Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

From the DAILY COLONIST, November 8.

Suburban Postoffices.

Coun. Higgins has given notice of a motion to be moved on Wednesday evening for the establishment of postoffices at Victoria North (Work estate) and Victoria South (James Bay).

Methodist Appropriations.

At the monthly meeting of the Methodist Women's Mission Society, held in Montreal on the 3d inst., an appropriation of $1,400 was made for the Crosby Home, B. C.; $750 to the refuge for Chinese girls at Victoria, and $400 to the proposed school for Indian girls at Chilliwhack, B.C.

A Total Wreck.

The "Duchess of Argyle," which went ashore on Wednesday night is probably broken up by this time, as a heavy sea was running on Saturday and Sunday. A number of Indians left Victoria on Saturday and Sunday for San Juan for the purpose of securing what they could from the wreck.

Removal of Offices.

Mr. F. C. Ambridgie, traveling auditor of the C. P. R., left for the Sound yesterday morning. While here he closed out the C. P. R. ticket office in the C. P. N. Co.'s building on Wharf street. Hereafter tickets will be sold and the C. P. R. business conducted in future in the offices on Government street, by Mr. Hughes, pending the arrival of a permanent agent.

Reception of "C" Battery.

Orders have been issued for the artillery (with their band) and the Victoria Rifle Company, to parade at 7:30 o'clock p. m., on Thursday next, for the purpose of receiving the officers and men of "C" Battery, R. C. A., on their arrival here and escorting them to the barracks. In the event of the Battery not arriving at Vancouver on time notice will be given of any change in the hour for parade.

Gold Quartz in Lillooet.

It may be taken for a certainty that Lillooet is to be a great mining centre. In addition to the free gold ledge lately discovered by Gould & Ward, on Cayoosh creek, three others have been found by a Mr. Kane, who has been prospecting at Maccount—one on Bridge river and two on the Anderson or Seaton lakes—free gold and lots of it. Ed. Allen, M. P. P., is doing a big business at his new hotel at Lillooet—all rooms full of boarders.

Robbed on the Train.

Joe Morris, recently a cow-puncher on the Walrond cattle ranch near Fort Macleod, was robbed of $550 on the eastbound train while asleep, an hour out of Winnipeg on Saturday night, the 27th ult. The news agents were suspected of the act and searched at Fort William, but the money was not recovered, and is thought to have been secreted. The money was drawn on I. B. Baker & Co. cheque on the bank of Montreal, Winnipeg. Morris was on his way home to Baltimore, Md.

Sandbagged and Robbed.

On Sunday, October 30th, about 8 o'clock in the evening, Mr. Auld, of Smith & Auld, who have the C. P. R. boarding house and restaurant at Revelstoke, was going from Tomkins' office, where he had just drawn a large sum of money due by men for board, when some scoundrel struck him on the head with a sandbag and relieved him of $350. Four of Tompkins' men who were on their way to Ontario were stopped at Donald by the sheriff and searched, but there was nothing found to indicate that they were the guilty parties. Smith & Auld, having filled responsible positions for the C. P. R., are well known and highly respected in Donald.

The Trouble on the Premier.

Tacoma *Ledger*: Purser W. Anderson, of the Premier says that Steward Burke, who kicked up a rumpus and was discharged on the last trip, came down to the vessel in the afternoon fighting drunk, and was ordered to his room. He acted very ugly just as the boat was on the point of sailing, and was discharged. The steward's crew then went to the purser's office to remonstrate and were all discharged. A new crew was obtained here and at Seattle. Burke went to Victoria and told his side of his story at the head office, and accompanied Commodore Irving on a trip to Vancouver, in the hope of being reinstated, but when the commodore heard the ship's side of the case Burke was furnished transportation back to Victoria.

The Grace.

A correspondent of the Seattle *P. I.*, writing under date of October 20th, says: The British steam schooner Grace arrived on the 12th inst., fourteen days from Ounalaska, bringing the 12,051 seal skins which were left in the hands of the Deputy-Marshal by the revenue cutters Rush and Bear, and stored in the Alaska Commercial Company's warehouse. Marshal Atkins, who has taken charge of the pelts, has had them resalted and packed away in the Government warehouse here. In order to protect the property, which is worth at least $75,000, from being raided upon, a guard fully armed and equipped is stationed on the wharf night and day. Out of these 12,051 skins there have been rendered decrees of forfeiture against 11,722. Of the remaining 329, the 151 pelts found aboard the Challenge have been turned over to Captain Morrisey, the agent for the owners of the schooner at this port, and the 178 taken from the Angel Dolly, lying on the beach at Ounalaska, are still awaiting trial.

A People's Welcome.

A meeting of citizens was held in the mayor's room in the city hall last evening for the purpose of taking into consideration the matter of a suitable welcome to the returning "C" Battery a fitting welcome.

Present, the Mayor and Messrs. Shakespeare, Baker, Prior, Higgins, Hayward, Coughlan, Braden, Russell, Nicholles, Wolfenden and others—His Worship in the chair. Mr. Chas. Hayward was elected secretary.

The secretary stated that at a preliminary meeting held in Mr. E. C. Baker's office on Friday last it was suggested that an effort be made to provide a suitable welcome and entertainment to "C" Battery. He had been authorized to canvass for subscriptions, and had succeeded in obtaining about $150, but more could be had if required. A committee was now wanted to carry out the details. The following gentlemen were then appointed a committee of management: The Mayor and Messrs. Coughlan, Higgins, Braden, Russell and Hayward. It was then resolved that "C" Battery be entertained on the night of their arrival by a supper. On motion of Mr. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Baker, the following was passed:

Resolved, That Lt.-Col. Holmes, commandant of "C" Battery, R. C. A., be informed that on behalf of the citizens of Victoria it is contemplated to extend a people's welcome to "C" Battery on Thursday evening next, and that Col. Holmes be asked to extend invitations to members of the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, His Worship the Mayor and City Council and the subscribers to the fund, and to be present at the barracks on the occasion.

The meeting then adjourned.

On the Track.

Yesterday a police officer, in searching premises in Chinatown, discovered an umbrella which, from a description he had, he identified as that stolen from the residence of Mr. P. T. Johnstone, on Cadboro Bay road sometime ago. Mrs. Johnstone subsequently recognized the umbrella and two Chinamen were arrested.

Accidents in Roger's Pass.

On October 31st a man by the name of Murphy, working for McArthur & McRae, at Roger's Pass, fell from one of the snowsheds and was badly injured. His collar bone was broken. Several other men in the employ of the same contractors were also at different times within the past week hurt, and all were taken to the C. P. R. hospital at Donald.

Death of Judge Howes.

Samuel C. Howes died at his home in the First ward at 11 o'clock Thursday night, at the age of 50 years, after an illness of three or four months. Mr. Howes was born in England and entered the British army at an early age. He was in the Crimean war and shortly after its conclusion resigned from the service and removed to British Columbia. There he married Mrs. Honora Max. He was for many years connected with the police and detective force of Victoria. About twelve years ago he removed to Tacoma, where he has ever been a good citizen and a valued member of the community.—*Tacoma Ledger.*

The American Edition.

The constant success of *The Illustrated London News* (American edition) is not by any means a surprise when even the contents of a single week is considered. Take for instance the issue of October 29th, now on the market. The supplement alone, giving an excellent colored portrait of Prince Bismarck, is a valuable souvenir to possess, while in addition there are pictures of the Nizam of Hyderabad, two pages devoted to illustrations of the State of Ireland, another page of Our Troops in Burmah, one of Border Sketches in Kelso, one of Bristol Cathedral, one of the Death of Cæsar, and a most attractive picture of a little girl and a dog entitled Speak! The reading matter is as interesting and complete as ever, while the price for all is only ten cents. All news-dealers have it, and the New York office is in the Potter Building.

Scalping Tickets.

A number of excursionists, who arrived from the east over the Canadian Pacific, and who located in Victoria, have made a practice of selling their return tickets for some consideration to east bound travelers. These excursion tickets have been issued to travelers upon non-transferable conditions, and though it is generally conceded that it is no crime to cheat a railway corporation, yet there is an unpleasant risk run in selling these tickets, which the general public do not seem to be aware of. The Canadian law is very severe against scalpers of tickets, a heavy fine being the usual penalty. During the recent cheap excursions from St. Paul and Winnipeg, several cases came under notice. In two instances the holders of tickets advertised their sale, and the innocent looking ticket agent merely called on the parties, said he desired to purchase the tickets and when he saw them, took their numbers, which he communicated to headquarters and when they were presented for fare they were taken up and their holders advised of their worthlessness. Another traveler who had already purchased a "scalped" ticket asked the agent as to its worth and was recommended to purchase another ticket, which he did. There is no law in the United States against scalping, and it is probably passengers from American points who are unwittingly committing the offence.

Consistency.

Our fossilized contemporary, entranced by the fine weather, has succeeded in crawling out of his shell and is showing some signs of life. He has heard that an election is to be held in Comox and that the Hon. T. B. Humphreys is a candidate. He advocates the claims of this gentleman, believes he would make an excellent representative, and has no doubt he would assist the government into smithereens if returned. The *Standard* had not so favorable an opinion of Mr. Humphreys when he ran against the Hon. Mr. Turner. When that gentleman came before the people for re-election, consequent upon his acceptance of the position of Minister of Finance, a little incident occurred the night before the election which may serve to illustrate this fact very clearly and pointedly.

On that evening a young gentleman entered our contemporary's *sanctum* and something like the following colloquy ensued:

"Well, what can I do for you?"

"I want to put an advertisement in the paper announcing that Mr. Humphreys will be a candidate to-morrow."

"Can't do it. I won't trust him."

"Why not? Mr. Humphreys is an able, respectable, honest man."

"Honest! (with a look of supreme disgust) I hope you ain't a friend of his. If you are I haven't much of an opinion of you."

"Well, you refuse to put the advertisement in?"

"Most decidedly *unless the cash for it is paid down at once.* If it isn't I'll never get paid for it. Humphreys was never known to pay a debt yet."

"Well, it must go in, and if you will trust me until to-morrow I will be responsible for the payment."

"That's all right. You're good for it. Good night."

And the man who now sounds Tom Humphrey's praises and advises the people of Comox to send him to the Legislature as their representative only a brief time ago refused to trust him for a six-bit advertisement.

MARINE.

Br bark Brier Holme cleared at London 1st inst. for Esquimalt.

Br schooner L. A. Houlett, 74 tons, sailed from Halifax Nov. 1 for Victoria.

On Sunday morning at 11 a. m. the Pilot left Esquimalt with the ship Harland for sea.

Ship New York will be towed to Nanaimo as soon as the tug Pilot returns from that point.

Ship American, from San Francisco for Departure Bay for a return cargo of coal, is in the Roads.

Efforts will be made to-day to float the bark Arabella and if successful, she will be towed to Esquimalt and docked.

Ship Ferris S. Thompson is in Royal Roads and will be towed to Departure Bay to load coal for San Francisco.

Ship Great Victoria has arrived from San Francisco and was towed to Nanaimo where she will load a return cargo of coal.

At midnight Sunday the weather at Cape Flattery was fine and clear, with light S.S.W. winds. Several vessels were bound in.

Ship New York, bound to Nanaimo, came into Royal Roads on Sunday. She will be towed to the V. C. Co.'s shutes for a cargo of coal for San Francisco.

Ship John A. Briggs which got ashore on Saturday afternoon, was successfully towed off on Saturday night by the Pilot. It is thought very little damage was sustained.

Collier Southern California passed down from Departure Bay on Sunday evening with about 2,500 tons of Wellington coal part of which is for San Pedro and part for San Diego.

Tug Falcon, Capt. N. Cowper, left Burrard Inlet yesterday with two scows in tow, lumber laden for this city. The Falcon is a new steamer lately built here. She should arrive to-night.

Steamer Sardonyx arrived at the outer wharf late on Sunday night with a cargo of flour. She left a few hours later for Vancouver where she will discharge her cargo into the S.S. Parthia.

After casting off the ship Harland at midnight the Pilot returned and picked up the ship America, Capt. Gibson, off the Cape, and towed her into Esquimalt, bound for Departure Bay to load coal.

H. G. Lewis leaves to-day in the Sir James Douglas. No. 2 Fraser river and Gabriola reef buoys will be placed in position. New buoys will be laid down in False Narrows, Bayne's Sound and Kelp Bar.

The tug Pilot arrived in Esquimalt harbor on Saturday at 11 p. m. with the bark Buena Vista, loaded with lumber for San Francisco. The bark will be in Esquimalt harbor for four days, during which time she will undergo some necessary repairs.

Steamer Mexico, 64 hours from San Francisco, arrived off the outer wharf at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and was docked at 7 o'clock, when her passengers and mails were landed. As freight the Mexico brought 1,229 tons, distributed as follows: Victoria, 82; Port Townsend, 136; Seattle, 297; Tacoma, 330; Vancouver and C.P.R., 390. The steamer Jesse A. Freeman has been chartered by the steamship company to bring up about 300 tons of Victoria freight which the Mexico was forced to leave behind. The Freeman should arrive to-day. The Umatilla will take the place of the Elder on the route and should arrive next Monday.

PERSONAL.

Major Dupont has returned from Vancouver.

E. White, of Brown & White, Vancouver, is in the city.

Mrs. F. S. Barnard arrived from Kamloops last evening.

W. C. Caldwell, ex-M.P.P. for North Lanark, is at the Driard.

G. Ford, superintendent of the Dominion Express Co., is in the city.

S. T. Greenshields, a well-known Montreal merchant, is at the Driard.

J. G. Geddes, port steward for the C. P.N.Co., has returned from the Sound, also "Jumbo."

D. Freeman and the Misses Freeman, of Bellona, Southern California, are guests at the Driard.

A. Frank, of Gutman & Frank, has gone to San Juan to look after his business interests.

Mr. Justice Walkem, D. R. Harris and R. T. Williams were passengers by the Yosemite last evening.

Canon W. H. Cooper leaves by steamer this morning for New Westminster to attend the Synod of the diocese.

Henry J. Nolan, chief clerk in the Rossin House, Toronto, and Mrs. Nolan are at the Driard on their way back from Southern California.

Lord Craven is at Ottawa and states that Ireland will have Home Rule as soon as the people are anxious to settle the "blooming nuisance," as he calls the Irish question.

Harry Young, traveling passenger agent of the O.R.N.Co., the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific Railway, was in the city yesterday in the interest of the lines he represents.

Duncan McFarland wife and child came over from Vancouver on Sunday night. Mr. McFarland returned this morning, but Mrs. McFarland will spend a few weeks with friends in the city.

Capt. Carozzi, of Shanghai, famed for his exploits as a blockade runner during the Franco-Chinese war, and who has been sojourning in Victoria for several months, returns home by the Parthia. He will be much missed around town.

Boyd Caldwell and Miss Caldwell, of Lanark, Ont., are registered at the Driard. They had a pleasant time in California and return home by the C.P.R. Mr. Caldwell is the great lumber merchant who played so prominent a part in the now famous Streams Bill, which was disallowed by the Privy Council.

Miss Eberts, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Eberts, of this city, for the past several months left this morning to return to her friends in the east. Miss Sadler, of Kamloops, and Miss Innes, of Esquimalt, will accompany her as far as Kamloops. Judge Yowell, who was to be one of the party, is detained in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Eberts go as far as Vancouver.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

There were four ships of over 2,000 tons in Esquimalt yesterday.

Several communications are left over this issue owing to lack of space.

The school trustees will meet this evening at the City Hall at half past seven o'clock.

Sunday night's train was delayed five hours through an accident to one of the eastern bound tea trains.

A fine of $200 was lately inflicted on a saloon keeper at Banff station. The paregoric racket don't work any more.

Another small landslide occurred on Saturday morning on the line between Port Moody and Vancouver. It was cleared away in time to prevent any delay to the trains.

The weather has moderated so that freighters expect to ship many tons of supplies for the N. W. M. Police, etc., from Golden to Kootenay before the ice forms again on the Columbia river.

The C.P.R.Co. has notified the squatters at Donald that they must leave the land occupied by them or purchase a 99 years lease of the same. There is likely to be some squealing and kicking over this business.

It was reported yesterday that three Indian children had died in Humboldt street of an infectious disease, but we are informed by a medical gentleman that this is not the case the children having had measles and severe colds at the same time.

As two young gentlemen were going up the Fraser river a boat recently, a shot that was fired by a hunter from a thicket on the bank penetrated the boat, which immediately began to sink. Fortunately for the occupants, another boat was close by and in all probability saved them from a watery grave.

Mr. De Wolf, says the Golden correspondent of the Calgary *Tribune*, who has spent two years in the mountains prospecting for English capitalists, intends to start for England in a few days. He has not invested anything in a mine and the promised smelter is (if at all) in the far distant future.

Early Saturday morning a Chinese prisoner, confined in the Westminster jail, made his escape in an unknown manner. It is thought by some that the Chinese cooks in the jail had something to do with it. The escaped prisoner was serving a term for stealing blankets from an Indian.

Cured by B. B. B. When All Else Failed.

Mr. Samuel Allan, of Lisle, Ont., states that he tried all the doctors in his locality while suffering for years with Liver and Kidney trouble; nothing benefited him until he took Burdock Blood Bitters, four bottles of which cured him. tu-th-sat-dw

Reliable Remedy for Rheumatism.

Procure a bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil from your medicine dealer, and use according to directions. It cured Ida Johnson, of Cornell, Ont., of that complaint, and she recommends it as a sure cure. For 25 years it has never failed to give satisfaction. th-th-sat-dw

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S. S. Parthia.

The Parthia is advertised to sail from Victoria for Hongkong, *via* Yokohama, on the 10th inst.

The Welcome Home.

All interested in arranging for a suitable welcome to "C" Battery, are invited to meet in the mayor's room, at the City Hall, to-morrow (Monday) at 4 o'clock p. m.

Her Opinion of Com.-Union.

"Do you believe in Commercial Union?" said young Popinjay to his girl the other evening, just to keep up the conversation. "Commercial union? Certainly not, John," she replied, blushingly. "I think marrying for money is mean and low!"

Rebecca Degree.

There will be a special meeting of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., next Tuesday at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of conferring the Rebecca Degree on all those qualified to receive it. Sisters of Rebecca are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Bell Sues.

Mr. H. P. Bell, C. E., through his counsel, Messrs. Davie & Pooley, has entered an action against the city to recover the sum of $528, for services rendered in connection with the waterworks. Mayor Fell refused to sign the check for the amount.

Probable Settlers.

A number of Swiss dairymen and butter-makers have been in correspondence with Mr. John Jessop, immigration agent, in regard to locating in British Columbia. They are at present engaged in Georgia and North Carolina, but wish to make their home in this province. It is thought that they will come.

Furious Driving.

Yesterday afternoon a butchers' cart, which was being driven down Yates street at something like a fifteen-mile-an-hour pace, collided with a hack opposite Moore's drug store. Had it not been for the presence of mind shown by the hack driver, a serious accident might have been the result of the happy go-lucky style of the butcher cart driver.

For San Francisco.

The following passengers left on the G. W. Elder yesterday for San Francisco: T Spencer, W B Reache, C Hugonin, H Wallace, wife and children; Miss Gerrouse, J W Meldrum, Lilly Jones, T W Jones, F S Barnard, A Easton, J W Wilson, Mrs Caldwell, B Simpson, J Webster, W H Castle, J. Wildman, J Dunnan, H Nicholles, Martin Tennis, T Price, A J Cooper, G LeCroise, A C McDonald, A Dickenson.

Gold Shipment.

Yesterday Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped to San Francisco by the Geo. W. Elder the largest quantity of gold dust sent in one week during the season. The following were the shipments:

Garesche, Green & Co.	$19,575
Bank of British Columbia	11,656
Bank of B. N. A.	1,100
Total	$32,231

For the month of October the shipments amounted to $85,937.40.

Sandsmen, Attention!

Messrs. M. W. Waitt and Co. the popular music dealers, etc., have just received a large stock of the celebrated Besson Prototype Cornets, made by F. Besson & Co., London, Eng. The "New Star" Cornet, silver plated, in case complete, made expressly for Messrs. Waitt & Co., is a model of beauty, and the tone, action and workmanship cannot be surpassed.

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Comox Election.

Mr. W.M. Dingwall, the former representative of Comox, again offers himself as a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Stenhouse. A meeting of the settlers will be held at Comox to-day to choose upon a local candidate, and if they should not choose Mr. Dingwall, it is stated he will retire in favor of the party chosen. We are pleased to see the people deciding on a resident representative, as such a one must be thoroughly acquainted with the district and its needs, and thus can intelligently represent the important and growing interests of Comox. The address of Mr. Dingwall is a manly, straightforward exposition of the wants of the district, and Mr. Dingwall's position in relation thereto.—*Nanaimo Free Press.*

A Frightful Death.

A man named Arthur Clough lost his life in Tacoma under very painful circumstances. The deceased had to do some painting on the roof of a forty-feet-high house and, in spite of of repeated cautions, he neglected to secure himself by means of a rope. Just as he was about to commence painting he slipped and the roof being very wet he could get no hold. He fell to the ground and lay there in agonies of pain. A doctor was summoned and when he arrived he found the injured man in the throes of a terrible death. The doctor found that his breast had been crushed in, one rib being forced into the lung, causing internal bleeding, which filled the lung, and death resulted with great suffering. The deceased was known to be a bold man and to delight in all deeds of daring. He was 30 years old and leaves a wife and a little girl about five years of age.

To the Point.

Mr. Melville of the St. John, N.B. *Telegraph*, who recently visited this city, has been writing a series of chatty letters to his paper. The last one is devoted to the "Queen City" and contains the following pertinent remarks:

"While Victoria has made advances—and notable ones, too—there are opportunities for still further developing the riches of sea and forest. The fish of many kinds that swarm in the waters near at hand could not be so free from capture if there was a fishery officer guarding them. The only exception seems to be salmon, while the many species of cod and smaller fish are waiting to be caught. There was some talk of bringing fishermen from Newfoundland to settle on the island, but the question as to which government—Provincial or Dominion—should pay their passage has caused a halt in the negotiations. Such immigrants would be most desirable. The whale fishery could be turned to profitable account as has been proven. Several New Brunswickers, it is understood, encouraged by the accounts that have reached them, have decided to fit out a small fleet and prosecute seal fishing. There is a valuable source of revenue in the timber that covers the countless islands near at hand, and minerals abound, yet few attempts (beyond coal mining) appear to have been made to increase the wealth of the people and swell the tide of immigration. Hitherto the city has not had a rival (and the people think so now) but Vancouver's rapid advances should, if it does not, have some effect in stirring the dormant energies in the people and waking them to a sense of what is being carried by them in the passing stream. There are, according to report, several millions of money lying in one of the banks, not bearing interest, which, if placed in manufactures, would cause a hum that would startle the easy going and more conservative people.

Met With an Accident.

Mr. Horatio J. Robinson, lately of China, and well and favorably known in Victoria, met with an accident by a runaway team at Vancouver, but fortunately escaped serious injury.

Championship Wrestling Match.

Arrangements are about completed for the above match to come off soon, but the day has not yet been fixed. Jack McKeon is in the best of health and he says the one who throws him will be a better man than himself.

Wellington Coal Shipments.

The shipment of coal, says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, from the Wellington collieries of Messrs. Dunsmuir & Sons, for the month of October, amounted to 22,154 tons of Wellington coal, being nearly 1,000 tons per day for each working day. Of this large amount 15,658 tons were shipped to foreign ports and 6,496 tons supplied to the provincial trade. This is an excellent showing and indicates in a marked manner the vastness of the Wellington collieries and their ability to meet a very large demand.

The Burnes Block.

Messrs. Smith and Clark have now almost completed their contract for building a three-story brick block, facing Bastion square, for T. Burnes. The building is L shaped, its total length being 113 feet, and width 68 feet. On the ground flat there will be 12, and on the 1st flat 3 offices. The 1st and 2nd flats will contain furnished apartments, consisting of parlors, sitting rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, bed-rooms and bath-rooms. There are two flights of stairs finished in oak, walnut and maple. The parlor and sitting room on both flats may, at the option of the tenant, be easily converted into one large room. There are hardwood mantlepieces and grates in nearly every room, and fire-proof vaults on the ground floor. Altogether the building is a credit both to the contractors and Mr. Teague, the architect, to say nothing of its enterprising and genial owner.

The Norwegians and the Squamish.

Mr. Geo. Turner, C. E., of New Westminster, is now at the Squamish river surveying the land for the Norwegian fishermen who located there during the past summer. Some hitch has arisen as to whether a portion of the Squamish Indian reservation has not been squatted upon by them, but this matter will be settled by the survey now in progress. The Norwegians were, piloted to the land by a Mr. McGregor, appointed for that purpose by the provincial authorities, and it was thought that they are all right, and that the trouble has arisen through their cutting timber from the Indian reserve. The provincial authorities will use every endeavor to place the matter right, if any wrong exists, and give the new settlers all that has been guaranteed them. It was expected that a number of the Norwegians' wives and children would have arrived at Vancouver ere this.

Temperance Meeting.

A rare treat was provided at the Blue Ribbon meeting last evening. After singing a hymn and offering a prayer, Mr. S. Gray, the president, spoke regarding the apathy of our citizens on the temperance question. The speech was replete with sound, logical advice to those on the downward path. Mr. Tucker, of H.M.S. Triumph, recited "Nellie's Prayer." Rev. Mr. Wadman submitted figures to prove that the Scott Act is beneficial. He showed that provinces under the act are prosperous, and, according to the reports published, British Columbia consumes more liquor per head than any province in the Dominion. Mr. Sutton gave a reading which convulsed the audience and received an *encore*. Vice-President Eudge considered that the Scott Act would be carried in this province if submitted to the votes of our people. During his life he wished to do something to elevate his fellow-men. The band played several splendid selections during the evening, which drew forth well-merited applause. "God Save the Queen" was played at the close of the interesting and instructive meeting.

An Allegory.

It was in the old cemetery, and the grass had lost its freshness and the leaves had nearly all fallen and the flowers faded.

And a willow that bent over a little mound where bright-eyed pansies and daisies had smiled at each passer-by throughout the summer stretched out its arms and sobbed, "Who will care for my little one when my blood freezes, when I grow numb and fall asleep?"

And there a pansy, the fairest of the kind, nestling cosily among a great cluster of brown berries, cried:

"Who will sing to her now when all the birds have flown away—who will sing to her! my poor helpless love."

Then there was a rustle among the gray leaves, and with a low and soothing murmur, the wind wafted them into the air, and one by one they fluttered down and rested like a blanket over the breast of the unconscious sleeper.

And then there came a voice, I think it was from the stars, for the night had just fallen:

"No mother could watch over your little one more faithfully than shall we until the morning breaks that shall be succeeded by no more night forever."

The winds continued their lullaby, but the gray leaves and the dazzling pansy heard them not.

Presentation to Mr. Muir.

On Friday afternoon a large number of the High School pupils met at the residence of Mr. Muir and presented him with an address, accompanied by a handsome case, containing a complete set of Shakespeare's works, beautifully bound in Morocco.

Mr. Muir was quite taken by surprise at this manifestation of regard by his late pupils, and during the reading of the address was visibly affected. He responded in a most feeling manner, thanking them one and all for their beautiful present, and for the kind and considerate mention in the address of his efforts to impart to them that education that would benefit them both morally and intellectually. He said this appreciation was doubly grateful to him, coming at a time when it was attempted to cast obloquy on him, as his pupils should be the best judges of his merits as a teacher, and to have succeeded in winning their regard and esteem as evidenced by this costly present and kind address, would ever be to him a grateful memory.

Mr. Muir then invited all the pupils to spend the evening with him, and a most enjoyable time was had.

The following is the address which was read by one of the pupils:—

To J. N. Muir, B. A.:

DEAR SIR:—We the undersigned pupils of the Victoria High School, learn with much regret of your retirement from your position as Principal of said school; for we feel that in parting from you we lose not only a kind teacher but one who has ever had the true interests of his pupils at heart and who has always acted with the utmost impartiality toward all.

We assure you that your kind endeavors for our good, both intellectually and morally, have not been unnoticed and we trust that time will prove that they have not been altogether in vain.

We feel confident that your future career will be marked by honor and success, and that we will always remember with pride that you were once our teacher.

As a memorial of our appreciation and good will, allow us to present you with these volumes of Shakespeare.

Signed by twenty-five pupils.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 4, 1887.

COUNTY COURT.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

Wright vs. Neufelder & Ross—Action for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. Verdict for defendants. Mr. Walker for plaintiff; Messrs. Theo. Davie and Taylor for defendants.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

From the DAILY COLONIST, November 5.

Gunpowder Plot.

To-day, being the 5th of November, is the anniversary of the Guy Fawkes gunpower plot.

Hamilton Sues for Libel.

Fen. Hamilton, the hero of the Ottawa scandal, has entered action for libel against the *Gazette*, *Le Monde*, the *Star*, *La Patrie*, the *Globe*, the *Mail* and the Ottawa *Journal*, claiming $10,000 damages from each.

Incoming Passengers.

The following are the passengers by the Mexico for Victoria: Mrs. B. Scott, W. R. Kuehle, W. R. Cameron and wife, L. Nissenson, Mrs. O. C. Hastings, Mrs. Van Houtin, A. C. Winlow, R. Ridley and H. W. Bronson.

Dropped Down Dead.

Mrs. Joseph Murphy, wife of a well-known Victoria pioneer, dropped down dead at noon yesterday in the St. Joseph's Hospital. She was engaged nursing her husband, who was admitted into the hospital some time ago with a sore knee.

Y. M. C. A.

Rev. H. J. Van Auken has resigned the position of general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.. During the short time he has been secretary he has been successful in raising a large portion of the funds necessary to pay the indebtedness of the association.

The Medical Council.

The medical council concluded their business at New Westminster on Wednesday, when the following gentlemen were permitted to practice in British Columbia, viz., Drs. Bodington, Fagan and Samson. The Registrar of the Council has been instructed to take proceedings against all those who are practicing contrary to the Provincial Act.

The Weather.

Yesterday's weather was not pleasant, but it was quite fine compared with that recorded in a letter just received from Calgary. It states that 20° below zero has been recorded there, the Bow river being frozen over. Skating has begun at Winnipeg, and snow is flying in the east. We do have a wet, gloomy day occasionally, but then the bright, sunny ones more than overbalance them. We cannot expect perfection.

Large Freight List.

The steamer Yosemite arrived at the outer wharf at 5:30 last evening with a large local, and five carloads of through freight. At the outer wharf 84 cattle for L. Goodacre and 63 head for Van Volkenburgh Bros. were landed. Four thousand three hundred cases of salmon were aboard from the following canneries: Ewen & Co., 2,000; B. A. P. Co., 1,300; Phœnix, 1,000. The lot will be transferred to the iron bark Clairmont to-day.

A Convert.

It would be very interesting to know what has occasioned the *Times'* change of base as to the China steamers not calling at Victoria. It is a complete one, has perhaps never been witnessed in Victoria. We are glad to welcome the new convert to our ranks. There is always hope for pardon even at the eleventh hour. It is well known, too, that new converts always overflow with enthusiasm both in their words and acts. Our contemporary has started out well—let not his zeal cool.

It Won't Work.

A most unusual circumstance, that of a steamboat captain being off on a holiday, is now occurring. Captain White's handsome face is no longer seen at the wheel of the Princess Louise, he having left for Seattle by the Premier yesterday on a few days holiday. Who knows but that when he comes return he may bring back one of Seattle's fair daughters with him. In the meantime the Princess Louise is under the charge of Capt. Irving, the well known and popular manager of the line.

The above is from the Vancouver *News-Advertiser*. We opine that Mrs. White will have something to say not exactly favorable to this little arrangement. She accompanied her husband.

A Little Romance.

Says the Port Townsend correspondent of the Seattle *P.-I.*: A nice little romance has just come to light in this city that might, should the proper inventive mind get hold of it, be made an interesting story. James Baker, of Victoria, came to this city yesterday, with a blushing little widow, and in a few hours they were made man and wife. Further inquiry revealed the fact that the bride was the grooms' sister-in-law; or in other words the bride was Bakers' brothers' wife, who is now deceased. The laws of the Territories are very strict against such alliances, and the couple came to Uncle Sam's domain, that they might embark on the sea of matrimony.

An Untrue Statement.

The *Columbian*, with its Vancouver spectacles on, has a reference to the China steamers calling here which is the veriest gush. Our contemporary always poses as a modern saint, but he is instead a most untruthful writer. For instance in the article referred to he says that the assistant postmaster at Victoria "went on board and insisted that all the mails must go to Victoria postoffice for distribution. Capt. Webber would not consent, and the assistant postmaster was obliged to return empty handed." The statement that Mr. Cairns, the deputy postmaster, went on board and insisted that the mails should be landed is without the slightest foundation in fact. In his zeal for the "booming city" the *Columbian* man oversteps the line which divides truth from falsehood.

The B. C. Museum.

The contributions to the museum at James Bay have been so numerous of late that the worthy curator has hardly any place left in which to move around; in fact, if he was to extend his arms he would assuredly do damage. The collection is daily becoming more interesting, and is worthy of a more spacious exhibition hall, but this defect will likely be remedied when the new law courts are ready for occupation and the old one is vacated. At present the wonderful variety of birds, animals, fishes are placed very closely together, so that their numbers are hardly appreciated, but nevertheless the museum is well worthy of a visit, and a good idea can be formed of the infinite character of the flying, walking, crawling, and swimming life which is to be met with in the woods and waters of the province. Mr. Fannin's ability as a taxidermist is admirably demonstrated by the very natural appearance of the collection.

Medical Lecture.

Another medical lecture was given at the High School this afternoon by Dr. Helmcken. The subject was "Anatomy," and the lecture was illustrated by means of the manikin as also by the bones of the human skeleton. The lecturer classified the different kinds of bones and showed the objects intended by nature for the purposes of locomotion, &c., &c. He dwelt particularly on the various kinds, of bones of the head and spinal column, referring to their construction as intended for the protection of the nervous system. He then enumerated the various classifications of joints and their construction and the objects for which they were intended. Dr. Milne showed several skulls illustrative of different formations of the head. Amongst them was one supposed to be that of an *aborigines* which showed very peculiar formation in the shape which was different to that intended by nature, as it is the custom amongst the Indians to compress and fasten the skulls of infants. Next Friday the lecture will be on Hygiene.

Welcome to "C" Battery.

"C" Battery having started last evening for the coast the arrangements for according them a welcome should at once be perfected. The idea is a good one, and will be an evidence to the men of the pleasure it gives Victorians to have them located here.

Interior Gold Strikes.

T. M. Hamilton, of Bridge Creek, who arrived in Westminster on Wednesday, told a Columbian reporter that the gold strike on Cayoosh Creek, in Lillooet district, was undoubtedly one of great richness. Mr. Thaddeus Harper has sent in to the Horsefly about 80,000 pounds of machinery during the past summer.

Alberni Produce.

By the steamer Maude, which arrived on Thursday from Alberni, Mr. H. Saunders received a number of samples from the farm of G. D. Clark, Alberni. A dozen "early rose" potatoes weighed from 1½ pounds to 4 pounds in weight, and on being cut were found to be solid throughout. The carrots were of a large size and excellent flavor. The squash were of a peculiar shape and very bright in color. An early Belgian cabbage table turnip weighed thirty pounds. It was grown from seed received by a priest from Belgium in a letter. The samples may be seen at Henry Saunders' store, Johnson street, and are the best evidence of the amazing fertility of the soil in the Alberni settlement.

St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society.

At the annual meeting of this society held last evening the following were appointed office bearers for the ensuing year: President, A. J. Smith; first vice-president, John Grant; second vice-president, J. J. Geddes; treasurer, D. McKay; secretary, D. R. Munro; assistant secretary, David Boyd; physician, Dr. Renwick; trustees, Messrs. Russell, R. P. Rithet, A. Allan, John Robertson, W. A. Robertson, John Boyd and A. Murray; wardens, Thomas Gowrie and T. Innes; bard, James Deans; piper, David Kennedy; auditors, J. H. Lawson and W. H. Mason.

A special record of Capt. Irving's, (the outgoing president), services was spread on the minutes, and St. Andrew's day was selected for the annual dinner.

Generous Donations.

Madam De la Mothe has most generously handed over $50 to Mr. A. A. Green as a donation to the Protestant Orphan's Home. This is understood to be part of the proceeds of the recent concert given by her. As it was not announced to be in support of so deserving a charity the gift is all the more magnanimous. It was a thoughtful, kindly act, worthy of the "sweet singer" now in our midst.

Mr. A. J. Langley has also placed to the credit of the same institution the sum of $78.75, the net proceeds of the recent magic lantern exhibition given by him at The Victoria.

The Sisters of St. Ann tender their grateful thanks to Madam De la Mothe for her handsome donation of $50 towards the support of their Orphanage. Would that all *artistes* who visit Victoria showed the same noble spirit of charity!

The Orangemen's Ball

Given by the Order of Loyal Orangemen, came off last night at Oliver's Hall. The hall was packed, there being fully two hundred fe