From THE DAILY COLONIET, APRIL 18. WEIRD INDIAN CUSTOMS.

A Horrible Pretence Still Indulged In by Fort Rupert In-

Tortures Self-Inflicted by the Living —An Old Trader's Queer Experiences.

near Alert Bay. For years he has lived among the Indians, and his description of the feasts and ensures of the Fort Ruperts makes a remarkable and interesting story. He lives on a little island eleven miles from Alert Bay, and spattered around on other islands and the mainland are the rancheries, where the Indians live during the winter, where the Indians live during the winter, stand very high in strictly amateur ranks.

These festivals are connected with certain "coppers," as they are called. A "copper" is a piece of that metal some eighteen inches long and twelve inches wide, roughly fashioned in something the shape of a human head and neck, with mouth, nose and eyes marked upon it. There are only three original "coppers," and they are very ancient, their origin going far back beyond the Indian recollections; consequently they are of immense value in Indian eyes, and to possess one of them an Indian would give anything he owns. One peculiar thing is that one owner must sell if he is offered sufficient price for the "copper" he owns, the value apparently

owns. One peculiar thing is that one owner must sell if he is offered sufficient price for the "copper" he owns, the value apparently rising so many blankets every time one changes hands. One of these "coppers" is now worth some 5,000 blankets—a pretty considerable sum. There are also imitation "coppers"—that is, quite newly made—but they are not very valuable.

Every times "copper" changes hands is the occasion for a wild time. In the first place one, two or three men—generally relatives of buyer or seller—are chosen to act as "amista" or "a wild man." The amista goes out into the bush and remains away for several days, only stealing in in secret to the rancherie, and being supposed to abstain from food. Then the other Indians dress up, paint, and deck themselves with green wreaths, and hold a big dance. The dance seems quite innocent enough apparently on the surface, but by and by the "amista" is heard howling like a wild beast in the distance, and a party of men go out with cedar bark ropes to capture him. At last they succeed and bring the amista into camp. Naked or with only a loin cloth the "amista" comes among the dancers, acting like a dangerous maniac. Rushing upon one or another, he bites pieces of flesh from their arms and finally runs away again. The owner of the copper has to compensate those bitten for the wounds inflicted. The amista is caught again and gradusly is tamed down, the dancing being supposed to act as the proper kind of medicine to quiet his excited nerves. Then comes the last night of the dance, when the most horrible part occurs.

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The regular examinations of the British Columbia Medical council will be held here on Tuesday, the 1st May.

Ar the preliminary law examination held on Monday, Mr. H. G. S. Heisterman the only candidate, passed very creditably and has been accorded permission to stud for admission to the bar.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last night in Single Tax hall, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to specially represent labor interests in the coming election, for the Provincial Legislature. Mr. Arthur Dutton was unanimously chosen as the fit and p oper person. A mass meeting of workingmen will be held shortly, when the labor platform will be made public.

where the Indians live during the winter, after their return from the salmon fishery, hop picking and other occupations they follow during the summer. During the winter months they carry on what is known as the Red Bark festival, which seems to be the remnant of an ancient custom the legendary reasons for which have been forgotten.

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DURING the present season about 200 families have left Washington state for the Saskatchewan region in Alberta, Canada. Twenty heads of families departed from Seathle yesterday morning for that section to pick out homes. The Canadian government offers settlers 160 acres for an entrance fee of \$10 and the conditions are that the settler shall live on his claim six months in the year for three years, build himself a home and plow ten acres each year, when he will receive a patent.

YESTERDAY afternoon the assignees of YESTERDAY afternoon the assignees of Green, Worlock & Co. were waited upon by several of the creditors present at the last meeting, headed by Mr. N. Shakespeare, who desired to know what the action would be in reference to the recommendation to appoint Hon. Robert Beaven to assist in winding up the estate. After discussing the question Mr. Yates, on behalf of the assignees, said that the matter was being considered, and an answer would probably be given before the end of the present week.

MICHAEL MARCO, who has been boarding MICHAEL MARCO, who has been boarding at the city police station for weeks past, was one of two unfortunates brought before the police magistrate yesterday on the charge of vagrancy. In defence he showed that he had visible—also audable—means of support, in the form of a hand organ valued at several hundred dollars which the hard-hearted customs people would not allow him to utilize until duty was paid thereon. He had, he said, offered to divide receipts with the authorities until the tariff was satisfied, but they "had-a the heart of ston-a," and preferred to hold the instrument till the cash was in plain sight. Michael will probably leave town.

is not known. A dance of this kind took place during the past winter at Mar-marilly kully, Mr. Simpson says.

Another disgusting practice at these dances is a young girl in a semi-unde state dancing, while big dog fish hooks fastened in her back have cords tied to them which are held by an Indian like reins, the object being finally for the girl by wrenching her body to tear herself free from the hooks. Two winters ago Mr. Simpson also saw a child covered with blood in which it had been dipped dancing at one of these festivals.

WOMAN'S OPINION OF MAN.

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"As husbands they are always on wentent, though not always on had: a beaux, they are by no means 'matchless. They are most agreesable visitors; they are handy at state faire, and indispensable at oyster saloons. They are splending secretary and treasurer, that a cover for some other fellow's wife or sister, and as friends they are far better than women. As our fathers they are instructed in business, a wrock in committee the failure in business. In the language of the major and and a gratifying have been the results obtained that they take a gentle course of Aparl a complete plant of five them well and the fifth they take a gentle course of Aparl a complete plant of the end of Aparl a complete plant of the language of the major and the failure of the wear and many the failure of the major and the failure of the major and the failure of the wear and many the failure of the major and the fai

mine, where cost of wear and tear on the treatment of 1,000 tons is shown 14 be only 20 cents per ton. Several other mines in the neighborhood, at present at a standstill, are considering the advisability of adopting the Crawford mill in consequence of the resemble at the Columbia." Mr. W. B. Grahame, the local agent for the Crawford mill, informs the Colonier that the ore averaged \$4 13 per ton, and the company estimate that with the plant of five mills the satire cost of milling, including wear and tear, will not exceed 75 cents per ton.

PROTECTION FOR WARSHIPS.

"The cruiser Columbia is to be provided

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The Marine Railway a Success-Ar rival of the "Benmore," Complet-ing a Flying Passage.

Operations in the Inner Harbor-The "Mystery" All Right-To Re-

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In exchange for specimens of our products which are being sent by the Department of Agriculture to the Technological museum of Sydney, N.S.W., a case was received by the Arswas containing a most interesting collection of Australian woods, barks, gums, wools, insects, etc., all of which have been placed in the museum. The insects are very beautiful and well worth an inspection. Contributions of pressed plants and objects of interest will be thankfully received by Mr. J. R. Anderson, at the Department of Agriculture, both for the purpose of making a collection for the use of the department and for exchange.

WORK RESUMED.

The Public Works department, Ottawa, has issued the following notice to captains of steamers and other vessels entering Victoria harbor: "Operations are about to be resumed on Dredger rock, situated on the left hand side of the channel entering the harbor, about 200 feet to the southwest of black buoy No. 3, and are cautioned to pass well to the south of the plant employed on the works, and to slow down while doing so, in order that the lives of the men enso, in order that the lives of the men en-gaged and the safety of the plant may not be jeopardized."

FOR THE WEST COAST. Captain H. R. Foot left with the steamer Mischief early yesterday morning, having a full cargo for Clayoquot Sound and other West Coast ports. Mr. Switzer and and his party were passengers for Nootka Sound, where they will examine the marble quarry. There were also on board a number of settlers for the San Juan valley, where a thriving community is established. Returning, the Mischief will call in at Hesquoit to receive cattle, and also the latest reports from the Coast scalers.

THE "QUEEN" ARRIVES. THE "QUEEN" ARRIVES.

The steamship Queen, of the P. C. & A. line, arrived from San Francisco last evening, on time. She will not make another trip on the San Francisco-Victoria run for some time, the intention being to have the Mexico replace her as soon as she returns to the Bay City. The Queen will be placed in the hands of the carpenters, painters and upholaterers, in preparation for her summer excursions to Alaska, which commence early in June.

MARINE NOTES.

Regarding the rumor of the wreck of the steamer Mystery referred to in yesterday's paper, Mr. A. Magneson, the agent of the vessel here, says there is nothing in it, more than that the steamer is now at Oak Bay with a scow, which, while being towed down from Cowighan on Saturday night last sprang a leak, and was beached in order to prevent trouble. Mr. Magneson says the Mystery is not ashore.

The City of Kingston arrived from the Sound last evening, but at a later hour than her new schedule, which she inaugurated by the trip, calls for. She will in future, or after the fine weather sets in, run to Victoria on last year's schedule, arriving here at about 5 o'clock and departing at 8:30 in the evening. MARINE NOTES.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Sturdy Dan Meleod Runs Up Against a Coming Man—English Turf Events.

Improvement of the Clover Point Range and Pits—Junior Lacrosse Teams Ready.

Clover Point range will once more be in working order in a few days, equipped with four sets of canvas targets. Instruction having oome from Ottawa that the B. C. B. G. A. are immediately to perform the rife proties supposed to have formed part of the drill for the season recently terminated, but which could not be carried out for want of a range, authority was obtained for the expenditure necessary to put up targets as the long abandoned pits at Clover Point. This has now been almost completed, under the work was swarded to W. P. Wins by, who, being a practical shot, has made the best possible arrangements. The carlf out of its being used to fill up the farmed work of logs hald to stop the bullets after they have passed through the canvas, or even if they have gone wide of the targets. The markers are provided with a sommodious trench, where they can do their important and often trying work with astey and comfort. The targets are of the double and revolving pattern, combining simplicity of operation with replicity of exposure, for the work was warded to W. P. Wins by, who, heling a practical shot, has an additional to the provided with a commodious trench, where they can do their important and often trying work with astey and comfort. The targets are of the double and revolving pattern, combining simplicity of operation with replicity of exposure, for the moment a shot strikes and one target is lowered for patching, the other one takes its place. But little remains to be done now to complete the preparations, and then the "classe firing," as it is called.

LACESSES.

THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.** London, April 17.—The great Surrey handicap, 500 sovereigns, was won by Marnovia; Daydream II., second; Lady Candahar, third.

THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

"Mystery" All Right—To Replace the "Queen."

A special and largely attended meeting of the executive of the Victoria lacrosse club was held yesterday evening, President Ellis filling the chair. The question of grounds arrangements and management was discussed, and also an illustration of the perfect working of another concern which will be of great benefit to Victoria, particularly to the shipping men of the community. At 8 a.m. the steamer Isabel, a vessel of 500 tons register, was placed on the blocks on the new cradle, and in six minutes was hauled up high and dry. The light gear machinery was used in the work, and in order to give it and other parts of the plant a fair trial,

Winnipeg, April 18.—(Special)—The Shamrock lacrosee team, of Montreal, ex-pect to visit Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast during July, according to a report

A BALANCE ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

Vancouver, April 17.—(Special)—The lacrosse boys had a \$350 house on the occasion of their minstrel performance. This gave them a small profit, but the care they took to put on a good show called for a bigger patronage than was accorded.

WANTED AT THE FAIR.

On the whole there is a considerable improvement in business circles this week. The market is well stocked with fruits and vegetables, the receipts of this year's California crop having been large within the past few days. Of the latter, new potatoes and cauliflowers are the latest additions. There are at present five varieties of oranges offered, but apples are scarce and expensive. Eggs are pouring into the market from all quarters, including Japan. From San Juan island alone nearly 2,000 dozen have come in during the week. Sales, however, have been good, and the demand continues to be large. Feed of all kinds is stiffening in price, owing to a great extent to the majority of the mills in Washington having closed down temporarily for their annual overhauling, and also, no doubt, to the prospects of poor grain crops in California this year, caused by the recent droughts. Hay has dropped from one to two dollars per ton as a result of the mild winter and of the fresh grass now coming in.

Current retail muotations:

Yesterday afternoon the first cricket match of the season was played at Beacon Hill, between elevens of Victoria College and the Royal Marine Artillery. The Artillery were the first to bat, Lieutenants Templar and Barnes facing the bowling of Wilson and Goward. The wickets fell quickly, Barnes being the only batsman who could do anything with the bowling, and the innings closed for 40. Goward took 7 wickets, all clean bowled, for the small cost of 15 runs. The College innings opened well, and 9 runs were scored before Macleod played a ball on to his wicket. Wilson, Macleod and Cartwright all reached double figures, and the total reached 81. Rain spoiled the College innings and made bowling very difficult for the Artillery. On Saturday the College play "Old Boys" at the Hill. The score: Artillery.

Lieut. Barnes, b Wilson ...
Lieut. Templar, b Wilson ...
Br. Barraclough, b Goward.
Br. Kelly, b Goward
Br. Cameron, b Goward
Br. Lyons, b Goward
Train, b Goward
Gomer, not out The College.

Macleod, b Barraclough
Wilson, c Barnes, b Barraclough
Goward, c Cameron, b Rann
Prevost, b Barraclough
Cartwright, b Rann
Wilson, c Templar, b Barnes
Macleod, not out.
Higgins c Blackman, b Rann
Marpole, b Barnes
Mitten, b Barnes
Lawson, b Barnes WRESTLING MET A TARTAR.

CONTRACTOR STORY SAN THE STAN SAN

San Francisco, April 17.—The Orpheum Theatre was packed with people on Friday evening, who had assembled for one purpose only, and that was to witness a catch-ascatch-can wrestling match between Dan Moleod, of this city, and Tom MacMahon, of Detroit. As already stated, McLeod, to win, had to throw his opponent three times within the hour, with one minute's rest allowed between the falls. The struggle was most interesting, and several times during the bout the spectators rose from their seats and cheered the contestants. As was expected, MacMahon immediately played the defensive when time was called, and, as every person who understands anything about wrestling is aware, the task of winning three falls within the hour was a decidedly hard one for the Sootch lad under the conditions. do. (Fijh)
Limes,
Lemons (California) "
(Australian) "
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New Orleans Bananas, per doz.
Pine Apples, aplece
Cranberries, per gallon. CHICAGO, April 17 .- Twenty new cases of imalipox were reported yesterday and Sunday to the department of health. The week's record was 126 cases. The health officers declare that the disease is spreading because the facilities for the removal and quarantining of stricken persons are totally madequate to meet the emergency.

LONDON, April 17.—It is stated at the foreign office that negotiations are in progress or contemplated looking to a modification of the existing arrangements in regard to the Samoan islands.

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THE CITY AND SUBURBAN. London, April 18.—The City and Suburban handicap at Epsom to-day was won by Grey, Xury second, Lemichan third.

HYDE PARK PLATE.

LONDON, April 18—The Hyde Park plate, 500 sovereigns, was won by McNeil, Jack-snipe second, Patna third.

HERE AND THERE. The council of the British Columbia Rifle Association are to hold a meeting here to-Eugene Sandow has arrived in San Fran

VICTORIA MARKETS.

On the whole there is a considerable im-

Current retail quotations :

LOUR Portland roller per brl.

Silver, per lb.... Silver, per lb.... Island, per dozen... or, Island roll, (2 lbs)

len Cottolens, per lb.....ts—Beer Sides "
Mutton, per h.....rozen, per lb...
Pork, fresh "
Chickens, per pair Turkey per h...
Geese per h...
Pigeons, each

Sturgeon

Herring (smoked) per lb

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Oranges (Australian)

do (Naval)

do (Mexican)

do (Fiji)

Limes,

Westminster High School Taking Advantage of the New Law-Lumber for the East

Prospective Japanese Farm Settlement -A Flash Light Photographer's Omission.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER VANCOUVER, April 18-Mr. and Mrs. Fay were given a farewell reception at the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening. Mr. Fay is the man who was instrumental in "enthus ing" the citizens of Vancouver up to a philanthropic state of mind on the occasion of the big Y.M.C.A. building debt being

of the big 1.m.C.A. business door being lifted.

Acting Japanese Consul Shimezu has been going over parts of Chilliwack, the Harrison River and Agassiz, and will report upon the soil and capabilities of the same to his home

Thieves broke into Mr. Sheerer's tailoring establishment on Cordova street last evening by emashing a front window. It is supposed an accomplice stalked the policeman while the robbery was committed. Mr. Sheerer, who can ill afford it, loses over \$100 worth of merchandise.

A most novel case of forgetfulness has come to light in connection with the recent ministrel performance. The photographer, after making very elaborate preparations, detained the performers half an hour getting things in readiness, exploded the flash light, filling the theatre with smoke, and as every one supposed, the picture was taken. Nothing of the kind! The photograper found on arriving at his studio that he had forgotten to put in the plate.

In the funeral cortege of the late C. T. Williams yesterday, there were three Knights of Pythias lodgee, three Masonic lodges and the Royal Arch Chapter. Sir Knight Rev. G. R. Maxwell conducted services at the grave.

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WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 18.-The city proposes to raise \$20,000 for necessary street mprovements.

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East are increasing, and from three to six carloads go out every day.

This high school course has been extended so as to take pupils as far as the second year of the B. A. course of any Canadian university.

The Sapperton amateurs played "Bread upon the Waters" at the insane asylum tonight for the entertainment of the inmates.

W. L. McBride, eldest son of Warden McBride of the B. C. penitentiary, was united in marriage this morning at the Anglican church, Ladner's Landing, to Miss Emily Parmiter, youngest daughter of Thomas Parmiter, of Delta. The bride was supported by Miss Flossie Shotbolt, of Victoria. Richard McBride stood up with the groom. The ceremony was performed by Eugene Sandow has arrived in San Francisco and is appearing at the Praeter.

The Vancouver boating club will hold their first regatta of the season on May 12. Six crews are in training.

An Ottawa paper states that, although no definite decision has been arrived at, it seems to be generally understood that the Canadian Military Rifle League will arrange for two series of matches for this year, one for the Snider and one for the Martini. toria. Richard McBride stood up with the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Dorrell, and though the wedding took place at the early hour of 7 o'clock the church was filled with friends of the contracting parties. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for the Sound on their honeymoon trip.

NANAIMO, April 18 .- Mrs. Adolphe Newman is still missing. Her strange disappearance is the cause of great anxiety to her sband and friends. The police of Vanconver, Victoria and the Sound have been notified to look out for her, but so far nothing has been learned of her whereabouts. When Mrs. Newman left home she

abouts. When Mrs. Newman left home she had over \$500 cash in her possession. Her husband fears she may have committed suicide. CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

editor, and Perfor, propietor, of the Evening Telegram were fined \$112 each by the Supreme court for contempt in publishing articles attributing partisan feeling to Justice Winter in unseating and diequalifying Mesers. Woods and Moore as members of the Newfoundland Legislature.

CLINTON, April 18.—The Central hotel and Wales hotel were burned to-day with some of their contents. Loss \$10,000; msurance, \$5,000.

NIAGARA, April 18.—Fred Austin, a young Englishman, is missing. He was last seen on Sunday morning standing in the Milloy dock.

TORONTO, April 18.—One hundred Ontario settlers left Toronto for Manitoba and the Northwest last night.

TORONTO, April 17 .- The seventeenth annual meeting of the Grand Camp of the Sons of Scotland was opened here this morning, about 150 delegates being in attendance. Grand Chieftain A. B. McCallum, of Paisley, was in the chair and opened the convention. It will last several

TORONTO, April 17.—J. M. French & Co., manufacturers of paints and oils, have assigned with liabilities of \$15,000 and assets nominally the same.

London, April 17.—John Stephenson, perhaps the oldest resident of London township, died here to-day on his homestead, where he had lived for 57 years.

Washington, April 18.—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Lycurgus R. Woodward, of California, to be a commissioner in and for the district of Alaska, to reside at Ounalaska.

HIGH CLASS POULTRY

and Eggs for Hatching Apply to SEASIDE POULTRY FARM. apl8-Imd&w Plumper Pass, B.C.

ARTISTIC - - JOB PRINTING of all kinds, from a "NEEDLE TO AN ANCHOR is speedily and cheaply executed at THE COLONIST Merchants and citizens in general should see samples and get prices.

GEO. A. SARGISON NOTARY PUBLIC, Accountant & Agent,

48 LANGLEY ST.

m THE DAILY COLONIST. THE CIT

THERE were no new developm Savary Island murder case yeste

PEROY E. W HITTALL was yesteing taken to the Provincial jeawait his trial at the spring assignot yet been able to secure bail, small amount of \$250.

THE case of Gabriel v. Mesher tried over again, the date of tribeen fixed for May 4. It will bered that this is an action in plaintiff claims \$5,000 damages for received by him while in the

NEWS has been received by tendent Hussey from Governme Soules, of Clinton, that the Indian woman shot a couple of weeks ag Alkali lake reserve, by Redbluff, tus Charlie, are still alive. Charli-

The directors of the Horticulturand Fruit Growers' Association ranged to hold a general meetin association at Mission on Angipaper on Prunes will be read by Hutcherson, of Ladners, and M Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, w paper on "Pests." THE Girls' Friendly Society of S

bas church will give an entertain Philharmonic hall on May 2. The puts a varied and interesting one and fancy scarf drill, club swinging recitations, vocal and instrument the whole to conclude with a far siderable preparations have been siderable preparations have been this event, which is expected to b special interest.

"SLICK" Morency, who broke o reformatory in January, 1893, arrested in Vancouver a short ti was brought here on Tuesday, serve the rest of his unexpired "Slick" was sentenced on the January, 1893, to two years in the tory for burglary, but escaped on of the same month, so he has qui to put in vet to complete his terre to put in yet to complete his term. MR. AND MRS. PETER ACTON, OF

MR. AND MRS. PETER ACTON, of mo, the latter until yesterday morn Maggie Kellert, were passengers (Coal City to Victoria by the noon to terday. The marriage was solem 6:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's church, ton, the bride being given away father, Mr. Richard Kellert, of Wel and the bridesmaid and best ma Miss Acton and Mr. Robert Gear ively. COLLECTOR MILNE was waited up

COLLECTOR MILNE was waited up terday by a number of sealing murged that the Government be a despatch a vessel at once to we schooners now sealing on the Coast, are some twenty-three vessels in all north along the Coast and they are so to be at present north of Queen C islands. A telegram embodying the views was sent to Sir C. H. Tupper ter of Marine.

The long-continuing cases again mund Hanna and Ada Grant were cleared from the police court list yes. The two prisoners were committed on the counts of having goods in the session stolen from Mr. Morkill, the Company, and Mrs. Annetta Fox. formations charging J. M. Nagan theft were withdrawn, and Harry was fined \$50 and costs, or in defauments imprisonment, for having lights possession on the Indian reserve.

An order was made yesterday in bers by Mr. Justice Walkem to se for argument and disposal before the the action a question of law raised amended statement of defence in the Cooley et al v. Fitzstubbs. The day for the hearing under the order is H April 20, when it will be decided wor not the receiver and the parties various Gray v. McCallum law suits be made parties to this action. Mr. Walkem will hear the argument. L. Belyea (Belyea & Gregory) for pla Mr. A. G. Smith, Deputy Attorney-G. Mr. A. G. Smith, Deputy Attorney-G

for defendant.

The annual business meeting of Company, B.C.B.G.A. Association place on Tuesday night in the drill when the usual reports were submitte showed a very favorable result for th year of the Association. Besides other ness the by-laws were carefully revis-considerable changes were made i same. The following office-bearers ted for the ensuing year, viz : Ho sident, Mojor Irving; president, Lieu Sargison; vice-presidents, Lieutenants ro, Taylor and McConnan; secretary urer, Corporal W. Muir; members of cil, Bombardier Richdale, Gunners R Brammer and Alnut; shooting comm Lieutenant Taylor, Corporal Holmes, bardier Holmes, Gunners Resember betteenant Taylor, Corporal Admes, bardier Holmes, Gunners Brammer, stone, Russell and Morkill; sick vi committee, Corporal Cave, Bombe Holmes, Gunners Kennedy, Bailey

APRIL 19, 1881, was the day on which Rt. Hon. Benjamin Disraeli, East Beaconsfield, Prime Minister of Engpaid his last tribute to nature, and the am sary has since been celebrated by many friends and admirers as Primrose—that flower having been the one whithe whole garden the deceased state had the most admired. The Primrothe name that was adopted by numpolitical leagues which were formed emblem which they appropriated bein bloom dearest to him whom in life they honored and loved. The Primrose is specially fitting as the "oriflamme" of followers of the man who scarcely when he was beaten, its freshness, as him, remaining long after other flowe the same length of growth have faded a To-day, Primrose Day, will no doub numbers wearing the dear little private of which can be had from I Hibben & Co., the sale of these fidbeing for the benefit of St. Paul's characteristics.

THREE Japanese pleaded guilty in Provincial court yesterday to having to this country as stowaways on the Near Pacific liner Megul on her last trip. Prior (Eberts & Taylor) appeared for transportation company, and asked that court make an example of the self-confeculty to the self-confeculty trom attempting to follow them here we can be payment of passage money. The saway nuisance is developing serious protions and it is thought that the tric should be a self-confeculty to the self-confeculty. To be deported to their own country. To be deported to their own country. To be deported to their own country. To be and furnish them with better accounts and it makes them a charge on the Panese and furnish them with better accounts than they have ever before enjoy thile they secure their first lessons in 1 lab. To imprison these stowaways measurage them, rather than punish the lagistrate Macrae decided to take the index consideration, being in doubt as the possession of power to order the de