

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Their Annual Picnic.

The Sunday school in connection with St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold their annual picnic at the 13th prox, either at Langford Farms or Goldstream.

Registered Cattle.

Mr. Hollingshead, of Blaine, brought over by the Sound steamer a herd of registered blooded cattle, including 11 Holsteins, two Jerseys and one Durham bull.

An Endowment Rank.

This evening, the first endowment rank formed by the Knights of Pythias in British Columbia, will be instituted in the rooms of the Fraser River Hotel. The new rank starts with seven members, representing an insurance of \$21,000.

The Alaska Route.

Steamer City of Tepika, now on the Sound, sails from this port for Alaska, on June 2nd; the Mexico is due here from the land of the North on the 6th prox; and the Queen leaves on her first excursion trip of the season on the following day. She carries no freight, but already every state-room is engaged.

Waiting a Reply.

The project of erecting a magnificent Board of Trade building on Bastion Square, is just now in such a position that no further advance can be made. An offer has been made to the Hudson Bay Co. for the lot adjoining that purchased by President Ward, and a reply from the London office of the big corporation is expected daily.

Married at Esderby.

On May 20th, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. A. L. Fortune, of Esderby, B.C., Dr. E. F. Offerhaus, of Esderby, B.C., performed the ceremony in marriage to Miss Barbara F. Choquette, second daughter of Mr. L. G. Choquette, of Belleville, Ont. Friends here extend their congratulations.

Settling Affairs.

The Queen's Birthday celebration committee is requested to meet, for the last time, at the City Hall, this evening. Accounts will be passed for payment. The reason there was no report on the Arm, regatta day, will be investigated, and proposals will be considered, if presented. Watts has not yet made any official protest, in the single scroll race, in fact, he told the general secretary that he was quite satisfied.

Settling Up.

The Dominion Express Co. are now settling claims for losses sustained in the accident at Straight Lake, on the C. P. R., on May 10th. A trestle, near the lake, was wrecked. Thirty packages for Victoria consignees came to grief, valued roughly at about \$3,000. Messrs. Richardson & Heathorn and Gilmore & MacCallum were among those, who have not done so already, can have their claims made good by calling on Mr. F. R. Oliver, the company's agent here.

The Case Was Dismissed.

An Italian bootblack was before Mr. Justice Drake in the Supreme Court, yesterday, charged with stealing \$110 from Mr. Julius H. Frank. The evidence taken showed that the money had been dropped by Mr. Frank, as he was passing the bootblack, who had picked it up; and returned possession after he knew whom the bills belonged to. This was not larceny, in the eyes of the law, however, and the case was dismissed, the prosecutor recovering the sum lost. Mr. Justice Drake, in giving the decision, said, it is very problematical if power to call an election of Alcega next year at the annual fair and Aldermen.

Fashions in Fur.

A local dealer, whose acquaintance with the market is extensive, predicts a good season for British Columbia furs of all kinds. He says that sable and extra dark minks will be the rage next winter, the paler furs being neglected entirely. A new article, that is just now all the rage, is the wool-suit, secured only on the Siberian coast. It sells for considerably less than the fur suit, being worth only about \$2 or \$3 a skin in the raw, but takes an intense and handsome black, and looks well made up, the fur being from an inch to an inch and a half in depth. The glass is its attractiveness. Persian lamb again comes to the front this year, and will be much used for trimmings, caps, muffs, and coats.

The Census.

The work of taking the census in the cities of Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo and Vancouver has progressed so satisfactorily that it will be only a matter of a few days before the first returns will be ready for transmission to Ottawa. The census statements from the more remote districts cannot possibly be completed for some time, owing to the magnificent distances to be covered and the lack of transportation facilities. Mr. J. H. Mearns, at Ottawa, has recently forwarded to the different commissioners a circular, warning them against making public in any way the results of the inquiries of the enumerators.

Extending Their Lines.

It is rumored that the tramway company contemplate making three important extensions immediately. The first line will be constructed under Pandora street to the old Fernwood road; the Douglas street line will be extended from the Fountain to Tolmie avenue, and from Superior street up Mendon and Sincere to the park; and the Fort street service will be carried on to the Driving Park. The company are also arranging to double track the Douglas street line from end to end, and to double track the Fort street line to Oak Bay avenue. It is to be hoped that instead of double tracking Fort street, which is none too wide, the company will give their way clear to run an alternate line along Yates; this would accomplish every purpose and accommodate many more of the citizens, who have come to look on the tram as a business necessity.

The Halcyon.

On Monday afternoon the somewhat celebrated schooner, Halcyon, arrived in port, and made her regular entry at the Custom House, from Hong Kong. On Tuesday her Master, Captain Metcalfe, deposited at the American Consulate his papers, which consisted merely of a copy of the original list, endorsed by the American Consul at a Japanese port. The Halcyon cleared from Victoria in January or February, 1890, and last year was wrecked off the Japanese coast, all her papers being lost. The captain had also with him a copy of the original list of her clearance papers at Hong Kong. Yesterday he applied to the American Consul for the papers necessary to the discharge of two members of his crew, being accompanied by the master of the vessel, Mr. Whalley, of San Francisco. Consul Metcalfe, in view of the reports which had been current as to this vessel, and the lack of the

ship's papers, took special pains to take advice as to the course he should pursue, the result being that the discharges asked for were granted.

On Woodward Slough.

Mr. J. A. Laidlaw is building a fine new cannery, with a capacity of about 25,000 cases, at the head of Woodward Slough, Lulu Island. It will be completed in time for the season. Mr. T. E. Ladner is at present in Victoria.

Cattle Supplies.

The bulk of the supplies of beef cattle for this province will continue to be obtained from the Northwest Territories until about the middle of June, after which it is expected that they can be secured nearer home, British Columbia stock appearing to be in very good condition.

A Satisfactory Service.

The placing of the Yosemite on the Fraser river route is hailed with rejoicing by the people of Westminster, who can now come to Victoria and return the same day. The steamer leaves the Royal City every morning at 4 o'clock, and leaves Victoria at 3 p. m. It is expected that they will shortly carry the Fraser River mails.

A Visit to Texas.

Alton L. Hartman, of Ironwood, Mich., a well-known mining expert in the service of the N. P. R., and W. H. Lee, of Irondale, Wash., returned yesterday, from Texas, whither they had gone on the Maude to examine and report upon the quality and extent of the iron ore. They left by the Sound steamer, last evening.

Information for Miners.

Doubts having arisen as to how mineral claims taken up under the old law will be affected by the new, the Minister of Mines desires it to be stated, as the views held by the Department, that a claim recorded under the old act requires no re-record after the 20th of April, 1891, and an owner has a full year from the date of the record of his last certificate to do assessment work.

Oil Paintings.

There are at present in Messrs. Somers' studio, Government street, a half dozen oil paintings by Mr. John R. Gilmer, the artist who modelled the statue for St. Andrew's Cathedral. They exhibit a considerable amount of merit, both as to perspective and color, and should be seen by parties who are interested in such matters. They consist of "A storm on Cowichan Lake," "Rest at noon," "An opening in the forest," "The Indian's grave," "Waiting at the dock," "The deer's call." The scenes are all local, and in some of them animal life has been appropriately introduced.

C. O. F. M. V.

The Local Pride of the West Lodge paid their first fraternal visit to their brethren, last evening. The N. G. made a most appropriate speech, introducing the members who were present. The Worthy Lecture Master of Local Waverley, also by the Deputy District Grand Master, W. E. Ottaway, who gave a very interesting account of Odd Fellowship, and introduced the subject of forming juvenile lodges in British Columbia. He also spoke of Rebecca Lodges, and the subject of forming a District Lodge, all of which will, doubtless, in a few months hence be under way. The balance of the evening was spent in singing, reciting, and other amusements. The members of Local Pride of the West Lodge, who numbered about 100 strong, marched in full regalia from the Trades and Labor Hall to St. George's Hall, where the evening had been held. After the evening had passed, the members of the lodge, who were present, were escorted to the Waverley Lecture Master of Local Waverley, who was also present, and in a few weeks it is expected this strong body of Odd Fellows will turn out for this object.

Committed for Trial.

Sergeant Walker, who has been working up the Meldrum robbery case, presented a strong array of evidence calculated to fasten the crime upon Edward, or Jack Bermudez, yesterday. The jury, who were present, were called on by the following order: J. H. Meldrum, who described how his safe had been blown open and \$240 and a watch stolen; and who identified a portion of the money found upon Bermudez as belonging to him. An English sovereign, dated 1888, was also among the cash taken. No one was home on the Sunday that the robbery was committed. The judge, who presided, committed the defendant to the Vancouver Hotel, to be held to answer to the grand jury on Monday morning, and had given him \$80 to put in the safe. (This money was produced and put in evidence.)

Mr. J. H. Meldrum's explanation how, after cleaning up on Sunday, he looked the front door and went out through the cellar. Bermudez and a companion were in front of the saloon, and wanted to get a drink; witness told prisoner he could get nothing to drink, there was no one home. Robert Irving, a fourteen year old boy, deposed to seeing and talking to Bermudez and his friend at Meldrum's house, and also seeing the two men walking at a rapid pace toward the front door, and seeing the money taken from the safe. Bermudez had a watch on his wrist, and was wearing a ring. He was wearing a ring. He was wearing a ring.

Walter Blake, only nine years old, stood on a chair while he gave his evidence, so that his mother might see him. He saw Bermudez first look in, and then go in. He saw him take the money from the safe. He saw him take the money from the safe.

The bartender of the Jubilee saloon testified to serving Bermudez a glass of liquor on Monday morning, and receiving an English sovereign of 1888 in payment. (The police are now following up this coin, with good chances of securing it.)

S. Jones, proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, swore to seeing the prisoner changing a \$20 gold piece, at his bar, Monday morning. He remarked at the time that things must be coming "pretty smooth," when Bermudez had so much money.

Sergeant Walker explained when, and how he made the arrest. Prisoner was drunk, at the Palace saloon. On being arrested, he said he was from the States, and denied all knowledge of the robbery. On being asked, when sober, how much money he thought he had, prisoner replied \$17 or \$18. He further explained that he had managed to save \$20 and was paid off with \$15 Saturday night. One of the men he had paid a few bills and spent considerable. The prisoner was committed for trial.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for June.

New Orleans, besides being a centre of interest in connection with the Mafia tragedy which has lately caused an international furor, is a city of checked history and of a most interesting and varied past. The well-known and racy Southern writer gives some vivid impressions of "New Orleans, Yesterday and To-day," in a richly illustrated article which leads Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for June. Nellie Hart Wainwright, whose light papers are a charming monthly feature of this magazine, writes about "Vermont Homes and Friends," Alphonse de Lamartine, the great poet and

statesman, whose centenary France has just celebrated, is the subject of a thoughtful and interesting article by Richard B. Kimball, L.L.D., Antarctic Exploration, and Nordenskiöld's new expedition, are discussed by John Laird Wilson.

Marriage Ceremony.

On Tuesday was performed, at the residence of Mrs. J. Morley, by Rev. Coverdale Watson, the ceremony by which Mr. Joseph R. A. Richards, son of Mr. F. G. Richards, senior, was united in marriage to Miss Eliza, youngest daughter of Mr. E. A. Williams. The bride was attended by her niece, Miss Elsie Morley, and the groom by Mr. Frederick Dorley, Jr.

James Bay Church.

The ladies of the congregation of St. James church, on the occasion of the social entertainment this evening in honor of the return of Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and Mrs. Scriven, have held a sale of fancy and useful articles, in addition to which they gave a "high tea," for which they have catered in the most liberal and elegant manner. Following the refreshments will be a literary and musical entertainment of rare excellence, which will well repay the price of admission, and the ladies are to be provision for the creature comforts. The new school-house, which was designed by Mr. McAllardine, will on this occasion be formally inaugurated, so that the attractive features are numerous.

The C.P.R. Accident.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser gives the following account of the recent accident on the C.P.R.:

An accident occurred on the C. P. R. Wednesday morning at one o'clock at a bridge over a ravine 1½ miles west of the second crossing of the Columbia river. A freight train in charge of conductor McDonald and Engineer A. S. Morris, went over the bridge, and the engine and several of the cars were wrecked. The train reported almost a total wreck. Conductor McDonald was fatally injured, having both his legs and both arms broken; the brakemen, Jack Jameson and William Cracker were also killed, another brakeman, Fred Kinney, though not belonging to the crew, was riding on the engine, and is missing and is supposed to be killed.

Church of England Notes.

Active efforts are being made for the erection of English churches in Wellington, Northfield and Cedar districts, and considerable sums have been collected. Licenses have been issued to Rev. S. C. Scholefield, rector of St. Paul's, Esquimalt, and to Rev. G. H. Tovey, rector of St. Alban's, Nanaimo.

A confirmation for the Cedar Hill, Lake Toba, and Esquimalt Bay districts is to take place on June 21. Yesterday His Lordship Bishop Hills held a confirmation service at Kupar Island. His programme for the next few days is: 30th inst.—visitation, St. Paul's, Nanaimo; 31st inst.—confirmation, St. Paul's, Nanaimo; June 1st—visitation, Cedar district; June 2nd—visitation, Wellington and Northfield.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Synod is to take place about June 24. It is important that all matters and missions that are not fully represented should elect lay delegates at once. No official notice has been received of elections in Cedar district, Wellington, Northfield, or Chemainus. Salt Spring Island, under the title of the light house and buoy. Major T. H. Hanbury, engineer of the 13th district, was on board, and yesterday the steamer visited Twin Point and Patos Island, in order to enable him select the sites for the light and fog whistle that are to be erected by the American government on the channel taken by the Oriental steamers to Vancouver.

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Crown Cases Reserve.

The Court of Crown Cases Reserve, which was to consider the points raised by Mr. Wilson in the case of the Wellings miners, has been adjourned until the sitting of the full Court early in July.

The U. S. Gunboat Platta.

It is expected that the U. S. gunboat Platta will leave Esquimalt, to-day, for Puget Sound and Tacoma. The officers and men are highly delighted with their experiences here.

Forwarded to London.

Mayor Grant spent an hour or so yesterday morning in signing the 308 debentures of \$2000 each, issued by authority of the Sewerage Loan By-law. These debentures are deliverable at the Bank of British North America in London, where interest will be paid, and principal will be forwarded to the world's metropolis at once.

For the Quicksilver Mines.

Mr. J. E. Ross, Esq., with Messrs. C. T. Dupont and P. C. Duggan, Esq., stockholder in the Sechart Quicksilver Mining Co., left for the mines, with a foreman and a gang of men, by the Maude, last evening. It is the intention of the company, if Mr. Ross, who is a very experienced miner, properly without delay. They believe there is a mine of money in it.

An Interesting Festival.

Rev. Bishop Lumsden goes to Cowichan Lake, a large number of Indians having gathered there to celebrate the festival of Corpus Christi. The brass band from Kuper Island, and the boys of the Industrial school will take part in the procession, which will wind its way through the fields after the morning service, ending at the festival of Corpus Christi. The orphan girls from the Quinlan asylum will also be on hand to sing hymns.

St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The following special contracts in connection with the St. Andrew's (R.C.) Cathedral have been awarded, and work will proceed without delay. The carpenter work will be done by day work, and the building will cost less than the original contract price. Mill work, Muirhead & Mann, \$5,300; painting and glazing, R. Lettice, \$1,682; plastering, S. Bartlett, \$5,535; galvanizing iron, roofing, etc., McLennan & McElroy, \$4,753; mason work and stone-cutting, J. F. Harbottle, \$5,905.

Bound North.

The U. S. lighthouse tender Manzanita, Capt. W. W. Rhodes, U.S.N., arrived in port last evening, on her way to Alaska, for the purpose of inspecting and repairing the lighthouses and buoys. Major T. H. Hanbury, engineer of the 13th district, was on board, and yesterday the steamer visited Twin Point and Patos Island, in order to enable him select the sites for the light and fog whistle that are to be erected by the American government on the channel taken by the Oriental steamers to Vancouver.

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