

BRIEF LOCALS.

**Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.**

**From Tuesday's Daily.**

—J. Taylor has purchased five acres of land at Gordon Head and is building a house there.

—Hose teams from Port Angeles and Nainaimo will run in the fire races on the Queen's birthday.

—Ada Grant has taken to the West, minister prison this morning to enter upon a term of two years.

—A baseball match is being arranged for the Queen's birthday between a Victoria and a Vancouver team.

—It is probable that the British Sentinel, the new organ of the Knights of Ephias of British Columbia will appear on June 1.

—The new yacht Daisy-Bell turned over near the lighthouse on Sunday afternoon. Captain Foste and two others were given a good dunking.

—The ladies who are collecting for the British Columbia Benevolent society have succeeded so far in raising \$375. They are meeting with encouragement everywhere.

—Next Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Campbell will give a lecture explaining the reason and authority for observing the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath.

—At St. John's church on Sunday afternoon Bishop Peirce confirmed a class of 43. There was a large attendance and the ceremony was an impressive one. The class was prepared for the sacraments by private instruction.

—The pennant of the Victoria yacht club flies over the E.B.A.A. club house which will in future be used by the yacht club. It will give plenty of room for landing, mooring and storage and will be the visiting yachtsmen's headquarters.

—In the police court Ah Song was convicted of the theft of firewood from Sing Ching and was sentenced to one month in jail. Joseph Lelaine, drunk, was fined \$5. Henry Durran, charged with a similar offence, was dismissed.

—It is said that there are a half dozen "sure things" men in the city circulating about and getting acquainted in preparation for a harvest during the celebration week. However, all the warning and advice in the world would not save the "harvest". He seems born to his fate.

—Before leaving the city President Van Horn denied that his trip over the Victoria & Sidney railway signified anything. He went just to see it, pronounced it a very good road, but denies that for the present he has any intention of running a ferry from Sidney to the mainland.

—Dr. Kimball of New York, says the marauder deposit at Barclay's Sound is very good, and that the deposit at Logan's Lodge is particularly rich. He returned to Victoria and went to Skeke yesterday to examine the mineral there. It is said that a transfer of some mineral property will soon take place.

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London, May 16.—The documents bearing on the rupture between Brazil and Portugal will be published to-morrow. It is shown by the documents that Count de Janeiro assured the Brazilian minister that the Portuguese cruisers Mindim and Alfonso de Albuquerque should not be allowed to enter a foreign port. Brazil's course in protesting the refusal, although France, Italy and Austria urged Brazil not to insist on their surrender, Great Britain also supported Portugal. After the refugees escaped from the Portuguese vessels the commander of the Portuguese squadron nearly embarked in the tug and the Argentine Republic by recapturing some of the fugitives from an Argentine vessel.

**IAW INTELLIGENCE.**

Weiler Bros vs. Carter—Vancouver vs. Yosemite—Gabriel vs. Mesher.

Mr. Justice Crease in the supreme court chambers this morning heard the following applications:

—Weiler Bros vs. J. W. Carter—Higgins (Byre & Gregory) for the plaintiffs applied for an order for final judgment against the defendant, Aikman contra. Order made allowing judgment for \$192.80 and costs.

—Stewart Vancouver vs. steamer Yosemite—Higgins (Byre & Gregory) for the plaintiffs obtained an order for further time for filing preliminary act. Crease (Bodwell & Irving) for the defendant.

—The trial of Gabriel vs. Mesher was continued to-day. Yesterday afternoon Fred Eden corroborated to a large extent to plaintiff's evidence. He had made evidence to find Walter Mathie, who gave evidence for the plaintiff at the last trial, but who is not to be found now, although in town a few days ago. Counsel for the plaintiff then asked to put in Mathie's evidence taken at the last trial. A legal argument took place over this, both counsel saying they wished the witness there and both apparently having contrary statements signed by Mathie. It was agreed to leave his letters and former evidence out altogether. Mr. Bodwell moved for a non-suit, which was refused. The defendant has been in the witness box since morning. His evidence is that the cross plank broke and not the ledger plank and also that the ledger plank was double.

—George J. Cook is now giving evidence in his cross-examination by Mr. McPhillips kept the judge, jury and spectators in good humor for some time.

—The action of Thomas vs. Gill came on before Mr. Justice Crease this afternoon in the supreme court. The plaintiff, John Thomas of Vancouver, sues Joseph H. Gill and Minnie Gill his wife, also of Vancouver, for a cancellation of conveyances of certain lands purporting to have been executed and delivered by him to the defendant Joseph H. Gill and by him deeded to the other defendant, who mortgaged it to the defendant Gray for \$300. The action was discontinued against Gray who appeared a bona fide purchaser. It appears that the plaintiff and Joseph Gill had been in treaty for a sale of seven acres of plaintiff's land in Vancouver when the deed was drawn up but the deal fell through. The plaintiff had procured a loan of \$800 from the Vancouver Mortgage Company to Gill and had deposited the crown grant of his land as security for the loan. The plaintiff had been obliged to pay off this loan himself and had afterwards loaned defendant \$750 which also was not paid. Plaintiff then asked for security for the \$1000 and Gill suggested plaintiff should pay off a mortgage on two lots which defendant had an interest in and he would then give him a first mortgage for \$1000. Plaintiff paid off mortgage but defendant refused to execute a new mortgage. Plaintiff then went to a Vancouver lawyer and commenced proceedings to compel an execution of the mortgage. The defendant then offered to sell his lots for \$5100 and to pay the difference between that amount and the \$3000 which was done on the understanding that defendant's land had been valued at \$5000, whereas it was really \$4000. A defence was delivered but no one appeared at the trial to defend.

—Robert Cochrane, counsel for the plaintiff, said the case was one of the most cold-blooded frauds and breaches of confidence in his experience.

**GOT LEAVE TO WED.**

Consul-General of France to Marry a Chicago Belle.

Chicago, May 17.—The marriage of M. Francois Edmond Bruvart, consul-general of France, and officer of the Legion of Honor, which takes place in this city this evening, will be noteworthy from the fact that M. Bruvart is the first official of the French government in this country to bind himself in the bonds of matrimony since the French government is such its decree that none of its officials should marry foreign subjects without first obtaining the permission of the government under penalty of being dropped from the diplomatic or consular service, as the case might be.

This affair was announced a few weeks ago, immediately after the marriage of M. Patenotre, the French