Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH, 1888.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, June 2.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Letter Carriers.

The following have been appointed letter carriers for this city: Donald G. McKay, Thomas W. Speed, Henry H. Warburton and Charles McCormac.

A Legacy.

By the will of the late Mrs. Kate Lovett, which was read at the residence yesterday afternoon, after the funeral, Dr. J. D. Helmcken was made sole legatee of the estate.

Enterprise on the Sound.

Charles Johnson, of Ellensburg, will commence shortly the construction of a sawmill half way between Smith's cove and the lighthouse, says the *Post-Intelligencer*. Extensive mill properties have been secured.

Bessemer Works.

Seattle is greatly excited on the fact that the Moss Bay Hematite Iron and Steel Works of Cumberland, England, will establish a $250,000 plant for the reduction of iron ore on the eastern shores of Lake Washington directly opposite the end of Madison street.

From San Francisco.

On the steamer Mexico which left San Francisco yesterday, are the following passengers for this port: R. A. Richardson, Mrs. G. Williams, Miss E. Gilmore, Miss M. Quinn, Mrs. S. Jones, J. Garwin, E. Taylor, Mrs. J. Taylor, R. W. Dean and wife, Man Tong.

A Valuable Consignment.

Three carloads of seal-skins valued at $30,000 go forward to New York to-day *via* the Olympian and Northern Pacific. This makes nine carloads which have so far this season been shipped east by the same route. Considerable freight is at present being handled by the American lines to and from this city.

Grand Concert.

PROF. H. S. SHARPE gives a Grand Concert in the Methodist Church, on the first Tuesday in June (the 5th). The Apollo Choral Society make their *debut* before a Victoria audience, Prof. Sharpe directing. Little Jessie Rattray, the child violinist, Mr. Robson, and the best local talent will participate.

Extending His Branches.

Mr. Frederick Townsend, manager of the Bank of British Columbia's system of banking houses on the Pacific coast, is in Seattle looking over the situation with a view to business. If he finds sufficient inducement here he will recommend the establishment of a bank here to operate in connection with the houses in San Francisco, Portland, Victoria and Vancouver.—Seattle *Times*.

Laid to Rest.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lovett took place yesterday afternoon, from the late residence, Blanchard street. A large number of friends followed the remains to Ross Bay Cemetery, where they were laid to rest. The casket was covered with wreaths and a profusion of floral offerings. The pall-bearers were S. L. Kelly, F. Campbell, Sr., F. G. Richards, Sr., T. J. Burnes, R. Roberts.

The "Menzies" Affair.

It is trusted that action will be taken by the Police Committee and that a searching inquiry will be instituted into the charge proferred against Prof. Menzies of kidnapping and selling a Chinese girl for base purposes. It is true Menzies has departed, but as the Chief of Police is charged with being derelict in his duty in not detaining Menzies, the whole matter should be thoroughly sifted and the evidence of all concerned in the matter obtained.

Somewhat in Error.

H. W. Seton-Karr states that the article which appeared in the *Times* last evening is a mass of errors. He particularly objects to the statement attributed to him that the H. B. Co. were disposed to resent any travel in North America, and says more absurd ideas were never invented. Mr. Seton-Karr has been in Victoria since Wednesday last, and the *Times* article, which states that he is in Portland, has apparently been taken from an exchange, without taking the trouble to make it applicable to here.

Change of Officers.

Capt. Blackburn, of the collier Willamette, which is now loading coal at Seattle for San Francisco, will on the arrival of the vessel at the latter port, be relieved by Capt. Hansen of the Walla Walla which is now being transformed into a passenger steamer. He will be on shore for some three months, or until the Walla Walla is ready for service, and during that time he will be under half pay. It is generally supposed that the Willamette will be made into a passenger vessel as soon as the Walla Walla comes off the stocks.

Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railway.

An official of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railway said to a *Post-Intelligencer* reporter on Thursday that plans are about perfected for the commencement of construction on a large scale. As before stated the contracts were awarded to Messrs. Ryan & McDonald, and their plant, which is a very large one, is on the way from the East. As soon as Mr. McDonald arrives from Chicago work on the 225-mile contract will start. About 2000 men will be employed on the 225-mile section, as the contractors will have to employ fully that many men in order to comply with the conditions of their contract and have the road completed from Seattle to Spokane Falls inside of two years.

THE "MENZIES" AFFAIR.

TO THE EDITOR:—In this morning's issue you stated with reference to the sale and smuggling of China girls by "Prof." Menzies, that "It seems strange that the police were not informed of the matter." This statement I was first inclined to pass by, but apprehensive of the fact that some, not acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, might be misled, I will, with your permission, subjoin the the following query: What did the police do when they *were* communicated with? They were notified that Menzies had boarded the steamer and the name of the steamer given, fully an hour or more, before she sailed, and six or seven hours after the startling exposure of the case, so that they had ample time to detain him, and *failed to do so*. How is that for the efficiency of the police? Strange, is it, that the police were not informed of the matter? The wonder is that after such an act of gross negligence in the performance of his duties, public opinion has not compelled the Chief of Police to join Menzies in his meanderings.

JOHN E. GARDNER.

Victoria, B. C. 1st June, 1888.

The Deaf Hear.

After eight years suffering from Deafness, I so bad that I was unable to attend to my business, I was cured by the use of Hagyard's Yellow Oil. With gratitude I make this known for the benefit of others afflicted. Harry Ricardo, Toronto, Ont.

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PERSONAL.

A. W. Ross, M. P., is *en route* to Vancouver.

E. G. Prior, M.P., will arrive on Sunday night.

Rev. E. Matheson, of Saskatchewan, is in the city.

E. L. Drewry, of Winnipeg, is on his way to this city.

N. P. Lindley, of Seattle, arrived over last evening on a visit.

Judge Harrison arrived in the city last night from the interior.

J. McDougall, contractor, arrived last night from Vancouver.

R. Collister, inspector of hulls, returned from Vancouver last night.

Mrs. G. Williams is on the Mexico which left San Francisco for this port yesterday morning.

J. Cambie, chief engineer of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., arrived down last night.

E. Crow Baker, M.P., arrived home from Ottawa last night, looking well after the siege at the capital.

Jos. M. Mount, representing Jeffreys Lewis, was in the city yesterday and left for the Sound this morning.

Marcus Smith, C. E., arrived from Westminster on the Rithet yesterday afternoon and left for Vancouver this morning.

Hon. G. E. Foster, Minister of Finance, is to be married shortly to Miss Smith, daughter of the Deputy Minister of the Marine Department.

Mrs. R. B. Angus, of Montreal, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Elsie, arrived on the Yosemite last night on a visit to her relations in this city.

Ben Young, accompanied by his son, returned from San Francisco last night on the Olympian. While in the Bay city he made all necessary arrangements with those who have the affairs of W. T. Coleman & Co. in hand, and says he hopes soon to see that firm operating again.

D. Robson has retired from the *Columbian* with which he has been connected for seven years, during the last five of them as editor and business manager. Mr. Robson's retirement will be regretted by his brother journalists, who have reason to admire him for his many fine traits of character and his ever courteous treatment of his contemporaries. The *Columbian* under his management has deservedly achieved success.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A Saanich farmer states that yesterday's rain saved at least $100,000 in the district.

Postmaster Shakespeare has removed to his handsome new residence on Hillside avenue.

Mr. N. P. Eisenmeyer, of Little Rock, Arkansas, will soon build a large flour mill in Seattle.

The gay and festive caterpillar is getting in his work at Port Townsend in good shape.

Old timers say that no floods of any importance are to be expected in the Fraser river valley this summer.

The dredger, which has been engaged for sometime in dredging in front of the drydock gates, has almost completed the work of removing the piles and dirt.

In referring to the second production of "Bombastes Furioso" at the cathedral school-room in yesterday's issue, mention was overlooked of little Geo. Kurtz, who took the part of "Fusbos." The little fellow acted well and spoke his lines with wonderfully good effect.

MARINE.

Br. steamer Parthia arrived at Hongkong on May 27th.

Am. ship Tacoma has arrived at Port Townsend. She will be towed to Nanaimo to load coal for San Francisco.

Steamer Sir James Douglas returned from Nanaimo yesterday after discharging coal for the fog alarm at Race Rock. She will proceed to-day to the sand heads, Fraser river, to take soundings and place in position the buoys there.

Italian bark Pietro B., of Genoa, 848 tons, Capt. P. Murietta, cleared Thursday from the Hastings mill for Noumea, New Caledonia, with 195,015 feet dressed lumber, 162,498 feet rough and 8 spars; for Sydney, N. S. W., 253,958 feet rough lumber and 22,665 pickets and laths. A total of 641,855 feet. The British bark Aldergrove cleared yesterday.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Maryport—Sailed May 27—Br. ship Antrim, Vancouver Island.

San Francisco, May 31—Sailed—Bark Viola, H. Hopkins, Nanaimo.

San Pedro, May 29—Arrived—Str. Southern California. Departure Bay.

FROM ALASKA.

The Alaska Commercial Company's Great Influence—How the Russian Priests Control the Natives.

Mr. H. P. Westfall, a resident of Alaska for thirteen years, trading for different companies, tells the P. T. *Call* that the mining out-look is favorable. Many parties are out prospecting. The Alaska Commercial Company's influence is felt everywhere. The natives know if they sell their furs to any one else they won't give them employment, or supplies in the winter. The company is continually extending their line of posts. They have now entered the Polar Sea, and in those far frozen waters, their posts are found, one lone white man the sole occupant. The Alaska Indian is a stolid, stupid animal and fast dying off, the prevailing diseases are of the throat or lung troubles.

The Russian priests control the poor natives in the interest invariably of the company. The company furnish hunting outfits to the Indians in every case All seals taken in the open water are traded for—a good hunter sometimes earning $1.25 a day. The average native looks upon the company as the supreme power in Alaska. The priest's influence strengthens this idea. The company's money for Indian use is a piece of pasteboard with the company's phraseology and valuation stamped thereon. Mr. W. says at Kodiack, 500 miles west of Sitka, the gardens look luxuriant in summer and potatoes, cabbage, turnips, etc., grow finely. The timber of Alaska as a general thing near the shore line is stunted and poor. A heavy salmon run is expected this summer, commencing this month. One company (and there are several) will put up 100,000 cases of four dozen to each case. Cord wood is five cents a stick in the company's yard in Kodiack. Mr. W. thinks that after all the fisheries are a mine of wealth that will some day eclipse all others. The natives of St. Paul and St. George seal for the company for months wages, a mere pittance that keeps them continually in the company's debt.

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

Your stomach of course. Why? Because if it is out of order you are one of the most miserable creatures living. Give it a fair, honorable chance and see if it is not the best friend you have in the end. Don't smoke in the morning. Don't drink in the morning. If you must smoke and drink wait until your stomach is through with breakfast. You can drink more and smoke more in the evening and it will tell on you less. If your food ferments and does not digest right,—if you are troubled with Heartburn, Dizziness of the head, coming up of the food after eating, Biliousness, Indigestion, or any other trouble of the stomach, you had best use Green's August Flower, as no person can use it without immediate relief.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Mail Contract.

Mr. C. J. King has been awarded the contract for carrying the mails between this city and Esquimalt.

The Menzies Case.

The police committee will hold an investigation, to-morrow, into the charges preferred against Menzies.

Suter vs. Robson.

In the interpleader suit of Suter vs. Robson, the Divisional court granted an order *nisi* returnable on Monday next.

Victoria District Election.

Mr. Ira Wilson announces himself as an "independent" candidate for the representation of Victoria District in the Local House.

Serious Injury.

Mr. McPhadden, the well-known contractor, fell from a building yesterday and in falling his arm-pit struck a sharp piece of wood, inflicting a dangerous wound. Dr. Hanington was called in and last evening the patient was resting easily.

Nanaimo Assizes.

The Nanaimo spring assizes will open on Tuesday morning, Hon. Mr. Justice Crease presiding. Deputy Attorney-General Irving will conduct the cases for the crown and Mr. S. P. Mills will appear for the defence in the case of Quamlet and Macamoose, charged with murder.

James Bay v. High School.

The game between the above clubs at Beacon Hill yesterday, resulted in the defeat of the high school by a large majority. The High School eleven in two innings made 61. The James Bay eleven scored 66 with two "men" out and nine wickets to spare.

Police Court.

John Diceon, on remand, charged with being drunk, was fined $5 and costs, and Johnny, an Indian, on the same charge, was ordered to pay $5 or go to gaol for one week.

A woman, charged with being of unsound mind, was remanded for medical examination.

Inland Revenue Collections.

Following are the Inland revenue collections for the month ending 31st May:

License	$ 25 00
Tobacco	1,365 80
Cigars	990 00
Spirits	3,941 06
Malt	1,474 52
Total	$7,796 38

Painful Accident.

An accident befel David Phillips yesterday in the moulding department of the Albion Iron Works, which will lay him up for some time. It appears the young man, who has always been considered an adept workman, was pouring molten iron into a mould, when some of it fell on his foot, inflicting such a painful wound that he had to be carried to his father's house, Kane street, where at last accounts he was resting easily.

Hospital Sunday.

Mr. W. Chudley, secretary of the Jubilee hospital committee, has addressed a circular to the various city clergymen, requesting that Sunday, the 17th June, be set apart as "Hospital Sunday," and that a special collection be taken up on that day in aid of the hospital funds. The system is one which is followed in other cities, and last year the Victoria churches collected a considerable amount for the hospital. The clergymen have not as yet replied, but there is little doubt that the suggestion of the committee will be favorably considered.

Great Social Event.

Jeffreys Lewis will make her appearance at The Victoria next Friday and Saturday evenings after an absence of nearly three years. She will be supported by her excellent company in the following *repertoire*: Friday—Her own creation "Geraldine Calthrope" in Belasco's great emotional play "La Belle Russe." Saturday—Her latest success, "Clothilde," Saturday matinee—"Lady Isabelle" and "Madame Vine," in "East Lynne." Her representation of the above characters has placed Miss Lewis in the front ranks of emotional actresses and crowded houses will no doubt greet her.

Blue Ribbon Club.

Last night the club held their usual meeting at Temperance hall, Pandora street. The meeting opened with singing "Rescue the Perishing," and followed with prayer by President Gray; hymn, "Ring the Bells of Heaven." The chairman, Mr. S. Gray, then addressed the meeting. Instrumental duet, Miss Stafford and Prof. Sharpe; address, Mr. R. Roper; song, "The Bridge," Miss Dobbs, *encored*; trio by Misses Munsie, *encored*; trio, Mrs. Wright, Miss Dobbs and Prof. Sharpe; duet, "In Happy Moments," by Profs. Agius and Sharpe. The singing of "God Save the Queen" brought the meeting to a close.

The Base Ball Match.

An interesting game of base ball was played between the James Bay nine and the Amities at Beacon Hill. Duck and Wootton made a home run each. Partridge made a three-bagger. Deasy played an excellent game, in which he made a double play, also catching three sky balls, assisted by Widdowson on third base. Naylor played excellent on first base. Capt. Gouge played in his usual style and deserves great credit for the manner in which he has got his players along. Jackson pitched well, and was ably seconded behind the bat by A. Williams. The latter met with an accident during the game and had to retire for two innings. Baker and Gowan also played a good game. Following is the score:

JAMES BAY'S.		AMITIES.	
Deasy	2	G. Gowen	2
Widdowson	0	Wootton	2
Jackson	2	Duck	1
Franklin	2	Askens	0
Gouge	3	Baker	1
Mallandaine	2	Wrigglesworth	1
Williams	1	Clyde	1
Naylor	0	Partridge	2
Sullivan	0	Baker	1
Total	13	Total	11

The Matinee Entertainment.

The matinee held at St. John's school room yesterday afternoon was very successful and comprised an attractive programme. The audience was not as large as was to be expected in view of the object of the entertainment—to augment the fund for the new vestry—in consequence of the short notice that was given. Those present enjoyed the performance thoroughly judging from the applause, which was constant and hearty. The programme included a quaint and laughable duet by a Quaker and Quakeress, in appropriate costume, sustained by Miss Lily Renwick and Master Berkeley. The song in motion was given by little girls of St. John's school, followed by a recitation (*encored*), by the clever little dot, Miss Lila Kettle, "Bombastes Furioso" concluded the performance, with a slight change in the cast from the previous representations at the Cathedral school, Master Cecil Berkeley, a sweet looking child of six years of age, taking the part of "Fusbos," the prime minister, with such winning grace and infantile pomp and dignity, that he fairly brought down the house with laughter and applause. "Distaffina" excelled her usual grace and self-possession, and the other characters were as excellently rendered as before. Great credit is due to Mrs. Berkeley, who has so kindly labored to bring the juvenile actors to such perfection for the benefit of our churches.

The Columbian.

The Kennedy Bros. have formally assumed control of the *Columbian*, and promise to enlarge both their daily and weekly issues in a short time. They have the best wishes of the craft generally for a successful journalistic career.

A Bright Blaze.

An alarm was sounded at one o'clock this morning from the corner of Fort and Blanchard streets, the wooden buildings in rear of R. Modana's paint shop being on fire. The firemen responded promptly, but it was fully fifteen minutes from the first alarm before a stream from a hydrant on Blanchard street was thrown on the fire. Another was soon after laid from the corner of Quadra street. In about twenty minutes time Deluge engine started and another stream was thrown. There was no wind and the fire was soon under control and subdued. The sheds were entirely consumed and the rear of the paint-shop badly damaged. The house next door was occupied by Mr. Jackson, hack-driver, and from this all furniture was removed. The roof caught fire, but was extinguished and little damage done. A number of "C" Battery men gave valuable assistance in removing goods, they being at the fire at its first stage. The loss will not foot up to more than several hundred dollars. Had a wind been blowing it might have proved more disastrous.

SALE OF COAL LANDS.

Mr. Alex. Easson, of Nanaimo, Disposes of $5,500 Worth of Coal Lands to the Vancouver Coal Co.

Yesterday afternoon the sale of 240 acres of coal lands in the Nanaimo district was completed between Mr. Alex. Easson and the Vancouver Coal Co. The seller is a pioneer of the province and formerly kept an hotel in Nanaimo.

CRICKET.

The first match of the season between the V. C. C. and H. M. ships on the station—the "Caroline and "Wild Swan"—was played yesterday at Beacon Hill, and resulted in a single innings victory for the V.C.C. The first innings of the navy produced only 41 runs and was particularly noticeable for the fine bowling of Mr. Pooley, who took 6 wickets at a cost of 10 runs only.

For Victoria Mr. H. F. Clinton went to the wickets first and carried his bat throughout the innings for a carefully played score of 57. The innings produced 168 runs, the first wicket falling with the score at 80. We are unable to give the analysis of the bowling. The second innings of the navy closed when 73 runs had been compiled, of which Mr. Hutcheson scored 27 by free batting and Dr. Fitzgerald added 16. Appended is the full score:

H. M. SHIPS.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Lt. Hutcheson, b Pooley	4	b Pooley	27
H. Richards, b Sinclair	8	b Pooley	10
C. B. Robinson, b Pooley	0	c Pooley b Drake	4
Dr. Brown, b Sinclair	0	b Pooley	0
Lt. Sutton, b Pooley	7	b Pooley	0
Dr. Fitzgerald, b Sinclair	3	b Sinclair	16
Lt. LeMarchant, b Pooley	2	b Sinclair	1
Lt. Stokes, b Pooley	1	not out	4
Ruff, c Walker b Pooley	0	b Pooley	0
Thorogood, b Sinclair	2	b Sinclair	0
Robinson, not out	4	b Pooley	5
Extrs	10	Extras	6
Total	41	Total	73

VICTORIA CRICKET CLUB.

Sinclair, J. W., b Hutchison	48
Clinton, H. F., not out	57
Topham, E. H., b Ruff	9
Snowden, N. P., c Robinson, b Sutton	16
Pooley, C. E., c Thorogood, b Hutchison	0
Walker, F. G., b Ruff	7
Irving, Jr. &c., b Ruff	3
Ward, W. A., c Robinson, b Ruff	0
Drake, H. B. T., b LeMarchant	0
Grant, W., b LeMarchant	0
Worsfold, J. K., b LeMarchant	10
Extras	18
Total	168

PERSONAL.

Thos. Ellis, of Penticton, wife and daughter, arrived last night on the Yosemite.

P. C. Dunlevy, W. G. Livock, C. G. Ballentyne and F. S. Barnard arrived on the Yosemite last evening.

G. S. Brown and wife, of Halifax, father and mother of R. A., Percy, W. R., and R. G. H. Brown, have arrived in this city on a visit.

J. A. Fullerton, manager of the C. P. R. Oriental steamships, arrived down last evening from Vancouver, and is a guest of his brother, Mr. John Fullerton.

J. R. Wynne, representing Lyman & Sons, druggists, Montreal, arrived on the Yosemite last evening and is at the Clarence. Mr. Wynne is staff-sergeant in the 5th Royals, Montreal, and is one of the best shots in the Dominion, having been a member of the Wimbledon team five terms.

W. McCulloch, well-known in mining circles in this province, he having been one of the early gold-seekers, and for some time government assayer, left on the Olympian yesterday morning for Spokane Falls, with his wife and family, at which point they will m future reside. Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch leave behind many friends who will be pleased to learn of their prosperity in the progressive city of Spokane.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The electric light plant for the drydock has arrived from Montreal and will be placed in position at once.

The Victoria fire department has received an invitation to participate in the Fourth of July ceremonies at Seattle.

MARINE.

Tug Pioneer sailed for Port Townsend yesterday morning.

Br. ship Aldergrove, Capt. Null, cleared at Vancouver yesterday for Valparaiso from Hastings mill with 752,175 feet of rough lumber and 179,151 feet flooring.

SIR JOHN ROSS.

The New Commander of the British Forces Arrives at Halifax.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 25.—The steamer "Caspian," from Liverpool, brought the new commander of the British forces here, Lieut.-General Sir John Ross. The steamer was profusely decorated with flags in honor of the occasion and she fired a salute in coming up the harbor. At the deep water terminus, where the ship docked, all the men of the York and Lancaster regiment, under command of Captain Cahoon, and accompanied by the band, were drawn up to receive General Ross. As he stepped ashore a second salute was fired from the citadel. On coming off the steamer he was met by a number of staff officers and escorted on the wharf. On his appearance he was received with a general salute and the band played. He inspected the men and entering a carriage in waiting drove off in company with Lord Russell. There was a large crowd of civilians at the wharf all anxious to gaze on the newly arrived general and great was their surprise when he appeared to see, not a big, grim looking warrior but a pleasant looking little gentleman of about five feet four or five, rather stout, with a gray whisker and dressed in civilian clothes. He is one of the jolliest looking gentlemen we have ever had.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, June 5.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Opposed to Dewdney.

N. F. Davin says that outside Mara, Perley and a third, all the fifteen northwest members are opposed to Dewdney's appointment.

A Disputed Claim.

Taylor vs. Little—This case occupied the attention of the chief justice yesterday and will be continued to-day. The point at issue is the ownership of a pre-emption claim in Alberni district.

Police Court.

John Williams was charged with being intoxicated and was fined $5 or one week.

Geo. Hughes, the "vag," was sent up for six months, and the case of an infraction of the building by-law was adjourned for two weeks.

How It's Done in Belleville.

The government having refused to aid in the purchase of a drill shed for the Belleville corps, the officers have decided to build one themselves, and a site near the opera house has been chosen. The building will be of brick, and cost about $5,000.

Nanaimo Assizes.

On the 3:30 train which left for Nanaimo yesterday, were Provincial Officers Miller and Flewin, who had in charge Macamoose, charged with murder in the Sesbird affair; two Indians sent for trial by Judge Wootton at Metlakahtla, for gaol breaking, and Macawalus and Annie, two witnesses.

"Esther" to Be Given.

The company of Nanaimo amateurs who so successfully produced the sacred cantata of "Esther" in that city a couple of weeks ago, intend producing it here either on the 13th or 15th of the present month. The proceeds will be devoted to the relief fund in aid of the sufferers in the colliery disasters.

Books.

The following novels have been received from the publishing house of Wm. Bryce, Toronto: "The Argonauts of North Liberty," by Brete Harte; "A Woman's Face," by Florence Warden; and "Miracle Gold," by Florence Warden." The books are neatly bound in paper and printed in very clear type and may be had at any of the booksellers.

Fire Inquest.

An enquiry into the cause of the fire at Mrs. Bellanger's fruit store, on Government street, was held before Hon. Mr. Richards, police magistrate, and the following jury: D. H. Ross (foreman), W. G. Cameron, F. Sehl, M. Young and R. Ritter. The evidence of several witnesses was taken and a verdict of "cause unknown" rendered.

The Coming Concert.

Mme. de la Mothe's grand concert will be held on the 14th inst. under the distinguished patronage of his honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Nelson. Mme. de la Mothe will be assisted on that occasion by Sir Wm. Wiseman, Bart., and a number of Victoria's leading amateurs. A programme of unusual excellence is promised and the concert will undoubtedly be one of the social events of the season.

Bottling Banff Water.

Harry McIntosh, says the Winnipeg *Free Press*, has struck a new idea and is now busily bottling water from the hot springs at Banff for sale throughout the northwest and eastern Canada. The water is brought from Banff in barrels and is put up at the bottling works here. It is expected quite a business will soon be developed. The water has a somewhat sulphuric taste but on the whole makes pleasant drinking.

Selling Liquor to Indians.

Several people, whose business is along the harbor front, state that whiskey selling to Indians is carried on extensively by the Mongolian as well as the Caucasian. As a consequence the Indians are having a hifalutin time. The manner of selling is by first obtaining the money from the aborigines. The liquor is then purchased and placed under the sidewalk at a convenient point and the klootchman comes along and finds it. It is stated that the Chinese sellers transact the illegal business quite openly.

The "West Shore."

That excellent publication the *West Shore*, for May, is to hand and is in keeping with the high reputation which this truly Western periodical has attained. Portland holds the place of honor in this issue and that beautiful and enterprising city is done ample justice to by both pen and pencil. The colored plate of the city of Portland and the colored supplement of the North Pacific Industrial Association are most artistic and speak volumes for Oregon's metropolis. The contents are up to the *West Shore's* fine literary standard, some of the articles being particularly praiseworthy. Published by Mr. L. Samuel, Portland, Oregon.

Sad Case of Suicide.

On Saturday afternoon the wife of one of the employees of the Moodyville Saw-Mill Company, living on the hill, heard a gurgling, gasping noise in the adjoining cabin. She told her husband and he, with anorher neighbor, broke in the door of the building whence the sound proceeded. On entering they found on the floor lying in a pool of blood, face downward, the body of a man and the bloody razor at his side, which showed the means by which the unfortunate fellow had endeavored to end his life. They turned him over and every effort to staunch the flow of blood was made, but without success, and in less than half an hour he had gasped his last. Dr. McGuigan, of Vancouver, was sent for, but he sent Dr. Langis, who found the man dead when he arrived. His name was Henry B. Waller, a native of England, and aged about 35 years. He was employed at one time as tally clerk and later in the office of the mill. It was shown at the inquest he had been drinking heavily for the last few days.

The Fruit Industry.

Mr. A. McD. Allan, president of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, is in the city, *en route* for Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. The object of his visit west is to take observations with regard to fruit growing in our western possessions and to judge and report on its capabilities. Mr. Allan is an experienced horticulturist and acted as fruit commissioner at the Colonial exhibition in London. Mr. Allan says from what he has heard he has great faith in the capabilities of our northwest as a fruit growing country and thinks that good might come of engrafting the wild fruit of the prairies with our tame varieties in Eastern Canada. He will stay over at Winnipeg and all the prominent places in the territories to gather data and collect specimens of shrubbery, the forest and floral indigenous to the country, paying particular attention to the water courses. From thence he will proceed to British Columbia and may probably visit California and make comparisons. Mr. Allan expects to be away four or five months. Mr. Allan is not on a government mission, but is going personally as one interested in the fruit industry of the Dominion for, if possible, more enlarged information. He has hopes that his mission will be able to supply information that will be valuable to all fruit growers, both in Ontario as well as in the territories. Mr. Allan will study the soil, the climate and all that pertains to the capabilities of the Northwest and British Columbia.—Ottawa *Journal*.

Salmon on the Skeena.

R. Williscroft, who arrived on the steamer Nell last evening, states that one week ago last Friday the Skeena canneries had put up several hundred cases, the fish having just started to run.

P. O. Home Donations.

Following are donations to P. O. Home for May: Clothing, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Mrs. J. H. Carmichael, Mrs. J. A. Cohen, Mrs. Carmichael and Mrs. Foster; samples, Turner, Beeton & Co.; milk daily, Mrs. Capt. Lewis and Mr. Knowles; dripping, The Hall, Fort street; bread, temperance societies; clothes, etc. (three parcels), some members of the "The King's Daughter's Union," Cowichan.

Found on the Wharf.

A man reported to the police yesterday morning that a quantity of female clothing was lying loose at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s inner wharf. Officer Lindsay went to the place indicated and in an old building found a shawl, cloak, and also a valise containing clothing evidently belonging to an Indian. They were taken to the police barracks, but up to the present no claimant has put in an appearance. It is not known whether they were left there by some drunken person or whether the owner has fallen into the water and drowned.

Underground Wooden Drains.

The surface drains, which have done such good work on Yates street, have been taken up from Government to Broad and wooden underground drains laid. Doctors and all others acquainted with sanitary laws are deprecating this, for by doing so the street committee are merely providing a means whereby typhoid fever and diphtheria may be generated. Several other wooden drains, without proper sanitary safeguards, have been laid this year and will bear their legitimate fruit in breeding disease. Until a proper system of sewerage is inaugurated, underground drainage of the character referred to should not be constructed. The danger and inconvenience to the city are being more strongly demonstrated every day, and the sooner a move is made in the direction of securing a system of sewerage the better for the health of the city.

PERSONAL.

Jas. Stewart, of Cache Creek, is at the Oriental.

J. Hendry and wife, of Westminster, are at the Driard.

A. Ferguson, of Mud Bay, arrived down last night.

Mrs. Langley returned from Vancouver on Sunday night.

R. P. Rithet returned from Ladner's Landing last evening.

Chas. G. Johnson and Miss Boultbee, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.

Mrs. Jagers, Miss Winger, and Mrs. McIvor arrived on the Rithet last evening.

Hon. Justice Crease has gone to Nanaimo and will occupy the bench during the assizes.

Knox Church, Winnipeg, has unanimously extended a call to Rev. Dr. Duval, of Toledo.

Supt. Roycraft and others having business at the Nanaimo assizes, left on the afternoon train.

R. C. Ferguson, of the Royal City Planing Mills, Vancouver, paid the city a flying visit yesterday.

W. Gill, inspector, and R. Jones, collector of inland revenue, left for Vancouver this morning.

Hon. A. E. B. Davie left yesterday afternoon for Somenos, where he will be the guest of Mrs. Skinner.

R. M. Matson, of Toronto, is at the Driard. He will take a position in A. B. Gray & Co.'s establishment.

Chas. Wilson left for Nanaimo yesterday afternoon, and will conduct the cases for the crown at the assizes to be held today and following days.

S. M. Robins, superintendent of the Vancouver Coal company, Nanaimo, and L. Rosenfeld of San Francisco, are at the Driard.

Geo. F. Kyle arrived from San Francisco last evening on the Olympian. He will probably go to Alaska in the course of a couple of weeks.

K. N. L. McDonald, the Hudson Bay Company's representative in the North, said by the Ancon and will not come down to Victoria again for over a year.

The wedding of Miss Flora Sackville West and Mr. Salanson will be celebrated at the Papal Nunciature, Paris, on June 14th. The Archbishop of Soissons will officiate.

Dr. F. Boas, of New York, who was in this province a couple of years ago procuring curios for the Berlin museum, arrived on the Olympian last evening and is at the Oriental.

The Messrs. Topham leave on the Ancon to hunt grizzly bear, and to explore far-off fields in Alaska. They take with them a full outfit of snowshoes and a variety of tools to aid them in ascending mountains.

George Holliday, who used to be clerk at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, some years ago, has been appointed manager of the Banff Hotel. Recently he has had the management of a large summer hotel in the White Mountains.

Mr. James Holmes, of the firm of Holmes Bros., lumber merchants, formerly of Cobourg, Ont., but now of Minneapolis, was in the city last week on the look-out for an opening. He is delighted with the country and intends to return with his brothers as soon as their present business can be disposed of.

Major Prior, M. P., arrived home on Sunday evening, looking hale and hearty after his first session in Parliament. The gallant major, in addition to becoming a great social favorite at Ottawa, did much effective work in the interests of his constituency, losing no opportunity to advance Victoria's interests in every way possible. He was cordially welcomed back by his host of friends.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The E. & N. railway station and freight sheds are receiving a coat of fire-proof paint.

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will pic-nic to Langford plains on Saturday next.

It is reported that a young son of Mr. M. T. Johnson, of this city, was seriously gored by a bull at Quamichan yesterday.

The latest news from Cayoosh Creek is to the effect that the ledge has been struck at a point further down the mountain, having a width of four feet.

The steamer Nell, which arrived last evening *via* Westminster from Inverness, brought to Ewen & Co. 10,000 and to Ben Young 10,000 salmon box shooks.

H. Peters has been appointed sole agent for the sale of the Mason & Hamlin organs and pianos in British Columbia. The right goods in the right place.

The Rithet brought down no through mail last night, there being no train. The messenger of the supreme court will please make a note of this.

The numerous friends of W. A. Burt tendered him a farewell at the Windsor Hotel last evening. About fifty young Victorians assembled to bid him good-bye. Dancing was kept up until the steamer left. The young man, who has been five years with Henry Saunders, Johnson street, left this morning for Portland.

THE MENZIES AFFAIR.

Investigation Into the Statements and the Charges Against the Police.

An investigation was held last evening in the mayor's room at the city hall into the charges brought in connection with the abduction of certain Chinese girls and the alleged failure of the police to do their duty. There were present, Mayor Grant and the members of the police committee, Revs. D. Fraser and J. E. Starr; Mr. Gardiner, Alds. Styles, Penwill and Coughlan, and Supt. Bloomfield.

The secretary read the letter sent to the board of aldermen on Wednesday evening last, by Supt. Bloomfield, at the request of Mr. Starr.

The mayor called upon Supt. Bloomfield to make an explanation, when Mr. Starr wished to know if any charges had been brought.

The mayor said that no charges had been brought, but the superintendent wished to have the articles in the *Times*, wherein it is stated that the police knew of the affair, investigated.

Rev. Mr. Fraser said the letter he received inviting him to attend an investigation contained nothing definite.

The superintendent said that the gentlemen need not say anything unless they choose.

Ald. Styles said that there was nothing in the paper that reflected on the gentlemen.

Rev. Mr. Starr said the superintendent must have known, when he wrote that letter to the board, that the police committee had no power to investigate the affairs of private citizens. The gentlemen were ready in the interests of the morality of the city, to have the whole matter investigated.

Alderman Braden asked the superintendent if anyone had been notified of the goings on of Prof. Menzies before the item appeared in the *Times*?

The superintendent said that the first he heard of the affair was when it appeared in the *Times*. As soon as he heard of it he made every endeavor to find Menzies.

Chairman Wilson asked the superintendent would it not have been better for him to have gone to the *Times* office when he heard of the matter?

The superintendent thought that he should not have gone there.

Chairman Wilson—Was not a message sent through the telephone the night after the article appeared?

Supt. Bloomfield—I believe there was, but I did not get it.

Rev. Mr. Starr said he and his friends would be glad to go on with the investigation.

Ald. Braden—Mr. Mayor, I think the matter should be proceeded with to the end and at once.

Rev. Mr. Starr said he would suggest that if a *prima facie* case was found by the committee that it be sent into the board and then sent before the chief justice for a thorough investigation under oath.

The Mayor said that he did not think any charges were brought against the gentlemen present.

Rev. Mr. Starr—Neither are there any charges against us of assisting to get these Chinese girls away.

Supt. Bloomfield—That is the question. I am satisfied though, Mr. Starr that you had nothing to do with it.

Ald. Braden asked Mr. Gardiner if he knew anything of the abduction of the girls before Menzies left.

Mr. Gardiner said that he and his friends were ready and willing to explain, provided a formal charge is brought, unless that is done their mouths must remain closed. He wished to know also if a charge had been brought and thought that all were working in the dark.

The mayor said that Mr. Bloomfield thought a reflection had been cast upon him, and all that he wished to know was if the police had not done their duty.

Mr. Gardiner—Well, if that is the line you are going on, we are here at your service.

Supt. Bloomfield said he did not know that