of the wound, and to the dead man having stated that he did it himself. The jury, from the evidence, found that Lai Suey came to his death by reason of a wound inflicted by his own hand, he being, at the time, insane.

PERSONAL.

J. D. Parker, of Guelph, Ont., is at the Driard.

H. W. Jennings, of Port Townsend, is in town.

T. D. Conway, of Chemainus is at the Oriental.

G. T. Hoyes and W. Hoyes, of Seattle, are at the Driard.

Miss Hobbes, of Montclare, N. Y. is visiting Victoria.

R. Cunningham, came down from the North yesterday.

J. M. Dougan and wife, returned from Vancouver on Sunday night

Francois Monteillay, of Charleston, Va., is spending a few days in town.

H. L. Guline, of Seattle, an old Victorian, was in the city yesterday.

A. T. Collis came home from Fairhaven, Wash., Saturday night, seriously ill.

George Redman, leaves for the old country this morning, via. C. P. R. and Halifax.

Wilson Noble, leaves for London, England, this morning, by the C. P. R., and White Star line.

Mrs. Tudor Tiedemann, has returned to her home over the Sound, having spent the holidays pleasantly here.

Herbert Kent has gone to New Westminster, to take a prominent part in the production of the oratorio Messiah.

F. C. Field, for some time with C. M. Page & Co., of this city, has gone to Nanaimo to fill a position in the office of Field & Dempster.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, expects to take the steamer Etruria, which leaves New York on the 17th inst., on his approaching visit to his old home in England.

The str. Islander took across to the Mainland, this morning among her passengers W. Gill, W. H. Routledge, A. Heathorne, Dr. Ernest Hall, J. Cruickshank and Mrs Jessop.

The British Columbia Cattle Co. are repiling the old wharf at their property on Cadboro Bay, and are understood to have under contemplation other extensive and important improvements to their plant and outfit, the exact character of which has not yet been determined.

CITY COUNCIL.

Ratification of the City Extension By-Law—The Limits More Than Doubled—The Business of the Evening.

Last night a special meeting of the City Council was held, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present: Ald. Harrison, Goodacre, McKillican, Wilson, Kelly, Smith, Holland, Robertson and Vigelius.

The city clerk read a letter from Mr. Prevost of the Supreme Court in regard to the City Barrister's account, saying that he had no right to tax costs except by order of the court.—The letter was received and filed.

Ald. Holland moved that the account of the City Barristers be referred to the Finance Committee and paid if found correct.

The Mayor and several Aldermen spoke as to the satisfactory character of the account, the motion being adopted.

A communication was read from the City Barristers in re. the case of Keen vs. the Corporation, stating that the case had been dismissed. The Corporation had been successful and Mr. Keen had to pay the costs.

A report was read from Mr. Bull on the polling upon the extension by-law, which had been carried by 174 to 80.

Ald. Kelly was glad to hear the report. The city had, however, no doubt got hold of the worst end the hoe; but every citizen was anxious to see Victoria grow and prosper.

The report of the election was received and spread on the minutes.

The Mayor was glad to see that the majority of the people had voted aye and urged that the next thing to do was to bring within the limits what was known as the Indian reserve on the other side of the harbor. It was not the thing to have a tract of land practically within the city limits held as on the Indian reserve. It was for the Dominion, the province, and the city to act. He was sure the city would do something towards providing for the poor people at present occupying the reserve. It would be to their advantage to do so.

The motion to receive Mr. Bull's report was adopted.

A petition was read asking for a sidewalk on Croft street, James Bay—Referred to the Street committee with power to act.

On motion the resolution authorizing the extension of the city limits, which had been voted on by the localities concerned and endorsed by them, was ratified.

The Mayor with Alds. Harrison and Holland were named, with the city barristers, to wait on the Provincial Government in regard to securing the taxation to be levied this year on the limits which were being brought in, or to arrange how to tax them after the end of the fiscal year ending June 30th next.

Ald. Holland said that he had learned from the city assessor that by to-day's vote the city had taken in 3,600 acres of land, its limits being now 5,400 acres, and had augmented its population by about 5,000 people.

A communication was read from C. E. Mallette, asking the City Council to cooperate with the Board of Trade of Port Angeles in asking the British Consul at San Francisco to appoint a vice-consul at Port Angeles.

After some discussion as to the importance to which trade relations between this city and Port Angeles might be brought, a motion was adopted, empowering the city clerk to draw up a petition in the sense suggested, to be signed by the Mayor.

The Mayor stated that he had, this day, learned that in Victoria the number of inward and outward bound vessels, in foreign bottoms, entered at the Customs House, was the largest in the Dominion, the port of Montreal not excepted.

Ald. Holland asked if it had not been determined that the council should this evening provide for a public meeting, at which the candidates for municipal honors might discuss with the citizens the questions of licenses to travellers and of taxes on improvements.

The Mayor said that when the council last met it was understood that the Board of Trade were to send a communication to the council.

After some discussion the matter was left over until the meeting of the council on Friday, Ald. Holland to communicate in the meantime with the Secretary of the Board of Trade.

On motion of Ald. Holland the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. E. J. Thain, who is at present collecting the rents on the property which had been acquired for a market site, that the tenants must vacate the premises they occupied within the legal delay.

On motion, it was resolved to pay $125 to the Board of Trade towards the expenses incurred by them in the entertainment of the Omaha Board of Trade, and $125 towards the cost of the 24th of May celebration.

The question of a contribution to the citizens' ball to the officers of the fleet was next brought up, Ald. Harrison vigorously protesting against any such payment, while Ald. Goodacre and others warmly declared that it was a good thing to have the navy at Esquimalt, who, when there, spent over $40,000 a month in the city.

This subject was deferred until the meeting, on Friday night, the Mayor and committee to, in the meantime, collect all the funds they could towards that object.

After further discussion, the Council adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on Friday night, instead of Wednesday, by which time it is expected that the different reports will be ready.

LITTLE LOCALS.

A. Workman, one of the guards at the Provincial jail, has had his foot amputated, on account of a cancer.

A couple of local medical men are reported to have left for the Sound, or contemplate doing so in order to practice specialties which they have for some time been studying up. No doubt they believe they are pursuing the right line, and then Victorians wish them every success.

Appearances indicate considerable life in building operations in the James Bay district which it would seem is likely to be continued. Some of the dwellings contemplated are of convenient dimensions for householders of moderate resources, while they will be well supplied with conveniences.

Herring are reported to be very plentiful in Esquimalt harbor at present, and are being caught in large quantities by Indians, who use the primitive method of a thin piece of stick studded with sharpened nails. This they sweep through the water like a paddle, and at every stroke impale about a dozen of tee little fish.

The old Pandora Avenue Methodist church building is in process of dismantlement, having been vacated by the congregation who anticipate taking possession of their new building on Sunday. The first services will be in the nature of a Sunday school anniversary, the room devoted to whose interests being the one where the congregation will for the present worship.

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The Schooner Katherine.

It is understood that the schooner Katherine will not go on the ways at present, not being in need of any repair, and will leave for the West Coast about the end of this month.

Work Delayed.

Owing to the break of the railway bridge at Cowichan, a quantity of Cobble Hill stone, required to complete the Methodist church, cannot be obtained as soon as required, and work will be delayed in consequence.

Creditable Work.

Two or three very clever little bits of landscape in oils were exhibited in Mr. Joseph Somers' window, yesterday, the artist being a young Victorian named Miss Sarah McGregor. In drawing, as well as coloring, the sketches possess grand points.

Looking For a Date.

Mr. W. S. Maltby, the great fancy cyclist of Wallingford, Ct., spent yesterday in Victoria on his way home, having completed a very satisfactory Australian tour. His bicycle and unicycle performances are wonderful, and an effort was made to secure a performance here, under the auspices of the wanderers, before Mr. Maltby left town.

A New Paper.

It was stated on the street, yesterday, that members of the Moral Reform Association were endeavoring to secure sufficient funds to start a new paper in this city, the old Standard plant to be utilized for the purpose. If the scheme is successfully floated, the creditors of the defunct Standard will rejoice. It is suggested that the new sheet be called the "Meteor," as, under the paternal care of its chief promoter, it will, undoubtedly, have a short but brilliant career.

A Splendid Number.

The Kamloops Sentinel, on New Year's, issued an enlarged edition, which, in point of excellence and general provincial information, excels that of any annual number printed in the province. The issue contains well written articles on the various sections of the interior and also of the coast cities, special attention being paid to the minerals. The publishers of the Sentinel are to be congratulated upon their enterprise and the high quality of their New Year production.

Retain Full Confidence.

The following is a resolution passed at the recent meeting of the Mainland Teacher's Institute:—

"Whereas, A false impression has been created by several published letters and press articles, so as to make it appear that the relations between the educational department and the teachers are very much strained.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the teachers of the Mainland Teacher's Institute, emphatically deny that such is the case, but that our relations with the department are of the most harmonious character, and that we find in the superintendent a sympathizing friend and one ready to help us in every way within his power, and that he enjoys our entire confidence."

The Streets.

In connection with the, at present, extremely filthy condition of the streets, it is pointed out by the authorities that not only has the season been an abnormally wet one, but that the staff employed in the work of scavenging, and street cleaning, has been all along far smaller than the one engaged on the same work last year. Moreover, the amount of street traffic is generally recognized as having been immensely augmented, the consequence being, it is said, that the new Street committee should consider themselves bound to specially appropriate a liberal sum for this and other essential works, instead of, as is now said to be the case, leaving the actual appropriation so indefinite, that it is possible to take out of it any money that may be wanted for other purposes, no matter what.

Tripler Has Left Port Townsend.

The Port Townsend Leader says: "C. L. Tripler, a very smooth individual who hails from California, was arrested Saturday on a charge of forgery, but owing to the lack of a prosecuting witness he has escaped the consequences of the act. A few days ago Tripler obtained $50 from W. A. Malloy of the Townsend saloon on a check drawn for that amount on the Bank of British Columbia. The check was made payable to Tripler and purported to be signed by George A. Keefer of Victoria. Tripler after winning $160 at the faro table, took up the check again and repaid Mr. Malloy the amount he had obtained. The latter had telegraphed to Victoria to ascertain if the check was genuine, but had not received a reply when Tripler took it up. Yesterday, however, he received a telegram from Mr. Keefer pronouncing the check a forgery, and stating that Tripler had attempted to work the same thing there in Victoria. As Mr. Keefer declined to come to Port Townsend to prosecute Tripler he was released by Chief Delaney last night and notified to leave town, which he did on the Kingston."

P. O. Home Donations.

The ladies' committee thankfully acknowledge the following donations in December: Hair-cutting—Harry S. Weber, Fort street; clothing—Mrs James Angus, Mrs. Joseph Hunter, Mrs. M. Carmichael, Mrs. Thos. Tugwell, Mrs. Waitt, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. Foster, Lenz & Leiser; two serge dresses and $5 enclosed—a Friend; fruit, vegetables, and milk—a Friend; two bags potatoes—a Friend; apples, milk and evergreens—Mr. Audean; two boxes oranges—J. & A. Clearihue; two boxes oranges—Mr. Dumbleton; turkey and bag of turnips—a Friend; box oranges—a Friend; pears and cakes—"Milton Lodge," Sons of St. George; apples, oranges, figs and nuts—J. P. Mathews; cakes, figs, candies oranges and bon-bons—W. Whyte; curios, candies and nuts—Dixi Rees & Co.; nuts, candies and bon-bons—Mr. Burgess; cakes—St. Saviour church social, Mr. Hiscocks, Forester's Santa Claus party, Blackman & Ker, a Friend, Dr. Milne; mutton, roast beef and plum pudding—Hon. Mrs. Nelson; six chickens and four pats of fresh butter—a Friend; turkeys—C. E. Mallette, Mayor Grant; dripping—"The Hall," Mrs. Carew; toys—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Weiler, Mrs. G. Gillespie's children, Mr. Gribble, a Friend, Mr. Waitt, Mrs. Snowden, a Friend; coal—Rock Bay Coal and Woodyard; two bags of turnips and onions—A. Friend; fruit—Mr Rogers; books—Mr. Waitt, Hibben & Co.; three bags Hungarian flour—Mrs. Heathorn; ducks—Miss Dorothy McTavish, G. Vienna; candies and nuts—R. H. Jamieson, C. E Mallette, Fell & Co.; plum pudding and turkey—Madame Redon; two chickens and goose—Mr. F. Tugwell (Colonial Hotel) two sucking pigs and box oranges—Friend; cakes, roast beef and ham—entertainment in Philharmonic Hall; toys, fancy goods and dress pieces—Mr. D. Spencer; fancy goods—R. Jamieson; ten cents each to 41 children—Master Whyte; prizes for recitations—W. Whyte.

New Houses.

The Building Inspector notes with pleasure that all over the city the prospects for extensive building operation are particularly promising. Mr. Walters is having some extremely handsome and commodious houses worth about $3,000 put up on Cook street, after plans by Mr. Teague.

Municipal Representation.

It is said that already a requisition to the Victoria City Council is being got up in the recently annexed suburbs, asking that the new territory, instead of being added to existing wards, be made into two divisions, one to embrace Victoria West and Rock Bay, the other, Spring Ridge and Oak Bay.

Married.

The marriage of Mr. John Arthur, of Ladner's Landing, to Miss Susie Winger, fifth daughter of Mr. John Winger, of this city, was celebrated at the parsonage, last evening, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge. The ceremony over, a delicious supper was enjoyed at the residence of Capt. Jagers, Erie street. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur left by the Islander on their wedding tour.

Good Stuff.

On Monday the Hudson Bay company shipped from their stores in this city, to Messrs. Hamm and Schmitz, of Seattle, a considerable quantity of liquors of different descriptions, and yesterday forwarded to Mr. Hotling, also of Seattle, a further consignment of the same goods. These liquors are said to have been selected from among the choicest stocks with which the company's well appointed cellars are supplied.

Kootenay Lake Notes.

Late advices from Kootenay Lake state that a rich placer ground has been discovered in that region, and that the discoverers are keeping the matter quiet until after the new mining regulations have been made public. The information is from a reliable source.

The last Nelson mail came through in five days, a decided improvement on the previous unsatisfactory service. The department is to be congratulated, on having secured an excellent contractor for the service.

"Our Own Newspaper."

The above is the title of a new amateur effort which is expected to see the light at the meeting of the Baptists' Young People's Association on Monday next. The paper has been prepared by the beauty and talent of the congregation, whose paragraphic productions are said to be pungent, spicy and well timed The Muse has been abroad to some result, and the poetry is of a highly meritorious order. At least say some of those who have seen "the proof sheets." The editorials are neither too heavy nor too long, but are of just the style that suits, due store having been set by journalistic impersonality. The advertising element is, as a matter of course, utterly ignored.

Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I.O.O.F.

The installation of officers in Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I.O.O.F., was held last night as follows: C.P., H. Waller; H.P., J. E. Phillips; S.W., F. Carne; Scribe, Jos Sears; Treasurer, R. Roberts; J.W., W. Day; Guide, J. Munk; 1st, G. Tent., J Pope; 2nd G. Tent., J. Dempster; 1st Watch, Patriarch R. Drake; 2nd Watch, Patriarch R. Glover; 3rd Watch, Patriarch A. Graham; 4th Watch, Patriarch M. McCahill; Trustees—J. Pope, J. Holland and R. Drake. Finance Committee—Patriarch A. Graham, Patriarch W. Day and Patriarch J. Glover. Before adjourning speeches were made by the newly installed officers.

Jeffreys Acquitted.

In the Speedy Trials Court, yesterday, Mr. Justice Walkem presiding, Jeffreys, who was accused of stealing a watch and badge from a man named Manuels, was acquitted. The accused was represented by Mr. Eberts, Eberts & Taylor, who called several witnesses to prove that the articles mentioned were taken from Manuel's pocket while he was drunk and asleep. Jeffreys told several that he was taking the things for safe-keeping, and would give them back when the man was sober, and made no effort to do what he did, unobserved. His Lordship thought that Manuel had been well punished for his spree, and, accepting Jeffreys' explanation, dismissed the case.

Dismissed With Costs.

The trial of the case of Rutledge v. Dougan, in which the plaintiff, Mrs. Rutledge sought to recover $500 from the estate of Joe Dougan, who was shot not many months ago at Cowichan, was set for hearing before the Chief Justice at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When it was called, after examining one witness, Mr. S. P. Mills, counsel for the plaintiff, intimated that his line of evidence would be to prove that Joe Dougan was the father of Mrs. Rutledge's youngest child, a pretty little boy who appeared in court with his mother. He intended to show by those to whom Dougan had acknowledged the parentage before his decease, that the child, although Mr. Rutledge was living in the neighborhood at the time of its birth, was not his, but Dougan's. His Lordship refused permission for the case to proceed. The filthy, disgusting evidence that Mr. Mills proposed to present, was, he ruled, inadmissable in a Court of Justice, and the court would not be a party to the reception of hear-say evidence whose only tendency was to attempt to illegitimatize an innocent child. He accordingly dismissed the case, with costs, after expressing himself very strongly upon its being brought forward.

The City of Seattle.

Last night, about 9 o'clock, a strange whistle at the Outer Wharf caused people to speculate as to what vessel it was which was making for that landing. It was not a China steamer, everyone was certain, it could not possibly be the Islander, the only conclusion at which even the best posted could arrive being that it must be the new Puget Sound steamer City of Seattle, which most people knew had made her appearance at the south. Inquiry at the company's office and upon the wharf showed that it was, indeed the Seattle, which had come to relieve the Kingston, in order that the latter might undergo a necessary course of repairs. The new steamer has been already described, but it may be well to say that she is a beautiful vessel, being larger, more commodious and better appointed than the sister vessel, although the Kingston had been one of the Hudson River floating palaces The Seattle has a hurricane deck, magnificent dining-room accommodation, and, besides being well and elegantly disposed, is bigger, and withal more compact, while her spick and span newness constitute a great attraction. She is commanded by Captain Nichols, and he steward of the Kingston, Mr. Rankin, carefully attends to the wants of the inner man of the passengers. The Seattle is expected to make fully as good time as the Kingston, so soon as her machinery gets to its bearings.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS.

The Case of Mr. John Keen, C. E., Decided in Favor of the Corporation.

Plenty of Chambers' Business—Jeffrey Has a Speedy Trial—Police Court.

SPEEDY TRIALS COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

Upon his own application for a speedy trial, the man Jeffrey, charged with stealing a watch, watch-chain, money and an Oddfellow's badge, from an intoxicated man at the Prince of Wales saloon, was arraigned in this court, yesterday. Mr. G. G. Gwynn, deputy-attorney general, prosecuted and Messrs. Taylor & Eberts appeared for the defence. The counsel for the prisoner asked for a remand of one day to obtain witnesses, which was granted.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.)

Parker v. Cameron and Hughes—This was a suit brought by one Parker, a sealhunter, who signed under the American articles for a trip to Behring's Sea on the schooner Walter L. Rich. The schooner was afterwards purchased by the Victoria firm, and her register changed to the port of Victoria. Parker was not taken on the Behring Sea voyage, and he brought suit for $350 wages. It was shown that the plaintiff had accepted his release from the American articles, and, consequently, had no case. Judgment was "nonsuit, with the County Court costs." Mr. Wilson for plaintiff, Belyea & Gregory for defendants.

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

Keen v. Corporation of Victoria—Suit was brought for $2,000 on account of the alleged wrongful rejection of plaintiff's plans for Victoria's sewerage system. His Lordship held that the advertisement inviting plans could not be considered a contract, and accordingly gave judgment for the city, with costs. Mr. Yates, with Mr. Wells, for plaintiff; Eberts & Taylor for the city.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)

McEacheran and others v. Ashley and others—Application by Ashley to consolidate actions. Refused with costs. Mr. Wilson for plaintiffs; Mr. Pemberton for defendants.

Campbell v. Gabriel—Application by defendant for the dismissal of the summons. Order made. Mr. Pooley for plaintiff; Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Cowley v. Haggarty (Turner garnishee). Stands over. Mr. Mason for plaintiff; Mr. Walker for defendant.

Sinclair v. C.P.R.—Application for the payment of money out of court. Adjourned until the 10th inst. Bodwell & Irving for plaintiff; Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for defendants.

Gavelle v. McRae—Referred, by consent to arbitration. Bodwell and Irving for plaintiff, Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for defendant.

Granville v. Cotton—Application for delivery of particulars (In the matter of election protest.) Adjourned. Eberts & Taylor.

The statement of claim in the case of Steitz v. Steitz will be put in to-morrow.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

Three Indian drunks were disposed of yesterday morning, and then Joe Silk was called. The prosecution again asked for a remand, which was vigorously opposed by Mr. Wilson. The case was laid over until Wednesday, when the Superintendent of Police has promised to produce his evidence.

VICTORIA MARKET REPORT.

FLOUR—Portland roller	$ 5.50
Salem	5.25
Snowflake	5.50
Hungarian	6.50 @ 7.50
Victoria	5.25
Wheat, per ton	35 00 @ 40.00
Oats, new, per ton	30.00 @ 32.50
Barley, per ton	30.00 @ 35 00
Middlings, per ton	33.00 @ 35.00
Bran, per ton	25.00@27.50
Ground Feed, per ton	40.00
Oil Cake, per ton	37.50
Corn, whole	40.00 @ 42.50
" cracked	45.00
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs. Canadian	2.50
Oatmeal " " Saanich	3.75
Beans, large white, per 100 lbs.	4.50
" small " "	4.50
" Bayo " "	5.37
Potatoes, per ton	27.50 @ 30.00
Onions "	4.00 @ 4.50
Hay, baled, per ton	20.00 @ 22.00
Straw, per bale	1.25
Pears, 3 lbs. for	25c
Apples, Newtown pippins, per bx	1.50
Apples per lb	3, 4 and 5
Prunes, per lb	4
Oranges, per case	4.00 @ 5.50
Lemons, California, per case	6.50 @ 7.00
" Sicily, per case	8.00 @ 9 00
Celery, per doz	50
Corn, green, per doz	00
Cauliflowers, each	10, 15 @ 25
Eggs, Island, per dozen	65@75
" Imported, "	25
Butter, roll, Island, per lb	32½ @ 37½
" tub or firkin, creamery	27½ to 35
Cheese, Canadian per lb., retail	20@ 25
" California	20
Hams, American "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	16 to 20
" Rolled "	14½—16
Shoulders, per lb	12½—13½
Lard "	11½@15
Meats—Beef "	12½@18
Sides "	8@10
Mutton, per lb	12½@18
Lamb, forequarter	1.00@1.50
" hindquarter	1.50@1.75
Pork, fresh "	16
Veal, dressed, per lb	16
Tallow "	4@6½
Duck, per pair	65@1.00
Mallard ducks, per brace	90@1.00
Teal, per brace	40
Widgeon	75
Quail, per doz	2 40
Chick