More Strikes In Vancouver

Carpenters Are Out, Blacksmiths Preparing and Others to Follow.

Millmen Back Builders and Will Fight For the Mastery.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 1.—The junior plumbers or improvers have made a demand for 45 cents an hour at once, and 50 cents an hour and rank as journeymen on May 1. It is reported that most of the shops have given in.

The blacksmiths and master blacksmiths meet tonight. It appears that all the shops did not agree to their employee's demands, and trouble is feared. It is reported that other strikers are imminent.

The job printers demand that eight hours shall constitute a day.

The carpenters all quit work this morning. There are about 300 out.

Of the builders 40 have put up a pledge of $50 each not to go back on one another, and the lumber mills have strengthened their cause by refusing to deliver lumber to any one who employs union men.

There was no lumber delivered today. All building will be stopped. There are but 40 carpenters outside the unions. The builders say with the mills behind them, they will fight it out on the same line all summer and decide who is to be boss.

SEALERS IN LUCK.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 1.—The sealing steamers Southern Cross, with 18,000 seals and Grand Lake with 26,000 seals returned from the seal fisheries today. Nothing has been heard from four of the steamers in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

FOR VANCOUVER.

Rev. C. C. Owen Accepts the Call to Christ Church Rectorship.

London, Ont., April 1.—Rev. C. C. Owen, rector of Memorial church, has decided to accept a call recently extended to him by Christ church, Vancouver.

ADULTERATED BUTTER.

Toronto, April 1.—The News' London cable says: The adulterated butter bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons today. According to the provisions of the bill, butter containing more than 16 per cent. of water will be labelled adulterated, however pure it is. The bill is really aimed against dry Colonial butters, which are bought and blended with milk by dealers here. Although perfectly pure, butter often contains about 20 per cent. of water. It seems to be the set purpose of Handbury's bills to foster prejudice on part of consumer against Colonial butter and beef.

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON.

Paris, April 1.—The Petit Parisiene this morning states that the steerable balloon belonging to the brothers Pierre and Paul Lebaudy was again successfully tried at Moisen, near Nantes. The airship ascended, executed a number of manoeuvres and followed the course of the Seine for some distance. It then returned and was brought to the ground easily one hundred yards from the starting point. Lebaudy's airship made several free ascents and manoeuvres last November, and the experiments were then declared to be very successful.

MEXICAN CONGRESS OPENS.

President Diaz Meets the Representatives of the People.

Mexico City, April 1.—President Diaz opened Congress tonight in the presence of a brilliant audience. Speaking of the decision against Mexico by The Hague tribunal in the matter of the Pious fund, President Diaz said that although the decision was against Mexico, it served to demonstrate before the world that there are peaceful means for settling international questions. The condition of the federal treasury has been satisfactory during the present fiscal year. The country has been in general prosperous.

ROSEBERY'S DAUGHTER WEDS.

Lady Sybil Becomes Wife of Lieutenant Grant of the Guards.

London, March 31.—The Earl of Rosebery's eldest daughter, Lady Sybil, was married at Epsom to Lieutenant C. J. C. Grant, of the Coldstream Guards, son of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Grant. The wedding was quiet, only near relatives and intimate friends of the families being present. The display of presents has rarely been equalled. King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal family sent diamond bracelets or brooches. Lord Rosebery's gift amounted to a large fortune in diamonds and pearl tiaras, necklaces, bracelets, etc. The Rothschilds and others sent the bride numerous costly jewels.

PREPARING FOR LONG STRUGGLE

Cotton Spinners at Lowell May Remain Out All This Summer.

Lowell, Mass., April 1.—Indications are that all concerned in the struggle for an advance in wages in the cotton mills here are settling down for a stubborn contest, and consequently a long period of idleness began today. The finishing of print cloth goods is being rapidly completed by the limited number of hands at works, belts have been taken off the machinery in the mills, and some of the corporations have decided to dispose of all raw material on hand in view of the present high price. The union officials claim that arrangements will be perfected so that the strike can continue all summer, if necessary. Trouble was reported at the Lawrence mills today in the hosiery department, where several men claimed to have been dismissed for attending a union meeting.

FIGHTING IN ALGERIA.

French Colonials Give Convoy Rough Handling in Lengthy Fight.

Algiers, April 1.—News has been received here of an attack by a body of 150 tribesmen on a French convoy escorted by a detachment of Algerian Light Infantry in Southern Algeria. The fighting lasted eight hours, with varying fortune. The French troops exhausted their cartridges and then fought a hand to hand encounter. Finally the tribesmen were victorious. The French had nine killed, 13 wounded, including an officer, and two missing. The tribesmen suffered heavily, carrying away their dead and wounded on 40 camels, which they captured from the French convoy.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 25th to 31st March, 1903.

The weather during this week has been for the most part unsettled, mild and showery on the coast of Vancouver Island and to California. This has been due to the influence of several ocean storm areas which for the first few days hovered on the Coast. On the 27th and 28th the first of these storms crossed this province to Alberta. It caused a strong southerly gale on the Washington Coast and a moderate southerly one on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. By the night of the 29th this disturbance had travelled to Manitoba, accompanied by a general mild spell whose influence was felt from the Rockies to the Great Lakes. On the 30th another low barometer area approached the Coast from the sea; it also crossed the province and caused a general rain west of the Cascades, two inches of snow in Cariboo and showers in Kootenay. This disturbance, as it moved eastward, occasioned another mild spell in the Territories and Manitoba. During the passage of these storms across the Dominion others were spreading inland across California to Utah, where they also caused a general rainfall.

Owing to the highest temperatures and comparatively warm rains during the last few days, vegetation has advanced considerably and many shrubs are to be seen in blossom.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 14 hours and 36 minutes; rainfall, .35 inch; highest temperature, 55.1 on the 29th, and lowest 38.2 on 25th.

New Westminster—Rainfall 2.12 inches; highest temperature, 56 on 29th, and lowest 34 on 26th.

Kamloops—Rainfall, .24 inch; highest temperature, 58 on 30th, and lowest, 22 on 25th.

Barkerville—Rain, .34 inch; snow, 2 inches; highest temperature, 48 on 28th, and 20th, lowest, 8 on 25th.

Dawson—Snow, 1 inch; highest temperature, 30, on 25th; lowest, 16 below on 31st.

Gambling Is Investigated

A Special Meeting of Police Commissioners For That Purpose.

How and Why the Colonist Articles Came to Be Written.

A special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon for the express purpose of making inquiries as to what justification the Colonist had in publishing certain articles alleging that open gambling was being carried on in Chinatown, and that arrangements were being made for other gambling houses to re-open in other sections of the city. The meeting was devoid of sensational incidents. A recitation of the Colonist's reasons for publishing the articles was given, the Chief of Police explained the precautions he had taken to prevent the prevalence of open gambling, and the Mayor and his brother commissioners pointed out how difficult it was to secure convictions when information was laid against the proprietors of the lotteries.

There were present His Worship Mayor McCandless, who presided, Commissioners Price and Stewart, Chief of Police Langley, J. M. Bradburn, city solicitor, A. P. Luxton, A. G. Sargison, manager of the Colonist, and C. A. Gregg, of the Colonist reportorial staff. The newspaper's representatives were present by special invitation.

After routine business and the presentation by Chief Langley of his report for the month, His Worship took up copies of the Colonist containing the articles referring to gambling, and questioned Mr. Sargison as to why said articles were published. He (the Mayor) had positive information that there was no gambling or other houses situated at the address which the person gave who had wished to insert the lottery advertisement in the Colonist.

Mr. Sargison explained that it was probable that the correct address had not been taken down by the clerk in the office. But the legitimacy of the address was a matter of little importance. Because of the fact that such an advertisement had been tendered the paper, his attention was drawn to the question of gambling, and he had instructed a reported to look the matter up. Out of such instructions had come the publication of the articles which His Worship had before him.

The Mayor thought a statement ought not to have been made indicating that Chinese were prepared to advertise their gambling houses, when no such evidence existed, as shown by an examination of the copy of the advertisement. He next turned to the direct allegations that Chinese lotteries were running openly at the time the articles were published.

Replying to questions, Mr. Sargison told of how the reporter and others had purchased tickets at On Hing's place on Fisguard street, producing to the commissioners several of the tickets so purchased.

The Mayor then questioned Mr. Sargison as to the latter's opinion as to whether any of the police commissioners had been in collusion with Chinese in respect to the operation of lotteries.

Mr. Sargison replied that no suggestion that the commissioners were implicated had emanated from him nor from the Colonist.

The Mayor and Commissioner Stewart said it was inferred so by the use of the word "fixed" in the Colonist's articles.

Mr. Luxton thought the word "fixed" was a very broad term and was probably used in the popular sense, as "arranged for," etc.

The commissioners expressed keen regret that anything should have been published calculated to cast discredit upon their character, which were free from any conduct warranting such aspersions. His Worship gave emphatic expression to his hearty desire to probe the matter to the bottom and do everything possible to punish offenders against the laws prohibiting gambling.

The reporter who wrote the articles in the Colonist was then questioned, and he told of the collecting of evidence which led up to his writing the articles, which were a fair recitation of the facts which he had gathered in pursuance of his duties as assigned him by the manager. Tickets were purchased at On Hing's, in Chinatown, conversations were held with the keeper of the place, cards were obtained showing the intricacies of the "system" of lottery; and on the return to the office the article was written—that was all. As to the article the second day, it was, he believed, a fairly accurate presentation of what was the popular opinion respecting conditions in the city affecting the gambling situation.

Chief Langley said he took particular precautions to prevent the lotteries opening up again. He, before leaving for San Francisco, had issued explicit instructions to Sergeant Hawton to keep close watch on the Chinese lotteries, and had always done his best to prevent their operation. It was very difficult, however, to secure a conviction—the mere purchasing of a ticket not being enough to secure a conviction.

An informal discussion then ensued on this latter point without anything new being evolved, there being a difference of opinion as to the ability of the police to secure a conviction with the evidence obtainable.

Ald. Stewart—Well, Chief, we want no more lotteries running, selling tickets in the future.

Chief Langley—I will do my best, sir. I have only a small force; but we will do the best we can.

With these concluding remarks the investigation was over, the Mayor expressing a willingness to do all in his power at any time to put down gambling.

Serious State Of Affairs

Lack of Help Disclosed by the Escape of Convicts at Westminster.

One Guard Said to Be Invalid and Work Falls on Companion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, April 1.—The two prisoners, whose escape from the provincial jail at this city was noted in yesterday's Colonist, have not yet been recaptured. Investigation shows a state of affairs which might well engage the attention of the government. When all the guards which could be spared and some "extras" had been despatched to different parts of the district to head off the fugitives, the representative of the Colonist interviewed Governor Armstrong and learned several interesting particulars. One was that the governor was "it" for the time being; for, owing to the scattering of his staff he was holding the fort practically alone.

A visit to the cells of the escaped convicts showed how they had released themselves. One, John Clark, who was serving a two-year's term for jail-breaking in Vancouver, had in some way not yet explained, possessed himself of a key, and by the aid of a knife made out of an old file with another large file used as a "jimmy" he cut and prized away a section of the door panel, and then cut a hole in the remaining thickness of the heavy fir door, large enough for him to thrust out his hand and reach the big Yale pad-lock fastening the bolts and bars. Having let himself out, Clark proceeded along the still gallery to the cell two doors distant, and in short order released his pal, Wm. Jones, who was serving terms aggregating three years, for stealing in Vancouver. Descending to the main floor, the two had to smash and remove a small lock on the inner wooden door, but their original key easily opened the iron grating, and then taking down the bar of the back gate, found themselves on the street.

The escape of these men brings once more to the notice of the public the inadequacy of the jail staff. Governor Armstrong has only three inner guards to help him, and this number to care for the safety of 56 prisoners is considered too few, compared with one for each eight housed at the penitentiary. This means also that there is just one guard on duty all night. One of these guards is Alex. Turnbull, the well known lacrosse player, the other two are Marshall and O'Connor, both of whom figured in the investigation which Judge Harrison conducted at the jail last summer. O'Connor was not particularly under review, but it was then made public what was only known to a few, that he, though a comparatively young man, is afflicted with creeping paralysis, which has affected his lower limbs. Since then his condition does not appear to have materially improved, and he is becoming dull of hearing. As he had not been superannuated, he was put on night duty, so that he would have less difficulty in discharging his duties. Under such circumstances Governor Armstrong says he was continually on the qui vive fearing some such denouement and for months has been putting in long hours. He is at a loss to account for the key used by the escaped prisoner, but presumes they made it. The making of keys by the prisoners was quite a feature of the late investigation, but the prisoners who were then implicated have since been released. Had the prisoners chosen to take the others into their confidence, they might have liberated them all, for the one key opens all cells and doors except the one which had to be broken. In that case, however, the consequent noise must surely have alarmed the guard.

The funeral of the late Duncan Munn took place yesterday afternoon to the Masonic cemetery, and was attended by a large number of citizens, six old and respected residents acting as pall-bearers.

A small fire at the corner of Third avenue and Tenth street carried the uptown brigade to the scene. It was found that the fire had started in rubbish and the McCormack residence, but the flames were extinguished without much damage having been done.

Like Vancouver, it would seem that someone has been stirring up the police here on the Sunday observance law. In the Police Court this morning a storekeeper was summoned for selling twobits' worth of cigars last Sunday. The case was adjourned till tomorrow, but it may prove to be an interesting fight. It is suspected prosecution will be carried on under the general act, as there is an impression here that the city bylaw might not hold water, several convictions having been quashed within the last year or so.

The new tram cars, the first manufactured in this province, were sent out from the B. C. Electric Railway Company's car shops in this city today, and No. 52 was given a trial spin on the Sapperton run. Two are for the Vancouver system, and a third is for Victoria. They are large city cars, built more for comfort and easy running on ordinary city grades than for speed and hill-climbing. One is impressed with their apparent stability, and though they are not lavishly decorated, the finish is good enough and up-to-date, and creditable to the new car works.

VERDICT IN BURDICK CASE

Presumption is Pennell Was the Man Who Did the Killing.

Buffalo, April 1.—The verdict in the Burdick case handed down by Judge Murphy yesterday, while stating that the identity of the murderer of Edward L. Burdick has not been proven, practically charges Arthur R. Pennell, the dead lawyer, with the crime.

Pennell had a stronger motive than anyone else for putting Burdick out of the way, Judge Murphy says, and all the facts brought out by the inquest constitute just grounds for the issuance of a warrant against Pennell if he were alive. The verdict is softened somewhat so far as it relates to Pennell by the statement that if Pennell were alive he would be given the presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

In the opinion of Judge Murphy, Burdick had no woman guest in his den on the night of the murder, and the crime was not the work of a burglar. He exonerates Mrs. Paine and Miss Hutchinson from any connection with the crime, and in conclusion criticises Mrs. Maria A. Hull and censures Mrs. Burdick, the former for her attitude toward the authorities and the inconsistency of her actions with the theory that she had no knowledge of the murder.

SAD HOME-COMING.

Young Married Couple Announce Their Return, But Commit Suicide.

Paterson, N. J., April 1.—Thomas S. Stothard, aged 21, and his wife, Louisa C. Stothard, aged 23, committed suicide today in Lakewood, a suburb of this city, by drinking carbolic acid. Stothard had been married in opposition to the wishes of his parents, and after an absence of a few days had written them that he and his wife were coming home to seek forgiveness.

NEW TRANS-CANADA LINE.

Mr. MacKenzie Preparing For Work, But Thinks Three Roads Too Many.

Winnipeg, April 1.—W. M. MacKenzie, who is here, states that the object of his coming is to establish a transcontinental line with British Columbia as the Western terminus and some point in Nova Scotia as the Eastern outlet. He was of opinion that the present volume of traffic in the West did not warrant the construction of three distinct lines across the continent. The line will build from Port Arthur to Quebec ,thence to Maritime provinces, and will have entrance to Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal.

MEDICAL LECTURE.

Professor Mills' Address to the Medical Society.

On Tuesday evening Professor Mills of McGill University lectured before the Medical Society of Victoria. The lecturer demonstrated how the more recent methods of studying the anatomical elements of the nervous system had resulted in a great increase of knowledge. A large number of lantern slides were exhibited to illustrate the subject. There was a good attendance of medical men and others interested in science. At the conclusion of the lecture Dr. Mills was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. In responding, he referred to the great importance to the medical profession of having a flourishing medical society, by which the tone of the profession was kept high and subjects of special interest to them discussed.

Dog Show Proves Great Success

Opening of Annual Exhibition of Kennel Club Most Auspicious.

In Competition for English Setters Ballard Dog Ranks First.

The second annual dog show of the Victoia City Kennel Club opened under most auspicious circumstances yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Philharmonic Hall. The show is a very creditable one, both in number and variety of canine aristocrats. Celebrated dogs from Washington, Oregon and California are on exhibition and attracted considerable attention.

The competition in the English Setter class was won by Real John of Ballard, Wash., the property of Ben Bogart. Victor L., owned by H. H. Jones, of Victoria, won second honors. Real John has been sold by the secretary, T. P. McConnell.

The following awards were made yesterday:

ST. BERNARDS.

St. Bernards, Puppy Dogs.—1, His Highness, owner, W. F. Hall, Victoria; 2, Mascott, owner, A. Rusta, Victoria; 3, Nero, owner, S. York, Nanaimo.

Novice Dogs.—1, His Highness, owner, W. F. Hall, Victoria; 2, Mascott, owner, A. Rusta, Victoria.

Limit Dogs.—1, His Highness, owner, W. F. Hall, Victoria; 2, Nero, owner, A. F. Barber, Vancouver; 3, Mascot, owner, A. Rusta, Victoria.

Open Dogs.—1, Grand Master II., Nairod Kennels, San Francisco; 2, His Highness, W. F. Hall, Victoria; 3, Nero, A. F. Barber, Vancouver.

Puppy Bitches.—1, Gemma, C. W. Duck, Victoria.

Limit Bitches.—1, Gipsy Lee II., Nairod Kennels, San Francisco.

Open Bitches.—1, Gypsy Lee II., Nairod Kennels, San Francisco.

GREAT DANES.

Great Danes, Novice Dogs and Bitches.—1, Remus, Geo. W. Seymour, Vancouver; 2, Bobs, John Holland, East Wellington, B.C.

Great Danes, Limit Dogs and Bitches.—1, Cunningham's Carlotta, J. L. Cunningham, Victoria. Among the passengers were Mr. and Mrs Livingstone Bruce and party, who are returning to England from an Eastern trip. Mrs. Bruce is a daughter of the noted Dr. Livingstone. The steamer brought a cargo of 1,700 tons of general freight, of which 110 tons was consigned to Victoria. She brought an average cargo of silk and silk goods. After landing her mails and debarking her local passengers, who included a party of six U. S. citizens from Manila, laden with Filipino shields and other curios, who left for the Sound last night.

The steamer Aki Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is the next steamer due. This new Japanese liner of 3996 tons, is expected to arrive at the outer wharf on Tuesday next. The steamers Athenian of the C. P. R. line and steamer Victoria of the N. P. line left Yokohama together on Saturday last and will doubtless make an effort to outdo each other on the run over, as both boats have a similar speed. They are due on the 11th. The Victoria has 250 tons of cargo for this port.

A HEAVY STORM.

Encountered by Shipping Now Arriving on Friday Last.

British ships Rahane and Invermark both encountered a very heavy gale off the entrance to the Straits on Friday last. The Rahane was off the Cape waiting for a tug on the 27th, and when the heavy gale blew, she was driven to the westward, laboring heavily in a mountainous, confused sea, which swept her decks and buffetted her considerably. The Invermark also encountered this gale. She was about 240 miles southwest of Cape Flattery when the gale caught her and laid her over almost on her beam, the ballast shifting. The big seas pounded on the vessel's decks, and she labored heavily during the storm, but no damage resulted. The Rahane spoke Scottish Moors homeward bound off Cape Horn.

Several steamers also encountered the gale. The Pacific Coast steamship Senator was twenty-four hours behind her schedule time of arrival. It took her eighty-five hours to make the trip from Victoria. She left the northern port with a large number of passengers, and while off Cape Flattery the wind came from the southeast with terrific force, and continued unabated during the entire voyage. The gale stirred up a heavy head sea, and at every plunge the Senator buried herself in a smother of foam. She was compelled to run under a slow bell, but even then she shipped heavy seas forward. A quantity of cargo on the forward deck was set adrift, but was secured before serious damage was done. The passengers were compelled to remain in their cabins during the entire voyage. In the steerage was 100 Japanese from Victoria.

The British collier Wyefield also had a hard time going down the coast, and was one day late in making port. She experienced the same southeaster which delayed the Senator, and her captain reports unusually heavy weather off Mendocino. The Wyefield's decks were continually under water.

C. P. N. STEAMERS.

Danube Sails for the North and Tees for West Coast.

Steamers Danube and Tees left last night. The steamer Danube went to Naas and way ports on the Northern coast loaded with cargo and with as many passengers as her accommodation would allow. The Tees went to Ahousaht, with an average number of passengers and a fair cargo. Included among the passengers who went North on the Danube were John Cunningham of Port Essington, John Conway, the new mining recorder of Bear creek, and J. W. Stewart and J. W. Williams, his partners. A number of cannerymen were also passengers, and in the steamer's 'tween decks were a large number of Chinese. Capt. Hughes, master of the steamer, will not proceed further than Vancouver, where he and Capt. Gunns, chief officer, leave the vessel, and Capts. McCoskrie and Robinson will go on in their stead.

Steamer Princess May will sail tonight for Skagway

Evidences Of A Shipwreck

Sailing Ships Now In Royal Roads Tells of Sighting Wreckage.

Empress of Japan From the Orient—C. P. N. Steamers Sail.

Has disaster overtaken one of the lumber carriers which left the Sound or British Columbia during the past few months? This is a question which is being anxiously asked by shipping men in consequence of the finding of wreckage which has been reported at various times within the past few weeks. Further reports of floating wreckage off the coast were received by the British ships Rahane and Invermark, which arrived yesterday, one having sighted spars, miscellaneous wreckage, from the mast partners of a sailing vessel to spars with large iron bolts showing, and the other having sighted a quantity of clean dressed lumber not far from where the other sighted wreckage.

The further reports of the finding of wreckage brought by these vessels just arrived in the Royal Roads will doubtless increase the anxiety, which is already felt for several Liverpool owned lumber ships, including the Brabloch, Lyderhorn and Ancona, the last-named being the vessel for which most fear is expressed, as it is known that she left the Straits in the teeth of the tremendous gale which blew at the rate of 76 miles an hour off the Columbia, and Flattery on March 10. The Ancona sailed from Port Townsend the day previous, and would encounter the full force of the storm off the Cape.

The first news received told of the finding of the stern of a ship's boat, marked "Liverpool," and some clean lumber and now Capt. Bolderstone of the bark Invermark from Callao, tells of passing a quantity of new lumber, evidently from one of the lumber-carrying vessels which has sailed during the past month or so, and Capt. Scott of the laden ship Rahane from Liverpool reports having sighted wreckage not far from where the Invermark sighted the lumber.

The Invermark passed the dressed lumber, of which Capt. Bolderstone speaks, when about 150 miles Southwest of Cape Flattery, and the Rahane, from Capt. Scott's says, was between 100 and 150 miles Southwest of Flattery when she passed spars and wreckage. Capt. Scott said yesterday that there was a lot of wreckage. There were also several pieces of dressed lumber, but not a large quantity. One spar seen by him from the Rahane appeared to be a topgallant mast. One piece was the mast partners of some sailing vessel, with the bolts sticking from it. There were several beams with large iron bolts sticking from them. Two or three spars were also sighted at a distance.

JAP STEAMER LOST.

Foundered Off the Coast and 34 Men Were Drowned.

News was received from Yokohama in mail advices received by the Empress of Japan, of the loss of the Japanese steamer Kongo Maru, which foundered off the coast of Misaki province. Idzumi, in a heavy gale on the morning of March 10th. The steamer had left Wakamatsu on the previous day loaded with a cargo of 42 left from the Imperial iron foundry for the Sanyo and Sanin railway. The steamer sprang a leak when laboring in the gale, and she foundered very quickly. Of her crew of 34 persons not one was saved. Two bodies of the dead were recovered.

EMPRESS ARRIVES.

White Liner Reached Port Yesterday Morning From the Far East.

Steamer Empress of Japan, Capt. Pybus, arrived at the Outer wharf yesterday morning, with 34 saloon, 28 intermediate and 287 Chinese passengers, of whom 42 left the vessel at Victoria. The passengers included a number of tourists, returned army officers, missionaries and U. S. citizens from Manila. Among the passengers were Mr. and Mrs Livingstone Bruce and party, who are returning to England from an Eastern trip. Mrs. Bruce is a daughter of the noted Dr. Livingstone. The steamer brought a cargo of 1,700 tons of general freight, of which 110 tons was consigned to Victoria. She brought an average cargo of silk and silk goods. After landing her mails and debarking her local passengers, who included a party of six U. S. citizens from Manila, laden with Filipino shields and other curios, who left for the Sound last night.

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TO OPERATE WEST.

Toronto, April 2.—A wholesale grocers' combine was formed here last night, and will open branches in Western Canada.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects. 26

CHANGED QUICKLY.

Price Quoted on Overdue Vessels Makes Rapid Changes.

Within the past few days the changes in the overdue lists have been rapid. Yesterday there were two changes in the one day on some of the vessels on the marker. The Prince Eugene, now 47 days from Darien for Swansea, was advanced to 50 per cent from 40, and then later in the day to 65. The French bark De Couddy, 98 days from San Francisco for Sydney, was advanced to 45 and then to 50 per cent, and the German bark Columbia, now 65 days out from Kobe for Victoria, was advanced from 25 per cent to 30 and then to 35 per cent.

MILLER RETURNS.

General Agent of P. C. S. S. Co., Leaves the Firm.

Charles W. Miller will, within a few days, retire as general agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship company at Seattle. His resignation is now in the hands of Manager Lawless. It was filed some days ago and will take effect April 5.

Mr. Miller is to be succeeded by C. H. Holdredge, general traffic agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship company. The latter is now in the employ of the company several weeks, aiding his successor to familiarize himself with the details of the business.

Mr. Miller has been in the employ of the Pacific Coast Steamship company about six years. He began as a clerk and rose to his present position. He was assistant general agent under the general agency of Goodall, Perkins & Co., and with the retirement of the latter company some months ago, he was made general agent.

Canada's Bid For Trade

How Flour of the Dominion Is Brought to Attention of Japanese.

The Forthcoming Meeting of Japan's Diet—A Japanese Scandal.

According to advices received by the steamer Empress of Japan, yesterday, Canada is making quite a showing at the Osaka exhibition, which is being rapidly set in order for the grand formal opening by the Emperor on the 10th April. The local papers already contain columns of reports of the special exhibits, and much praise is devoted to those from the United States and Canada. The latter country has a special building of its own, and is making a special bid for Japanese trade. Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, is here in connection with his country's exhibit, and is being much feted. A specialty is made of Canadian flour, a "real live" baker from Canada being engaged to make bread from Canadian flour before the eyes of visitors. Royalty from Germany in the persons of Prince Rupprecht of Bayern, Bavaria, now traveling incog. in China, with his wife, the princess, is expected to visit Osaka at the opening ceremony.

The size of the exhibition may be inferred from the particulars of a catalogue just issued containing a full list of exhibits. The list consists of 46 volumes, comprising 12,000 pages.

It is expected that the naval review off Kobe, which takes place a few days before the formal opening, will draw an immense number of visitors from the interior, who will naturally be drawn also to the exhibition, which will be proportionately benefited.

According to advices from Tokio under date of March 20th, the Emperor of Japan was expected to issue an imperial rescript on the 24th inst, summoning the Diet to meet in extraordinary session on May 5th. The session is occasioned by the dissolution of the last Diet owing to opposition to the government's budget, but the late elections promise a new Diet containing practically the same strength in the opposition as in the dissolved house. To ensured were it not that, in the last few days, rumor has been hinting of a possible compromise having been arrived at between the cabinet and the opposing associated parties. It is not known what the terms of the compromise may be, but Marquis Ito, one of the leaders of the opposition, has made one strong speech rebuking the partizans for "underhand intrigue and malicious enmities which too often disfigured the struggles between politicians." In fendal days it was expected that the proposed naval expansion measure will be voted, the necessary revenue (the real bone of contention) to be raised partly by an enforcement of administrative retrenchment

In addition to the text book scandal already reported, involving the arrest and prosecution of some 150 prominent officials and politicians for accepting bribes to favor the introduction of school-readers printed by certain publishers, there has now cropped up another official bribery scandal, which, though not so wide spread, involves, it is said, even a larger amount of money. The officials so far arrested are in the Agriculture and Commerce Department and investigation has shown that they have recently squandered some $30,000 in houses of ill-repute on Geisha, the money being said to be derived from bribes paid them by purveyors of supplies. The government is being praised for its uncompromising prosecution of these cases which have struck consternation into the country, where the system of transacting business by means of "presents" is an Oriental tradition of centuries.

The famine in the northeast is continuing to attract the attention of the charitable, the Japanese now following the foreign residents in extending aid. His Majesty the Emperor has obtained a special report and will shortly contribute a larger donation to the relief fund.

A new Japanese gunboat was launched on the 14th inst. in Yokosuka, and to be named Uji. Her construction commenced on September 1st, 1902. Her length is 184 feet 5 inches, beam 27 feet 7 inches, draught 6 feet 11 inches, tonnage 620 tons. A torpedo destroyer, Hayatori, was launched on the 12th in Yokosuka.

Major-General Fukushima has received from H. M. the King of Spain, a decoration of the Grand Cordon in recognition of his distinguished services tendered in saving the Spanish Minister and his countrymen at the siege of the Peking legations during the North China trouble.

Consul Hisamizu and Mr. Katsube, who were sent to South Africa to investigate trade conditions there, have returned to Tokyo. As a result of their report it is probable that a Japanese consulate will be established at Capetown. Consul Hisamizu, now at Singapore, may be transferred to the Cape.

H. H. Prince Nashimoto, accompanied by Captain Yamane and his equerry Usui, will leave for France on 27th March to enter a French naval school. After a few months he will extend his journey to England, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, Belgium, Russia and other countries, to inspect social conditions abroad.

At the conference of the Tea Guilds of Japan, it was decided to petition the government for a subsidy of Y.70,000 for the foreign market extension expenditure and the establishment of a tea-house in the forthcoming St. Louis World's Fair.

The ceremonials in connection with the fortieth anniversary of the coronation of the Emperor of Korea are to extend over seven days, commencing on the 28th of April. There will be receptions, dinners, an evening party, acts of worship and a review, to say nothing of other functions more essentially Oriental. It has been decided that Japan shall be represented by Prince Yamashina, who is now serving on board the Yakumo. It is also expected that Sir Charles MacDonald will proceed to Seoul as Great Britain's representative.

TRAIN MEN SUCCEED.

Granted Concessions Sought on New York System.

Newhaven, Conn., April 2.—The committee representing the conductors of the system met twice today with President Hall and other officials of the New York, Newhaven and Hartford railroad and reached an amicable settlement. This announcement was made by President Hall and C. H. Wilkins, of the Order of Railway Conductors, who has been here to counsel the committee. The terms of the agreement cannot be secured as President Hall declined to make them public. Mr. Wilkins said he was "willing to state that the men were granted the concessions they sought."

Complains Of Local Doctor

Husband Appeals to Medical Council Alleges a Death Due to Malpractice.

Application Came Up Yesterday, Complaint Claimed Groundless.

An application involving serious charges against Dr. E. B. C. Hanington, of this city, came up in Chambers yesterday morning, before Mr. Justice Drake. W. J. Taylor, K.C., made a motion for a writ of mandamus to compel the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia to hear and determine a complaint made against Dr. Hanington by A. J. M. Inverarity. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., was present representing the council, but was not called upon, as the motion for a writ of mandamus was changed into an application for a rule nisi calling upon the Medical Council to show cause why an order to hear and determine the complaint should not be made. This change in the proceedings made them altogether ex parte, and Mr. McPhillips was not heard, although it is understood that he was fully prepared to rebut the charges made against the Doctor. Mr. Taylor and Mr. McPhillips had arranged to argue the matter exhaustively on the motion yesterday for a mandamus, but the change of procedure postpones the argument until the hearing of the rule nisi.

The ground upon which the college is asked to act is the allegation that Mrs. Inverarity's life was sacrificed about August 4, 1901, by unskillful treatment, Dr. Hanington being accused of drunkenness.

The case against the Doctor was contained in a number of letters read as exhibits to the complainant's affidavit.

It appears that the Doctor attended Mrs. Inverarity in her confinement, and it is claimed that her death was due to a variety of preventible causes. Ether is said to have been administered for eight hours, and cocaine poisoning is also alleged. The complainant avers that the improper course of treatment was due to the intoxication of the Doctor, and this contention is held to be substantiated by five witnesses. Another grievance is that the body of the deceased was subjected to the knife without the consent of the complainant.

Mr. Taylor in his argument held that the Medical Act left no choice to the college in the matter, and he cited authorities indicating that the clauses granting the college power to put names on the roll made it obligatory upon the Medical Council to investigate such a serious charge. The council had declined considering the matter by reason of the body being taken to Scotland, and a post mortem examination not therefore being possible. This, he submitted, was no answer to the charge.

To an inquiry by His Lordship, whether any other course of procedure was open, Mr. Taylor observed that action had to be taken within one year from the commission or omission of any act by a practitioner, if such practitioner were to be held liable for negligence or malpractice. Proceedings before the Medical Council subject to an appeal to the courts were the only remedy. It was intended that the Medical Council should protect the public in addition to guarding the interests of the practitioner.

His Lordship objected to the form of proceeding, and it was altered to an application to show cause why the council should not hear and determine the matter.

Mr. McPhillips, when spoken to yesterday, intimated that no hasty conclusion should be formed upon the proceedings, as only one side of the case had been presented, and he hopes when the matter again comes up for hearing, to completely exonerate Dr. Hanington from all blame.

Mr. Inverarity, it is stated, has appealed to the Medical Council, instead of instituting a civil action for damages against the Doctor, upon the ground that whilst he would not think of accepting any money consideration for the loss of his wife, he believes that the public should be protected from physicians rendered incapable by chronic indulgence in liquor.

The complainant also alleges that English physicians pronounced the treatment given to his deceased wife as barbarous.

IN CHAMBERS.

Applications Heard Yeserday—Interesting Point in County Court.

In Chambers yesterday morning the following applications were heard before Mr. Justice Drake.

Upper Yukon Co. vs. British Yukon Co.—C. M. O'Brian for defendants, applied to have both actions dismissed on the ground that the bonds filed by the plaintiffs were not an adequate compliance with the order for security. He argued that the onus was on the plaintiffs to show that the sureties on the bond were sufficient. The application was opposed by F. Higgins, and was dismissed with costs.

COUNTY COURT.

Weiler vs. Vernon—F. B. Gregory for defendant, applied for a review of taxation of costs, His Lordship reducing by one-half the fees charged by the bailiff whilst in possession. J. P. Walls for plaintiff.

Gillier vs. E. & N. Railway Company was enlarged till this morning.

An interesting point will be argued at the next sitting of the County Court. A brewer who is not following his calling at present has brought suit for the price of beer supplied. The solicitor for the defendant has filed a pleading alleging that the plaintiff has never taken out a retail or wholesale licence in the city of Victoria, although he has been selling in quantities less and more than two gallons. The defence contends that as the brewer was prohibited from selling without a license, he cannot, therefore, recover. The brewer claims the right to sell and receive under a Dominion excise license.

IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE

Memorial Tributes Paid at Sir Hector's Last Resting Place.

Toronto, April 1.—The Evening News' London cable says: Crowds in a continuous line visit at the grave of General Macdonald, which is covered with huge pile of flowers. Among the wreathes sent was one from the Caledonian Society of Australia. The Glasgow Macdonald Society have decided to open a memorial fund. At a meeting, the chairman said that Scotland had been robbed of her most illustrious son since Bruce. On the eve of an important battle in South Africa, Macdonald wrote to the Society: "Neither the army nor clan will suffer in name through me." Subscriptions to the fund are pouring in.

SCORES OF USES.

While Dr. Chase's Ointment is best known on account of its wonderful control over eczema, salt rheum and piles, it is found to be in almost daily demand in many homes as a cure for chilblains, chafing, pimples, sunburn, burns, scalds, and each and every form of itching, irritated or inflamed skin. It is invaluable in every home and as a soothing and healing application knows no equal.