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HAPPILY WEDDED.

Hon. Victor Stanley and Miss Annie Bickerton Pooley Married at St. Paul's.

Victoria's Fashionable World Turns Out to Attend the Interesting and Joyous Ceremony.

Never before in its history has Esquimalt witnessed such a charming and fashionable wedding as was celebrated at St. Paul's church yesterday, for though the ceremony itself was of the simplest, the surroundings of beautiful dresses and brilliant uniforms contrasting with the white-gowned priest and choristers, made a scene that was both impressing and pleasing to the spectator. It was the wedding of Lieutenant the Hon. Victor A. Stanley, R.N., second son of the Earl and Countess of Derby, and Miss Annie Bickerton Pooley, second daughter of Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C., president of the council of the provincial cabinet. For weeks past the wedding has been looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by society, especially by the ladies, and many were the dainty toilettes that specially prepared for the occasion made their first appearance yesterday.

Such a gay and lively appearance as the Esquimalt road presented yesterday was something quite unusual. For more than an hour before the ceremony was to take place, smart private carriages, hacks and tramcars were to be seen filled with guests in gala dress all bound for Esquimalt. It had been found necessary, owing to the smallness of the church, to restrict the admtttance until the wedding party had entered, to the guests only, and the precaution was well taken, for the tiny church hardly was large enough to hold all who were invited. If the old saying "Happy the bride the sun shines on," should have any virtue in it, the lot of the bride of yesterday will indeed be pleasant, for although the winter day was "frosty but kindly" the sky was blue and cloudless. Everybody was feeling jolly and good humored, even to the cabbies who brought the guests from town, and sporting huge rosettes of white ribbon on their breasts, waited in groups outside the church, stamping their feet to keep warm and nourishing in their minds anticipations, perhaps, of a liberal addition to their lawful fare from generous patrons.

THE CEREMONY.

Scene at the Church During the Wedding Service.

It was sharp three o'clock when the bride arrived at the church. In the meantime all was ready within; the clergyman, Rev. C. Ensor Sharp, attended by the choir, waited at the main entrance, while the groom stood expectant near the chancel. The church was very beautifully decked with flowers. chrysanthemums and marguerites with ivy for a background of green being most effectively used. The chancel screen was festooned with ivy, with marguerites chiefly as flowers; the pulpit had a magnificent bunch of lovely white marguerites placed upon it, and the font was surrounded with splendid old gold chrysanthemums. The wedding ceremony was to have been performed by the Bishop of Columbia, but he being unfortunately under the doctor's care was not able to be present.

As the bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her father, the choresters began the hymn, "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden," and, singing, marched to their places in the church, the bridal party following till the chancel steps were reached, and then Rev. Mr. Sharp began the service that united Annie Bickerton Pooley to one of the greatest families of the British peerage.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an exquisite white satin dress, the bodice being trimmed with accordeon-pleated chiffon and Brussels lace, the gift of her aunt, Mrs. Frazer. The full court train of marvellously beautiful silver brocade was carried by two pretty wee girls, Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir and Miss Inez Purvis, who were quaintly dressed in white satin frocks with large white velvet hats trimmed with ostrich feathers; they wore, too, gold chain bracelets, the gifts of the groom. The magnificent Brussels lace veil worn by the bride was lent by the Countess of Derby for the occasion, and had been her own wedding veil. The bride's lovely bouquet of carnations and white roses was the gift of the groom, and her only ornaments were a diamond heart brooch, a gift from the Countess of Derby, and a diamond and sapphire bracelet given by Lord Stanley.

The six bridesmaids were Miss Pooley, Miss Violet Pooley (the bride's sisters), Miss Maud Dunsmuir, Miss Dolly Loewen, Miss Blanche Foster and Miss Olive Bryden. Their dresses were of white satin, the bodices of white accordion pleated chiffon having gold Zouave jacket. They wore large white felt hats trimmed with ostrich feathers and white roses, and carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums, which, with enamel and pearl watches, were gifts of the bridegroom. Attending the bridegroom as best man was Lieut. W. O. Boothby, R.N.

The ceremony over and the register signed, the wedding party left the church to the strains of the Wedding March.

THE RECEPTION.

Bride and Groom Receive Their Friends' Congratulations at Hon. Mr. Pooley's Residence.

After leaving the church the guests attended a reception in honor of Hon. Victor and Mrs. Stanley, at Fernhill, the residence of Hon. Mr. Pooley, the bride's father. Here the most hospitable preparations had been made for the occasion. To avoid confusion and add as much as possible to the comfort of the guests large tents were erected on the lawn opposite the front door, for gentlemen to leave their overcoats and hats. Mrs. Pooley and Hon. C. E. Pooley welcomed the guests as they entered the house, and in the drawing room Hon. Victor and Mrs. Stanley received the hearty congratulations of their friends. Of course a sight of the wedding presents was given; they filled a large room on the second story. The diamonds were especially admired, more particularly a wonderful tiara of the sparkling gems, the present of the Earl and Countess of Derby, and a very beautiful spray which lay close beside on the same table.

The first ten days of the honeymoon will be spent at Mr. La Poer Trench's home in Saanich, after which Hon. Victor and Mrs. Stanley will leave on a trip to England.

The guests invited to the wedding were:

Mr. H. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Adamson, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. G. Abbott; Mr. and Mrs. H. Abbott, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Anderson.

Hon. Col. James and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bridgeman, Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, Mr. H. Bullen, Mr. A. Bannister, Hon. R., Mrs. and Miss Beaven, Mr. W. and Mr. H. Beaven, Capt. A. G. Barnes, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mrs. Blakelock, Mr. L. C. Barf, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Bell, Mr. G. R. G. Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Burnes, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Bryden, Mr. H. Breeds, Dr. Bell, R.N., Mr. G. Bushby, Mr. and Mrs. Burrell (Tacoma), Captain and Miss Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Brymner (Westminster). Mr. and Mrs. Barkley, Rev. W. D. Barber, Mr. Joseph Boscowitz, Mr. L. Boscowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Burchell, Captain Bald, Mr. Beique, Q.C., Mr. H. A. Barton, Mrs. and Miss Brown.

Mr. A. Crease, Mr. L. Crease, Sir Henry, Lady and Miss Crease, Mr. T. and Mrs. Corsan, Mrs. and Mrs. Crow-Baker, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Croft, Mr. R. Cassidy, Mr. F. T. Cornwall, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Curwen, Captain Cholmondeley, Mr. Clegg, Mr. N. B. Clegg, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Cambie, Hon. C. F., Mrs. and Misses Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane, Mr. M. C. Cowper-Coles.

Mrs. and Misses Dunsmuir, Dr. and Misses Davie, Mr. James, Mrs. and Miss Dunsmuir, Mr. R. Dunsmuir, Hon. Mr. Justice, Mrs. and Misses Drake, Mr. B. Drake, Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, Mr. Dobbin, Major and Mrs. C. T. Dupont, Dr. John Duncan, Dr. George Duncan, Mr. W. T. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, Chief Justice Davie, Hon. Don R. Dickinson.

Hon. D. M. and Mrs, Eberts, Mr. H. V. and Mrs. Edmunds, Mr., Mrs. and Misses Ellis, Mr. Eure.

Mr. G. F. Foulkes, Mr. and Mrs. Flumerfelt, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Foster, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fisher, (Arizona); Mr. and Mrs. Fall, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. W. Fisher, Mr. T. B. Fisher, Mr. L. H. Fulligar, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fisher, Mr. G. C. Fox, sr., Dr. and Mrs. Fagan, (Westminster.

Mr. H. V. Galpin, Mrs. S. Grahame, Captain, Mrs. and Misses Gaudin, Mr. F. C. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Galletly, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. and Misses Green, Lieut. H. W. Gordon, R.E., Mr. E. A. Carew Gibson, Mrs. Good, Miss Gray, (San Francisco); Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor.

Mr. E. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mr. H. M. Hills, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Harvey, Mr. H. B. Haines, Dr. J. S. Helmcken, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin, Hon. D. W. and Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holland, Dr. and Mrs. Harinton, Dr. and Mrs. Herrington, Capt. and Mrs. Harrison (San Francisco), Mr. W. H. Holmes, Miss Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw, Mrs. Homer, Hon. T. O. Hamley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunter, Mr. H. R. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Æ. Irving.

Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones; Rev. P., Mrs. and Miss Jones; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Johnston, Mrs. Jamon, Mr. E. A. Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey, Major A. W. Jones, Mr. P. T. Johnson, Mr. M. T. Johnston, jr., Mr. F. W. Jesse, Capt. and Mrs. Jemmett, Mrs. and Miss McNaughton Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Ker, Mr. and Miss G. A. Keefer, Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. King.

Mr. C. Lowenberg, Mr. W. Langley, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Loewen, Mr. P. S. Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. Langniard, Mr. A. P. Luxton, Mr. H. F. Langton, Mr. and Mrs. Langley (Ashcroft), Mr., Mrs. and Misses Lobb, Mr. L. Lansing.

Mr. H. F. Mytton, Mr. and Mrs. Matthewe, Mrs. and Misses McKenzie, Hon. Senator, Mrs. and Miss Macdonald, Mr., Mrs. and Miss McKay, Mrs. Miles, Mr. J. R. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, Major Muirhead, R.E.; Mr. S. F. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Musgrave (Duncan), Mr. Masters, Capt. and Mrs. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Monteith, Hon. G. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Mr. Mattews, Mr. Duncan Macpherson.

Hon. P. and Mrs. O'Reilly, Mr. F. O'Reilly, Mr. W. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Pinder, Capt. Palmer, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Peters, Mrs. J. D. and Misses Pemberton, Lieut. Col., Mrs. and Miss Prior, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Hon. H. B. and Mrs. Pearse, Capt. Poole R.M.A., Mr. and Mrs. Purvis, Mr. Warburton Pike, Dr., Mrs. and Miss Powell, Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett, Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Putnam, Hon. F. Peters Q.C., Mr. J. D. Prentice.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Rawstorne, Mr., Mrs. and Misses Baynes Reed, Mr. H. E. A. Robertson, Capt., Mrs and Miss Richardson, Mr. C.W. and Mrs. Rhodes, Hon. A. W. and Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Reilley (Kamloops), Capt. and Mrs. Randt, Sir E. S. Richardson, General and Mrs. Roberts.

Mr. G. R. W. Stuart, Mr. C. B. Stahlschmidt, Mrs. and Miss Scholefield, Mr. and Mrs. Scaife, Lieutenant and Mrs. Shipster, Mr. A. G. Smith, Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Sharp, Mr. T. S. C. Saunders, (Vancouver), Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith, Mr. A. Somerset.

Hon. J. H. and Mrs. Turner, Hon. S. Tollemache, Mrs. G. Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Le P. Trench, Mr. and Mrs. Tiarks, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. R. Thompson, Sir C. H. Tupper.

Miss Upton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vernon, Mr. A. W. Vowell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wolley, Mr. and Mrs, Willis, Lieut.-Col., Mrs. and Misses Wolfenden, Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway Wilson, Mr. F. B. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Wake, Mr. L. H. Webber, Mr. C. W. Ward, Mr. and Miss Wright, Dr. and Mrs. Wagner (Tacoma), Mr. and Mrs. Wylde (Westminster), Mr. G. Wake, Mr. S. Y. Wootton.

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THE WEDDING PRESENTS.

Beautiful and Valuable Gifts From the Families and Friends of Bride and Groom.

The bride received from the Earl and Countess of Derby a diamond tiara; the Honorables Arthur, Ferdinand, George, Algernon and William Stanley and Lady Isabel Stanley, diamond spray; Lord Stanley, chain bracelet with diamond and sapphire horseshoe; the Countess of Derby, diamond brooch; the Hon. C. E. Pooley, topaz cufflinks and cheque; Mrs. Pooley, cheque and two Chinese gold embroidered table cloths; from the bridegroom, diamond pendant, diamond bracelet, sapphire and diamond bracelet, ruby and diamond bracelet. The following presents were also received: The Earl of Derby, silver plate chest; Countess of Derby (to the bridegroom), pearl pin; Hon. C. E. Pooley (to the bridegroom), dressing bag; the Earl and Countess of Lathom, silver inkstand; Lord and Lady Ampthill, tortoiseshell and gold inlaid snuff box; Lord and Lady William Cecil, silver cigarette box, silver match box; Admiral Palliser, cheque; Mrs. Dunsmuir, cheque; Mrs. Thompson, cheque; Hon. P. O'Reilly and Mrs. O'Reilly, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. William Cochrane, silver box; Commander Williams and Lieutenant Cayley, R.N., silver cigarette box; Miss Lister, silver knife; Commander and Mrs. Moggridge, inkstand; Lieutenant and Mrs. Culme-Seymour, silver pocket book; Mr. Duncan Macpherson, wolf skin rug; Mr. Boscowitz, grizzly bear skin and eight sables; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vernon, two black bear skins; Mrs. Pemberton, silver sugar basin and cream jug; Mr. Somerset, silver photograph frame; Captain and Mrs. McCallum, mosaic Japanese box: the Bishop of British Columbia and Miss Perrin, carriage clock; Mr. and Mrs. Flumerfelt, pair silver candlesticks; the Misses Flumerfelt, silver box; Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, silver flower stand; Colonel and Mrs. Peters, travelling clock; Miss Hatherway, pair silver dishes; Mr. and Mrs. McPhillips, silver calendar; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, silver sugar basin; Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, silver photograph frame; Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Sweeney, silver umbrella handle; Miss Pooley, silver puff box, silver atomizer; Mr. George Johnston, silver inkstand; Major and Mrs. Birch, silver box; Captain Barnes and Captain Poole, turquois and pearl bangle; Lieutenant Loring, R.N., diamond brooch; Lieutenant Gordon, R.E., Indian tray; Mrs. Abbott, silver butter knife; Mr. Haines, silver ladle; Hon. S. Tollemache, case of silver toilet articles; Colonel and Mrs. Rawstorne, four silver dishes; Mr. Kirk, silver inkstand; Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, silver salver; Mrs. Foster, lace handkerchief; Miss Foster, silver pin cushion; Miss Blanche Foster, silver pen and pencil; Dr. and Mrs. Jones, silver photograph frame; the Misses Davie, silver photograph frame; Hon. D. M. and Mrs. Eberts, large silver photograph frame; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Johnson, silver tray; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter, silver glove stretchers; Mr. and Mrs. Galletly, piece Chinese embroisery; Flag Lieutenant Crawley, R. N., opal and diamond brooch; the Misses Pemberton, silver scent bottle; Mr. J. Pemberton, silver purse; Miss Wilkinson, silver hairpin box; the Misses Baynes Reed, silver sweet dish; Mr. F. B. Ward, scent bottle; the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, gold brooch with diamonds; Miss Charles, embroidered photograph frame; Mr. Constantine, R.N., silver scent bottle; Sir Henry and Lady Crease, silver box; Miss Mackintosh, lace handkerchief; Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Burns, silver dish; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey, silver sugar sifter; Mr. Galpin, silver pin cushion; Mr. T. Musgrave, piece of Irish lace; Miss Musgrave, silver tea strainer; Mr. and Mrs. Holland, silver photograph frame; Mr. Bannister, gold bangle, pearl and enamel pendant; Mr. and Mrs. Cambie, silver butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett, silver cheese knife; Miss Violet Pooley, riding whip; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pooley, fan; Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, pearl and diamond bangle, lace veil; Mr. and Mrs. Willis, turquois brooch; Master and Miss Frazer, gold hat pin; Miss Galletly, silver box; Mr. Holmes, silver scissors; Mr. Langton, silver manicure set; the Misses Graham gold top scent bottle; Mr. and Mrs. Archer Martin, scent bottle; Mrs. Howard, piece of lace; Mr. Ohlson, silver nail polisher; Mr. and Mrs. Loewen, lace handkerchiefs; Miss Loewen, pair silver scent bottles; Drs. G. and J. Duncan and Mr. Jacob, case of silver toilet articles; Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway Wilson, embroidered frame; Miss Jenns, handkerchief sachet; Mr. and Mrs. Punnet, hand screen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnard, silver photograph frame; Mr. and Mrs. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, hot water jug; Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, China jug: Mr. Jesse, photograph album; Mrs. Perry, scent bottle; Miss Perry, handkerchief; Master Perry, silver memorandum book; Colonel and Mrs. Wolfenden, silver top scent bottle; Commander Fleet, R.N., Commander Allen, R.N., Lieutenants Watson, R.N., Slayter, R.N., Smith, R.N., Holland, R.N., and Harris, R.N., pair silver dishes; Col. and Mrs. Baker, water color; Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, four water colors; Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman, water color; Mr. and Mrs. Wake, photograph screen; Mrs. and the Misses Scholefield, book; Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, book; Mr. and Mrs. Croft, silver bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, silver sugar basin and cream jug; Mr. Justice Walkem, opera glasses; Mr. Stewart, pearl pendant; Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, embroidered table centre; Mrs. Miles, piece of embroidery; the Misses Cornwall, silver scent bottle; Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, gold eyeglasses, gold chain; Miss Maud Dunsmuir, silver and gold prayer book; Miss Curwen, piece of gold embroidery; Mr. and Mrs. Curwen, Japanese cups and saucers; Mr. E. A. Harris set of etched d'oyleys; Mr. and Mrs. Bryden, cheque; Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, silver sweet basket; Miss Olive Bryden, silver sweet basket; Mr. T. B. Fisher, diamond ring; Mrs. Williams, Maltese cat; Mr. and Mrs. Bell, silver vinaigrette; Hon. Colonel Baker, pair silver salt cellars; Mr. Luxton, gold bangle with diamonds and pearls; Major Jones, pair scent bottles and powder box; Mr. Foulkes, silver glove stretchers; Mr. W. H. Langley, silver scissors and paper knife; Mr. and Mrs. Barkley, silver olive fork; Rev. W. D. Barber, china dish; Hon. J. H. and Mrs. Turner, large silver photograph frame; Hon. George B. Martin, silver sweet basket; Chief Justice Davie, silver tea spoons; Miss Ethel Brymner, gold thimble; Lieut. Boothby, R.N., silver cigar cutter; Mr. Wootton, silver paper knife; Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds, paper rack; Miss Noel Harvey, silver photograph frame; Mrs. Tye, silver hat brush; Mr. Vowell, silver clasp; Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, silver scent bottle; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ward, silver tray; Mr. and Mrs. R. Harvey, silver scent bottle; Mr. Tom Pooley, Mr. Harry Pooley, Mr. Chas. Pooley, grizzly bearskin; Captain and Mrs. Richardson, Turkish cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Tiarks, Mrs. Harrington, gold and ebony walking stick; Mr. Lindley Crease, two framed water color paintings; Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, silver disk; Dr. and Mrs. Hanington, tortoiseshell and silver, frame; Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, silver oyster fork; Captain and Mrs. Gaudin, gold and pearl glove buttom hook, silk drawn work handkerchief; Misses Marie and Mabel Gaudin, handkerchief and glove sachet; Dr. and Mrs. Powell, cut glass and silver scent bottle; Miss Keefer, ivory and silver memorandum book; Mr. and Mrs. Dunne, two cut glass vases; Miss Beatrice Gaudin, silver paper knife; Mr. and Mrs. Rithet, silver flower-holder; Miss Galley, silver gum bottle; Mr. and Mrs. Bryans, silver comb; Mrs. Beale, sachet; Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Prior, Miss Prior, silver dishes; Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, R.C.A., gold teaspoons; Mrs. Holmes, gold sugar spoon; Dr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, silver candlesticks; Miss Clare Bennett, handkerchief sachet; sender not yet known, pigskin cycle bag with fittings; sender not yet known, gold curb-chain bracelet; Mrs. William Fisher, England, large silver box; Mr. and Mrs. Barnswell and family, silver sardine box.

Presents are also waiting in England from the Dowager Countess of Derby, Lord and Lady Stanley, the Honorables Arthur, Ferdinand, George, Algernon and William Stanley, Lady Isabel Stanley, Admiral Sir Windham Hornby, K.C.B., Admiral Stephenson, Lieutenant Davy, R.N., Commander and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Le Poer Trench; Mr. Cecil Ward, Mr. Birch, Mr. G. Fox, Mr. Carew Gibson.

THE CITY

Messrs. L. Spragge, E. M. Burns and A. W. Thomas have been successful in their examination for medical matriculation for Queen's University.

The hon. treasurer of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans Home, thankfully acknowledges the receipt of $17.25 from Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Dudgeon, the net proceeds of the entertainment in A.O.U.W. hall on the 19th instant.

The Behring Sea claims commission met yesterday to formally adjourn over Thanksgiving day. Four more claims were filed: The Minnie owners claim $22,000, Ariel owners claim $12,000, and Kate owners claim $14,000, all with interest at 7 per cent. since their seizure in 1889. Six more claims remain to be filed.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock has been fixed for the commencement of the inquiry by the Mayor and Aldermen into the fitness of the City Engineer for the position he occupies. Mr. Wilmot it will be remembered asked for this investigation, which was decided upon at a council meeting of ten days ago.

There is good prospect of still further interruption to traffic on the transcontinental roads, messages from all points in the mountains reporting heavy snowstorms. From Kamloops the word comes that the wagon roads are impassable between Nicola and Spence's bridge, while the cattle are already beginning to suffer on the neighboring ranches.

A special and unusually interesting temperance mass meeting was held at the Salvation Army barracks last evening, the officers of the Victoria corps being in command, and addresses also being delivered by Rev. A. B. Winchester, Dr. Lewis Hall and other friends of the Army and of temperance, not however enlisted under the banner of the Army.

It is expected that Her Ladyship the Countess of Aberdeen will arrive here this evening from Coldstream, where, with His Excellency and their family, she has been spending the past few weeks. To-morrow evening the Countess will receive a formal welcome and will address a meeting to be held at the city hall in connection with the work of the Council of Women.

A thanksgiving social was held on Tuesday evening last under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when a large gathering of the church folk assembled in the lecture room, where they were very acceptably entertained for two hours, with music, reading, and recitation by the Misses Gardner, Barron, Wilson, Russell, Cameron, Hartnagle, Spring, Brown, McMicking and Burnett, and Messrs. J. G. Brown, Burnett and Allan. Refreshments were served at intermission and the appreciation maifest throughout declared the whole a success.

Faithful to their promises to do all in their power to make the entertainment as pleasant as possible, the ladies presiding over the attraction in the Reformed Episcopal school room last evening and made every one attending happy and indebted to them. The programme published yesterday conveyed but an inadequate idea of the formal part of the entertainment and in itself was pleasing and artistic. One number, however, that did not appear on the published announcement was Rev. Mr. Wilson's address, which was full of witticisms and fun.

Although it appeared extremely probable on Tuesday that H. George Lincoln had successfully covered his tracks when he skipped from Victoria Saturday, yesterday brought to the police the much-to be cherished clue and it is now altogether likely that he will be brought back to Victoria and prosecuted for embezzlement. Reaching Tacoma Sunday morning Lincoln at once took train for Detroit, Mich., giving an assumed name when he purchased the ticket and deferring this simple ceremony until shortly before train time. He has a brother living not far from Detroit, and in going there his purpose doubtless was to visit this relative—and Tom Cooper.

The birthday social given last evening by the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church was a grand success. The large school-room was filled with an appreciative audience, and the following programme was well sustained: Quartette, Messrs. Kinnaird and Wilson, Misses Baker and Miline; solo, Miss Fraser; recitation, Mr. Henderson; duet, the Misses Cutter; trio, Messrs. Watson, Wilson and Kinnaird; recitation (in characters), "Lochiel's Warning," Messrs. McIntosh and McCandless; song, Mr. J. G. Brown; and instrumental duet, Misses Gill and Reeves. The audience afterwards resolved themselves into an agreeable confusion while tea, coffee and cake were served.

Only two witnesses were examined at the inquiry conducted by Coroner Crompton yesterday touching the death of William Thompson, the View street grocer, Moses McGregor and Thomas D. Kinsey relating briefly the circumstances of the tragedy as already published. Upon their testimony a verdict was returned that the "deceased came to his death on Monday, the 16th of November, instant, by accidental drowning while attempting to cross the Sooke river at what is commonly known as Haley's; the jury would further recommend that the Provincial government take the necessary steps to provide a bridge across the Sooke river at this point in order that travellers may cross the same without endangering their lives or property." The jury was composed of Messrs. James H. Fletcher, Henry Jones, R. H. Drury, A. J. Merris-Charles Phillips and William O'Connor. The funeral takes place at 2 this afternoon from the family residence, at 46 Quadra street.

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

THE CASE NOT PROVEN.

Mr. Justice McColl Delivers His Judgment in the Lawrence Case.

Reasons Assigned by the Learned Court for the Decision Arrived At.

The J. A. Lawrence case, which has been absorbing so much of the public attention for the past few weeks, was brought to a conclusion yesterday. Having heard all the evidence, Mr. Justice McColl in the forenoon adjourned the court until 5 p.m., when he delivered judgment, the court room being thronged with people anxious to hear the decision. In the judgment His Lordship expressed himself upon the case as follows:

"I have since the adjournment read over my notes of the evidence and the exhibits and have carefully considered the arguments of counsel, who very fully analysed the evidence; but I have not found any reason to change the opinion which I formed as the case proceeded. I do not think that I would be serving any useful purpose by summing up the evidence, in the view which I take of the result at which I ought to arrive, and I purposely abstain from doing so because of other proceedings which are open to the prosecution.

"Captain McCallum gave the most circumstantial account of the transaction, and I did not see anything in his evidence or his manner of giving it to lead me to think him capable of wilfully giving false evidence, though he is apparently a man of strong feeling and prejudices.

"On the other hand the accused positively denied the charges against him and was not seriously shaken in cross-examination. He was also supported in his denial by the evidence of a number of witnesses, some of whom at least appeared quite disinterested. The case for the Crown as to the question at issue rests almost wholly on the evidence of Capt. McCallum.

"There was much stated in the evidence for the defence which I could not take as satisfactorily established in the face of the other evidence, if that were the question for me to decide; but though I do not think that the evidence for the Crown, and especially that of Capt. McCallum, is fairly open to all the observations made by Mr. Bodwell (for the defence) yet after making allowance for such discrepancies as are invariably found in all evidence, however trustworthy, and after discarding much which seems to me immaterial, yet there remains a residuum material to the issue, and particularly in the written portion of the evidence, as to which I am not satisfied with the explanation attempted to be given, having regard to some of the evidence for the defence; and I cannot do other than find the charge not proven.

A RACE FOR A CHARTER.

The bark Zinita was launched from the Esquimalt marine railroad yesterday afternoon, and will proceed at once to Portland to load grain cargo. When her skipper, Captain Fraser, went so vigorously to work to release his ship from the sands, the men who float wrecks and raise ships around the stoves of water front offices almost unanimously decided that he was foolish to make the attempt before spring. It now appears that the captain had a stronger reason than the necessity for immediate action in order to save the ship. The Zinita was going to Portland under charter for November loading, at a rate of thirty shillings, or for December loading at twenty-eight and ninepence. Grain charters have since declined, so that she could be replaced for twenty-three or twenty-four shillings, which on the cargo that she would take away would amount to $4,000, a sum which would pay about all the expense of floating her. It is possible that she will get around to Portland in time to save her November charter, but while this is hardly probable, it is almost certain that she will reach her destination in time to take advantage of the December clause in the charter.

THE "OLYMPIA" AWAY.

The steamship Olympia of the Northern Pacific line will sail for the Orient to-morrow with a full cargo of mixed freight and about 200 passengers. Her freight includes 2,000 tons of flour, 3,000 bales of cotton and heavy consignments of rubber good, iron pipe, bar iron, machinery and other goods.

THE "ROUND HILL" TRAGEDY.

Mr. A. C. McCallum, the chief owner and manager for the Bozedown Silver Mining Co., (foreign) arrived in Victoria last evening from Revelstoke, which town he reports as greatly excited over the recent discoveries of gold quartz at Ground Hog basin, 60 miles away, in the Big Bend country.

It was the mine in which Mr. McCallum is chiefly interested, the Round Hill mine near Illecillewaet, that was the scene recently of an explosion costing the lives of Chris. Miller and J. Berger, the latter a married man and the head of a numerous family. The two men were alone in camp at the time and how the fatality occurred can only be surmised.

A packer taking in supplies from Illecillewaet, five miles away, could find no trace of the mine buildings—only unbroken snow over two feet deep. He returned deeply mystified and Mr. A. G. M. Potts, the co-manager, guessing the truth, went up at once with a party of ten men. After trouble some search they found poor Miller's head and some fragments of flesh, which were given decent burial; no trace of Berger's remains were discoverable. The supposition is that the two men had taken the explosive from the tunnel, where it was usually kept, to the house for the purpose of thawing it out, the tragedy resulting in some mysterious way. The company have until now kept a paid force of men employed in a search for the remains, but owing to the deep snow without result.

The Round Hill property has been reported on quite favorably by Mr. W. J. Waterman, the company's manager, and is to be vigorously developed. Twenty-four and 50 foot shafts have been sunk and a 40 foot tunnel run, and further operations will be initiated as soon as the weather conditions permit.

In Ground Hog basin, reached by a convenient trail and water route from Revelstoke, there are, according to Mr. McCallum, upwards of fifty claims already recorded, his own being the six original claims, showing six to twenty feet veins of free milling gold quartz from which assays have been obtained running from $15 to $112 in gold. Mr. Cobbledick, the representative of the Swansea and Liverpool syndicate, has invested in several of the neighbouring claims, which are to be developed in the spring; and a considerable amount of Vancouver and Seattle capital is also represented. Mr. McCallum's present visit to the Coast is chiefly for the purpose of interesting capital in his holdings.

Mr. Wm. MacIntosh, of Buckingham, Quebec, came down from Barkerville on Thursday's stage. He went up a few months ago to look after quartz properties on Burns' mountain owned by himself and associates, and has done considerable work this fall. The richness of the quartz of that section is without a doubt. The McArthur-Forrest system will be used.

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