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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Immense Currants.

Mr. M. Finerty, of the Spring Park Farm, Victoria District, called at THE COLONIST office, yesterday afternoon, with a branch of giant black currants. They are about twice as large as the largest ordinarily grown, and are highly praised by horticulturists.

Corks.

A cork club has been formed at Spring Ridge. The Cork club is an old institution and any brother Cork in the city is asked to co-operate to its advantage. Mr. George Fairbrother has been duly appointed president, and Mr. Wm. Edmonds, secretary.

Merry Picnickers.

The merry picnickers were out in full force, yesterday. In addition to the five or six hundred who took in the Olympian's excursion, there were many left to enjoy the A.O.U.W. picnic at Oak Bay, the Epworth League picnic at the Gorge, and a large private picnic at Mount Tolmie.

Southbound Passengers.

The following are the cabin passengers who left yesterday morning, on the steamer Umatilla, for San Francisco: T. G. Keens, wife and two children, Miss Stolz, G. Rubens, J. Rubens, E. A. Morris, A. McClarty, Edward Benwick, H. E. Pennell, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. Campbell and Wm. Hamilton.

Badly Bitten.

Roderick T. McKinnon, the little son of Mr. M. McKinnon of this city, was badly bitten by a large dog, about two weeks ago. The boy was on his way home and was not molesting the animal, which sprang upon him from the owner's gate. The boy is still suffering from the wound he received, and is at St. Joseph's hospital.

St. Leon Water.

Mr. Henry Saunders has secured the agency, in this city, of the celebrated St. Leon water, which has the reputation of being not only one of the most palatable of mineral waters, but also a cure for dyspepsia or indigestion, with all the accompanying ills. No doubt the new table water will soon win popularity for itself in Victoria.

The Alaska Steamers.

The steamship Mexico called at the outer wharf yesterday morning, on her way to Alaska. She had 115 cabin passengers, the majority tourists, twelve of whom joined the ship here. There were also a number of steerage passengers, and a quantity of freight. The Mexico will make all possible speed in order to get to Departure Bay in time to take Pilot George off the Queen, downward bound. The latter steamer is expected here to-day.

The Indians at Neah Bay.

It had been the intention of Bishop Lemmens to avail himself of the excursion by the Olympian, yesterday afternoon, to visit the Indians at Neah Bay, but he learned that she would not be allowed to land passengers. Having, at the request of Bishop Younger, promised to pay an episcopal visit to the people there, he proposes to go by way of Port Townsend, at an early day, and remain for a short time at the Neah Bay Mission.

Out to the Cape.

The excursion on the Olympian, yesterday, was a big success. Over 500 people were on board. The steamer left at 1.30 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, and started to Cape Flattery. Only one stop was made, at Port Angeles, and the excursion to the Cape was a most enjoyable affair. Music was aboard, and those who cared to dance had the benefit of Pferdner's full band. The journey was a great success, and it is likely that the trip to the Cape will be repeated in the near future. The trip lasted about nine hours, the steamer reaching dock about 9 o'clock, last evening.

Police Court.

Messrs. W. Dalby and R. B. McMicking dispensed law in yesterday's police court to two whiskey sellers, and one drunk. Duncan Webber was the first of the whiskey sellers, the charge being that of supplying an Indian woman with an intoxicant, for which offense Duncan will serve one month at hard labor in jail. The next case was that of James Davis, charged with the same offence, for which a penalty of $50 was imposed. Hector Elliott, arrested on suspicion of stealing some liquor off the steamer Yosemite, the night before last, was remanded.

The Late Edgar Marvin's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Edgar Marvin took place from his residence, at 9 o'clock, yesterday morning. The funeral procession moved on to Christ Church Cathedral, where the services were conducted by His Lordship Bishop Hills, assisted by Rev. Percival Jems and Rev. A. Beanlands. The funeral, which was a very quiet and unostentatious one, was attended by many of the most prominent people in the city. The casket was of oak, and the floral tributes were both numerous and beautiful. The pall-bearers were United States Consul Myers, Hon. J. H. Turner, M.P.P., J. P. Sayward, Ald. John Robertson, Mr. E. B. Marvin and Mr. E. G. Tilton. The interment was at Ross Bay cemetery.

The Great Attraction.

The great attraction at the Hill, yesterday—and it was, indeed, an attraction—was the music of the flagship band, eighteen thoroughly first-class musicians, under the leadership of Mr. P. A. Laffey. All who heard them hope to have the pleasure again at a very early date. The programme, yesterday, was as below:

March—Welcome Home.....Sidney Jones
Overture—Souv D'Automne.....Bonillon
Duet (cornet and trombone), Antony and Cleopatra.....Reveire
Band Sergeant Donoughe, Bandsman Penfold.
Polonaise—Danse du Tambourin.....Boggetti
Selection—Dorothy.....Cellers
Valse—Mon Ami.....Gassner
Galop—Royal Mail.....Lethier
Selection—Lucia di Lammermoor....Donizetti
Serenade—La Paloma.....Hartman

The Dentists Meet.

The Dental Association of British Columbia met in their first annual convention, in the Philharmonic hall, in the Lefevre block, Vancouver, on Friday. Those present were: T. L. Jones, A. C. West, A. B. Baker, Lewis Hall, R. F. Verrinder, Victoria; A. J. Holmes, C. E. C. Brown, New Westminster; C. G. Gatewood, W. R. Spencer, Jno. M. MacLaren, W. Richardson, C. A. Jackson, Vancouver; G. A. R. Hall, Nanaimo. At the morning session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, T. J. Jones, Victoria; First Vice-President, C. H. Gatewood, Vancouver; Second Vice-President, A. J. Holmes, New Westminster; Secretary-Treasurer, A. C. West, Victoria; Executive Committee, W. J. Quinlan, W. R. Spencer and R. F. Verrinder, Dr's. A. B. Baker, of Victoria, and Wesley Richardson, of Vancouver, were elected new members. After the President's opening address, which was short, papers on various branches of the study of dentistry were read. In the afternoon a clinic was held in the office of C. G. Gatewood. The dentists met again in the evening, in the Philharmonic Hall, where other papers were read followed by discussion.

The Warspite in Dock.

H. M. S. Warspite entered the Esquimalt dock at ten minutes after seven, last evening, drawing 27 feet 6 inches. The Lorne took the flagship to the lock gates, and she had not the slightest difficulty in passing through. By 7.30 the work of emptying the dock commenced, and by to-day visitors will be able to see the big ship as she appears on the blocks. It is expected she will remain in dock 54 days.

A Credit to the Province.

Mr. Murphy, former at 141-Mile House, Lake La Hache, has a family of three sons, of whom he has every reason to be proud. They have all of them been students at the Ottawa University. At the last examinations, the second son, Dennis, carried off the principal prizes, among them the silver medal for the English course, presented by His Grace Archbishop Duhamel; the silver medal for classics, the gift of His Eminence Cardinal Zingliari; the silver medal for the highest average in the commercial course, and the medal for the first English course in religious instruction. The son James won the first prize in the second English, also the silver medal, for the classical course in the third form. The eldest brother, William Joseph, earned his B. A. with honors; he is now professor of mathematics in the institution, and is also a priest.

Salmon in Glass Jars.

An extremely interesting experiment has been proceeding at the Bon Accord Salmon Cannery during the past week, namely, the packing of salmon in glass jars. The glass jars were manufactured in England, and are of the capacity of an ordinary one-pound can. They are rendered air tight by an appliance similar to that used in fruit preserving jars, a zinc screw cap fitting over a rim of rubber in such a manner that the zinc and rubber do not come in contact with the fish. The cooking process is performed in precisely similar manner to that employed in a ordinary canning, a puncture or "blow hole" being left in the glass cap. After the cooking is finished this puncture is closed with sealing wax. The experiment is regarded as highly successful, the only drawback being the cracking of some of the jars occasioned by the sudden change of temperature upon being removed from the oven. It is believed, however, that this will be wholly obviated by the use of another description of glass. In all, some 15 or 20 cases were put up, and these will be shipped to the Old Country. Fish packed in this manner would cost about 50 per cent more than the ordinary canned article to the consumer, but they would command a ready sale among a class of people to whom the extra cost would be no obstacle in purchasing. There has always been a more or less pronounced antipathy in England to canned goods of all kinds, and although it is perhaps felt less now than at any time heretofore, owing probably to the uniform excellence and wholesomeness of the Fraser River pack, still there is a considerable section of the more wealthy class of people who would always give the preference to fish preserved in glass.—Westminster Ledger.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

CRICKET.

VICTORIA COLLEGE VS. H.M.S. WARSPITE.

An excellent match was played, yesterday afternoon, on Beacon Hill, between the boys of the above college, and a team from H.M.S. Warspite, under the captaincy of Lieut. Sir. R. H. Arbuthnot.

The band of the flagship, most kindly lent by Admiral Hotham, played a charming selection of music during the afternoon, and a tent with tea and other refreshments, provided by Mrs. Croft and the Misses Dunsmuir was greatly appreciated. The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Nelson, besides a large number of relatives and friends interested in the school, were present, and the play of many of the boys was most plucky and commendable. The bowling and fielding of Harvey were admirable as will be seen from the appended score, and the fielding of the school team was generally admitted to be very good. Mr. Pooley and Mr. Aspland were kind enough to act as umpires. Gillespie, mj., batted in good, free style for 11, and the match has given the greatest encouragement to the school eleven. The following is the score:

Victoria College.

R. Harvey, b Morant	1
Mr. Ward, b Arbuthnot	3
D. McAld, c & b Morant	6
H. Gillespie, c Miller, b Chatfield	11
A. H. Pooley, b Morant	0
Rev. J. W. Green, hit wicket Arbuthnot	12
H. Aspland, b Chatfield	2
J. A. Hume, c Hodges, Arbuthnot	4
A. Gillespie, run out, Arbuthnot	1
R. Harris, not out	2
C. Pooley, c and b Chatfield	1
Byes	6
Leg-byes	5
Total	54

H. M. S. Warspite—1st Innings.

Morant, b Harvey	1
Chatfield, hit wicket, b Harvey	15
Hodges, c Aspland, b Harvey	30
Chapman, b Harvey	0
Whitehead, b Harvey	1
Hall, b Harvey	0
Miller, c Harvey, b McLeod	1
Etherton, c Ward, b Harvey	18
Arbuthnot, not out	5
Graham, c McLeod, b Pooley	3
Byes	5
Wides	2
Total	88

BASEBALL.

The game yesterday, played between two nines of the Victoria Athletic Club, resulted in a victory for the nine captained by Manager Gouge. President Baker's nine made a very creditable showing, but were not in it after the second innings. The following is the score:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Manager's Nine—	0	2	3	1	1	5	0	2	0	— 14
President's Nine—	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	— 7

For the victors, the battery work of Lenfesty and Huxtable, and the second base play of Scott, were the main features. Partridge did good work at first, and Smith played his usual good game. At the bat the losing side did the most execution, having nine hits to their credit, as against seven for their opponents. The field work of Hewlett and C. Wrigleworth, and the catching of Hannan were especial features on the losers' side. Schultz, who started in to pitch the game for the President's nine, retired at the end of the fifth, Baker taking his place in the box. Mr. Keithley umpired the game very satisfactorily. With a little more practice the V.A.C. will turn out two first-class nines.

QUOITS.

The only games of consequence yesterday at the Spring Ridge grounds were between Arthur Marrion and Ned Carlow, 21 yards, 21 points. The first was a very tight one, Marrion winning by one point only; the second resulting in a tie. Carlow is a good addition to the club, and better pitching can be expected from him. Some excellent players have promised their attendance on Saturday next.

THE GUN.

The third shoot of the Union Gun Club for the Short rifle, took place at the Driving Park, yesterday afternoon, when the position of the contestants was materially changed, the leaders in the two former matches not being present. On twenty-five birds each, the following scores were made:

C. W. Minor	20
F. Hewlings	15
F. Higgins	13
W. A. Dyer	12
J. C. Maclure	12
J. Hutcheson	10

The position of the leaders now, is: C. W. Minor, first, 34; F. Hewlings, second, 32; W. A. Dyer and J. C. Maclure, tie for third.

SPRINTING.

Two professionals—Gibson, formerly of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Kendall, formerly of Worcester, Mass.—had an alleged 200 yards race at the Driving Park, yesterday, which had the appearance of a walking match. Either man can do the distance in less than twenty-one seconds, but yesterday the time was 28. The race was evidently a "fake."

IN PORT.

Arrival of the U. S. Warship Marion en route for Behring's Sea—The Welcott in Harbor.

At an early hour, yesterday morning, the United States frigate Marion, 1,100 tons, Captain Bartlett in command, dropped anchor at the Outer wharf. She bears the latest instructions from Washington, as to to the movements of the American vessels in Behring's Sea, where she proceeds on Monday. Captain Bartlett brought with him his wife and two daughters, who, with the wife of the commander of the Alert, will remain in Victoria until those two vessels come back. The Marion is a vessel of the third class, and will take with her Captain Hitchcock, who has recovered sufficiently, under the attentions of the Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, to be able to rejoin his vessel. The frigate has gone to Nanaimo to take on coal, and is expected to return here before she sails for her northern post of duty. Captain Bartlett visited the Warspite during the afternoon and received a hearty welcome from its officers.

The revenue cutter Wolcott also spent a few hours in port, yesterday, having brought over Judge J. N. Scott, of Port Townsend, a brother-in-law of President Harrison, who, with Captain Lazier and Chief Engineer Doyle, had a long interview with the U. S. consul on revenue matters. The cutter left, last night, for Roche Harbor, on her way to Port Townsend.

MISSING MIDSHIPMEN.

A Party of Four from the Warspite Whose Return is Anxiously Looked for.

Midshipmen A. de Montmorency, D. C. Johnstone, T. A. H. Brown, and R. Caldwell are missing from H. M. S. Warspite, and the fear is hourly gaining strength that they have met with some unfortunate accident.

When the ship arrived in port, a week's leave was given, to the missing officers among the number. They procured two Indian canoes, with the use of which they were familiar, and left to enjoy a few days' camping at Pedder Bay. Their instructions were not to go beyond Race Rocks, on account of the treacherous currents.

Friday was the last day of the leave, and the middies not returning to the ship, one of the steam launches was sent for them. They were not found at Peddar Bay, and the residents of the Manor Farm, near there, stated that they had left, two in each canoe, for Esquimalt, early Wednesday morning. The steam launch skirted the coast, returning, and Caldwell's coat was picked up on the beach near Albert Head, where it had evidently been cast ashore.

On the launch returning to the ship, information was given to the police of the officers' disappearance, and telegrams were sent to all places within reach on the other side of the Straits. Answers received during the evening were all to the effect that nothing had been seen of the men or canoes. Last night one of the torpedo boats was ordered out, and she will, to-day cruise the Straits, going out towards the Cape, in the hope of picking up the lost ones, if they should have been caught in the current and carried out towards sea. Montmorency, Johnstone and Caldwell were here with the Warspite on her former visit; Midshipman Brown joined at Panama.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Objects of the Representatives of the French Canadian Mission at present in Victoria.

Staff Captain Simco and his wife, of Montreal, who have charge of the work of the Salvation Army among the French Canadians, are at present in Victoria in order to raise funds for the support of that department of operations. They also require money to pay law costs incurred, as they explain the case, under the following circumstances:—

"In January, 1888, Mr. Pignolet, a gentleman of Montreal, himself a lawyer, leased what had been previously known as the Bijou theatre, in the French quarter of Montreal. The terms of lease gave him power to sublet the premises. 'To be used only for the purpose of concerts, lectures, fairs, bazaars, clubs, societies, public exhibitions and meetings in accordance with law and good morals.' He was, therefore, justified in renting the building to us, and our first French corps in Montreal was started in this place. Opposition and hostility became rife, and, although no serious damage was done, stones were frequently thrown at the windows and meetings sometimes disturbed. An action was commenced against Mr. Pignolet for the cancellation of lease. The case was decided against us. Pending the appeal made for a reversion of the decision, we were enabled to complete our term of two years, and at its expiration removed to another building. The Court of Appeal then passed judgment, corroborating the lower court's verdict, and we are held responsible for $1,000 (being the costs of the whole case), under the excuse of deterioration of value to the premises."

Captain and Mrs. Simco brought letters of endorsation from leading Ministers and others in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and are now at present explaining, at the ordinary meetings of the army, the special circumstances of the case. It is their intention to solicit the aid of the regular church organizations, and intend, during this week, to hold a large public meeting, when work among the French Canadians will be explained and its claims advocated.

Imperial Federation.

WILL present an opportunity to extend the fame of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, the unfailing remedy for cholera, cholera morbus, colic, cramps, diarrhœa, dysentery, and all summer complaints, to every part of the Empire. Wild Strawberry never fails.

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The Lake Resort.

A party of ladies from Spencer's Arcade are spending a holiday at Millstream Villa, Shawnigan Lake, and are reported to be having a very pleasant time boating, fishing and shooting.

Broaching Cargo.

Campbell and Mortland, the two men charged with stealing whiskey from the cargo of the Yosemite, were yesterday before Mr. Johnson, S.M., in the Provincial Police Court, and further remanded.

The Empress of India.

The C. P. steamship, Empress of India, was reported to have passed Cape Beale, bound in, last evening, and at midnight the steamer Maude went out to meet her. Up to two o'clock, this morning, the ocean liner had not arrived off the harbor.

The Macdonald Memorial.

LONDON, July 20.—The committee having in charge the Sir John Macdonald Memorial Fund held a meeting to-day, with Lord Dufferin presiding. It was resolved to invite public subscriptions to the testimonial to the Canadian Premier. It is proposed to place the memorial testimorial in St. Paul's Cathedral.

A Disappointment for Mrs. Maybrick.

LONDON, July 20.—To-day judgment was given in the action brought in the interests of Mrs. Maybrick against an insurance association to recover $10,000 damages upon her husband's life. The court decided that as Mrs. Maybrick had murdered her husband, she could not receive the amount of his insurance policy.

Thieves at Cadboro Bay.

Thieves have plied their avocation both successfully and profitably out at Cadboro Bay. Last Thursday, about $200 worth of property was stolen from Mr. John Moore, consisting of paints, tools and a set of blocks and pulleys. There was also a lot of carpenter's tools stolen, and two of the residents lost a couple of small row-boats. All of the property was stolen the same night. None of it has been recovered.

The Flagship in Dock.

The water in the dry dock was pumped out, yesterday, and visitors to Esquimalt had an opportunity of seeing the Warspite on the blocks. Considering the length of time the ship has been afloat, the hull below the water line is remarkably clear of barnacles. When the dock was emptied, the sailors enjoyed rare sport capturing the hundreds of fish left on the bottom. The work of overhauling the huge vessel will be at once commenced. Hundreds visited the dock, Sunday and yesterday, the trams being crowded.

From Alaska.

Steamship Queen arrived Sunday morning from Alaska, closely followed by the steamship City of Topeka. Both steamers were crowded with passengers some of whom stopped off here to spend a few days in the city, while a few will cross by the C. P. R. The City of Topeka's cargo consisted of 300 cases of salmon of this year's pack, which will be discharged at Port Townsend for San Francisco. Fourteen packages of furs of various kinds were also brought down by the steamers.

New Form of Electric Railway.

A new form of electric railway has recently been invented in the East. The car hangs suspended from the tracks and the wheels are so arranged that it is next to impossible to derail it. Owing to the fact that the car cannot be derailed it is possible to run the cars at a high rate of speed. Several gentlemen in Seattle are considering the matter of building a line of this kind between Seattle and Tacoma. They think the distance between the two cities can easily be covered in half an hour by electric trains, which would run without stopping from one city to the other.

The Lost Midshipmen.

Nothing has been heard of the four missing midshipmen, A. de Montmorency, D. C. Johnstone, T. A. H. Brown and R. Caldwell, of the Warspite. Both of the torpedo cruisers belonging to the warship are out cruising about the straits in hopes of getting some traces of the missing men. One of the canoes used by the midshipmen was found last Wednesday off Beacon Hill by a fisherman named Bougourd. It has been identified as one of the two canoes taken by the middies, but there was nothing in it that gave the slightest clue to the young men. When found it was floating bottom upwards. Captain Lambton and the officers of the flagship have given up all hope of the safety of the young officers.

Police Court.

The case of Edward Porter, Secretary of the B. C. Longshoremen's Union, came up before Mr. Edwin Johnston, S.M., in the police court, yesterday morning. The charge laid against him by Officer Redgrave, who arrested him at Port Townsend, last Monday evening, was that of embezzling the sum of $100 from the Union. After several witnesses had been called, the prisoner was found guilty, and His Honor sentenced him to six months in the common jail, with hard labor. James Elridge, a colored man, charged with stealing a watch and chain from Robert Martin, also appeared in yesterday's court, but as he produced sufficient evidence to prove his innocence, the case was dismissed.

Lady Macdonald as an Author.

Just before her bereavement Lady Macdonald, widow of the late Sir John Macdonald, completed her first ambitious literary effort in a series of articles for the Ladies' Home Journal, the first one of which will appear in the August number of that periodical. Last summer Lady Macdonald, with a party of friends, traveled in her private car through the most picturesque parts of Canada, and in a delightfully fresh manner she describes her experiences on this trip, in these articles to which she has given the title of "An Unconventional Holiday." A series of beautiful illustrations, furnished by Lady Macdonald will accompany the articles.

Discharged—No Proof.

On Friday night, a young man who is a boarder at Mrs. Saunders' boarding house on Kane street, was robbed of $100, which he had received the day previous as an instalment on some real estate which he had sold. The police were notified, next morning, and, on enquiring into the matter, arrested a man by the name of Colter. It appears that Colter came over from Seattle on Friday, and that night, as Mrs. Saunders was a little crowded, she arranged that he should room with the boarder who lost the money. Before going to bed he showed the money to Colter, and went to bed. Next morning he found his trousers on the verandah with the money gone. Colter, who had got up at the same time, pointed to the pants on the floor with the purse lying on one side.

The boarders state that the house could not have been broken into that night without their hearing it. The police arrested Colter, but as no further clue could be obtained he was discharged.

Three Unfortunates.

Last night, Officer Smith found three children on Douglas street, homeless and friendless. The children are the offspring of an Indian woman who died and was buried yesterday. The little ones, the eldest of whom is only eleven years of age, are now without father or mother, and were taken to the barracks for safe keeping.

New Methodist Church.

The new Methodist church on Haliburton street, Nanaimo, was dedicated to the service of God on Sunday last, a large congregation being present. The Rev. Mr. Green, of Northfield, delivered an excellent sermon, Rev. Mr. Baer reading the dedicatory service. Rev. Dr. Good, of the Baptist church, was also present. The building is a neat structure, costing about $1,300, and is the second Methodist church in Nanaimo.

Thomas May & Co.

A few days since there was published a telegraphic dispatch from Montreal that Thomas May & Co., one of the leading dry goods firms in that city, had decided to go into liquidation. Yesterday the following telegram was received at this office:—

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., July 20.—The Victoria COLONIST—The statement that we had decided to fail is totally false. Please contradict at once.

THOS. MAY & CO.

Meeting of Sealers.

A numerously attended meeting of gentlemen interested in the sealing industry was held last night, at the office of Messrs. Hall & Goepel. Captain Warner in the chair. The principal business was passing the accounts of the expenses incurred on the recent trip of the Danube; to talk over the arbitration generally; to prepare information for the commissioners, and to consider the nature of the claim to be presented to the Government. The attendance was thoroughly representative.

Along the Coast.

Capt. Rudlin, of the C.P.N. Co., arrived home, on Saturday night, from a visit to Portland and San Francisco, the first he has taken in the last quarter of a century. He was delighted with his experiences. He was a guest at the Tacoma, The Portland and the Baldwin in San Francisco, three of the finest hotels on the coast. Capt. Rudlin states that everywhere he went, on board the steamers in the cities, he met many who would like to visit Victoria, but are prevented from doing so on account of the reports of the lack of hotel accommodation. The Captain, after seeing and participating in the comforts of the palatial hotels of the coast, is of opinion that Victoria is in urgent need of a really first-class hotel. The knowledge that we had a fine hotel would bring thousands to our beautiful city. After his brief holiday, Capt. Rudlin will again begin his duties as master on the Vancouver route to-day.

W. C. T. U.

Annual Meeting Held Last Night in Temperance Hall.

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held, last night, the President in the chair, the officers of the different temperance organizations occupying seats on the platform.

The following was the programme of the evening:

Trio—Mrs. Smith and Messrs. Smith and Webb.
Singing—Stand up for Jesus.
Scriptural Reading—Psalms xxxvii, 1-10; Ps. cvi. 1, 7-10.
Prayer—Mrs. McNaughton.
Remarks—Chairman.
Singing—Work for the night is coming.
Corresponding Secretary's Report.
Musical Trio—Hall Bros.
Report of Heredity and Hygiene.
Recitation—Master Foot.
Report of Hospital work.
Duett—Mesdames Smith and Webb.
Singing—Quartette.
Jail Work Report.
Report of Social Purity.
Fair work Report.
Duett—Miss Humber and Mr. Firth.
Report—Legislation, Petition and Franchise.
Recitation—Earl Clark.
Intermission—Collection and Refreshments.
City Missionary's Report.
Treasurer's Report.
Juvenile Report.
Violin Solo—Mr. Richardson.
Report on Flower Work.

Mrs. Spofford's, the corresponding secretary's, annual report contained some very interesting details of the work of the union.

Mrs. Humber, the treasurer, presented the following statement of accounts:

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last year	$ 11 53
Membership dues	109 50
Receipts Demorest contests	26 90
" Public meetings	13 45
" Flower festival	59 60
" Fair	16 25
" Major Hilton's lecture	126 40
" Mrs. Buell's lecture	22 25
Sale of Reports	4 40
Subscription for legal dept.	3 00
Subscription for Temperance Hall debt	276 00
Total	$669 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Charges on Temperance Hall	$124 70
Expenses of parlor and public meetings, advertising, etc.	21 55
Expenses of Flower festival	15 75
" Major Hilton	127 60
" Literature	15 00
" Flower Mission	2 00
Opposing applications, Licensing Court, at two sittings	10 00
Expenses Mrs. Buell's lecture	24 85
Amount of loan	27 50
Expenses of stationery, etc.	5 00
Affiliation fees	19 20
Temperance Hall debt	276 00
Balance on hand	18
Total	$669 28

Money has also been raised for city missionary work, besides the amount of $200 realized by the united efforts of the I.O.G.T. and W.C.T.U. towards the debt on Temperance Hall.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE RING.

AUSTRALIA WINS AGAIN.

MELBOURNE, July 20.—Joe Cheynski, the California pugilist, was defeated by Joe Goddard, the Australian, in a four-round contest here to-day. Goddard had the best of the fight all the way through. The fight was for a purse of $10,000 and the championship of Australia.

THE HALL-FITZSIMMONS FIGHT.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 20.—A mass meeting of citizens has been called at Newmarket Hall by ministers of the city, to take place this evening, for the purpose of endeavoring to stop the Fitzsimmons-Hall fight. A committee of citizens also called upon the mayor, governor and sheriff today with the same purpose in view. The governor says he has nothing to do with it, as also does the sheriff. The mayor says it is too late to interfere now, when the athlethic clubs have gone to work preparing for it at an expense of $5,000 or more, and it would be unfair and unjust to interfere at this late day. Regardless of the action of the ministers and others, it is certain that the fight will come off as announced.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

First Meeting of the New Board Held Last Evening at the City Hall.

Principal McLeod's Charges Revived —Funds Needed to Conduct the Schools.

The new Board of School trustees met, last evening, in the municipal court room, Chairman Hayward presiding, and Trustees McLaughlan, Jessop, McConnan, Saunders, Morrow and Richards present. It was the first meeting of the new board, and Chairman Hayward addressed the trustees as follows: "As your chairman I thought it desirable to call you together as soon as possible after the full board had been constituted, in order that the necessary work of organizing and preparing for the reopening of our public schools, 14 days hence, might be at once proceeded with, and also more particularly because the "new school act" will, I am afraid, be found so deficient, in many essential particulars, that our labors at the outset will be much more tedious and difficult than would be naturally anticipated. These difficulties, however, must be met and dealt with in some way, and I confidently hope and believe that we shall all strive together, in harmony, to arrive at a conclusion that will insure for all the public schools in this important district the highest state of efficiency that the means at our disposal will allow.

After the meeting was called to order, ex-Trustee Erskine was selected as secretary *pro. tem.*

The letter of Miss Frances Arrowsmith, of the Hillside ward school, asking for leave of absence, was read, and the request for a substitute was granted. Miss Arrowsmith has gone to England on a vacation trip.

Miss Armstrong, of the girls' central school, applied for leave of absence until the end of August, and recommended as a substitute a young lady from New Brunswick. The application was granted, but the Board decided to fill the vacancy for the school from local teachers.

The application of Mr. Robert Butler, of the James Bay Methodist church, asking for the use of the James Bay ward school, for Sunday evenings, for church service, was read. The request was granted.

The McLeod matter was next brought up and the secretary read the resolution of the old board on the question. Trustee McConnan objected to the matter being brought up. He thought it was an old sore that should not be brought up again. Trustee Richards on the other hand thought the public were deeply interested in the matter and moved that Mr. McLeod's letter be read. If the teacher was right it was the duty of the board to uphold him.

Trustee McLaughlan seconded the motion and said that the matter was of the utmost importance. Grave charges had been made and if the principal was right he should be listened to, and the board should uphold him. If Principal McLeod was right he should receive the support of the board. Trustee Richards moved that the letter of Principal McLeod be received, and that Mr. McLeod and Superintendent Pope be requested to meet the board one week hence to answer the charges.

Trustee McConnan thought that the matter should not be brought up at all. He did not think the board could compel the superintendent of schools to come before it and answer to it. He thought the school board should drop the matter entirely, as it was probably out of its province.

Trustee McLaughlan did not agree with Mr. McConnan. He claimed the act defined expressly the duties of the Superintendent of Education, one of which was to go before the trustees when required. The act required him to do all in his power to maintain the efficiency of the schools, and this school was the most important one in the province; he therefore thought the superintendent should be requested to meet the board and answer the charges made by Principal McLeod.

Trustee Richards' motion prevailed.

On motion of Trustee Richards, the following committee was appointed to formulate rules and regulations, and consult with the Attorney-General as to legal questions: Trustees Richards, Jessop and McLaughlan.

Finances were next discussed, and the question of funds necessary to conduct the schools was a serious one. The board had no funds on hand, and, under the act, it could not apply until January 31st, next, to the Council for any money.

The matter was finally disposed of by the following resolution, introduced by Trustee McLaughlan:—Whereas, there are no funds at the disposal of the school trustees to meet the incidental expenses of the schools of this city; and whereas, we are not empowered by the School Act to draw on the City Council for such incidental expenses until January 31st, 1892:

Resolved,—That the Council of Public Instruction be respectfully informed that we desire of that Council a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of this board till the 31st of January, 1892. And further, that $6,500 would not be an over-estimate of those expenses.

The board adjourned, to meet again next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

FROM ALASKA.

Return of the Steamer Queen from the North An Enjoyable Excursion—Increasing Popularity of the Northern Trip.

Mrs. Stone, of the St. Louis Republican, was one of the passengers by the steamer Queen from Alaska. She reports the trip to be one of the most delightful she ever experienced, and returns East with the most pleasurable impressions of the Pacific coast, of the trip to the far North, and of the beauties and hospitalities of the city of Victoria. She says that the accounts given by all who have visited this section of the continent have been so glowing that numbers from the Middle States propose to spend their holidays on this side. Among others who may be expected on succeeding excursions is Hon. J. B. Henderson, a prominent Republican of St. Louis, who will be accompanied by his wife and son. Mrs. Stone says that the excursionists upon the present trip had the pleasure of witnessing the process of detachment from the main glacier of the largest iceberg that has been seen for years.

Among the travellers who arrived by the Queen from Alaska is a party of about forty, in charge of Mr. John J. Grafton, of Chicago, Illinois. They leave, this morning, by the Yosemite en route for home. Although Mr. Grafton has been directing excursions for a number of years, this is the first party which he has brought to the Pacific Coast. His attentions have, in the past, been devoted to the Lower St. Lawrence and Mexico. This trip, he says, has, in so far as concerns the sights presented, been the most wonderful and pleasurable of them all, and he only wishes that he had been able to obtain accommodations for a larger number of people than he had now been able to provide for. It is his intention to bring over two or three parties in July or August next year, and, meantime, he proposes to make as perfect as possible his descriptive pamphlet of this journey. Mr. Grafton's party will stay over a few days at Banff.

Miss Scudamore, who is spoken of as likely to be appointed lady commissioner from Alaska to the World's Fair at Chicago, is at present staying at the Meare Glacier, in the most northerly of the United States territories. She has been at work getting up information on the subject of that wonderful country, as well as specimens of its products, and expects to come down by the next steamer.

FROM THE MINES.

A Budget of Interesting News—Developments in the Ainsworth and Lardeau Country.

Mr. Carpenter, of the firm of Barnett & Carpenter, Victoria, returned from the Mainland, last night, and brings some information which will be of considerable interest to many readers of the COLONIST. He says that the mines at Nelson are all running very well, the Dandy and the White Water (Mr. Goepel's), panning out in a specially satisfactory manner. So soon as the Silver King is sold property will, it is said, double up in value. It is expected that the mine will be sold within six months. Everything looks healthy, and building goes on with rapidity. The new steamboat, the Nelson, will, it is expected, be completed verp shortly. There is excellent shooting in the vicinity.

Twenty-two prospectors have recently gone up into the Lardeau county, in which $4,000 will be spent in opening up trails. Dry ore yielding 500 ounces silver to the ton has been struck.

At Ainsworth (Hot Springs Camp) the town site is situated on the west side of Kootenay Lake and is on the mountain side. Although somewhat hilly there is plenty of land suitable for building purposes and the main street, running from the lake up the hill, is dotted on both sides with hotels, stores and residences. Messrs. Green & Fink and Lindsay have fine stores on a side street—Wright street—running parallel with the lake. This street is perfectly level its whole length. Houses and cabins are scattered all over the hill side, the population being about three hundred. The inhabitants of Ainsworth, however, are miners pure and simple and a mining town Ainsworth will be. The mines are great, the formation being almost identical with that of the Broken Hill District in New South Wales. There are some 530 prospects Among the most prominent are the No. One, Skyline, United, Krao, Fourth, (12 feet, silver ore, high grade, 120 oz; lead, 16 to 65 per cent.), the Tenderfoot, Crescent, Neosho, Dictator, Little Donald, Bluebell, Kootenay Chief, and the Tam O'Shanter, Glengarry, Old Timer, Gap, and Ou Deck. Of these the Skyline, Tam O'Shanter and No. One produce dry ore, carrying over 100 ounces to the ton in silver.

All these mines are thoroughly established, and, no doubt, are big properties. The other day there was struck in No. One a seven-foot lead, running very strong in wire-silver, some of it running 1,000 ounces to the ton, and averaging 500. Everyone I met in Spokane connected with mining was enthusiastic, and said that it only needed reciprocity or the lifting of the McKinley tariff to make Hot Springs the biggest mining district in the North-West. There is more ore in the Hot Springs District than in Toad Mountain, though, of course, the Silver King leads all the mines, at present, in the country.

Among the owners in Hot Springs are the Revelstoke Mining Co., the Pacific Bullion Mining Co., Messrs. Ashworth, the Columbia Mining Co., the Empire Consolidated Mining Co., the Skyline Consolidated Mining Co., Little Donald Mining Co., the Fourth Mining Co., besides several private owners from Spokane and Butte, and a few British Columbia owners.

"One great thing, in my opinion," says Mr. Carpenter, "in favor of Hot Springs, is the fact that it is an isolated spot. The C.P.R. own no land and have no influence. It is quite refreshing to find a spot free from this railroad company, for travelling through Kootenay it is perfectly discouraging. Enquire to whom a fine piece of farming land, or a timber belt, or available townsite belong, and to be invariably told, "oh, that's one of the C. P. R. blocks."

PORT CRESCENT.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

PORT CRESCENT, July 18.—Hon. T. M. Reed, jr., registrar of the United States land office at Seattle, with his wife, is here to visit Lake Crescent, whose fame is spreading far and wide.

Mr. A. A. Smith, editor of the Port Angeles Times, is camping at Lake Crescent with a party of Eastern people, consisting of his father, brother and Mr. Allen.

Mr. Charles Jones, the Soleduck pioneer, has gone to Port Townsend to bring down a number of pack horses to place on the new trail between Lake Crescent and the fertile Soleduck valley. A large number of settlers exp