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THE "EARLE" LOST.

Captain Magneson's Trim Little Schooner a Victim of Easter Sunday's Storm.

She Turns Turtle While Off Cape St. Elias in Company with the "Favorite."

No Hope for Captain or Crew—The Cruise of the "Dora Sieward."

The sealing schooner Dora Sieward, Captain Sieward commanding, which returned to port from her spring sealing expedition at 1 o'clock this morning, brings the distressing news that one at least of the fleet that went to the hunting in January last will not return. The ill-fated craft is the well known Walter A. Earle, which capsized in the fierce gale raging on Easter Sunday, with a loss according to present reports of all hands aboard.

At the time of the disaster the Earle, in company with the Favorite, Capt. McLean, was hunting in the neighborhood of Cape St. Elias, in latitude 58 north, longitude 142 west. The weather had been very dirty for several days and on the 14th April a fierce gale arose, which carried away a considerable portion of the Favorite's running gear and gave her a hard battle for her life.

When the morning of the 15th broke and the storm had in a measure subsided, Capt. McLean looked, but looked in vain, for his consort. The Earle had disappeared. Afterward the Favorite came upon an overturned hull which was taken to be that of the Earle, although weather did not permit of the lowering of a boat to make a close inspection, and suspicions could not therefore at the time be verified. They were a few days after, however, when, according to the mate of the Katherine, Indian hunters from the Favorite got close enough to the turned-turtle craft to make out her name.

The masts were then in place, so the Indians said, and the schooner had apparently been simply swung over by the storm, in such a way that no one on board could have had a chance for his life.

The Earle was, as last season, commanded by Captain Louis Magneson, who, like the white members of his crew, was a well-known Victorian. The schooner was comparatively new, and had been engaged in the sealing since her building two or three years ago.

Other mishaps to vessels of the fleet, fortunately of lesser gravity, are also reported by Captain Sieward, several of the Victoria schooners having lost canoes and Indian hunters, and one Neah bay schooner, name unknown, being also reported capsized with the probable loss of her crew. The Sapphire and one or two others are now at Eucuiet on their way home, while a couple of schooners whose names could not be ascertained were following the Sieward in.

Capt. Sieward's schooner has had comparatively good fortune during the present cruise, having lost none of her men and captured 520 odd seal since leaving home in January last. She has, however, had her share of minor losses, a number of the boats having been lost and a portion of the rigging having carried away.

Captain Sieward, while sorry to be the bearer of news so sad, does not think that there can be any mistake as to the identity of the lost member of the fleet—nor does he think that any member of the Earle's crew lives to tell the story of that vessel's last battle with the angry sea.

THE CITY.

Ald. Hall's motion on Monday night in favor of a grant for band music in the parks, did not, as reported, specify anything about music on Sunday.

Work on the foundations of the new post office and custom house will begin to-day or to-morrow, the preliminary preparations being sufficiently advanced.

Last evening at the Bishop's palace, Yates street, Mr. John H. Plump was united in marriage to Mrs. A. Stevens. Rev. Father Nicolaye officiated.

Sunset lodge K. of P. will give a social in the Castle hall this evening to which Grand Chancellor Byrnes, who last night paid the lodge an official visit, has been invited.

Complaints having been made that Indians and others are slaughtering deer on Nelson island out of season for the hides only, Mr. R. D. Trevor has been appointed a game warden for Nelson island and vicinity.

Tenders are invited by the corporation for raising the sidewalk on the south side of Yates street, between Government and Langley, receivable up till Monday next. Plans and specifications can be seen at the city engineer's office.

The floral drill in connection with the May festival at the Y. M. C. A. this evening will be a very pleasant event. Mrs. Lang has been training the little Misses for the drill until they have it almost perfect. Inadvertently the vocal solo (with violin obligato) by Miss Martin was omitted from the programme as published yesterday morning.

The examinations held by the British Columbia Medical Council for license to practise medicine in the province opened yesterday and will finish to-day. There are three candidates. Dr. John A. Duncan conducted examinations in anatomy and physiology yesterday; Dr. Hanington examined in chemistry and materia medica, and Dr. Milne in medicine.

The Port Townsend police have unearthed and broken up the formation of a plan to flood the Sound country and British Columbia with counterfeit silver money. The principal in the game was a United States customs inspector, Jack Miller, who as soon as he learned that the officers had been apprised of his scheme and had convincing evidence against him, quietly tendered his resignation to Collector Saunders and caught the steamer for this city. The plot was disclosed in all its details by Miller's mistress, he having beaten her brutally and forced her to seek protection from the police.

The session of the Central Presbyterian church has received a letter from Rev. P. McF. Macleod resigning his charge of that church at the first meeting of the Presbytery. The session and managers in accepting this resignation have resolved to secure as soon as possible the services of a suitable pastor who may continue the work begun in the James Bay district.

A telegram signed by several representative salmon firms of this city, was forwarded yesterday to Messrs. Earle and Prior, M's. P., directing their attention to the facts in regard to the duty on salmon set forth in the letter of Messrs. J. H. Todd & Sons, published in yesterday's Colonist. The members were asked to urge the change in the tariff therein suggested.

Mr. William Hall narrowly escaped serious injury while enjoying his first bicycle ride yesterday afternoon, his course up Government street being interfered with by a collision due to the cyclist's inexperience. It was just at the city end of the James Bay bridge that the wheelman lost control of his steed, and the next moment he was under the wheels of a heavy Transfer wagon. The wheels passed over his right arm and leg, but fortunately did not fracture either limb.

Beginning May 5 a new schedule went into effect on the Great Northern railroad. Trains leave Seattle at 6.30 p.m. arriving at St. Paul in a trifle under three days; Chicago in three and one-half days, and New York in four and one-half days. The plan of charging for meals on the dining car has been changed to the a la carte system, passengers ordering just what they want and paying accordingly. This plan is a good one and will be highly appreciated by the travelling public. The buffet library cars are again in service for the season. With this fast service and elegant equipment the Great Northern is sure of a large passenger traffic this season.

An entertainment will be given at the naval yard, Esquimalt, this evening, under the patronage of the captain and officers of H.M.S. Nymphe and the officers of the naval yard. The programme prepared is as follows: Song, Mr. Pover; song, Mr. Chappell; duet (violin and piano), Messrs. Brice and Bamsay; song, Mr. Carnell; duet, Messrs. Hogan and Johnson; song, Mr. South; song, Mr. Chappell; stump speech, Mr. Hogan; song, Mr. Johnson; banjo trio, Messrs. Pover, Hogan and Brice; step dance, Mr. Hogan; and song, Mr. Johnson. The programme concludes with a laughable nigger sketch, "The Troublesome Servant," in which the characters will be taken by Mr. Chappel and Mr. Pover.

Cases of petty theft were in the strong majority in the city police court yesterday, there being no fewer than three convictions under this head. Charles E. Bradford, whose hearing was first on the list, presented the not uncommon defence that he had found the stolen property, a gold watch belonging to Miss Jeanne Morris, on Government street. This was proved to be the fact, but as Bradford instead of seeking an owner, had represented the watch as his own and pawned it for $25, the offence was none the less stealing, and a sentence of four months' imprisonment at hard labor was recorded. Wing Sing had helped himself to a case of coal oil lying on Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf, and only a few hours after the commission of the theft was given one month at hard labor. Two lads, one aged thirteen, and the other twelve, were tried in private for the pilfering of three rabbits from Mrs. Andrews; a conviction was recorded and the parents of the lads were bound in the sum of $50 to answer for their good behavior during the next twelve months. One Indian drunk also paid the penalty of his misdemeanor and Ah Wing, not the interpreter, was fined $100 and costs, or in default three months, far supplying the cause of offence.

NEW YORK IS PERISHING.

A Chicago Paper Says That Gangrene Is Eating Out the Vitals of Gotham.

New York is perishing of gangrene. The phlegm of some of the Dutch, the greed of some of the British and the purchase money of some of the mercenary Hessians of the Revolutionary time all contribute to the witches' compound that found way into the veins of the community on Manhattan.

New York gangrene became rancorous when it perceived out upon the prairies, growing steadfastly at the foot of the great lakes, a community, simple, vigorous, persistent, industrious and patriotic. Today Chicago is at her shoulders with no feeling but kindness, but without return except in jealousy and meanness.

Because Chicago has got a new post-office building and New York has failed to get one New York is livid toward Chicago. Because Chicago retains the Indian warehouse, when its transfer was promised to New York, more mortification sets in in new glands. Because Chicago journalism refuses to accept dictation from New York, New York scolds like a beldame.—Chicago Herald.

Soup Fit For a Queen.

If you have any ambition in the way of sipping a soup of which Queen Victoria is said to be especially fond, follow this recipe: Take half a pound of pearl barley and set in a stewpan with 3 pints of veal stock. Simmer very gently for an hour and a half. Remove one-third to another soup pot, rub the rest through a sieve, pour it to the whole barley, add a half pint of cream, season with a little salt, stir till very hot and serve.

Lemon Honey For Layer Cake.

Into 3 ounces of fresh butter and a cupful of sugar, melted together, stir the beaten yolks of 3 eggs, into which have been mixed the grated peel of a large lemon. Stir over the fire till it begins to thicken and then add the juice of the lemon. Continue stirring till as thick as honey, then pour into jelly tumblers and cover. This recipe from Good Housekeeping makes a delectable filling for larger cake.

Confirmatory of what has already been published as to the finding of wreckage belonging to the lost collier Montserrat, is a report brought by the steamer Barbara Boscowitz. While at Queen Charlotte islands those aboard the steamer heard indirectly that the lost ship's compass had been found and was in possession of the Indians at Rose Harbor, on the south, not north, end of Graham island.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Wreckage of the "Montserrat" and "Keeweenaw" Found at Rose Harbor, Q. C. I.

No Doubt as to It's Identity—A Sealer's Return—Colonists for the Coast.

By the arrival of the City of Topeka from Alaska, additional particulars are obtained of the finding of the lost Montserrat's medicine chest, and it is also learned that fragments of woodwork from both Montserrat and Keeweenaw have lately come ashore at various islands of the Queen Charlotte group, clearly demonstrating the truth of the theory that both ill-fated colliers were lost well toward the north, having stood to sea to escape the dangers of the Vancouver island coast. The Victoria sealing schooner Maud S, which arrived at Yakutat on April 15 with 250 odd skins, brought several pieces of deck fittings easily recognized as having belonged to one or other of the lost vessels. Captain McKiel had obtained them at Rose harbor, Queen Charlotte, where, he said, the Haida Indians had utilized considerable portions of Montserrat wreckage in repairing their houses, one of the sub-chiefs having nailed beside his totem pole a side signboard bearing the name Montserrat, while the nameboard of the Keeweenaw had also been picked up and used to decorate one of the smaller native houses. At Cross Sound, Captain McKiel also found several pieces of finished woodwork, evidently from some wrecked vessel of large size. Rose harbor, at which point most of the relic wreckage has come ashore, is situated at the extreme northeast corner of Graham island, the last of the Queen Charlotte group; it was here, on Rose spit, that the Dominion steamer Quadra came to grief two years ago, and as no steamers have made calls there for a year or more, there being no commercial interests to cater to, it is quite possible that much information concerning the wreck of the two colliers has for months been in the possession of the Indians there, who however have been unable, even if desirous, to communicate it to the outside world. The City of Topeka also brings confirmation of the report that the schooner C. G. White, of San Francisco, went down near Kodiak on April 14, with seventeen men aboard.

TRIP OF THE BOSCOWITZ.

The steamer Boscowitz arrived from Port Simpson at 10 o'clock last night. She has been since Wednesday last making the trip, rough weather delaying her for thirty-six hours. Among her passengers were Rev. Mr. Osterhout and Mrs. Osterhout of Naas, Rev. Mr. Beavis and Mrs. Beavis of Bella Bella, Rev. G. H. Raley of Kitamat, and Rev. J. C. Spencer of Upper Skeena, who have come to attend the Methodist conference. The passage was an uneventful one. At Bella Bella the schooner Crystal of Tacoma, with a party of five bound for a two year's mining trip to Alaska, was spoken on Sunday. The steamer Caledonia leaves on Thursday for her first trip of the season up the Skeena for Hazleton.

FOR THE WEST COAST.

This evening the steam schooner Mischief, Captain Foot, leaves for the West Coast with a heavy freight and a fair number of passengers. Her cargo will include part of the plant for a new saw mill to be erected shortly at Clayoquot Sound. Rev. Mr. Ellison, of Minnesota, will be a passenger on the steamer. He goes to Quatsino to examine the prospects there for another party of colonists, in whose interests he is making the trip. If he finds the place up to his expectations he will write immediately for the party to come. The colonists number about thirty Norwegian men and women. The colony at present settled at Quatsino are Swedes.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL SEALING VENTURE.

Trouble with an Indian crew brought the sealer Kilmeny, Capt. Southby, into port yesterday morning. There was no particular disorder aboard the vessel, but it seems that the Indians, like other native crews this season, were very headstrong and did not show a very keen appreciation for work. Several deaths had occurred in their tribe, they claimed, and in consequence they were anxious to get home. The Kilmeny brings home the remarkably small catch of fifteen skins, very few more, it is understood, being her total catch. She reports no other sealers.

TWO INDIANS' ADVENTURES.

Two Kyuquot Indians belonging to the sealer Fawn, came over on the Rosalie yesterday morning from Port Townsend, where they arrived from Juneau on the steamer City of Topeka. Late in March the Indians went off sealing and in a squall lost the schooner. They say they were in their canoes five days before sighting land and had nothing to eat during that time but seal meat. They reported at the office of Mr. Thos. Earle, M.P.P., owner of the Fawn, yesterday, and will be sent home to-day by the steamer Mischief.

MARINE NOTES.

Excitement ran high for a few hours yesterday aboard the Siwash schooner Mountain Chief. The captain evidently wanted to sail out of port, but the task was too much for the native crew. The schooner repeatedly struck stationary objects in the harbor, but miraculously escaped the rocks. She had all sail spread, and every gust of wind seemed to lift her clean out of the water. Her anchor was cast, but nothing held her fast except the wharf, which she eventually struck.

Steamship Umatilla, from San Francisco, arrived early last evening and landed here freight consignments amounting to about 28 tons and a good number of passengers. She had aboard, all told, over 180 passengers.

H.M.S. Pheasant, which this year is to look after British interests in Behring sea during the close season, was at Sitka on the 2nd inst.

Tug Mystery has returned to port after being engaged several days in towing lumber vessels to and from the Fraser.

Steamer R. P. Rithet was at the outer wharf yesterday loading tin for the Fraser river canneries.

ZION'S POSTMASTER

Suffers Everything but Death from Dyspepsia, but is now in Perfect Health through Using B.B.B.

Letters like these speak stronger than assertions and advertisements. Such convincing testimony proves that B.B.B. is the certain cure for Indigestion or Dyspepsia:

Gentlemen,—I suffered everything but death from Indigestion for four years, and tried all sorts of medicine to no effect. At last I tried B.B.B., and before the second bottle was finished was as sound and well as could be, and have been so ever since.

Benj. Stewart,
Postmaster,
Zionville, N.B.

Mossback—How do you find business? Merchant—Advertise for it, of course.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Wheelmen Preparing for the Queen's Birthday Races—Opening of the New Track.

Importation of Game Birds — The "Amities" to Play at the Caledonia Park.

The Victoria Wheelmen met last evening, and disposed of considerable business, including election of an even dozen of new members. Three teams have already been selected for the thirty-mile relay team race to be ridden early in June, and it is expected that at least two more will be formed. Capt. Minor has called a meeting of the drill squad for this evening at seven, and every member is expected to be on hand at the time appointed. Mr. E. W. Bradley was nominated as local consul to the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

The committee in charge of the parade and fancy drill during celebration week have decided to give the parade of decorated wheels on the morning of May 24, and the club drill on May 25. A special feature will be the illuminated parade on the evening of May 24. Prizes will be given for the best decorated and best illuminated wheels.

The Victoria Gun Club held their regular monthly meeting last night. The 24th of May shoot was discussed and teams from Vancouver, Ladner's Landing, Nanaimo, Seattle and Tacoma will be invited to take part. The partridge eggs ordered will probably arrive here some time during this month and will be distributed in several sections of the country.

BASEBALL.

THE "LEAVES" WOULD LIKE A GAME.

In the event of the Victoria High school team finding themselves unable to accept the challenge of the Seattle High school club for a match here on the Queen's birthday, the Maple Leaves would be glad to meet the boys from the Queen City of the Sound. They are quite willing, too, to give the required guarantee of $25.

The Amity baseball club have arranged for the use of the Caledonia grounds during the season, which they will open on Saturday next by a match with the crack Seattle team.

SKITTLES.

THE DOCKYARD'S VICTORY.

Appended is the complete score made in the skittle match at Esquimalt on Monday and which was won by the dockyard team by seven games to one:

H. M. DOCKYARD.

J. Porter.....	5-	2-	2-	2-	3-	1-	2-	1-	1-	2-	2= 23
H. Hammond..	3-	1-	3-	3-	2-	3-	4-	2-	3-	1-	2= 27
W. Hall.....	3-	2-	1-	5-	2	4-	2-	1-	4-	2-	3= 29
C. Stewart.....	3	3-	2-	3-	3-	2-	4-	3-	2-	2-	4= 31
C. Saunder.....	3-	3-	2-	3-	2-	2-	3-	4-	3-	3-	4= 32
C. James.....	2-	3-	2-	3-	4-	2-	2-	4-	2-	3-	3= 31
J. Bently.....	3-	3-	4-	2-	3-	1-	5-	2-	2-	4-	3= 32
H. Collier	3-	4-	2-	5-	4-	2-	3-	2-	4-	1-	2= 32
Total throws....	25-	21-	18-	26-	23-	17	25-	19	21-	18-	24=237
No. of wins.....	1-	--	1-	T-	1-	T-	T	1-	1-	1-	1= 7

H. M. S. NYMPHE.

R. Chappell....	2-	2-	3-	1-	3	2-	2-	1-	3-	2-	4= 25
T. Innes.....	2-	2-	2-	4-	2-	2-	4-	3-	2-	3-	2= 28
T. Knight.....	3-	2-	3-	2-	4-	2-	2-	2-	3	2-	4= 29
G. Bush.....	3-	2-	4-	4-	2-	3-	2-	3-	3-	3-	2= 31
G. Sims.....	4-	4-	3-	5-	3-	1-	5-	3-	1-	1-	3= 32
J. Hopkins.....	5-	2-	2-	3-	2-	3-	3-	3-	4-	4-	2= 35
J. Seager.....	5-	3-	2-	4-	5-	1-	4-	2-	3-	2-	3= 34
J. Crawford....	3-	3-	4-	3-	4-	3-	3-	3-	3-	2-	1= 36
Total throws...	27-	20-	23-	26-	24-	17-	25	20-	22-	19-	25=248
No. of wins.....	—	1	—	T	—	T	T	—	—	—	— = 1

LACROSSE.

A CELEBRATION ATTRACTION.

Victoria is to have her senior lacrosse match on the 25th. Arrangements have been made by the C.P.N. Co. to have the Rithet leave New Westminster early Saturday morning so as to arrive here by noon, and the match will be played at the Caledonia grounds in the afternoon.

HERE AND THERE.

The Victoria wheelmen's club's fancy drill corps had their first practice last evening under Captain Minor's direction, and should by the Queen's Birthday be able to give a very pretty exhibition. The club has now a membership of fifty, and at the last meeting it was formally decided to proceed with the furnishing of permanent club rooms. The lease of the Oak Bay track was also formally ratified by the club and arrangements were made for an opening meet to be held as soon as the track-builders complete their work. The C.W.A. representatives from Victoria now consist of C. H. Gibbons, as general representative to the annual meeting at Toronto; Frank E. Alley as member of the provincial racing board, and E. W. Bradley as local consul. Through the kindness of Mr. F. G. Moody, jr., the club reading room is to receive a copy of the Olympic regularly.

The Victoria Yacht Club held a special meeting last evening, when the architect, Mr. T. Lawrie, opened the following tenders for the construction of the new club house: For the building as specified, Fairful & Alexander, $2,289; Clear, $1,800; McEachern, $1.700; Rockett, $1,645; Fullerton & Co., $1,627; Maynard, $1,460; and Hatch (without plumbing), $1,075. For plumbing only: Perry & Turner, $65.70, and Cookson & Plows, $37. To these tenders will be added $370, the cost of the pontoon. The trustees meet to-night to award the contract. The plans for the club house will be on exhibition in Jamieson's window to-day.

The assistant secretary of the Seattle baseball team wired yesterday to Mr. S. D. Schultz in regard to Saturday's game at Caledonia Park—"we will be there." Where the Seattles will be after the match is still a question, for the Amities are getting in fine form as evidenced by their yesterday's practice.

A joint meeting of the Union and Victoria gun clubs will be held this evening at the office of Waller Bros., to map out a programme for the 24th of May shoot, at Beacon Hill. The Victoria gun club at its last meeting admitted five new members.

The High School baseball team have accepted the challenge of their Seattle rivals for a game here on the Queen's Birthday, the necessary guarantee being securred.

Three unfortunate Chinese had invitations to attend yesterday morning's session of the police court, but only two—Yu Yee and Wing Mai Gow—accepted. They were charged with sawing wood on the street after 9 o'clock in the morning, in contravention of the by-law in this respect, of which they were entirely ignorant. In consideration of this fact Magistrate Macrae dismissed the offenders with a caution. Ling Yong, against whom a similar information had been laid, treated the summons with contempt, and a warrant was accordingly issued for his arrest. For the benefit of the Chinese population Chief Sheppard will, with the consent of the council, have a synopsis of the by-law printed in Chinese and posted on the bulletin boards in the Mongolian quarters.

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THE CITY.

Mr. Frederick Kaye and Miss Clara Calman, both of this city, were united in marriage Tuesday at the Centennial Methodist church, Gorge road.

Victoria's fire department will probably be represented at the Nanaimo races. They have a team in training that promises to give a good account of itself.

A commanding officer's parade of the three headquarter companies of the B.C.B.G.A. will be held to-night at the drill hall, at 8 o'clock. The band will attend.

The Methodist church at Strawberry Vale will have a concert and social this evening. A 'bus will leave the Transfer stable at 7 p.m. to accommodate any who may wish to go out.

Business of importance is to be brought before a special meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association, called for 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the rooms, No. 63 Government street.

A Sunday liquor selling case occupied the attention of the city police court yesterday, the plea of not guilty originally entered being withdrawn during the progress of the inquiry, and a fine of $25 and costs being recorded.

The ladies' committee of the P. O. Home acknowledge with thanks donations during April from the following: Mrs. Robert Ward, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. Earle, Mr. Knowles, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. W. Bickford, Miss Bowes and the Daily Colonist.

A great deal of interesting information is being gathered by the lady sub-editors in their different departments of work for their promised papers of the 27th and 28.h inst. The ladies are anxious to equal if not excel the women's papers which have appeared in other places.

The Single Tax club meeting at Temperance hall last night was well attended, and short addresses were made by Messrs. Cohen, Macmillan, Berridge and West. This was the last but one of the series of meetings held this season, as it is not contemplated to hold any during the summer months.

On Tuesday evening the annual concert of the Sunday school attracted a large audience to the Metropolitan Methodist church. Those attending had the pleasure of listening to a varied and interesting programme, arranged and presented by the school. Needless to say the entertainment was much appreciated by all.

Wm. L. Gerstle of San Francisco, the director of the Alaska Commercial Company, who was here a few weeks ago making preliminary arrangements for the transfer of part of the company's business from San Francisco to Victoria, returned by last evening's steamer. While in Victoria on this occasion Mr. Gerstle will make the first of the intended purchases of supplies at Victoria.

The Woman's Friendly Association have decided to continue the work of aiding the destitute, which they have been carrying on for some time past, their efforts having been thus far attended with satisfactory results. The greatest caution is exercised in the giving of relief, so that those who render assistance to the association may rest assured their gifts will not find their way into undeserving hands.

Grand Chancellor J. C. Byrne of the K. of P. will this evening pay an official visit to Victoria lodge No. 17, members of which are requested to turn out in large numbers to give the distinguished visitor a hearty reception. On Tuesday evening the Grand Chancellor visited Sunset lodge No. 10, accompanied by D.G.C. Edward E. Leeson, P.C., George Madigan, G.V.C., P. C. James Kirkwood as Grand Prelate, and P.C. Phil. J. Hall as Grand M. at A. The Grand Chancellor gave an interesting account of his recent visit to the various subordinate lodges in the domain, and urged the representatives to the Grand Lodge to work for the best interests of their lodges and the order at the annual session to be held in Vancouver next month. It is expected that many beneficial changes will then be made in the constitution.

A QUESTION OF RIGHTS.

Ald. Macmillan has posted the following "notice of motion" on the city hall bulletin for presentation at the next meeting of the city council:

"Whereas that for the past two years our citizens and visitors have been prohibited on the day set apart for the Gorge regatta, in connection with the celebration of the birthday of Her Majesty our Queen, from using that part of the E. & N. railway bridge set apart for the use of the public in passing to and from Victoria West; therefore be it resolved that the Chief of Police be instructed by this council to take possession of that part of said bridge so set apart, and to protect our citizens and visitors in their right to the use of this thoroughfare on the occasion of the Gorge regatta to be held in connection with the celebration this year of the 24th of May."

The contention of the railway company in this connection is that the bridge, as well as the station premises, is private property. By courtesy the public are allowed to cross the harbor by it usually, but on occasions such as the Queen's birthday celebration, it has been found necessary, to prevent accidents, to close the station premises to the public.

"Should Ald. Macmillan's motion prevail in the council," said one of the officials of the road yesterday, "and Chief Sheppard in consequence present himself as an imitator of Horatius, determined to keep the bridge, he will very soon find that he is a trespasser and the council will have a suit for substantial damages upon its hands."

TEMPERANCE RALLY.

The temperance mass meeting under the auspices of the British Columbia Methodist Conference in the Metropolitan church last night was well attended. The president of the conference, Rev. T. W. Hall, occupied the chair.

After the opening hymns and prayer by Rev. S. J. Thompson, Mr. Ralph Smith made a bright, interesting address. He considered intemperance one of the greatest, if not the greatest, evil the church had to fight.

Rev. A. E. Green, grand chief templar of the I.O.G.T. of B. C., also made a powerful and spirited address.

At the close of the addresses Mrs. Rowlands sang with good effect "Where is my wandering boy to-night?"

Seattle, May 4.—The American Railway Union proves to have been by no means killed by its defeat in the great Pullman strike last year, for James Hogan, who was recently in this city as advance agent for E. V. Debs, is now travelling along the Coast reorganizing the union.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED.

Captain Hackett of the "Libbie" Says That the Loss of the "Earle" Is Too Certain.

Who Composed the Ill-Fated Crew—The Coast Sealing Fleet Will Not Clear Expenses.

By the return from the sealing yesterday of the schooner Libbie, Captain Fred Hackett, additional evidence was obtained of the truth of the report brought by the Dora Sieward in the morning of the loss of the Walter A. Earle. Captain Hackett had not sighted the overturned vessel himself, but he too had fallen in with the Favorite, and Captain McLean had given him all the particulars of the disaster of which he was possessed.

The Libbie shared with the Favorite and the Earle the fury of the Easter storm in which the latter met her doom and, according to Captain Hackett, a worse blow was never ridden out by any of the fleet. The Libbie experienced the usual run of bad sealing weather all along the coast and, being able to lower her boats only fourteen times in March and eleven in April, brings home but 234 skins to show for her spring operations. She too was hunting about 30 miles off the Pappalonas — a little submerged reef to the south of Cape St. Elias—when the Easter storm came on. The morning of Saturday the 13th, the day before the storm, was remarkable for its bright weather and all the sealers in the locality made the most of it. The barometer commenced to fall soon after noon however, and so quickly did it drop from 29 30 to 28.30 that all the boats and canoes were hastily signalled to return.

Then the gale came on—such a riot of fierce winds that the schooners strained and groaned, while boats were smashed in their lashings and shreds of rope and canvas went whistling away in the air. For all the awful night the Libbie as well as the Favorite fought the tempest, nor could she do more than with difficulty hold her own.

The three schooners had before this been together; after the storm the Libbie sighted only the Favorite, and on next speaking her, Captain Hackett received the news, of the wreck of the Earle, which he had already guessed, from Captain McLean. The latter's Indian boatmen had by that time investigated the character of the turned-turtle and had not only deciphered her name, the Walter A. Earle, but had made out her rudder gone, and thus satisfied themselves as to the direct cause of the capsizing.

Asked yesterday as to the possibility that some of the Earle's people had survived, Captain Hackett shook his head negatively.

"I'm afraid not," he said. "There can be no doubt about it that the schooner is lost and that the poor fellows aboard were confined in her—those who were not swept overboard in the storm. The worst of it is, too, sealing men believe that more than the Earle went down in that same terrible storm, and any one of the incoming fleet may bring news of a second similar disaster. Wreckage in large quantity is afloat twenty miles south of the Pappalonas, and at a greater distance still from the spot where Captain McLean picked up the mainsail of the lost Earle. It is hardly likely that the wreckage could have drifted so far in so short a time, and it is therefore probable that there has been a second wreck. I sincerely hope there has not but the general belief of the sealing men is that there has."

The lost Earle was one of the best known sealers along the coast and one of the staunchest. She was, too, the only one of the sealing fleet of '95 to carry a hunting crew made up of Indians from this city and vicinity, and the distress at her loss is in consequence the more general here. She had worked up the coast in company with the Favorite, Libbie and Katherine, and was doing fairly among the seals when overtaken by the fatal storm. Captain Magneson, who commanded the Earle this season and last, was a native of Norway, aged 33 years—a cousin of Mr. A. Magneson of the owning firm of Thomas Earle & Co. Mate Henry Buhr was an Icelander, 36 years old, an experienced sealer and mariner who had been with his captain for several seasons. The other white members of the crew were Brostrup Berner, the cook, a singleman, Norwegian by birth and 30 years of age; William J. Douglas, A. B., married and a resident of Duncan station, a native of Scotland, aged 26; W. H. Wyman, A.B., single, 30 years old, a native of Nottingham, Eng., and one of the Agnes Macdonald's last season's crew on the Japanese coast; and Adolf E. Shute, aged 23, single, and a German by birth. Of the 26 native hunters and boatmen 12 were from Victoria, Songhees and Saanich boys; there were also five Sooke men, six from Beecher Bay, two from Metchosin and one from Cowichan. The lost schooner was nine years old, of San Francisco build and known along the coast as well by her former name, Sylvia Hardy, as by that which she bore at the time of her loss. The name was changed with the vessel's register a few years ago, when she was purchased for sealing by Thomas Earle & Co. The Earle was well built and sound; a craft of 68 tons and the following dimensions: Length, 75.6 feet; beam, 23 feet; depth, 7.7 feet. She was valued at about $10,000 as she floated and was partially insured.

Captain Hackett of the Libbie does not think the vessels of the Coast fleet will average 250 skins. He brings the following catch reports: Beatrice, April 19, 140; Florence M. Smith, April 24, 270; Annie C. Moore, April 20, 105; Oscar and Hattie, April 20, 100; Mary Taylor, April 6, 235; May Belle, March 31, 75; Fawn, April 20, 114; and Otto, April 20, 185.

In regard to the lost Earle, Captain Rodseth of the Norwegian steamer Solveig—which arrived last week from Yokohama and left for coal last evening after several days in dock—gives a report which may or may not be of value. He says that when about 600 miles off the Vancouver Island coast he passed a wreck floating with mast about six feet above water. The steamer ran beside the wreck, approaching to within 100 yards of it, but could secure no evidence of its identity.

Steamer Thistle left on her second regular West Coast trip last evening, carrying a small freight and about eighteen passengers.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend applying to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease as site for a fishing station the following land, situate on Shelter Arm, Clayoquot District, viz: Commencing at the South-east corner post of the Wappook Indian Reservation; thence north 30 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; more or less, to a post on the beach inscribed "A. Magneson's S.E. Corner"; thence following the shore-line back to the place of commencement; containing 80 acres, more or less.

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