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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Honours to Col. Baker.

The Duke of Cambridge has ordered the troops in Cairo to pay all military honors to the late Colonel Valentine Baker, notwithstanding that he ceased to belong to the English army.

From San Francisco.

The Umatilla sailed yesterday morning for Victoria with the following passengers: R. Bostwick, H. Greenway, Mrs. P. R. Smith, Mrs. A. Flett, J. Crawford, D. Ogilvie, T. Vincent, Mrs. Bethel, J. B. Shaun.

A Good Suggestion.

At the regular meeting of Victoria council held Wednesday night, Mayor Fell again refused to put a motion and left the chair. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the council to ask the mayor to stay out of the chair for the rest of the civic year? —*Columbian.*

A Serious Charge.

It was rumored last night that a wealthy Chinese merchant will be brought before the police court this morning on a charge of threatening to kill a young man prominently connected with the Customs Department in this city. Startling developments are likely to ensue.

The Curling Club.

It has been resolved to postpone this interesting event from the 2nd to the 9th December, in order to afford the ladies time to prepare their costumes. It is expected that the refreshments, liquids and edibles will be furnished by contribution. Several very handsome donations have been made already and others are promised. No effort will be spared to insure a substantial increase to the funds of the B. C. Benevolent Society. A strong committee of ladies has been formed; the names will be published to-morrow.

"A Rose by Any Other Name, Etc."

A registered letter addressed as follows came from Nanaimo yesterday:—

Y h ty y a wal K ain a sirm a,
Ashhabula,
Ohio,
U.S.A.

It is understood that the clerk who consigned it to the mail bag is suffering from complete prostration. Anxious friends hover around his pillow, but the fatal words of the address, contorted into fantastic shapes, are all that can be heard in his wild ravings. The correspondent is understood to be a student of "Volapuk."

The Metlakahtlans.

The last report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education, published recently at Washington, has the following:—"The commissioner is much interested in the removal of Mr. Duncan's colony of Indians from Metlakahtla, in British Columbia, to Port Chester, in Alaska, and recommends the colony to the protection and care of the United States authorities. These people are educated and self-sustaining, and their removal to the United States may be regarded as a very great acquisition." An appropriation of $50,000 is asked for the organization of schools in Alaska.

It Might be Dangerous.

Late last night a representative of this paper had occasion to telephone the office. He did so from four different stations, including the fire station, and obtaining no response was obliged, greatly to his inconvenience, to come down to 'n and report. His mission accom i ed, he hied him to the central office nd the telephone bell ringing vociferously for a long period of time, and the operator—*asleep.* If a conflagration were raging in any part of the city the whole of Victoria might have burned down in consequence of an official, who should be wide awake, lying asleep at his post of duty.

The Old and the New.

A number of influential gentlemen, who have made Mrs. T. P. Hill's acquaintance during her stay here, have expressed their opinion that if she could be induced to deliver her lecture, "The Old and the New World" in Victoria, given by request of Sir William Jervois, governor of New Zealand, and other leading men in the capital and leading cities of that portion of Australasia, a great treat would be afforded Victorians and profit would undoubtedly accrue to the lecturer. Among those who have expressed a desire to have the lecture given is his honor the lieutenant governor. We hope to see the project fructified.

A Gallant Attempt.

The *Columbian* is responsible for the following: During the play of "The Planters Wife," last night, by the Maude Granger Co., one of our Front street merchants got so excited and carried away by the intense earnestness of Albert Graham in the stabbing scene, that he lost control of his feelings and attempted to dash forward and save Miss Granger's life. Unfortunately for his gallantry a large stove stood in the way against which he brought up with such force that the stove was knocked off its legs and the pipes came down by the run. By the time he had recovered from the shock the curtain was down and the danger over.

The Louise.

The steamer Princess Louise had not arrived from Vancouver up to the hour of going to press. She left there six hours late.

S. S. Abyssinia.

The steamship Abyssinia is expected to arrive at the outer wharf at 9 o'clock this morning, and a few hours later will proceed to China and Japan.

The Truckee Forger.

In the case of A. Clark, the Truckee forger, extradited from this province a short time ago, Wednesday last was spent in impanelling a jury.

The Southfield Mine.

The fire in the Southfield mine has been put out by means of flooding the mine. The water will now have to be pumped out and in about ten days, work will be resumed.

St. Andrew's Dinner.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Club's annual dinner at the Driard House on Wednesday night, will be, it is thought, the most successful yet held under the auspices of the society. A "recht guid time" is anticipated.

Dinner to Sir Adolphe.

A public dinner has been tendered Sir Adolphe Caron and has been accepted. It will take place at the Driard House on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and promises to be a most enjoyable affair. The Minister of Militia is worthy of all the honors that can be bestowed upon him.

Maude Granger.

This talented actress closed a most prosperous engagement last night at The Victoria as *Cora* in the "Creole." A fair-sized and most enthusiastic audience was present. The piece went off to the satisfaction of all. The company leave for San Francisco to-day on the Mexico.

The Wires.

The wires went down last night about 8 o'clock between Swift Current and Winnipeg and remained down until midnight. A short time later they were in a complete state of prostration, and we were reluctantly obliged to go to press without our usual despatches. Our readers do not regret the fact more than ourselves.

Important Arrest.

George Bishop, who has been wanted for some time by the provincial authorities, for a crime which he committed at Salt Spring Island was arrested on Thursday night by Officer Miller and sent back to the Island by Supt. Roycraft yesterday morning, where he will be tried. The charge against Bishop is that he assaulted Mrs. Stevens with intent to commit murder.

For British Columbia.

The schooner Triumph, which arrived in port on Tuesday from Shelburne, has been purchased by Captain D. McLean, of Victoria, British Columbia, and will be engaged in the Pacific seal fisheries. The Triumph is 97 tons register, and a very handsome vessel. She was formerly employed as a fishery cruiser.—Halifax *Herald*, Nov. 17th.

Change of Venue.

Nanaimo *Free Press*: Mr. Theo. Davie, the counsel for Qumlet, who was committed for trial by Police Magistrate Johnson at the Victoria assizes on a charge of murdering Miller and Dring, has obtained a change of venue. The charge will therefore be heard at the Nanaimo assizes, which commence on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, before the Hon. Justice Crease.

Rough on Young Walter.

Says the Vancouver *Herald*: Walter Medley, a young man from New Westminster, into whose breast the fires of l-o-v-e have crept, is causing his parents some anxiety; and his father has through the press, forbidden ministers or magistrates to him up with the golden cords of matrimony, because he is too young. Poor boy, he needs a shingle applied to him.

Capilano.

Mr. Thomas Stevenson, says the Vancouver *News*, came across yesterday from Capilano. He reports having completed six miles of the contract on the pipe line, and will finish the seventh, which will bring them to the water's edge in about two weeks. The clearing of the dam site will also be completed in about the same time, and work on the actual construction will then be commenced.

Archbishop Seghers.

To-day is the first anniversary of the death of Archbishop Seghers, and the event will be solemnly celebrated in St. Andrew's pro-cathedral this evening. After the customary evening service the vespers of the dead will be chanted, followed by a sermon and benediction. To-morrow morning, at 10:30 o'clock, His Grace, Archbishop Gross, of Portland, will conduct a service, when Bishops, Durieu, of New Westminster, Glorieux, of Idaho, as also Bishop Lootens, will be present. The cathedral is draped in deep mourning for the occasion.

Gas for Vancouver.

Vancouver was illuminated with gas last night for the first time. The gas company have shown considerable enterprise in building works which for completeness cannot be excelled on the Pacific coast. In order to compete successfully with the electric light they have put in the most modern machinery and appliances. The capacity of the works is large and has cost the company in the neighborhood of $100,000. They are situated on False creek with every accommodation to facilitate the handling of coal and other needs required by the company.

Outgoing Passengers.

Among the passengers by the Mexico yesterday for San Francisco were the following from Victoria: Mrs. Mills, Miss Jessie Newberger, Miss C. Ween, Miss Williams, S. Edmonds, Thos. Luscombe, Miss Emma Williams, E. Weir, H. Fraser, M. B. Maquesen, M. Alder, A. D. Gihon, H. P. Mellish, H. Langelier, Thos. Nixon, jr., W. A. Behren, Miss Emma Bone, Mrs. C. S. D. Hahn, Mr. Germaine and wife, M. Granger, G. A. Earle and wife, C. G. Lord and wife, Miss Van Sickle, Miss Grossie Rice, Mrs. W. Stevenson, Charles Chappell, M. Hevermeyer, Wm. Craig, J. B. Chriplat, D. S. Whitman, J. W. Crown, W. Dassady, Joseph Blum, M. Grange, Louis Wood, Charles Freeman, W. Gray, J. W. Scott and others.

The Umatilla.

A San Francisco dispatch of Tuesday last says: The steamer Umatilla, which has until recently been employed as collier on the coast, and which has been for the past two months at the Union Iron works being transferred into a passenger steamer, has docked and commenced receiving freight. She will sail for Victoria on Friday next, in command of Captain E. W. Holmes. The Umatilla is sister ship to the Walla Walla. She has accommodations for 170 cabin and 200 steerage passengers. She is a finely painted and finished steamer, and is a credit to the local ship-building firm that practically rebuilt her from the water-line up. A large amount of finishing work yet remains to be done on the vessel before she is ready for inspection, but the exigencies of the trade demand that she leave port on Friday. Electric light connections are not yet made, but will be on her return, and then the steamer will be thrown open to public inspection.

Mated.

Capt. H. L. Tibbals, formerly Puget Sound pilot for the P. C. S. S. Co., well known all over the Sound and British Columbia, was married at Port Townsend Saturday last to Miss Josephine I. Page, late of this city.

Who is That Man?

Over the words "Sir Adolphe Caron," our contemporary, the Victoria *Times*, has the picture of a man's head. As to who it did, or does look like, we cannot say; but Sir Adolphe Caron—Oh, no.—*Herald.*

The Vicarious Sufferer.

The police committee will meet at 11 to-morrow morning at the city hall to resume the inquiry into the matter of Robert Walker, who is said to have suffered vicariously for another man's offence. A lively session is anticipated.

Measles in Nanaimo.

Information has been officially received by the Mayor of Nanaimo to the effect that a malignant form of measles had broken out among the Indian children in the Nanaimo camp. An effort is being made to persuade the Indians to remain in their own quarters until the epidemic has subsided.

The Minister's Movements.

Yesterday afternoon the Minister of Militia, in company with His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, paid a visit to the Admiral by whom they were both heartily welcomed. The Admiral invited Sir Adolphe to dinner but he was unable to accept owing to previous engagements. Nothing has as yet been decided as to the site for the "C" Battery barracks.

The Port Angeles Anarchists.

The Port Townsend correspondence of the Tacoma *Ledger* says: The action of the Co-operative colony at Port Angeles in holding an indignation meeting over the hanging of the Haymarket murderers, and the course pursued by their official paper, *The Model Commonwealth*, is universally condemned by the citizens and press of this city. Persons who have heretofore subscribed for the paper now refuse to take it from the post office.

Nanaimo Water Works.

The workmen of the Nanaimo Water works company, says the *Free Press*, are now engaged in laying pipes along Prideaux street. By the time the second dam is completed at Chase river, the company expect to have mains laid throughout the city, so that as soon as the water is turned on all portions of the city can be supplied without any delay. Before the beginning of the new year it is confidently expected that the new system of water supply will be inaugurated.

Provincial Court.

Ah Sing, on remand, charged with aiding and abetting in the robbery at Mr. R. J. Russell's residence on the Esquimalt road. Prisoner was committed for trial.

Charles Bone, on remand, charged with taking a piece of gold from a mine, the property of John Morrow and defendant. Bone did not appear and Mr. Hett asked that his absence be noted. Mr. Stuart said that he was away from the city and could not return in time. The court was then adjourned.

The Governor's Ball.

The ball committees, says the *Columbian*, are rapidly getting things into smooth working order. The invitation committee are preparing a list of those to be invited, and we understand the number will be large. Among those to whom invitations will be extended are Admiral Heneage and the officers of the fleet; Lieut.-Col. Holmes and the officers of "O" battery, and the officers of the Victoria militia. This will be the greatest social event of the season, and we understand the ladies have already set about choosing costumes for the occasion, many of which will be exceedingly rich and handsome.

A True Cad.

If "A True Briton" had consulted the Driard House Register he would not have exposed his ignorance. He will find, when he does, that we were quite correct as to the matter of which he so learnedly speaks. He is, however, well-known as a "tuft hunter," whose 'dear, dear friends' comprise all the members of the English nobility, all the leading Radicals, and a whole host of great *spirits* whom "I met in England, you know." His narrow mind is fond of hair-splitting, but had he the least spark of a *gentleman* in his composition he would not, quite needlessly, have introduced a lady's name into newspaper correspondence. He is a cad, for whom we have only pity and contempt.

Nicol Rock.

Mr. Gamble, resident Dominion engineer, arrived in this city on Wednesday to arrange for the commencement of the work necessary for the blasting away of the upper portion of Nicol Rock in this harbor. A dredger know as the "clam shell dredger" of the dry dock, having been changed to suit the work of removing the rock after blasting, was towed to this harbor on Thursday, and is now moored to the saw mill wharf. Mr. Nightingale will commence the work by erecting a small wharf at the rock. The scow from which the drilling will be done is expected to be ready for launching in a few days. Steam drills will be used, and nitro-glycerine will rend the rock asunder. The rock is 150 feet long by about 60 feet in width and offers serious obstruction to large vessels loading at the W. C. Co.'s wharves.—Nanaimo *Free Press.*

Testimonial to Assist. Engineer Deasy.

The following testimonial to Mr. Thos. Deasy was handed into this office last evening for publication. Considering that there are only eighteen members in the companies and the testimonial signed by *sixteen*, it shows that Mr. Deasy is held in high esteem by his fellow-firemen, and they are the men who are the best judges of his abilities:

To Mr. T. Deasy, Assistant Engineer, V. F.D.:

DEAR SIR,—At the close of your term as assistant of the department we wish to tender you our sincere good wishes. We have known you since you commenced your career as a Lantern-boy in the department and have always found you a most courteous officer and fireman. Step by step you worked your way to the position of assistant engineer, a position you have filled creditably, both to the city and yourself.

We have every confidence in your ability and experience, and sincerely hope that the electors will return you as chief engineer, a position you will fill most creditably.

UNION HOOK & LADDER, No. 1.—W. Bryce, J. Bryce, J. Manson, A. Ross, C. Smith, W. Deasy.
DELUGE, No. 2.—R. Liddille, T. Allatt, L. Bauman, W. R. Cadman, T. Hodges, H. Mansell.
TIGER Co., No. 3.—H. McDowell, L. S. Burns, W. H. Shewan, A. D. Elliott.

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Christmas Graphic.

The B. C. Stationery Co. have received the Christmas number of the London *Graphic* which, like all special issues of that paper, is artistic and interesting in every page, and this year is especially so. The colored plates are excellently done, and the large picture "A Naughty Puppy," is a particularly pleasing effort.

Sunday School Entertainment.

The Pandora street Presbyterian church will hold their Sabbath school anniversary entertainment this evening. The children will meet at six o'clock, when tea will be served to them. An interesting programme has been prepared and at 7:30 the concert will commence. Parents and friends are cordially invited to be present, and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

Clark Acquitted.

A. P. Clark, who was recently taken from Victoria to Truckee, Cal., charged with forgery, has been acquitted.

The New Steamers.

Henry Beatty, manager of the C. P. R. steamship line, leaves Toronto to superintend the construction of new steamers for the company's China and Japan trade.

Transferred.

Mr. L. Samuels, publisher of the *West Shore*, Portland, has transferred to A. Anderson & Company his job printing and lithographing plant, which Mr. Anderson will add to his already extensive business.

Civic Taxes Should be Paid.

All persons liable to pay civic taxes should remember that besides losing their votes they will be liable to an additional rate as delinquents. The last day and latest hour for squaring accounts at the city hall is Thursday next at 4 o'clock p. m.

The Gladys Sinks.

The steamer Gladys, with a partial cargo of freight on board, sank at an early hour yesterday morning in twenty-five feet of water, while moored at Wise's wharf, New Westminster. The crew, who were in bed at the time, had to desert the sinking vessel in their night clothes. The cause of sinking is not known.

The Salvationists.

The Toronto *Mail* referring to the infant baptism ceremony in the Salvation Army at Winnipeg, says: This, coupled with the recent order that soldiers must attend no services other than those of the Army, points to the gradual assumption by the Army of the rank of a denomination.

Crossed by Bears.

The Canadian Pacific railway telegraph company's circuit manager at New Westminster, wired to Manager Hosmer, Montreal, that the wires at Griffin Lake and Revelstoke are being crossed by bears climbing the poles. Bear traps are being placed at the foot of the poles.

Police Court.

John Hayes, a drunk, did not appear and his bail of $5 was estreated.

John McDonald was charged with stealing a ride on the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Princess Louise, from Vancouver. Defendant was discharged.

Ah Yuen, a Chinaman, charged with stealing $31 from Ding Sam, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Foul Murder.

Supt. Roycraft was notified on Sunday night by letter, by Mr. Puetz of Mayne Island, that an Indian named Sam had murdered a girl there, and that the murderer escaped to Saturna Island. From what can be learned the murder is the outcome of a drunken row. The man Sam is a hard case and has lost one eye. He fired at one woman, but missing her, the ball struck the girl killing her instantly. Mr. Moresby, governor of the New Westminster gaol, has been notified and he will be on the alert to capture the Indian.

H. B. Company.

The Hudson Bay Company's report, issued on the 10th inst., states that the total quantity of furs to be sold in January and March will be larger than the average of the last few years. It would be premature to forecast the probable result of the business of the company for the current year till the sales are held. The accounts of the last two outfits have been finally adjusted. The general improvement in trade at Winnipeg, Victoria and other stations and the abundant harvest in Manitoba point to a good prospect and an active movement in land next season.

Lobsters and Oysters.

The special commission consisting of Messrs. Hackett, Ogden, Deacon and Duval, appointed to enquire into the state of the lobster and oyster fisheries of the Maritime provinces, have presented their report to the Fisheries Department. It is understood that in addition to recommending that the lobster canning business be shut down for three years, they urge that some action be taken towards the licensing of small locations in the beds of rivers and arms of the sea to persons willing to undertake the planting of beds and the propagation of oysters, also a liberal expenditure of moneys to assist private enterprise.

A Steamer for Harrison River.

Mr. G. H. Cooper has commenced work on the hull of a new steamer which he intends to run on Harrison lake and river. The steamer will be a stern-wheeler, seventy-five feet over all, and fitted for passenger traffic only. Mr. Cooper will run the steamer in connection with the trains and steamers from Agassiz and the mouth of the river up to the hot springs. She will also be employed for picnic and excursion parties on Harrison Lake. When this steamer is on the lake it will prove an additional attraction to the Hot Springs as a pleasure resort, and Mr. Cooper's enterprise is sure to be amply rewarded.—*Columbian.*

Police Committee Enquiry.

Chairman Higgins with Coms. Braden and Pearse sat yesterday to resume the enquiry into the matters declared in the petition of Robert Walker, who was fined (it is alleged incorrectly) in the police court for an assault on a Chinaman which was committed by another man. Constable Thomas informed the committee that he had searched diligently for the Chinese complainant, but could get no clue. The constable said he thought the man was keeping out of the way, fearing a criminal prosecution. The committee waited till 20 minutes past eleven and then adjourned, upon the announcement of the chairman that the inquiry was closed and a report would be submitted to the council on Wednesday.

Conductors Discharged.

Says the Winnipeg *Free Press*: A number of conductors on the Canadian Pacific have got themselves into trouble. Some time ago a spotter passed along the line and caught eight conductors between North Bay and Vancouver. His method of acting the spy was a contemptible one. He was a middle-aged, sickly man, and he represented himself as an old conductor who had no money and was broken down in health. He said he was trying to reach the Pacific coast and appealed to the various conductors as he met them to pass him along as an act of kindness to an old brother conductor. Touched by his pitiful story and evident distress the conductors yielded to his earnest requests and let him ride free. All the conductors who so befriended him were reported, four have already been discharged and four more will also, it is said, be similarly treated. This is said to be the only charge against these men; and there is considerable indignation felt at the severe punishment meted out for an offence which, under the circumstances, was not a heinous one. Two of the dismissed conductors reside in Winnipeg; one ran from here to Port Arthur, and the other from here to Brandon. One of these is the oldest, and is given the character of being the best conductor on the road; and this, it is said, is the first time in a term of service extending over eight years that any fault has been found with him. The orders for dismissal came from the head office in Montreal.

Standard Time.

The new or standard time will come into effect on December 1st, in this city. On that day clocks and watches should be set and all whistles blow 13 minutes and 31 seconds ahead of present time.

Opening of Parliament.

It is generally understood that the Dominion Parliament will meet about the middle of January, and already arrangements are being made for the usual repairs, etc., in advance of the assembling of members.

Coal and Lumber Freights.

Says the S. F. *Call*: Coal and lumber freights are still in good demand, though the inquiry is not as urgent as it was some time ago. Coast coals continue in good supply, though the market is almost bare of Seattle and very little Diamond is being received. Although over 40,000 tons have come in from Australia during the past month, prices for this description are fairly maintained. Tonnage, however, is not seeking this port from Australia, as the vessels there are wanted to load wheat for the United Kingdom. A local circular says that "importers are not soliciting orders for loading as freely as they did last month, which verifies recent cable dispatches that tonnage is not seeking this port. The present quoted rates on coal from Liverpool, Cardiff and Glasgow are so extremely high importations for the moment from those points will be almost prohibited and will necessarily divert orders to the Australian market later on."

Portland Captured.

The *Oregonian*, of Portland, Ore., in speaking of the presentation of Horace Lewis' version of Monte Cristo, thus holds forth to the extent of half a column:

"NEW PARK THEATRE—Mr. Horace Lewis' made his first appearance before a Portland audience last evening in the ever popular and always acceptable melodrama "Monte Cristo." A young man who undertakes to delineate a role made famous by such a master of melodramatic art as Charles Fechter and other equally eminent actors, in order to succeed, must possess an amount of ability and dramatic intelligence far surpassing that possessed by the average actor. It is a role calling for the light-hearted debonnair manner of the sailor laddie, and in the latter scenes for quiet, though powerful, delineation of conflicting passions. The opportunity for melodramatic acting is one of the most fertile, but Mr. Horace Lewis has quite reached the demands of the character. His action and speech are quite what they should be. His conception of the character is a good one, and he will doubtless succeed in reaching an enviable position in his profession. His supporting company is especially good. The play is mounted in finer style than has ever been seen here before, the second act, with its tossing waves and storm effect being particularly fine."

This great drama and company will open at The Victoria on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 30th, for two nights and one matinee.

Capt. Webber's Letter.

Capt. Webber, "husband" of the China steamers, has written a letter to the *Times*, in regard to the language he used on several occasions, as mentioned in THE COLONIST. He says: "That they (the statements in this paper) are false can be testified to by prominent citizens, who were present at some of these alleged curses on Victoria." We are grieved that the gallant captain, who is in the main a very good fellow, should have rushed headlong into print and wild assertions that he must know are incorrect. We will question his knowledge about the section of Victoria public opinion that this paper represents. The captain has evidently made searching enquiry at the *Times* office and has conclusively convinced himself that it is extremely small. The rather pleasant manner in which we referred to his recent encounter with the collector of customs, though, should not have called out so much choler as he exhibits in the first part of his communication. However, it is an evidence that he does get considerably "riled," and bears out the truth of the reports in this paper as to his language. In a very recent issue, Nov. 1st, the *Times* also remarks that the captain was "entirely out of sorts with himself and everyone else, and called Victoria and her port not the most polite names." We are quite certain that as soon as all details are arranged, there need be no clash between Capt. Webber and the customs, or the slightest ground for the use of intemperate language by him or anyone else. We do not think that Capt. Webber's description of his passage-at-arms with Collector Hamley will entitle his version to much credence. He says: "In a most blackguardly, insolent tone the chief representative of H.M. Customs at Victoria, said," etc. Now, while Mr. Hamley is not noted for an excess of plausibility, yet we do not believe—and we have proof that our belief is correct—that he deported himself as Capt. Webber would have us understand. In fact, the communication carries the proof that Capt. Webber, in his loud effort to assert his superiority over the commander of the Abyssinia, attempted to bully the customs officers and the latter quite naturally resented it.

MARINE.

Schooner Annie G. Moore sailed from Sidney for Victoria on the 16th Nov.

Bark Don Adolfo, produce and lumber, has arrived at Ensenada, Lower California.

Ship Commodore and schooner Lottie Fairfield arrived at San Francisco from Departure Bay on Thursday last.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder goes on the Portland route in place of the Oregon which has been withdrawn for repairs.

British bark Craigwhinnie will take a cargo of lumber from Burrard Inlet to west coast of South America; rate £2.

Bark Bella Vista, with lumber from Chemainus, arrived in San Francisco on Friday last, having made the run down in six days.

Ship Lota, reported as being engaged by N. Bichard to load lumber for Ensenada, Mexico, is at Tacoma under charter to other parties.

Bark California will sail from San Francisco for this port to-day, and upon arrival will be towed to Chemainus to load lumber for Ensenada, Mexico.

Bolivian bark Don Nicholas sailed from San Francisco on Saturday for this port and Nanaimo with a cargo of hay, etc. She will load lumber at Chemainus for Eusenda, Mexico.

Steamer Umatilla, 68 hours from San Francisco, arrived at the outer wharf yesterday morning with 122 tons of freight for this port. The passengers are well pleased with the comforts and accommodation afforded by the ship and consider that she is the finest passenger boat that has yet been on the route. After discharging the steamer left for the Sound at 12 o'clock.

NAVAL.

H. M. S. Caroline, Capt. Sir Wm. Wiseman, left for the south yesterday morning.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That the Senior Member for Northampton lately told his constituents that:—"Conservatives were digging their own graves, and it was about the only good and sensible thing they possibly could do." But if they wanted an interment, the Home Rulers could supply them with a Sexton ready and willing to save them that trouble.

FALL ASSIZES.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., and Mr. Justice Crease.)

The sitting of the fall court of assizes commenced yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie presiding.

Deputy Attorney-General Irving and Eberts & Taylor conducted the cases for the crown.

Order-having been called by the sheriff the names of the petty jurors were read over, after which the grand jury was empannelled. Following are the names of the members: J. H. Todd (foreman), Samuel C. Burris, F. S. Barnard, Wm. Craft, Joshua Davies, W. P. Elford, Wm. Dalby, Jas. Hagan, Geo. Hargreaves, A. Keast, H. Mansell, W. H. Mason, S. J. Pitts, S. T. Styles, Chas. A. Vernon, J. W. Tolmie, J. Wilson, W. Walker, H. E. Croasdaile.

His Lordship then proceeded to charge the jury, and said that although the cases this term were numerous it would not take long to dispose of them. The jury must examine into such cases as they are called upon to and examine whether there is a *prima facie* case against the accused. It would not be necessary for the grand jury to be unanimous as twelve of their number could bring in a true bill. His Lordship then explained to the jurors the various cases, murder, forgery, etc., after which the jury retired to deliberate on the depositions which were handed to them by the registrar of the court.

The foreman, however, expressed a wish to the court that in order to expedite matters, all witnesses should be on hand.

Deputy Attorney-General Irving explained that all the witnesses were present except the city police.

Mr. Irving then applied for an order compelling J. D. Robinson, city clerk, to show cause why the bonds of Dong and Neill Bric should not be handed over to the supreme court. Mr. Irving explained to his lordship that the men were convicted at the police court on a charge of conspiracy, but as they had fled their bonds were forfeited. He had asked Mr. Robinson for the money but he had not as yet come to time.

The court adjourned at 11 o'clock for one hour

The court resumed at 12:15 o'clock.

The grand jury returned true bills in the cases of John Elliott, wounding with intent; W. Burns, housebreaking and stealing; Geo. Fenwick, uttering counterfeit coin; H. Spaulding, housebreaking; Jas. Kelly and Neil Breen, bringing stolen goods into Canada.

Mr. Walls applied to his lordship for permission to have the case of Charlie, an Indian, tried in this city. Witnesses were brought here at great expense and the case should be tried in this city.

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

Regina *vs.* John Elliott.—Prisoner was charged with feloniously wounding Louisa Elliott, his wife.

M. W. T. Drake, Q. C., appeared for defendant.

Dr. J. C. Davie, sworn—Was in company with Dr. Helmcken last June to examine a woman at St. Joseph's hospital. The woman had two wounds; the bullet produced was taken from the woman's leg; the bullet was flattened by striking the small bone; the bullet passed completely through the left leg, shattering the bone, and was embedded in the right thigh.

Mary Louise Elliott, sworn—I am the prisoner's wife, married three years; was employed at Anderson's logging camp as cook; slept in Peter Jollibois' house; was on good terms with prisoner until the day of the shooting, when he asked me to come home; he ordered me out on the 15th May; when Elliott came in he had a gun which I last saw in my brother's house; saw the hammer of the gun fall but it did not go off; Jollibois jumped up and grabbed the gun; the gun went off during the scuffle; don't know how the gun was broken.

Peter Jollibois, sworn—Live at Sooke; am married; last witness slept at my house; prisoner came into my house one morning and asked his wife to go home; she refused; prisoner went out and returned with a gun; heard him say "You will not come home" and heard a gun snap; grabbed the gun and it went off.

David Anderson, Joseph Corry and J. D. Campbell gave evidence in the case.

The jury in the case returned a verdict of guilty.

The prisoner said that the parties who had sworn against him were not speaking the truth. He endeavored to create the impression that he was not guilty of the offence, but his statement was rather disconnected.

His lordship considered the evidence thoroughly convincing, and the offence would entitle him to sentence him to imprisonment for life.

The deputy attorney general said that the prisoner had served three years imprisonment for shooting his brother with intent.

His lordship said that the least he could give him was ten years penal servitude.

The prisoner—Well, your honor, I deserve the sentence for staying in British Columbia.

Regina *vs.* Spalding—The prisoner was charged with stealing a quantity of entertainment cards from H. G. Watterson's printing office. Prisoner was undefended and pleaded not guilty. He is a young man about 22 years of age, carries a crutch, having but one leg.

H. G. Watterson gave evidence of printing the cards, and the facts connected with the discovery of their theft and connection of the prisoner therewith.

Thomas Cussack, employed by Watterson, gave evidence as to printing the cards, and the discovery of the broken desk on Monday morning, and the fact that a hole corresponding with the prisoner's crutch was outside the back window.

Officer Walker gave evidence as to the prisoner's arrest, and the cards being found in his coat.

This closed the prosecution, and the prisoner stated that he had nothing to say.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty on the first count without leaving their places.

On being asked if he had anything to say in mitigation of his offence, the prisoner said he had nothing.

He was sentenced to one year.

The prisoner said he would rather have two years in penitentiary than one year in prison.

His Lordship asked him how he found that out that if he got a greater term than two years that he would go to Westminster?

The prisoner said that he had learned it in the provincial prison.

His Lordship said he feared he could not indulge him in his request, as he had already given sentence and it would never do to allow a prisoner to make his own sentence.

William Burns, charged with feloniously entering Mr. W. F. Brown's house, on Johnson street, and stealing therefrom a revolver and a pipe. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Irving, for the crown, stated that on the 27th of July the prisoner stole a revolver and a pipe. The revolver he pawned at Aaronson's for $5, but Aaronson only having $4 with him at the time, told prisoner to call next day for the other dollar. Neither prisoner nor any one else had called for the other dollar.

Mr. W. V. Brown was sworn and said that on the evening of the 27th he went to his house, found things in a topsy-turvy state, and missed the revolver and pipe. Next day he went to Aaronson's pawnshop and identified his pistol. Witness recognized the prisoner as the man who loafed around his house on the night of the burglary. The prisoner had nothing to say as he knew nothing whatever of the witness.

Mr. Aaronson, sworn, declared that the prisoner pawned the revolver in his store and pawned it as Mr. Irving had stated. Witness recognized in the prisoner the man who pawned the revolver. The prisoner said he had sold the revolver to Aaronson.

Police-officer Able was then brought in and, on his oath, declared that he arrested the prisoner. He found the pipe in a bag belonging to the prisoner. The prisoner asked no questions when he was arrested. The prisoner had nothing to say against the evidence given by witness.

This closed the case for the crown.

Prisoner said he bought the things from a stranger for $2.50 and pawned the revolver at Aaronson's pawnshop.

The jury, after an absence of fifteen minutes, declared the prisoner guilty.

His Lordship then pronounced a sentence of two-and-a-half years' penitentiary on prisoner.

Wm. Lee, a Chinaman, charged with, on the 27th October, stealing the sum of $8 from Lee Yuen.

The evidence went to show that the prosecutor, Lee Yuen, was counting his money in his store next the Chinese Theatre, when prisoner entered, grabbed some of the money, and instead of returning it struck Lee Yuen a blow on the head. Lee Yuen missed $8.

Prisoner denied that he ever stole any money. He prevented Lee Yuen from fighting and, as a consequence, Lee Yuen probably gave the police officer a few dollars to arrest him.

After an absence of a few minutes the jury re-entered the court and returned a verdict of not guilty. The prisoner was then discharged.

George Bedford, charged with feloniously entering the house of J. McCarthy, on Government street, with the intent of stealing, on the 9th July last.

The prisoner stated that he was in the kitchen, but how he got there he did not know. The evidence elicited in this case showed that prisoner was found in the kitchen of the St. Nicholas hotel by the bar tender, and not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself was arrested. Nothing was found on him when he was searched.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the prisoner was discharged.

Both courts then adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

(Before Mr. Justice Crease.)

Regina *vs.* James Kelly *alias* James Campbell, and Neil Breen *alias* Charles Nelson, charged with bringing stolen goods into Canada.

Breen *alias* Nelson did not appear and his bail was forfeited.

Mr. W. J. Taylor appeared for the crown and Mr. Walls for the prisoner Kelly.

Capt. P. H. Morrison, of Seattle, Robert Lawson and Officers Walker and Robb gave evidence for the prosecution.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence reserved.

Regina *vs.* Frederick Baker—charged with breaking into James Kelly's or Campbell's cabin on Store street. The following jurors were drawn: John Turner, Lewis Stenzler, Geo. Phillips, Ed. Lynx, H. Carthcart, H. T. Noran, J. McDowell, W. Buckett, J. W. Knight, Alex. Clyde, Patrick Everett, Geo. Powell. Mr. McDowell was chosen for foreman.

Officer Robb swore that he found the store opened, locked it up and took possession of the key, returned later on and found it again opened; met prisoner and accused him of committing the burglary; he denied it. In company with Officer Walker searched prisoner's cabin and found several articles here produced and claimed by Campbell. The prisoner being without an attorney pleaded his own case

The deposition of Neil Brien was read to the court, and said that he had not given the prisoner any permission to take things from his cabin.

James Campbell, *alias* Kelly, testified that the tools in court were his property. Gave prisoner the key to my cabin; he asked me for the tools; said I would lend him what he wanted, gave him all the provisions in my cabin after I was arrested.

After address by Mr. Taylor and his lordship, the jury retired and brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Court adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, sharp.

TRUE BILLS.