Marine News Of a Day.

Steamer Willapa Returns From the Coast, But Without That Wreck.

Garland to Have Competition on the Victoria-Angeles Run.

"Haven't seen a thing of her," was Captain Hughes' reply to the oft-repeated question concerning that phantom barkentine, when he came in from the West Coast on the Willapa yesterday morning. It was not because he and his men had neglected to look either—they had strained their eyes in looking, but all to no purpose. Perhaps it would have been different but for the fact that the fog was thick during the greater part of the voyage, although in the neighborhood of Cape Beale, where Captain Cameron of the Theobald believes he had a glimpse of the erratic stranger on Sunday, it was clear as a bell when the Willapa passed. In the event of time proving the derelict to be the waterlogged lumber bark Discovery, whoever secures her will not reap a fortune in salvage. Should it be some other craft, however, the pickings may be well worth working for. This view of the case has so impressed itself upon the Port Townsend towboat people that the pride of their fleet, the fast Sea Lion, has been sent out on the search, and her return is awaited with keen interest. She was to go first of all to the quarter mentioned by the master of the Theobald, working northerly from there. It is not at all contradictory that the hulk should have been reported from Kyuquot on the 20th ult., and from Beale on Sunday, for the prevailing winds would have carried her in just such a course. A majority of the shipping folk are inclined, however, to the opinion that nothing definite will be discovered until the Willapa makes the long trip up the Coast on the 20th inst. Then, if it is the fact that the crew had deserted the ship and made a landing, the chances are fair for their being return passengers on the Victoria craft. The Willapa had an uneventful voyage, according to her officers' statements yesterday. She brought home a light freight and some nineteen passengers, a majority of these being mining men who have been examining properties in the neighborhood of Clayoquot and Alberni. Mr. Herbert Carmichael had made an extended trip with the object of collecting creditable specimens of the Island's mineral wealth, to form a part of the provincial collection at the Paris exposition, while his fellow travellers were: William Brewer, A. L. McGregor, M. McLellan, James Anderson, John Clark, S. Baker, B. Bunthorne, F. Weldon, Rev. D. H. Reid, G. H. Kirkpatrick, F. J. Jackson, W. Lorimer, H. Stokes, C. Elliott, C. Peterson, George Smith and wife, and Miss Johnson.

THE PUGET SOUND FERRY.

Inspectors Bryant and Cherry Have a Look at the Victorian — Outer Wharf Call To-day.

Inspectors Bryant and Cherry Came over from Seattle on the Victorian yesterday, to see for themselves how the new ferryboat of the Victoria-Puget Sound run acquits herself. They were quite satisfied with her performance, always making allowance for the stiffness of the machinery, which will wear off in a month or so, by which time the vessel will have gotten into smooth-running shape, and be able to considerably improve upon her time. Just now the Victorian is not running her best, and it was 6:30 when she came in yesterday morning, taking her first trip under the right-about schedule. This morning she is promised to come in at 6, leaving two hours later on the return. She will dock at the outer wharf.

THE BEST OF THEM ALL.

United States Inspectors Have Words of High Appreciation for the Tees' Equipment.

Captains Bryant and Cherry, the United States steamboat inspectors, were in Victoria yesterday, and took advantage of the opportune occasion to formally inspect the C. P. N. Company's steamer Tees, in connection with the service she maintains to the American port of Skagway. Of course the Tees, which is rated at the highest notch in Lloyd's, passed the test with flying colors, while the inspectors at the same time paid her the compliment of saying that she outclasses any rival craft in the Pacific Northwest waters in the completeness and thoroughness of her equipment. In consequence of the inspection, the sailing of the Tees on her regular trip to the North was of necessity postponed until to-day. The Queen City, which it was originally announced would leave co-incidentally with the Tees for the Northern river ports, has given place to the larger Amur, which sails north to-morrow in charge of the Queen City's crew, this vessel going on the Willapa's route for a single trip on the West Coast, and also leaving to-morrow. Captain Hughes and his officers and crew will take her out, and return to the Willapa in time to start on the long West Coast trip that is undertaken monthly, on the 10th inst.

THE EMPRESS AWAY.

Jaggers, the News Messenger, a Passenger — Tourists Take Ship Here.

The R. M. S. Empress of India sailed outward early last evening, her call off the outer wharf being made shortly after 8. Included among her passengers was the London Evening News' globe-circling messenger, Jaggers, now racing a New York World trotter for international distinction. He goes from Hongkong via Singapore, Colombo, the Suez, and Marseilles, expecting to be back in dear old London on November 5. Other passengers boarding the steamer here included F. Weber, of London, for Yokohama; W. and Mrs. Tayleur, of Rochester, N. Y., who are going round the world, but leisurely; Mrs. T. W. Robertson, of Hongkong, returning to her home in that city; Miss Hamilton and Miss Twinning, of Waterbury, Conn., and Mrs. Bigelow, of Boston, these tourists having been guests during several days past at the Hotel Dallas.

OPPOSITION FOR THE GARLAND.

Growth of Business on the Port Angeles and Seattle Route Brings the Utopia Into the Field.

The rapid growth of business on the Victoria-Port Angeles-Seattle route during the past twelvemonth has given the Garland, which heretofore has enjoyed a monopoly of the trade in this quarter, rather more than she can conveniently attend to. It has also pointed out opportunities to other steamship concerns, and Messrs. Dodwell & Company have placed the Utopia on the run, commencing with her yesterday's trip. She leaves Seattle at 8 p. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, her departures from this city in returning being at 4 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Calls are made at both Angeles and Dungeness.

GOSSIP OF THE FRONT.

Random Notes of Ships and Shipping Briefly Told for Busy Mariners.

The big steam collier Titania passed up yesterday to load for California at the N. V. C. Company's docks.

H. M. S. Icarus is reported to have been at Dutch Harbor on the 26th ult., intending to leave there shortly for Esquimalt.

British ship Kirkhill goes up the Fraser in a few days to take her salmon cargo.

Steamer Glenogle has sailed from the Sound for San Francisco to receive her orders for transport service.

Steamer Cottage City calls on her upward voyage this morning.

TEN DROWNED AT HALIFAX.

Picnic Party Meets With Disaster—Brave Rescue by Naval Officers.

Halifax, Sept. 4.—A terrible accident resulting in the loss of seven lives occurred off the harbor this evening. The victims were members of a picnic party which left here this morning in a yacht hired for the occasion. Their destination was McNap's Island, a popular resort, about two miles from the city. The boat reached its destination in safety, and the pleasure seekers spent an enjoyable day.

The party included Robert Davison, aged 25; his wife, 28; his sisters, Mabel, 12; Florence, 23; Alice, 24; Bertha, 24; and Louise, 29; Wm. H. Hamilton, of the county clerk's office, aged 29; John Hancock, aged 30; and J. Poole, and Edward Jude, officers of H. M. S. Talbot. The Davisons were children of Robert Davison, who came here from New York seven years ago, and is one of the best known residents of this city. The young people were also prominent in society circles, and young Hamilton and Bertha Davison were to have been married in the near future.

About 5 o'clock the party started to return home, with a strong wind blowing from the north. The breeze freshened until it assumed the proportions of a gale, and squalls followed one after the other in quick succession. It was one of the most dangerous sailing days that have been experienced here for some time, and when the boat was in one of the most dangerous parts of the eastern channel, a tremendous gust of wind struck them with all sail set, and tore the mast from its box. A second gust forced the heavy timber back and striking the bottom it knocked a gaping hole through the bottom.

In a moment the party were face to face with death, and the twelve were battling for their lives. Poole and Jude, who are both excellent swimmers, caught Bertha and Louise Davison in their arms and started for the shore. The others were left to their fate. Mrs. Davison was the first to disappear beneath the waves, and one after the other her companions followed her.

For nearly a quarter of an hour the brave officers fought against terrible odds, and were at length picked up by a passing steamer. The women were almost gone, and it was only after careful medical attention that they were resuscitated.

The news was telegraphed to the city, and Mayor Hamilton at once detailed a squad of policemen to proceed to the scene of the disaster and endeavor to recover the bodies.

TO-DAY MAY SOLVE MYSTERY.

That Phantom Barkentine is Now West of Cape Beale — Willapa Goes in Search.

It is quite possible that the next twenty-four hours will see the mystery dispelled in connection with that erratic barkentine that during the past month has kept the marine men of the Coast guessing as to its identity and misfortunes.

It was seen again on Sunday morning last, this time by Captain Cameron and his officers of the American bark Theobald, en route from Unga Island to Royal Roads.

The hour of sighting was six in the morning, the air being dead calm, and the atmosphere perfectly clear. At this time the captain, having heard nothing of the Flying Dutchman of the West Coast, had his curiosity aroused solely through the fact that the stranger—which seemed to him to be a bald-headed schooner venturing dangerously close inshore—was about twenty miles west from Cape Beale, and about midway between that point and the gateway of Barclay Sound, a locality usually given a wide berth whenever possible by mariners with their wits about them.

The stranger was fully ten miles distant, and her hull was therefore not in view. She had no sails set, and in this respect as well as through her nearness to the rocky shoreline evoked interest on board the Theobald.

The Willapa, which left Alberni yesterday, had intended to keep a close lookout, and it is very reasonable to suppose has picked up the evasive phantom on the home run, as she now has its bearings approximately, and finds it almost directly in her course.

Further strength is given to this supposition that although she was reported due back in port at 10 last night, the steamer had not yet arrived when the Colonist went to press, although a wire from Alberni states that she left there at 3 in the afternoon.

It remains for the picking up of the derelict to unfold its story, which may possibly be one of the most tragic tales of ocean's anger—or possibly nothing serious or noteworthy in any respect, although certainly no craft behaving as does this latest Flying Dutchman has ever before appeared on the Northern coast.

Mrs. Morrison, W. H. Coleman and Mrs. Coleman, of Indianapolis; Geo. H. Joslyn and wife and Mrs. Redish, Omaha, and J. Elverson, Mrs. Kendall and Miss Bowles, Philadelphia, who arrived on the Islander last evening, and are staying at the Driard, are among the Eastern people now visiting this city on pleasure.

Having read in the Bible that passage which says, "Out of the stem of Jesse there shall come forth a branch," John B. Branch, of Waterville, Me., now asserts that he is the Messiah, and is to effect the evangelization of the world in ten years. He already has 25 followers, who were baptized secretly because of threats of riding him on a rail.

A Smelter For Mt. Sicker

The Development of the Lenora Mine Adds Important Industry.

New Interest in Mining in the Field Near at Home.

There's a certain sage old saying that nowhere applies with greater force than here in British Columbia. "Distant fields look greenest" is the adage, and the experience of the Klondike boom days, coupled with the too general neglect of our own Vancouver Island mines, illustrate the philosopher's wisdom.

Few escape attention here in Victoria who have by any means identified themselves with the ownership or working of a claim in the frozen North—but the man who speaks of the wonderful richness or extent of a mine at Alberni or on Mount Sicker gets little attention, and from a small audience.

Yet just here, at the Mount Sicker camp so conveniently near Victoria, a strong Glasgow company is proving the truth of those who courted ridicule a few years ago by predicting fortunes awaiting men who would take up the development of the rich mineral area back of Westholme.

The title of this company is the Mount Sicker & British Columbia Development Company, which includes in its properties some sixteen claims and proven mines in the Mount Sicker neighborhood. The company is also interested in the British Columbia Mining & Development Company, has four claims adjoining the North Star, in East Kootenay, for which a handsome advance was only recently refused, and several gold mines in West Kootenay.

Chief attention, however, is being given to the development of the Lenora, and its associate mines of the Mount Sicker group, on which very active work has recently been resumed under the management of Mr. Henry Croft.

As a result of the past two months' work at the Lenora upwards of 475 tons of ore have been marketed, of an average value of of $30, while a further shipment of 140 tons will be made in the course of the next few days, and the company now has 1,400 tons of mixed ore on the dump, of a value of about $28,000—all this being good smelting ore. Some is being sorted for shipping, and there are fully 7,000 tons of other good smelting ore in sight at the mine.

The management are now running an upraise into a large known ore body, and shipping from this source of supply will also be in order within a few days. A north drift is also being run, which will strike the same ore that the Tyee people have just run through, 17 feet in width and 200 feet below the surface. Twenty-five men are employed, and the indications on all hands are so promising that there is no longer any doubt but that in a very short time a smelter will be erected to treat the ores on the spot, the company having ample financial backing for the undertaking.

WAS STUHR DROWNED?

Wreckage Found That Has Been Identified as Belonging to His Boat.

Augustus Stuhr, who has been missing from Victoria since June 11, when it is supposed he left here for the American side, may never turn up again, if evidence recently reported, suggesting the wreck of his sloop, is bona fide. The Indian woman with whom Stuhr lived, and who is now in Seattle, went up to Steveston a week or so ago to identify some wreckage that was reported as having been found there by fishermen. This consisted of a canvas covering for a hatch of a sloop, which the woman recognized at once as that of Stuhr's craft. She was unable to collect further evidence of the possible fate of the man, and it is now generally conceded that Stuhr, together with two Chinamen whom it is said he carried with him in the sloop, have been lost in the Straits. The boat was an old-fashioned fishing craft, not strong enough for bad weather and was always ballasted heavily. Since the time that her disappearance was mentioned in the Colonist the customs officers on the American side have kept a close lookout for her, and so far have never found any trace of her having landed on the other side. John Anderson, a pal of Stuhr, who was convicted of smuggling in February last, is now serving a term of imprisonment in the Seattle gaol, and has of late been making the most anxious inquiries regarding Stuhr's whereabouts.

Stuhr has considerable of a bank account in this city, and should he have been drowned he has no known relatives to claim the money.

HAYWARD-LOUIS NUPTIALS.

Details of the Pretty Wedding Celebrated at Portland on Wednesday Last.

From the Portland Oregonian of September 10 the following is taken:

"The Hayward-Louis nuptials took place in the First Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock Wednesday. The church was neatly decorated with clinging vines and flowers. In front of the altar where the bridal couple stood during the ceremony, there was a large marriage bell of flowers and vines. The groom, accompanied by his brother, Reginald Hayward, of Victoria, B. C., entered the church from a side door, near the altar. At the same moment other members of the bridal party came down the aisle, in the following order: Charles West, of Portland, and Roscoe Bryson, E. E. Wilson and Dr. Bowen Lester, of Corvallis, ushers; Miss Bonita Stroud, of Portland; Miss Florence Hayward, of Victoria, and Miss Sarah Jacobs and Miss Helen Holgate, of Corvallis, bridesmaids; Miss Sturko, of Chicago, maid of honor; and Miss Leon Louis, the bride. The party met in front of the altar, and the ceremony was performed by Dr. Thompson. The bridesmaids were attired in white organdie, over green; the maid of honor in green satin; and the bride in white mousseline de soie over white satin. After the ceremony an elaborate wedding lunch was served to the bridal party at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. M. Elston Lee. The elegant residence was richly and profusely decorated in smilax and La France roses. After lunch Mr. and Mrs. Hayward left for Victoria, B. C., accompanied by Mrs. Hayward, Miss Hayward and Reginald Hayward, mother, sister and brother of the groom. There were many rich and elegant presents in gold, silver and cut-glass."

(From Wednesday's Daily Colonist.)

THE LOCAL NEWS.

To Meet To-day.—The regular quarterly session of the city board of licensing commissioners is to be held to-day.

Victoria Clearing House.—The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending September 12 are $701,076; balances, $201,011.

Hospital Directors' Meeting.—The September meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital is set for to-morrow evening at 8, in the board of trade rooms.

Not So.—There now appears to be no good foundation for the rumor that a branch of the Order of Eagles is to be instituted at Sooke.

Auction To-day.—The varied and valuable assemblage of desirable furniture now on view in Mr. Herbert Cuthbert's auction rooms, Langley street, opposite the Law Courts, will be sold at 2 p. m. to-day.

The Utopia.—Commencing Tuesday out of Seattle, the steamer Utopia will leave Seattle at 8 p. m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and leave Victoria at 4 p. m. on Mondays and Fridays, calling at Port Angeles and Dungeness.

Fire in the Western Suburb.—The boiling over of a kettleful of oil in Victoria West caused the brigade a run over the two bridges early yesterday morning, only to find on arrival that the danger had passed. The damage will be covered by a $10 note.

Chinaman's Trouble.—In order that the police court may not be entirely without business to-day, an information has been laid and summons issued requiring the appearance of a Chinaman who is accused of having purposely thrown a bucket of water over a little white girl.

Detained for the Owner.—Senior Sergeant Walker of the city police has for several days past been entertaining a Gordon setter that has not as yet been able to give a satisfactory account of itself. The owner can recover his property, which should be very valuable, now that the hunting season is in, by proving property and paying charges.

Preparing a Paper.—Chief Deasy of the Victoria fire department is preparing a paper to be read at the meeting of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, to be held at New Westminster on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of next month. The chief object of the association is mutual benefit, each fire chief attending being expected to contribute a paper, and the most valuable hints being treasured for future reference. The meetings are largely attended usually, and it is thought that nearly all from the South will pass through Victoria to the Royal City this year.

Every Facility.—Not content with supplying smokers' wants in every form, giving the news (in every form), telling the hunter or the fisherman just where to go for a heavy bag, and generally proving himself a worthy successor of his late lamented father, Frank Campbell has now a registration office at the rear of his bazaar, where you may either enter a dog for the approaching bench show, or enter his own name as a voter in provincial elections. As the old voters' lists have now been cancelled, it will be well for those who have thus been deprived of their votes to remember the place, and take an early opportunity to have themselves re-enfranchised.

Salmon Canning at Sooke.—There appears every indication that the entrance of Sooke harbor will shortly become a favorite location for salmon canneries. Windsor & Gordon now being established there at one side of the water, and Bell on the opposite shore. The spot seems to specially advantageous for intercepting the fish at running time, on their way towards Point Roberts. With regard to the success of the cannery experiment in this quarter, it is asserted that all doubt would be removed in the event of the Dominion government putting the canners on an equal footing with their American competitors, by permitting the use of fish-traps.

The Field Day Is "Off."—Although every detail of arrangement had been carefully attended to, and all the sister organizations of the Coast communicated with, the entries for the J. B. A. A. field day projected for next Saturday at the Oak Bay park were so limited in number that the committee, rather than disappoint the public, decided last evening to "call the meeting off." It may be made a feature of the spring, but just at present it is a good something that might have been, but which got its quietus in the apathy of those who should have been interested.

Arion Club.—This club commenced its eighth season's weekly practices last Monday night, when the new music provided for the first concert was gone over with very promising results, and great satisfaction was expressed with the choice made by the committee. A very successful season from every point of view would appear to be assured. Those desirous of joining the club as associate members and subscribing for tickets should apply at once to the secretary, who will be pleased to supply full particulars and application forms. Weather permitting, it has been decided to give an open-air concert at Oak Bay on Monday next on behalf of the funds of the Jubilee hospital, as it was considered to be rather late in the season for the usual water concert. Generous subscriptions for this object have been promised by Mr. Virtue, of the Oak Bay hotel, and by the Electric Railroad Company, and it is hoped that these added to the collection that will be made on the night will allow of a handsome check being forwarded to the hospital.

Diamond Dyes.

Can't Be Washed Out With Soapsuds.

When any article or garment is dyed with the Diamond Dyes no amount of washing with soapsuds can in the slightest degree weaken the color.

No other dyes in the world are so strong, brilliant and unfading as the Diamond Dyes. Plain directions on each package tel how each dye is used, and the whole work is so simple that even a child can use them with profit and success. As there are vile imitations of Diamond Dyes, see that your dealer gives you exactly what you ask for.

Programme for The Tourney

Matches In Which the American Tennis Kings Will Be Seen Here.

Champion Foulkes Is Studying His Foeman's Style—League Reorganized.

All lovers of sport are looking forward with the keenest interest to the visit on Monday and Tuesday of the Eastern tennis cracks, and the committee of the Victoria club have been very busy arranging the schedule of matches for the two days' play.

On Monday Champion Foulkes starts the ball rolling at 10:30 a. m., with a match with Davis, which is sure to be very interesting, Davis being a very brilliant player, and only second to Whitman.

At 2:45 the Vancouver team, which has been invited to play Davis and Ward, the champions in doubles of the United States, and at 4 p. m. there will be a grand exhibition game between Davis and Whitman.

This will indeed be a battle of giants, and worth going miles to see. It presents what is really a chance of a lifetime for most of the Coast lovers of tennis.

Again at 5 p. m. Foulkes will play Wright.

On the second day Goward will play Champion Whitman at 11:15, and at 2:30 Foulkes and Goward, the champions in doubles of British Columbia, will play Davis and Ward, the champions in doubles of the United States. This will be one of the most exciting matches of the tourney, and all are cautioned not to miss it. Lovers of the game should try their hardest to see this exhibition, and back up their champions when they try their skill against one of the best teams ever seen, and second to none in all America.

Again at 3:15 there will be another close and exciting game, when Malcolm and Talbot, the Mainland team, will meet Whitman and Wright.

At 4 p. m. the great match of the day and year will come off, when Champion Foulkes, who reigns supreme on his own courts and has never owned defeat to any one at home since 1893, will meet the champion of all America, to try his strength and certainly make a good and interesting fight.

It is not likely that Whitman has altogether forgotten the name of Foulkes, the Westerner who defeated him in the handicaps at Niagara-on-the-Lake in the summer of 1896, and he is sure to try his hardest to make him haul down his colors to the champion.

Play will begin each day at 10:30 sharp, and continue until dark. So that there will always be good and interesting tennis for all spectators.

In to-morrow's issue the schedule will be published, the players being made up of six from Victoria and two from the Mainland. At present Foulkes is spending a day or two over on the Sound, getting his eye in, and taking notes of their various styles, and later on in the week will play a match or two so as to sum up their mode of attack, and get some practice against their lightning returns, to be the better able to defend his laurels at home.

HOCKEY.

Once Again Postponed.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Hockey Club has again been postponed to a day of which notice will be given.

FOOTBALL.

Junior Association League Football.

The Victoria Junior Association Football League held its annual meeting last night. Entries were received from four clubs—No. 2 Company Boys' Brigade (the present champions), South Park, Junior Columbias and the "Beavers," a new club formed this season. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mr. C. Kent; president, Mr. Gilles; vice-president, Mr. W. N. Winsby; secretary-treasurer, A. Davey. Messrs. F. Jones, A. Netherby, W. N. Winsby and D. Tait were elected referees. The executive will meet on the 21st inst., to draw up the schedule for the season, which promises to be a very successful one.

A STRANGER MISSING.

Guest of the Queen's Hotel Disappears Under Suspicious Circumstances.

A well-dressed respectable-looking man of probably 45 years is missing from the Queen's hotel under suspicious circumstances. He registered at the hotel as George Christie, of Seattle, a week ago yesterday, but some time previously had registered as from Westholm Island. He was last seen at the hotel about 9 o'clock on the night of the 4th inst., and at that time had a room engaged, as though he were going to stay at least until the next day in the city. In this there is now a valise and a fine overcoat belonging to him, and regarding which no orders were left. When last seen Christie was talking a little louder than usual, and gave some the impression that he had been drinking. Some time during the day he made mention in conversation that he intended going to Nanaimo, but whether he did or not is unknown. At any rate he never occupied the room he had engaged, and this is all that can be gathered of the strange disappearance. On the day of his arrival at the hotel he was dressed in a dark blue suit, with double-breasted coat. He wore a moustache, and chin-beard, the face being otherwise recognizable by a peculiarity of the nose, and by the hair, which was turning gray. The man was about 5 feet 9 inches in height.

SALMON OF THE NORTH.

Steamer Queen City Brings Final Reports of This Season's Packs.

The chief feature of the budget of northern news brought by the Queen City on her return to port Sunday morning was a final report of the packs of the northern canneries for the past season. Purser Bishop supplies information which tallies with the reports of Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Stapledon, Mr. Kirkland and other prominent canners who were passengers by the just-down steamer. It is in effect that on the Naas some 19,451 cases have been put up, Naas Harbor contributing 11,631 of this total and Mill Bay 7,820. On the Skeena the product for the season comprises 98,511 cases, with 300 barrels and 50 tons of salted salmon. The Inverness gives 15,511 cases and 100 barrels; the Aberdeen, 15,000 cases; the British American and North Pacific, 41,000 cases; R. Cunningham's, 15,000 cases and 200 barrels; Peter Harman, 3,000 cases; and Wallace Bros., 50 tons salted. R. Draney has put up 7,100 cases and the Lowe Inlet cannery 11,000, making a total pack of 18,100 for Lowe Inlet; while at Rivers Inlet the pack is 66,874. This includes: Wadham's cannery, 19,100 cases; the Good Hope, 7,374; Vancouver Packing Co., 9,400; the Brunswick, 10,600; Wannock, 10,400; British Columbia Canning Co. (two canneries), 10,000. Mr. Spencer at Alert Bay expects to have a total pack of 8,000 cases, and the grand total for the Northern rivers is thus brought to 210,936 cases for the season, as below outlined:

	Cases.
Naas River	19,451
Skeena River	98,511
Lowe Inlet	18,100
Rivers Inlet	66,874
Alert Bay	8,000

The Queen City had included in her cargo some 2,075 cases of this new season salmon from Rivers Inlet and 1,559 cases from Wannock, these consignments being divided as follows: Findlay, Durham & Brodie, 1,575 cases; R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., 1,559; Wilson Bros., 300; and J. H. Todd & Son, 200. It is to be expected that every following vessel from the North during the next few weeks will now be full up with salmon cargo.

The passengers by the Queen City, which with the Tees sails again for Northern ports to-morrow evening, include O. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., and Mrs. Clifford; T. Kermode; F. Parker; B. S. Stapledon; Robert Cunningham and wife; James Cunningham; W. B. and Mrs. Skillen; Mrs. Burns; Miss Fraser; W. H. Humphrey; R. Chambers; H. J. Kirkland; W. Halliday; J. Bonson and wife, J. Brown and J. D. Scott, who have been inspecting some promising mining property in the vicinity of Bella Coola; C. Draney; Mrs. and the Misses Kirkland; M. Daley and wife; Mrs. Hogan; Mrs. Lloyd; Miss Pidcock; A. R. Smith; H. O. Dunn; J. Woolword; J. Silveran; R. M. Dunn and M. Hazar.

UNCIVIL NEIGHBOR.

Newfoundland's Harsh Treatment of Canadian Fishermen.

From the Toronto Mail and Empire.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—So far as can be learned, no satisfactory reply has yet been received to the latest protest of the Canadian government against the hostile treatment meted out to Canadian fishermen by the government of Newfoundland. Great loss is inflicted on the fishermen of the Maritime Provinces by the refusal of the Newfoundland authorities to allow them to catch or buy bait in the bays or harbors of the Island. The trouble is one of long standing. Like most of the troubles of the Island colony, it originated with the French shore difficulty. About 14 years ago the Newfoundland government proposed to give French bank fishermen the privilege of obtaining bait in Newfoundland, on condition that France would discontinue the bounty to her fishing vessels, which was cutting Newfoundlanders out of the Mediterranean fish trade. This France refused to do, and the war of reprisal began. In 1886 Newfoundland passed a bait act, prohibiting the sale or taking of bait fishes on her shores, except under license. The assent of the Imperial authorities was withheld from this act, but next year a bait act almost similar in terms was passed, and this time Canada protested against it, on the ground that it would deprive Canadian fishermen of bait for use on the grand banks and coast of Labrador. To induce the Dominion to withdraw the protest, Sir R. Thorburn and Sir Ambrose Shea, who were then in London as delegates, wrote on behalf of Newfoundland to the Canadian high commissioner:

"Your fishermen are on the same footing as ours under the Bait bill, and there is no practical impediment in the way of either. Our government will give any required guarantee that this is our reading of the act."

Similar assurances were given to the Imperial authorities, and the bill was accordingly allowed. But the very next year an amendatory bait act was passed, and in 1890, despite these assurances, Canadian vessels resorting to the Newfoundland coast for bait were compelled to pay license fees amounting to $1 per ton register, and to give bonds of $1,000 each. A protest by Canada had the result of reducing the charge to $1 per barrel up to 40 barrels of bait. But the following year the Newfoundland government made the terms even more obnoxious. It issued a regulation providing that no bait should be taken or sold on the coasts of the island except by license, and that "no license shall be granted except to Newfoundland and United States fishing vessels." Here was straight discrimination against British in favor of foreign fishermen by a British colony, and the government of Canada again made a protest to the Imperial government, which for some time had an ameliorating effect.

HARSH TREATMENT RENEWED.

This year, however, the government of Newfoundland renewed its harsh treatment, and up to date the protests of the government at Ottawa have been unavailing, while serious loss has resulted to the Nova Scotia cod-fishing fleet particularly.

The discrimination in favor of the United States was clearly dictated by feelings of resentment against Canada because of her successful opposition to the trade convention concluded between Newfoundland and the United States known as the Bond-Blaine treaty, and the continuation this year of the interference with Canadian fishermen is doubtless but another protest by Newfoundland against the barren outcome of the recent Washington negotiations, in which she was made a co-participant with Canada. Newfoundland claims the right to negotiate with the United States on her own account.

A Merry Party.—Upwards of 500 pleasure-seekers took advantage of yesterday's excursion to Seattle arranged by the Fifth Regiment band, the steamer Victorian, with the holiday travellers aboard, leaving port at 7:30, and docking at Seattle at 2:15. The visitors had all the rest of the day and evening in the Sound city, where they were free to amuse themselves as best suited the individual taste. The band gave a promenade concert at the Butler, and the citizens of Seattle received the British Columbians with the whole-hearted hospitality for which they are famous. It is expected that the excursionists will be home by 5 this morning.

Scientists Make A Discovery

Specimen of the Melanerpes-Eryphrocephalus Secured at Sooke.

Thrilling Adventure With the Monster Which Reaches Victoria To-day.

Those of British Columbia or the West whose residence extends over a period of ten years will recall without difficulty the circumstances in connection with the finding of the famous fossil human giant in the Happy Valley section of West Sooke.

They will doubtless remember with interest also the notable discoveries of petrified remains of animals and birds of prehistoric immensity reported by Dr. Franz Boas and other equally eminent scientists, from the neighborhood of Sooke river, some five years later.

Yet while these facts are entirely sufficient to invest the country lying between the city and the entrance to Sooke harbor with a peculiar interest to savants, and while the world of science must regard with especial attention any investigations intelligently conducted in this old feeding and fighting ground of the mighty sauranodontidae, it would seem that discovery as well as invention has still some things left wherewith to astonish the world.

The realm of studious research was rejoiced less than six months ago to learn that the perfect skeleton of a mastodon had been rescued from the icy preservation of an ancient Klondike creek bed, and great incidental discoveries were anticipated.

What, then, will science say when it becomes generally known that while the last members of the massive saurian family were supposed to have disappeared from the earth centuries upon centuries ago, it has remained for a party of Victoria scientists to discover in the heart of a little cup-like valley, hemmed in by majestic hills and not more than 30 miles from British Columbia's capital, an existent specimen of the melanerpes-eryphrocephalus—a specimen which until the culmination of the efforts of the party to capture it WAS A LIVING, BREATHING ACTUALITY.

The party to whose endeavors science owes this great discovery, started out from Victoria about ten days ago, establishing their temporary headquarters at the M. & L. Young ranch, at the farther end of the West Sooke road. They include among their number Mr. H. Wille, like Professor Boaz, a scholar of German birth and education, for many years resident in Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. C. Jameson Harrison, whose investigations have been directed chiefly to aboriginal life and lore; Mr. George Denny, whose interesting hand-book on the co-relation of Sanscrit and Chinook has attracted much attention; and Mr. E. Wardale Bradley, the name-giver and first explorer of Typewriter Island in the Maguire chain.

The scene of their discovery is not many miles from a small sheet of water known as Kemp lake, yet so circumscribed and tightly walled in a spot—a veritable well within mountain sides—that it is not to be wondered at that its abrupt, precipitous sides have defied exploration throughout past centuries, and the heart of the mysterious treasury of ancient days might for another thousand years have remained undreamed of had not accident revealed the subterranean entrance way.

The discovery is due to Mr. Bradley primarily, for it was through his having lost his Virgil and retracing his walk of the previous day in the hope of recovering his treasure, that he quite literally stumbled upon the key to the great secret.

Passing through the darkness and swimming a narrow but black and forbidding subterranean waterway, he gained the closed-in hook in the mountains and soon noted the strange footprints in the blackish water.

They seemed to him to be clearly those of the melanerpes-eryphrocephalus, but scarce daring to trust his own unendorsed conclusions in so grave a subject, he braved the difficulties of return in order that Professor Denny might himself pronounce upon the pedal formations that had so attracted his attention.

There could be no doubt upon the subject, and having satisfied themselves conclusively as to the genuineness of the track, it became merely a matter of systematic trailing and organized attack.

The battle ensuing must indeed have been fierce and horrible, for Mr. Bradley learned unhappily and to his cost the danger of venturing too near to the scissor-like jaws of the savage creature.

His life was not endangered, but his beard and moustache were irretrievably ruined.

Eventually the Melanerpes-Eryphrocephalus was despatched, and the party regained their temporary home.

The steamer Bessie has been chartered to convey the remains to this city, and for this purpose goes out to Sooke to-day in charge of Captain James Fletcher.

The scientists report the country in which their explorations have been prosecuted as simply alive with game.

A Delightful Evening.—The audience which greeted Miss Marietta La Dell last evening in the Institute hall, while strictly select, was not as large as the brilliant artiste and her staff of talented local assistants deserved. Mr. F. Victor-Austin, as usual, proved himself to be a master of the violin, while the vocal selection of Mrs. F. B. Pemberton and Messrs. Goward and Williams were heartily enjoyed. Mrs. H. Walshe-Windle, with grace and ability, presided at the piano. Miss La Dell captured her audience with the first selection, "The Wind and the Moon," and moved many to tears. She won her first encore in the sweetly pathetic selection from childhood, "The Dead Pussey Cat." "The Chariot Race," from Ben Hur, was perhaps never better rendered before a Victoria audience, while "The Stately Minuet" and the "Delsartian Posing" displayed the talent of a most gracefully beautiful artiste. In imitation of childhood Miss La Dell could hardly be excelled, but the versatility of the practiced entertainer was displayed in "The Capture," so sadly tragic, and "Saunders McGlaughshan's Courtship," with its touches of humor. Those who were not there certainly missed a treat, and will doubtless be pleased to know that Miss La Dell has been secured for a second recital, at the Centennial Methodist church on Friday evening next.

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