RESCUED TO DEATH.

nahue, a 'Longshoreman, Falls into the Water from the Turner-Beeton Wharf.

led in the Effort to Save Him From a Watery Grave.

night, as the usual crowd which had d to witness the landing from the g steamer was still lingering on rf, a loud cry for help came from er in the vicinity of the Turner-wharf.

mber hastened in that direction and advance discovered the form of a uggling in the water, the surface of was at that stage of the tide about eet below the string piece of the

gentlemen, Mr. Jones and Mr. Mc- hastily procured a rope, upon the which was a noose, and threw it to , telling him to slip the noose under . The light was rather poor and rope grew taut those who were g it on the wharf proceeded to haul

truggling man was raised nearly to l of the wharf when it was discover- the rope was around his neck instead r his arms. He was lowered and fix it. Still able to talk he said ng which sounded like "all right," again pulled up with a rush which him on the wharf.

e horror of the crowd it was discov- at the rope was still around his neck, t resting under the ear.

nfortunate man was liteless when up the second time. Dr. Jones, y of the Warspite, arrived on the nd for some time every means was resuscitate the lifeless body.

Provincial police took charge of the hich was removed to Lockhart's un- g establishment. A search reveal- cket-knife, a purse containing three nd a few scraps of paper, one of was a receipt from Morrow, Holland r one month's rent of cabin No. 22, at to M. Donohue.

man was recognized as having been in longshoring and doing odd jobs e town. A number recognized him , but none of them knew his name, it is probably that on the receipt. quest will be held to-day.

BBERY AND SHOOTING.

-Known Vancouverite Shot and Robbed on the Public Streets.

Reticent as to His Assailants—All the Ascertained Facts.

[Special to the COLONIST.]

OUVER, Dec. 16.—About 3 o'clock rning the news was brought to the aper by a gurney cab driver, that Barnes had been murdered and The matter was investigated and o'clock an item was crowded in, nore than an announcement of Barnes being waylaid by highway- ot and robbed. Later in the morn- F. W. Hart said to your reporter, awaked at 1:55 o'clock by three or d rings at the door in rapid suc- I ran through the house in my lothes and opening the door saw Barnes staggering on the steps. He et me in Frank, I've been shot.' I to a seat near the fire and examined d in the muscles of the neck directly the cerebellum, slightly to the I said, 'there is a hole there, but it look like a bullet hole.' He replied, d the report, I think it's a bullet right.'

nt for Dr. Wilson and a gurney and him to the hospital, and for three r. Bell-Irving and the two Doctors probed for the bullet without suc- hough they are of the opinion the has been made by a small pistol of libre."

Barnes, who was for a time very gaining strength, and every hope is ned of his recovery. He refuses to thing that might lead to the discov- he would-be murderers until he can deposition to the police magistrate. said: "About 5 o'clock on Thursday n a certain man paid me a sum of over a thousand dollars. No one pay me, I told no one, and I don't anybody could know. I went home k my tea, and said to the people in e, I'm going out to see Steves. I Mr. Steves, and on my way back, 0:30, as I was crossing Cambie street I heard two men walking rapidly be- . Just at the swing one came up ide, as if to pass, and the other was hind. Just then I heard the report ol. . . . . My limbs were cold when I came to, three hours en minutes afterwards. I felt for h to look at the time. It was my clothes were unbuttoned; rse and money stolen; my arting and streaming with blood. g the situation, I got on my feet, g to walk to the little cottage at the the bridge, but finding that I was than I first thought I managed to r. Hart's house."

Barnes is perhaps better known than er man in Vancouver. He was here e fire, and is personally acquainted ery business man who has done busi- Vancouver or vicinity during the ade. When the announcement was at he had been shot and robbed the ommunity was startled. The shot d from behind. Mr. Barnes did not ssailants, nor is it known that there ngle witness to the crime.

Barnes' own story is all that is the affair will certainly mystify e. As yet there is no clue what-

—The doctor found a 32 calibre his afternoon flattened against the In Barnes' statement to the police owledged having played a quiet eards after he left Steves, and has known his strong suspicions as ersonality of his assailants.

PREPARE FOR CHOLERA.

NESS, care and courage are the ources of civilization against cholera. e body scrupulously clean. Eat hot ake Burdock Blood Bitters to maintain digestion and ensure pure blood which ry best safeguard against cholera or r epidemic.

THE CITY.

The Transfer Refused.

At Wednesday's session of the Licensing Commissioners, the transfer of the Janion hotel license from Walker & Reinhardt to R. J. Ferguson was refused.

The Formal Notice.

The notice of application for a private bill by the company proposing to connect the four cities of the province by telephone appeared in the B.C. Gazette yesterday.

For the World's Fair.

One of the largest and most interesting totems brought from the North in recent years reached Victoria yesterday. Its destination is Chicago, where it will find a place at the great fair.

Joined in Marriage.

At 297 Johnson street, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Fred. S. Plows and Miss Mary Roberts were joined in marriage by Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the First Presbyterian church. The ceremony was witnessed by a select party of invited friends.

Seek Incorporation.

During the approaching session of the Legislature the Church of England Synod of Westminster, the Vancouver Y.M.C.A., and the Masonic bodies of Victoria, will all seek incorporation. The formal notice appeared in the Gazette for the first time yesterday.

For the Little Ones.

A Christmas treat for the Sunday school children of the Reformed Episcopal church will be provided on the evening of January 7, when there will be a well-filled tree, a good musical programme, and refreshments in abundance.

Belgian Consul.

Realizing the constantly growing importance of Victoria as a commercial centre, the Belgian government have decided upon the appointment of a resident consul in this city. Yesterday Mr. Thomas R. Smith received official notification of his appointment to the honorable position.

Still Missing.

Cheung Sun, the Celestial who was in trouble with the Highbinders a short time ago and has since then disappeared, continues missing. His friends this time can gain no tidings of him, and it is not known whether or not he shares in the honors of the festival now in progress—the feast of the dead.

In Aid of the School Funds.

In Victoria West hall, last evening, a first class concert was given in aid of the school funds. The principal contributors to the programme were the Messrs. Nicholson, Miss Penwill, Mr. Gough, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Pover, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Hamilton. Gunners Davies, McNeill, Miller and Smythe, of "C" Battery, made up the cast for the closing number; a farce entitled "Our New Man."

Social at St. John's.

In St. John's school, on Herald street, the Ladies' Guild last evening treated their friends to a very pleasant social, the second of the winter series. A number of pretty stereopticon views were shown, refreshments were served, and a musical bill of fare of just the right length and considerable merit followed. Mrs. Mesher's whistling solo proved as pleasing as unique, and in their duet (vocal) Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Creitchley, of Cedar Hill, won well merited applause. They are a valuable acquisition to the musical talent of the city.

Berge-Brewster.

Rev. P. H. McEwen, of Emmanuel Baptist church, was called upon on Wednesday evening to perform the ceremony which made Miss Kate J. Brewster, daughter of Mr. Charles Brewster of 106 North Chatham street, the bride of Mr. Samuel Berge. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, her sister, Miss Mary Brewster, supporting her, while Mr. W. J. Berge acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Berge will remain residents of Victoria, taking possession in a few weeks of their new residence which is now building on Frances avenue.

W. C. T. U. Work.

The regular weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the Refuge home, Cormorant street, yesterday, when a committee composed of the following ladies was appointed to co-operate with the auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. in holding the New Year's reception: Mrs. Spoffard, Mrs. Shakespeare, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. W. Grant. The question of supporting a city missionary was discussed at some length, it being decided to leave the matter as it stands until the next meeting, which will not be held until after Christmas. In the meanwhile an effort will be made to secure a suitable woman for the position.

Dr. Hills in London.

"The Right Rev. Bishop Hills, who has lately resigned the See of British Columbia, has arrived in England. The bishop, who was appointed to the vast Diocese of British Columbia in 1859, which has since been subdivided into the three bishoprics of Columbia, New Westminster and Caledonia, is the senior in consecration of all the colonial bishops. The appointment of his successor has been delegated by the synod of the diocese to the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is requested that all letters to Bishop Hills be addressed to 3 Portchester place, Oxford-Square, W."—The Times, London.

Coal in San Francisco.

J. W. Harrison writes as follows in reference to the San Francisco coal market: "Although the receipts of Australian coal during the past thirty days have been less than 8,000 tons, and the total quantity to arrive within the next sixty days does not exceed 16,000 tons, still the market has met with no improvement as far as prices are concerned. It is true that there is no scarcity of Australian grades here in stock, but it is an assured fact that three months from now the quantity in the yards will be small and certainly less than our requirements will call for. This fact, combined with the scarcity of tonnage and the full rates demanded, should strengthen values. An advance in the prices of our coast products seems to be generally expected. Quotations for steam coals will probably remain as they are at present."

Their First Bazaar.

The first annual bazaar in connection with the new Episcopal church of St. Mark's was held yesterday, followed by a concert in the evening which was enjoyed by a large audience, including many friends from the city. The many articles of taste and beauty which the ladies have had in preparation for many months found ready purchasers from the time the sale was declared open by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven in the afternoon until the close of the entertainment in the evening. The total results were not obtainable last night, but they will in all probability be sufficient to meet the purpose of the sale—liquidate the debt of $200 remaining on the new church. High tea was served from 6 to 8, and refreshments during the evening, while the few articles remaining unsold during the afternoon were disposed of by auction during the intermission in the concert programme, which was furnished by the best local talent.

RAILWAY LEGISLATION.

Three New Bills Which Will be Presented to the Legislature on Its Reassembly.

Messrs. Bodwell & Irving, solicitors for the applicants, have given notice of three more railway bills, which the Legislature will soon be asked to grant.

The first has for its object the amendment of the "British Columbia Southern Railway Company Act" of 1888 by making provision for an alternative line from Cranbrook by the St. Mary's river to Pilot bay, on Kootenay lake, or to the Lardeau river; and also the extension of the time for the completion of the railway from the Summit of Crow's Nest to the international boundary, and all branches, for the period of one year beyond the time authorized by the 1888 Act, the extension of the time for the completion of the railway from Cranbrook to Kootenay lake, and all branches for two years beyond the time authorized by the Act, the extension of the time for the completion of the railway from Kootenay lake to the coast, and all branches for the period of three years beyond the time authorized by the Act; and also the amendment of the Act so as to authorize and empower the company to erect and maintain all necessary works for the generation and transmission of electricity or power within the area of their operations.

The second provides for the construction, operation and maintenance of a line of railway commencing at a point at or near Nelson, "thence following the West Arm of Kootenay lake to Balfour; thence along the west shore of Kootenay lake to Ainsworth; thence to a point at or near Kaslo; thence running up the main fork of Kaslo creek to Bear lake; thence to a point at or near the forks of Carpenter creek; with power to build branch lines to any mine or mines adjacent to the line of railway, and with power to build wharves and docks, and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines and all necessary works."

The third is to incorporate a company "for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of railway, commencing at a point on the International boundary on the right fork of Sheep creek; thence running north along said creek to the Trail Creek Mines, or more particularly to Red Mountain; with power to build, maintain and operate branch lines from any point or points on the main lines or branch lines to any adjacent mine or mines; and with power to build wharves and docks, and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines, and all necessary works."

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

The Coroner's Inquest on the Remains of the Sailor Strangled on Thursday Night.

Mr. F. C. Jones Tells Just How the Man Met His Strange Death.

A coroner's inquest was held yesterday on the remains of the sailor who met his death while being rescued from the water into which he had fallen off the Turner-Beeton wharf. The first witness called was F. C. Jones, who testified:

I am by profession a farmer; I was on the wharf at about 6:05 o'clock in the evening, and heard a cry from the water as if some one had fallen in. Rushing in the direction of the sound I saw the form of a man struggling in the water. In a few moments he reached a pile to which he clung. I looked about for something to throw him, but found nothing but a short piece of small rope, which on lowering, was not long enought to reach the man, as the water was about fifteen feet below the wharf. Mr. McFadden and I found another short piece of rope which we tied to the first, and in accordance with the directions of the man in the water made a noose on the end to put over his shoulders.

"It was quite dark at that place, so we could not see very well, but he called out 'all right,' and we began to pull up, when the rope broke and he fell back into the water. The man cursed us for 'land lubbers,' and told us to try again. The edge of the wharf was overhanging and we could not see what he did with the rope, but he said 'all right,' and we pulled him up.

"There is a pipe running along the edge of the wharf and the rope jammed in this and we could not get him up. A boat put off from the slip near by and the man was lowered into it. This was about a half hour from the time I heard the first call. I am positive he said 'all right' before we began to pull him up."

Robert Foster testified that he knew the deceased and that he had arranged for him to spar at one of his exhibitions. The deceased was known about the town as "Donahue."

Dr. Jones, who was called to attend the deceased at the time of the accident and who performed the *post mortem* examination, said that there was no doubt that the man had met his death from asphyxiation.

The jury brought in the following verdict: "That the deceased met his death from asphyxiation produced by accidental strangulation; that the efforts of Messrs. Jones and McFadden were deserving of great praise, and that we strongly recommend that the wharves be properly lighted, and that suitable life-saving appliances be always available at convenient distances along the same.

(Signed) J. COWPER,
J. BEIGEN,
E. H. MCNEILL,
J. B. GAYLOR,
J. FITZPATRICK,
T. J. RIDEHALGH."

It was afterward learned that the right name of the deceased was not Donahue but Wallace Christian and that he was a native of one of the Atlantic provinces, last engaged in sealing as one of the crew of the schooner Oscar and Hattie. He has a brother in Victoria and many sailor friends. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

They Propose to Build.

The large dwelling house, situated below Government street on Fort, and formerly occupied by the late Dr. Matthews, is now being offered for sale by Robert Ward & Co. (Ltd.), who have purchased the lot on which it rests, with a view to erecting a large brick and stone building. The company intend changing their place of business from Wharf street to the new building when completed.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

A Long Session Held Yesterday and Much Evidence and Information Produced.

Dr. Ernest Hall and His Worship Mayor Beaven on the Stand—About Anti-Vaccination.

The Royal Commission on Epidemic Diseases held another session yesterday. The evidence of Mr. Wm. Greig, the anti-vaccination exponent, was taken; Dr. Ernest Hall explained his connection with various smallpox cases, and His Worship Mayor Beaven made an extended statement as to what he and the Board of Aldermen had done during the outbreak. The last witness called was Mr. Allan Cameron, who told about the medical examination of the C. P. R. steamships, so far as he knew of it. He corrected some of Dr. Macnaughton Jones' statements, or rather he differed in opinion from the doctor.

Mr. Greig was the first witness called when the commission opened. He continued his evidence of the day before, going exhaustively into reports, communications, statistics and arguments to support his side of the case. For the most part the testimony was interesting, but some of it was amusing, especially to the "spectators." The examination continued until luncheon.

After the adjournment Dr. Ernest Hall was called to state his connection with the smallpox cases. His first case this year, he said, was that of Miss Bull. The next two were in the Refuge home. The case of Fred Wieght he also recalled, and identified the certificate he had given him to procure his admission to the Jubilee hospital. This was on July 11, and the same day, when the man presented the admission card to Dr. Richardson at the Jubilee hospital, he was sent to the Jubilee quarantine as a smallpox patient. Dr. Hall said he had seen the man since, and was of opinion he had not had smallpox at all. Witness also gave particulars of the Smith case, where he had pronounced the disease smallpox, but the acting health officer, Dr. Watt, did not agree, and the house was not quarantined. Witness also remembered cases which, having been sent to the St. Joseph's hospital, had afterwards turned out to be smallpox; but he did not wish to go into particulars or make any statement unless he was specially asked. He was not asked.

Mr. Greig was then recalled and concluded his valuminous evidence.

Mayor Beaven then went into the box and explained in a concise statement what had been done by the city authorities under his direction. He reviewed a number of facts in connection with the outbreak, that have been published already. The argument he adduced was that the civic authorities had done all in their power to stamp out the disease. His Worship said that when the Jubilee hospital directors and Dr. Davie had superseded Dr. Crompton and placed Dr. Richardson in charge of the quarantine hospital, he (the Mayor) had felt that due consideration had not been shown him; but as there was a good deal that had to be done he did not complain. Regarding the charge that the city had not supplied food for the Ross Bay suspect station, his Worship produced an auditors' return showing that the cost of maintenance for food alone had been 75 cents per head per day, and thought this was enough. There had been no refusal of supplies, but the rule was made that all orders should come through the chairman of the Finance committee, who was the man chosen to deal with the question of funds, and it would not do to let everyone order goods for the city, as had been done. No doubt, he said, nothing was ordered that was not wanted, but the Council, as the representatives of the people, had a right to see that the money was spent properly.

Allan Cameron, agent of the C.P.R., was called to state what he remembered as to the inspection of the C.P.R. steamers. He gave the time occupied by Dr. Macnaughton Jones as between one-half and three-quarters of an hour.

This was opposed to Dr. Jones' evidence, and in order to ascertain more correctly the time employed, Mr. Shears, Custom House appraiser, will be called to-day when the Commission opens at 11 o'clock. There are a number of witnesses yet to be examined, and the chances are the work will occupy more than to-day and to-morrow.

LITTLE JACK IS FOUND.

A Long Lost Man, Whose Name Was Unknown, at Last Turns Up.

Proceedings of Yesterday's Session of the Royal Commission—Inspector Bailey Examined.

A mysterious something, which has been a source of anxiety to the Royal Commission on Epidemic Diseases, has at last been cleared up, a long sought for name (and its owner, too) has been discovered, and the mountain which has been in labor has brought forth a mouse.

It all came about in this way. The first case of smallpox this year in Victoria was that of a man who was described as a deck hand on the steamer Yosemite running to Vancouver from here. Dr. Milne told about the case, but could not give the name, though he was sure Mr. Bailey would know it. Dr. Macnaughton Jones also knew about the case, but he, too, was in ignorance of the man's name. Mayor Beaven, who was also in the dark, said he thought he would be able to get the much desired "handle" from Mr. Bailey, but when the Sanitary Inspector was placed in the box the commissioners' hopes were again rudely blasted—he did not know and would not be able to find out.

The commission adjourned for luncheon. Before the afternoon session began, Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie announced that the lost had been found, a discovery had been made, and the right man had been dispatched to bring the first patient, who was a sailor known as "Little Jack."

The Court had scarce finished its observations when the "right man" turned up with a witness, who gave his name as Farrar. He detailed the circumstances of his being taken sick in May, and on the 26th he was sent out to the Albert Head quarantine station, where he remained until the latter part of June, but the date he could not fix accurately. As there appeared to be evidence or reason to suspect that this first case had been the source of infection of the June outbreak, the commissioners had been anxious to get the evidence of the patient himself, but his story did not seem to bear out the theory.

Among other witnesses who were examined during the day was Sanitary Inspector Bailey, who gave what information he could as to cases of smallpox, guards having been placed on duty and removed, disinfection and fumigation, etc. There was such a scare during the outbreak, Mr. Bailey said, that he had had to work 18½ hours a day running here and there and all over, looking up reported cases of smallpox, but had found very many reports were false. Mr. Bailey did not, he said, know of a number of cases of smallpox that were taken from public lodging houses which were afterwards not quarantined; he did not know if guards had been placed on these places, in fact if they had been he would probably have known of it, as it was his duty and practice to hire all the guards. As to the fumigation of infected premises all he knew was that Mr. Young was engaged to do the work. When the wagons were engaged to take smallpox patients away, the drivers were told that they must not move anything else, but they might have gone about town for all that. He (Mr. Bailey) had not had time to see if the wagons were properly disinfected, but he had furnished the drivers with carbolic acid and told them what to do. Personally he had never gone into a house where there was smallpox, and did not consider this a part of his duty as a sanitary officer. The present condition of the city, he said, from a sanitary point of view, was not all that could be desired, but considerable improvement was being made, and in the course of a short time the city would be thoroughly cleansed. Every effort in this direction was now being made.

Mr. Wm. Jones, proprietor of the Clarence hotel, was called. He said the first case of smallpox which occurred in the Clarence was that of Nelson, on Thursday, July 7. The house had not been quarantined until the following Saturday at noon. Dr. Milne was notified by witness on Thursday, and had the patient removed to the Albert Head station.

Mr. W. Shears, customs appraiser, also gave evidence during the morning session as to the length of time taken by Dr. Macnaughton Jones to examine the Chinese passengers on the Empresses. He fixed the time as not more than an hour.

The Commission will meet again to-day at 11 o'clock, and will probably adjourn early to enable Dr. Praeger to take the afternoon train for Nanaimo. Another session will be held next week, if convenient, to conclude the business. There are yet two or three witnesses to be heard and some documents to be put in.

THE KOOTENAY COUNTRY.

What a Practical Prospector Has to Say About It.

Mr. J. Hepburn is again in town. For the past three years he has been managing the Victoria Hydraulic Mining company, whose claim is situate on the Forks of Quesnelle. As far back as 1862 these mines were worked, but in those days miners expected from $5 to $8 per day for their services, and things had to boom to meet the wage account.

The result was that the white men left, and then came the Chinamen, who for years made the claim pay. They in turn abandoned it, and the Indians took it up, and having done surface work, gave up the claim as unprofitable. The mine is a placer one, and the Victoria company have now started in. They have taken in water from the Spanish lake, and have laid some eight miles of flume, the pipe being from 3 feet at inlet to 17½ in. at the outlet.

Work has been suspended in consequence of frost and snow, but Mr. Hepburn is sanguine of success, and says that when next he returns to the scene of operations he expects to find everything in good working order.

"We have had from 35 to 40 men employed during the open season," said Mr. Hepburn last night, "but when we have all our machinery running we can do with a much less number. Our men have been chiefly Chinese. There is a good opening for white men there, but those we have had are unreliable. They work for about one month and then clear out. There is plenty of room for a couple of hundred good men there.

"On the south side of the Forks another hydraulic company is at work. They have spent from $7,000 to $8,000 on their claim, which the Chinese have been working for many years past. It is, I believe, the first hydraulic claim in the country run by Chinese. As to the output of the Cariboo district I am convinced it is this year double what it has been since the opening days. We have a grand country up there, and all we want is that it should be made known."

EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

The Voyage of the Willie Reed—Among Mutineers and Pirates.

Captain John E. Yates, of the ship Willie Reed, which arrived at New York on the 10th inst., tells of a dangerous and exciting experience with an ugly and mutinous crew at sea, during which several sailors were shot. Captain Yates spoke as follows of his last trip to India:

"The Willie Reed left Philadelphia early in September, 1891, for Kobo, Japan. I found it impossible to get a crew I desired, and so had to take what I could get. The crew was composed of Norwegians, Germans, Malays and a mixture of all nations. Everything worked very smoothly for some time. Then the men grumbled over the food. I soon found my second mate was as big a scoundrel as ever trod a deck. He encouraged the men in their misdoings. Alfred Paree I considered to be the ringleader, and I ordered him placed in irons. Some of the men who were still faithful carried out my order. But the men refused to work unless Paree was released, which I was compelled to do.

"When in the Straits of Sunday a number of Malay Indians came on board with whiskey. The crew got drunk and refused to work. In a fight which followed a number of the sailors were wounded by being shot. We reached Kobo without any further outbreak, and the mutinous sailors were placed in jail."

Captain Yates is well known on the Sound, having been there several times in the Reed and other vessels.

"It Cured Mother."

GENTLEMEN,—My mother was suffering from dyspepsia and had no appetite. Everything failed to cure her until one day, while visiting a friend's house, I saw a bottle of B. B. B. on the table; on inquiring what they used it for, I soon found out what it cured, and when I went home told mother that she should try it; she said she had no faith in anything and objected to try it. Notwithstanding her objection I went in the evening and brought home a bottle but it was in the house for a week before we could induce her to take it. At last, as she was getting worse all the time she consented to try it, and on taking half the bottle found it was curing her. Another bottle cured her, and we believe, saved her life. We are never without B. B. B. now. It is such a good remedy for headache as well.

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From the DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 17.

THE CITY.

Sixty-Third Drawing.

The sixty-third drawing of the Vancouver Island Building Society will be held in the Sir William Wallace hall on Friday, December 23.

Board of Health.

A meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday, and well attended. Claims were considered in connection with the smallpox outbreak, and accounts exceeding $1,000 passed. A few were held over on account of their exorbitant nature.

Not so Bad After All.

The creditors of Mr. A. J. Smith, who has recently assigned for their benefit, held a meeting yesterday, when the gratifying information was obtained that, after paying dollar for dollar of his liabilities, Mr. Smith will, in all probability, have a comfortable balance remaining.

A Public Convenience.

Watson & Geiger yesterday completed the work of placing in position a highly ornamental sign for Hall & Co., of the Central Drug Store on Douglas street. It is a neatly constructed public drinking fountain of highly ornamental design, and guaranteed not to get out of order. Built of imitation granite, it resembles in general appearance a memorial monument, not at all, as one passer-by remarked yesterday, an inappropriate sign for a drug store.

Powers of the Local Judge.

An extra of the Gazette issued last evening announces that, "until further order, the Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia for the County Court District of New Westminster shall, within his territorial jurisdiction, in any action, suit, matter or proceeding in the Supreme Court, be possessed of the same powers and jurisdiction as are now or can hereafter be exercised by any Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia."

In the Provincial Court.

Mr. E. Pearson, J.P., presiding in the Provincial court yesterday, sent up for trial a man named Joseph Smith, who is charged with doing grievous bodily harm to an Indian woman named Mary. He threatened to cut off her nose, and actually did inflict such a gash in the nasal organ that Dr. Hanington's services were required. A vagrant named Sweeney was given until Monday by the Justice to make his farewells to Saanich district.

The Lost One Located.

John Hodgson, the ex-patient at the Jubilee hospital, for whom inquiries have lately been made, was located yesterday in a cabin on Humboldt street, by three members of the Benevolent Society, Mr. Burnes, Mr. Mason and Mr. Hayward, who took immediate steps to relieve his necessities. The poor fellow is in a very bad condition, although not actually destitute, and gladly received the proffered aid of his visitors. Relatives in the East are interesting themselves in his behalf, and he will return to Montreal very soon.

The Victoria in Port.

Capt. Newby piloted the steamship Victoria in to the Outer wharf at 8 o'clock last evening. The tide at the time was extremely low and the vessel was drawing twenty-three feet of water, but it was found when the lead was cast that there was a depth of thirty feet at the wharf. The Victoria will sail at 8 o'clock this morning with a full cargo and passenger list. A large number of Chinamen from this and other ports are leaving on her, there being over 200 of the Celestials who are taking advantage of the cheap passenger rates to the land of their fathers.

The Ta Cheu Ended.

The great Chinese feast of Ta Cheu, or the third year thanksgiving, came to an end in the "sma' hours" this morning, The end formed a fitting climax to the previous days and nights of Celestial hilarity. A small wooden temple was erected on Cormorant street, some thirty yards above the alley leading into the head joss house, and from this temple to the entrance of the alley were laid three rows of boards. Oil cans were placed at short intervals along the boards, and between these were small piles of provisions and sweetmeats. The oil cans contained material of an inflammable nature, and at the proper time this was lighted, and papers containing the names of dead relatives and a memorandum of the amount given in their name to the priests, were thrown on them. This took place after the head joss, escorted by the high priest, had been brought from the alley and duly installed in the temple. Then began the incantation of the priest, the burning of the papers and the dulcet tones of the Chinese band, in all a spectacle of great interest to the bystanders. The idea of the ceremony was that anything placed on the boards in the name of the dead person was received by them in some way. The din was kept up for some time, then the fires died down and the joss was removed, after which the offerings on the boards were distributed to the poor, and silence, so long frightened from the vicinity, returned again.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Seattle to Play Football Here On New Year's Day—The Rattle of the Rollers.

Those who remember last year's football match with Seattle, in which the American visitors proved too strong for the Victorians, will learn with pleasure that the boys from over the Sound will be here again on January 2, to play a return match of Association. The Victoria team are urged to constant practice in order that a second defeat may be avoided, and the sting of the first obliterated by a victory.

GAMES TO-DAY.

This afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a fifteen representing the Exile Club, and appearing in white, will meet the senior team of the Victoria Football Club (Rugby), who will wear the club colors, black and yellow. The game will be contested at Beacon Hill, rain or shine, and the following are the players:

Victoria F. B. C.—Ward, full back; Pettigrew, Crease, (A.), and another, quarter-backs; Smith, (N.), Ackland, Haines, half-backs; Jones, (H. F. M.), Fraser, Pegram, Middleton, Dr. Watt, Crease, (L.), Sullivan and Scott, forwards.

Exile Club.—Manning, full-back; Hugonin, Maurice, Roberts, quarter-backs; Coombe, Cuppage, Carpenter, half-backs; Galpin, Langley, (W. H.), Kirk, Turner, Prior, Stahlschmidt, Seratt, Gibson, forwards.

The Victoria Association club will put up a practice game at the same place and hour, the sides to be chosen as below:

Allan's eleven—Boyd, Howard, Glen, Drake, Tyrrell, Fowkes, Allan, Goward, Cartwright, Johnson and Goward (B).

Heap's eleven—Alexander, Earsman, Lorimer, Bennett, Brown, Miller, Raynes, Punnett, Lawson, Muir and Heap.

A practice game of Rugby football will be played on Beacon hill this afternoon, between the Sunflower's team and the James Bay juniors.

SKATING.

TO OPEN THIS EVENING.

Prof. Borelli's skating pavilion, the old Lyceum on Broad street, is to be opened this evening with a good orchestra in attendance. The proprietor hopes to make the pavilion a very popular place of resort during the winter months.

POOL.

THE TIME EXTENDED.

The time for entering for the December pool tourney at the Delmonico hotel, which, by the original conditions, should have closed yesterday, has been extended till Monday. There have been already sixteen names handed in.

WRESTLING.

THE TOURNAMENT POSTPONED.

The wrestling tournament which was to have been given by the V. A. C., on or about the 26th inst., has been postponed indefinitely, on account of there not being a sufficient number of entries.

THE GUN.

THE PAN-BRITANNIC AND ALL-ENGLISH GATHERING.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Mr. Sandford Fleming, a well-known resident of Ottawa and director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is, with Sir Charles Tupper and other eminent Canadians, a supporter of the idea of a Pan-Britannic and All-English shooting periodic gathering. Mr. Fleming sees no reason why the idea should not be carried out, and says in a recent letter that in—

"Bringing such men together for such a purpose from all the ends of the earth, there would be good results. The tendency would undoubtedly be to strengthen the bond of patriotism among British subjects, who would come from the north, east, south and west. At the same time a spirit of kinship would be fostered between the great body of English sporting people wherever they dwelt."

The idea is now being discussed in an organized way by the different social and athletic associations in Canada as it has been discussed and approved by kindred associations in Australia, the United States and South America. Some of the Canadian politicians have raised objections to the scheme on the grounds of its admitting the Americans of the United States, but this objection is met by the following paragraph in a recent pamphlet:

"Probably if the scheme is carried out in England it will be in two sections: Firstly—Brittanic, that is to say, contests confined to the subjects of the Queen and Empress; secondly—that the winners in all Great Britain and the Colonies should meet the best representatives of all America."

YACHTING.

THE AMERICA CUP.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—British yachtmen are delighted over the acceptance of Lord Dunraven's challenge by the New York Yacht club, for a race for the America cup. All that remains is to fix the date for the race. Several other yachts are being built to accompany Dunraven's Valkyrie to America. They will enter other races there, and the season of 1893 promises to be memorable in the yachting annals. Yacht Designer Watson alone is laying down the lines of four yachts to compete in American waters, including one for the Prince of Wales, which, it is said, is to be the largest cutter yacht afloat. Dunraven is very much pleased at the prospect of the race, which he thinks will be a good one.

HAWAIIAN HAPPENINGS.

New Steamship Line—Solomon Island Villages Shelled—Earthquakes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—By the steamer Australia, which arrived from Honolulu this morning, after a very rough passage, it is learned that W. E. Simpson, general manager of the Puget Sound and Hawaiian Traffic company has reached Honolulu, and will shortly complete arrangements for establishing a steamship line between Tacoma and Honolulu. A first-class steamship will be put on about February 1 next.

The legislature appropriated $4,000 to send the young Princess Kaiuker, heir apparent, to Europe and the United States, and $12,000 to send the Hawaiian band to the World's Fair.

News has reached Honolulu of the shelling of seven native villages on the Solomon islands by the British warship Rapid, in retaliation for the killing of white traders.

The Kaioluo is increasing in activity, throwing out a considerable quantity of lava. A number of earthquakes have occurred in the vicinity.

The United States steamer Alliance sailed in the latter part of November for Samoa.

CLEVELAND AT THE FAIR.

He will Make the Opening Speech and Touch the Button Starting the Machinery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the Committee on Ceremonies of the World's Fair to-day it was decided that Grover Cleveland will be asked to make the speech on May 1. At the close of the speech Cleveland will touch the button starting the 14,000-horse-power plant which is to run the machinery of the exposition. Other exercises will consist of the reading of a poem by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes and prayer. It is intended to have the exercises of the briefest possible character. The dispute concerning the letting of the contract for the official catalogue of the World's fair has been settled, as Conkey, to whom the contract was given, announced to-night that he had no objections to labor unions, and he intended to pay more than union wages to the men who worked on the catalogue. To-morrow the entire subject will be arranged. The American Sabbath Union spent most of the day in discussion of the Sunday closing of the World's Fair, and an urgent message was sent to the committee of the lower house of congress now considering the matter. Elliott F. Shepard was elected president and Rev. J. N. Knowles, of New York, general corresponding secretary.

AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The British Columbia Collectors Report Progress and Compare Interesting Notes.

A Statue of Columbus in Vancouver Island Coal—Mrs. Brownlee's Fruits.

British Columbia's representation at the World's Fair was discussed at a meeting of the Provincial committee held in the Agricultural department, Provincial buildings, last evening, with Hon. J. H. Turner, minister of finance and agriculture, presiding. Messrs. E. Hutcherson, A. H. B. Macgowan, C. F. Law, J. R. Anderson and D. R. Ker also attended, and numerous verbal reports were received and discussed, notes being compared and ideas exchanged as to the best use to be made of the space at British Columbia's disposal.

In minerals the Province may not make such a strong showing, in so far as quality is concerned, as some of the American states, but the high quality of each of the 300 or 400 specimens sent from this Province is sure to engage the attention of every practical mining man and capitalist who visits the fair. Mr. Law has been very successful in the preparation of the mineral collection, in which every section of the Province will be creditably represented. He has now all but completed his work in Kootenay and Cariboo, and for the next fortnight will be found at the Roccabella in this city, where all who are interested in the mineral exhibit and can assist in making it complete and praiseworthy are invited to communicate with him.

A large portion of the mineral exhibit has already been forwarded to Chicago, the Northern Pacific "franking" all specimens through free of all expense and seeing to their proper delivery, a courtesy which is much appreciated. On the island Mr. Law expects to obtain many good mineral samples, independent of coal, which will, of course, be a conspicuous feature. Out of one immense block of the black fuel from Nanaimo, it is proposed to have carved a life-sized statue of Christopher Columbus, which will be given a prominent place in the exposition of coal.

Mr. Hutcherson has cleaned up between 300 and 500 samples of grain for the fair, duplicates of each being reserved for the Imperial Institute. Every settled section of the Province is represented, the wheat from the Interior (Okanagan and Spallumcheen) being equal to anything in the world. In weight the samples will run from 60 to 70 lbs. to the bushel, while the quality is the best. The oats and barley too, are extra good features, of which the province may well be proud.

Five hundred specimens of bottled fruits have already been forwarded, and over half a ton of green fruits will leave next week in refrigerator cars to be placed in position upon their arrival. Mrs. J. H. Brownlee, of Mount Tolmie park, is sending a special exhibit which will compete in the women's department with the whole world. Thomas Earle, of Lytton, and Charles Penny, of Penniston, Yale, are furnishing the largest amount of green fruit, which will be taken proper care of in cold storage, while the Okell, Morris Co., the Fraser River canners, Mr. Curtis, of Westminster; Mr. Pimbury, of Nanaimo; Mr. G. W. Henry, of Hammond; Mr. Hutcherson, of Ladner's, and Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, secretary of the Fruit Growers' association, have lent valuable assistance in the preparation of the fruit exhibit under the supervision of the last mentioned gentleman.

British Columbia timber will be largely used in the construction of the Canadian buildings, as well as those specially dedicated to British Columbia, and already the first consignments have reached the hands of the builders. The grand stairway, the reception rooms and a number of the other prominent apartments are being finished entirely in the native woods of B. C., which are found unsurpassed by and for interior decorative work. Correspondence is now going on with a view to securing the largest possible exhibit of timber in logs, sections of logs, cubes and timber, both rough and finished in the highest style of the art. A large quantity of dressed material is now being prepared for shipment in this city.

British Columbia, the home of the salmon, which has done so much to advertise her fisheries, will, of course, send a good collection to the Fisheries department. All natives of the finny tribe whose size will permit, will be preserved in alcohol by Mr. John Fannin, who now has the work in hand. There will be about 50 fish in liquor, including a thirty-pound trout, which will make the eyes of all true anglers glisten. Other fish, too large for the bottle, will be properly mounted, and canned goods will make a strong showing, the canners having promised