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1 Scarcity of Chinese Labor.—A ment member of the Chinese Cotors' and Cannery Workers' Assoc expresses the opinion that the otors of the different Fraser rice to the control of the different fraser rice. tors of the different Fraser rive meries will experience difficulty in ing a sufficient number of Chines ployees to handle an average pac-season. There were unmistakable cations of this. Since the head t \$500 on all Chinese entering E Columbia had been enforced innation from the Orient has pract ceased.

Increasing Plant.—Turner, Beeton Co., to meet the growing demand their Big Horn brand of shirts overalls, are making important addit to their plant. The factory, under management of Thos. Walker, has ceeded in meeting the wants of the ferent parts of the province with the sult that they find it difficult to keep with the increasing orders. From to time improvements are introduced as to expedite work, and at the stime maintain or improve the quality the goods manufactured. At the put time, in addition to the regular work of the factory, the managem are busy with a rush order of over and jackets for the C. P. R. engin staffs, which is to be sent to Revelst

Preparing for Traps.—Yesterday tug R. P. Elmore arrived from Wh com with a pile driver, scows and necessary material for putting in the This outfit will be taken down the co in the vicinity of the Capital City Copany's location to further work alree in progress there for another Victor company. It is possible that this parties of the Capital City Company also. The Capital City Company also. The Capital City Company also. The Capital Copacking & Canning Company, Limit will put in a test trap. This compans a recently been organized, the not of incorporation appearing in this wee Gazette. The provisional directors a John Taylor, J. E. Kinsman, Capt. G. Cox, D. E. Campbell, S. A. Spene the canneryman, and Capt. W. Granthe company controls three foreshed grants from the provincial government of the company controls three foreshed grants from the provincial government of the company controls three foreshed grants from the provincial government and Jordan river, at Frenche Capital Company controls three foreshed ington point and Jordan river, at Frenche Capital Capital Company controls three foreshed in the company controls three foreshed in the provincial government of the capital capi

Grom Sunday's Dany.) New City Wharf.—The city cours is considering the advisability of builting, he new wharf at the city electralighting station, which can be used he the corporation for different surpose and which will, it is thought, be the means of effecting considerable economy. It is understood an applicatio for the privilege of building will shortly be made to the Dominion government.

Lumber Company Moving. — The Shawnigan Lake Lumber Company has purchased the two lots adjoining their premises on the corner of Government and Discovery streets. As these aron the route of the new car line the company is moving its offices to the corner. The remainder of the lots who he used as an extension of their yar

anysterious Fire.—Ine origin of the fire in the electric department of the navy yard early this week has not bee determined. The board of enquiry which held an investigation into the cause the blaze is said to have concluded the fire started either from cross wir or from spoutaneous combustion.

In Chambers.—Yesterday morning, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, in chambers the following applications were heard: Re Lehora Richards, deceased Mr. Jay made application to fix amount of security. Bond in \$60,000. Re Hugh Grieve, deceased. Mr. Rogers made application for letters of administration Granted. Camsusa vs. Coigdarippe, Mr. Jay made application to settle minutes of order. Settled.

The Fall Fair.-The canvass of city, instituted some weeks ago by the B. C. Agricultural Association in the interest of the annual fall fair, has been almost completed. A liberal response was received from all citizens, and in consequence it is probable that consequence it is probable that the ac-sociation will be in as good a financial condition before the show as u previous years, despite the reduction of the pro-vincial government grant.

Fire at Ladysmith.—An alarming fire broke out on High street on Friday which resulted in the destruction of four small residences. The fire originated in the textichen of a house belonging to Jos. Carpenter. The Queen's hotel was at one time in imminent danger, and as it was it was only saved with a scorehing. The fire brigade was speedily on the scene, but it was some time before the hose could be brought into action, owing to an insufficient pressure of water. It is understood the buildings are covered by insurance. A very considerable loss is estimated.

Influx of Homeseekers.—Three lots at Oak Bay were acquired a short time since by a clergyman from the Territories, who visited Victoria last summer, and who wants to secure a site for a home as soon as he is ready to retire. An acquaintance of his is now in the city negotiating for a home on his own account, while quite a number of contracts have already been let for people from the Territories and Manitoba, Each of these is a zealous missionary for the place, and the ultimate effect on the city will be very marked.

At Fort Macaulay. — Arrangements have been made that members of the Fifth Regiment will receive instruction at Fort Macaulay on Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock. The provisional school for officers, N. C. O.'s and men of the regiment will probably commence at the ned of June. Instruction will probably be given two evenings of the week in the drill hall and on Saturday afternoons in Fort Macaulay. N. C. O.'s and men who intend attending this school will hand in their names to the officer commanding their respective companies.

"Made in Canada" Fair.—The secretary of the "Made in Canada" fair has received a letter from Agnes Maude Macher (Fidelis), who, for many years, was one of the best known Canadian authors. An extract from the letter runs as follows: "I hope the fair will be successful. I owe Victoria something for the pleasure I had during a week's visit there nearly two years ago, so I am glad to have an opportunity of paying a portion of the debt. \*\* \*\* almost envy you the glorious views of sea and mountain, and the mildness of the climate, especially in contrast with the cold, long snow and beleaguered winter from which we have scarcely parted yet." Miss Macher writes from her home in Kingston, Ont., and is sending several signed copies of her own works to the bookstall at the fair.

Housebreaker Arrested.—Acting on information received from Nanaimo Provincial Constable Johnson yesterday took into custody a man named Long-bothom, who is wanted on the charge of housebreaking in the Nanaimo district. The police were notified of his departure on foot from the Coal City, and the constable early in the morning went out in a rig to look for him. He came upon his man just a little beyond Colwood station. He admitted that his name was Longbottom, but denied that he had done anything to cause his arrest beyond deserting from the army. He was conveyed to the city police station, where he will be detained pending instructions from Nanaimo.