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NEW SEASON TEA.

The "Annandale" Completes a Fair Voyage Under Charter to the Northern Pacific.

Victoria Business Men Visit Alberni on the Initial Trip of the "Tees."

After an uneventful voyage across the Pacific, the steamer Annandale, under charter to the N. P. SS. Co., arrived from Yokohama yesterday afternoon. She brought as cargo 1,800 tons of tea for Tacoma and Portland, not much of her freight being for this port. The only passengers she had were 33 Japanese steerage, of whom some five or six disembarked here. The Annandale is a fine type of the modern freight carrier and belongs to Robert Mackill's "Dale" line of Glasgow. Her tonnage is 3,845 gross, and she is capable of carrying 7,300 tons measurement. She is built of steel with metal deck and is 365 feet long by 43.2 feet beam. Her commander is Capt. T. M. Milne, who has had a large and varied experience in navigating in the Atlantic as well as the Pacific, and whose courtesy and genial manner make him a decidedly pleasant man to meet. The other principal officers are: First officer, John Thompson; second officer, William Graham; third officer, Goodfellow; chief engineer, Angus Bowie; second engineer, T. R. Smith. The Annandale left Yokohama August 5, and consequently took 16½ days to cross the Pacific. The weather was fair but foggy occasionally and in the Straits it was particularly thick. The Annandale sails for Tacoma to-day, and after discharging her overland cargo proceeds to San Francisco, where it is expected she will load.

Though the Annandale sailed from Yokohama before the last mail steamer reached San Francisco, there are several interesting bits of news in the mail advices that arrived yesterday. The Japan Daily Advertiser of August 7 states that "The Asahi, a Chinese paper, says some of the high officials in the government at Peking favor selling Thibet to England, and others favor selling it to Russia, the money so realized to be used as a military fund." The ignorance and superstition pervading even the highest class of the Chinese may be gathered from the announcement in a Shanghai paper of the curious ceremonies which were ordered to take place at the court of Peking at an approaching eclipse of the sun. All the civil officials and military officers in the capital will be commanded by the Emperor to wear plain robes on the day and do "kowtowing" so as to save the sun from being swallowed up by the dog, for such is the cause of the eclipse as they have it. This practice is kept up by all the mandarins throughout the empire. A Chinese paper publishes a rumor from Peking to the effect that, acting upon the advice of the foreign ministers of England, France, Russia, Germany and America, the Tsung-li Yamen have memorialized the throne on the advisability of engaging a foreigner from each of these nations as advisers to the government to be attached to the foreign office (the Tsung-li Yamen.)

OFF TO ALBERNI.

The C.P.N. steamer Tees started last night on her initial trip to Alberni, with a good number of business men on board who are going up to take a look at the mines and will probably be in time to see the first clean up at the Duke of York hydraulic claim on China creek. The passengers include Messrs. A. J. C. Galletly and G. A. Kirk, two of the owners of the Duke of York; J. Holland, C. Gardner, W. Hamburger, G. Obenhauer, Thos. Greener, William Templeman, Geo. H. Flint, William Wilson, William Dalby, C. F. Baker, F. Elworthy, secretary, and D. R. Ker, president of the board of trade; G. Patterson, Capt. John Irving, M.P.P.; R. T. Williams, Mrs. Monro and a number of others. Mr. W. Christie, of the C.P.R. telegraphs, goes as far as Port San Juan. The beiler for the Alberni Consolidated stamp mill was among the cargo carried and there was the usual supply of general freight.

THE QUADRA RETURNS.

The Dominion steamer Quadra returned from visiting the Gulf lighthouses yesterday evening, all the stations having received their annual supplies of coal and oil during the cruise. The red buoy that went adrift from the Sandheads some days ago was also recovered, it having drifted down Douglas channel as far as Middle channel. Thick weather with fog and smoke prevented it being replaced in position yesterday. Captain Rudlin, of the Charmer, having reported that he had seen on several occasions at extreme low water, two or three heads of kelp off the north end of Sidney south spit, Sidney channel, Captain Walbran carefully examined the locality yesterday at low water, when the crew of the Quadra were replacing in position the spar buoy on the shoal patch to the southward. The examination revealed a very small shoal with two rock heads about 40 feet apart, each rock head marked by one piece of kelp. On the southernmost one at an extreme low water is 20 feet 4 inches, and on the northern one 22 feet 10 inches, the depth close alongside the danger being 9, 10 and 12 fathoms. The shoal bears from the north end of Sidney south spit, S. ½ E., magnetic S. 16° W., true, distant three cables, and is distant from the nearest shore one cable. The depth between the shore and rock is 10½ fathoms. Local navigators can note position of the rock as it is in a line between the solitary bush to the south of the clump of bushes on Sidney spit and the last tall tree to the northward on James island. Captain Walbran reports the weather in the gulf and amongst the islands as very thick, owing to fog and smoke.

FROM HONOLULU FOR WHEAT.

The tug Sea Lion towed into the Royal Roads yesterday morning the bark Highland Light, in ballast from Honolulu. As further orders were awaiting the Highland Light to proceed to Tacoma to load wheat, the formalities were gone through promptly and the Sea Lion went on with her tow to the Sound.

MINING ON COAL HILL.

(From the Kamloops Sentinel.)

During the past week Mr. Buchanan has kept a force of men steadily employed in his prospect hole on the Python claim on Coal Hill. The ore vein maintains a steady thickness and the character of the ore shows practically no change as greater depth is reached. The assays so far made give returns of remarkable evenness. The ore dump is daily swelling in dimensions, and it will not be long before enough will be obtained to make a trial shipment to the smelter at Trail or Everett. The face of the cutting in the hole presents a very pretty appearance, the brilliant patches of iron and copper pyrites mingling with the bright blue of the copper stain. W. T. Newman, the well known metallurgist of Toronto, author of "Hidden Mines, and How to Find Them," has made a thorough examination of the various claims on Coal Hill, and is so well impressed with them that he has acquired an interest in several and states that as soon as he can get possession of just what he wants he will put a considerable force of men to work and make such a test of them as will convince him as to what their value is.

Bobert Lyons' prospect tunnel has been pushed in some distance further this week, and is looking fine. This claim lies comparatively close to the foot of the hill, and locations have been made all round it, and on each of them there are good indications of mineral in considerable quantities.

James Blair has got his prospect hole down into the solid rock, and is highly pleased with the appearance of things.

During the past week a large number of additional locations have been made, the tendency of prospectors being to westward and southward.

Prof. Newman has done some experimenting at the furnace with the ore, and pronounces it to be a perfect self-fluxer, one of the easiest ores to smelt he has ever seen. One sample of matte he produced went a little over 1 to 4 of the crude ore, and contained on assay 60 per cent. of copper and $16.50 in gold. As a whole, the mining situation on Coal Hill looks excellent.

Constable Blair is going about this week with his arm in a sling as a result of an encounter last Friday night with an Indian named Felix Gregoire. Felix has just recently returned from the penitentiary at New Westminster, where he has been spending a couple of years. On Friday night he was "nosing" about No. 2 express train after it had arrived, in a manner so suspicious as to attract the attention of the constable. Felix had a couple of companions with him, but he separated himself from them and was directing his attention to the baggage car, which he was seeking to enter, when the constable accosted him on the platform of the car. Felix made a spring at the constable, and grabbing one another they fell off the platform to the track and continued the struggle. Gradually Blair got his man in control. Before Magistrate Tunstall Felix admitted his guilt in attacking the constable and was sent to gaol for three months with hard labor.

Geo. Palmer, who has recently been braking on a C.P.R. work train, met with a very singular and serious accident some days ago. The train was employed in "filling in" a large bridge a short distance this side of North Bend. Earth had been dumped over the bridge till the top of the mound reached to the sleepers, leaving very steep flanks running down fully 80 feet to the bottom of the gulch spanned by the bridge. The cars are arranged so as to dump half on one side and half on the other. Palmer stood on one side of the car, expecting the other side to dump first, but through some error both sides were dumped simultaneously, and the unfortunate brakeman found himself precipitated along with some tons of gravel down the steep embankment. It was pretty near a clear drop. The train hands went at once to the rescue and found their companion terribly bruised and battered, but not a bone broken. He was black and blue with bruises from head to foot, there were deep abrasions of the skin in several places, and on one arm the flesh was badly torn. Mr. Palmer is making most satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Mrs. Pringle, of Grande Prairie, has a curious domestic duck egg. It measures 8 inches one way and 9¾ inches the other way, and weighs eight ounces. A perfectly formed egg, about the size of a young hen's egg, was found inside of it. The inside of the large egg was drawn out and the remainder was found to weigh three ounces.

The Kamloops Gun Club is getting up a clay pigeon tournament to take place here at the time of the fall exhibition. The general celebration committee will allow $100 towards the prize list on condition that a similar amount be provided by the gun club. Doubtless this amount will be readily obtained, and all the gun clubs of the province are to be asked to send competitors.

The second oldest building in Kamloops has been pulled down and a residence will be erected on the site. It was situated on Main street west.

B. Wehrfritz, of the Imperial Brewery, leaves on Tuesday for Nicaragua, in connection with the sale of a mining property, accompanied by J. Fleetwoo Wells, who will act as expert examiner for a company which is proposing to buy the mine.

The pleasant relations which have for a long time existed between Mr. J. E. Bridgman, as organist, and the choir of St. John's church, are shortly to be terminated by Mr. Bridgman's departure for England. In recognition of this fact, which all who attend St. John's church regret, the choir yesterday evening presented Mr. Bridgman with a handsome gold-headed cane as a souvenir of their long and pleasant association in the church. The address was read by Mr. R. Ross Monro, leader of the choir, and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Bridgman. A second surprise was then given the departing organist by the choir boys, who handed him a fine group photograph of themselves, which no doubt he will treasure with equal pride and pleasure. Mr. Bridgman gives his final recital in St. John's after the usual service to-morrow evening.

Mayor Beaven has convened a public meeting for this day week, for the consideration of the question of petitioning parliament to enact a law to further restrict Chinese and Japanese immigration.

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SECURE THEIR CENTURY

Petticrew and Bush Establish a Hundred Mile Road Record for British Columbia.

Lacrosse as She Is Played by the Uninitiated—A Fifth Regiment Victory.

To Messrs. H. Petticrew and Charles Bush, both members of the Victoria fire department, belongs the honor of establishing the first century record obtained in British Columbia, they having set the mark for the hundred miles—over a road which, for a considerable distance at least, Eastern scorchers would pronounce unridable—at 8 hours and 58 minutes. Two others were to have started in the long and dusty ride yesterday, but accidents unfortunately intervened, Mr. L. Campbell receiving a bad fall while training for the test of strength and endurance, and Mr. F. E. Alley on Friday evening having the misfortune to be struck on the head by a heavy piece of stone, this mishap forcing him to obtain surgical attention. The two remaining aspirants for the century left the city hall at 8 sharp, a small party of early birds and C.R.C. officials wishing them good luck. The route to Rocky Point was by way of the Happy Valley road, on which a bush fire was found to be raging which necessitated a "carry" of three-quarters of a mile—three miles in all—through flame and smoke and choking, stifling heat. Rocky Point was reached at 9:39 and both riders reporting turned their faces homeward without even waiting for a rubdown. The city hall was made on the return at 11:37, and after luncheon the riders set out again for the Point shortly before 12. This time they turned at 2:08½ p.m., and both being in good condition the steady pace was maintained to the finish, the distance being completed with three miles on the Beacon Hill circle, the last of which was done in four minutes. Neither of the century riders was at all exhausted; in fact both looked fit for another ten miles if necessary. Their mounts for the long and arduous trip were "Brantford" light roadsters, Canadian made wheels which stood the trying work put upon them without the loosening of a bolt. The run was the first conducted in the West under the auspices of the Canadian Road Club, and the arrangements were in the hands of Mr. C. H. Gibbons, district centurion. Messrs. Thomas W. Edwards and E. W. Bradley acted as timers and judges in the city; and Messrs. F. G. Moody, W. J. Jeffree and Thomas Argyle as turn officials at Rocky Point.

REMEMBERED THE PRESIDENT.

Captain Dallain of the V.W.C., has every reason to congratulate himself on the success of yesterday's club run, for not only was the turn out the largest in many months, but incidentally a very pretty idea was carried out. Each member reporting at the club rooms for the start was provided with a bright and fragrant bouquet, and armed with these the club wheeled to the Jubilee hospital, where Mr. A. H. Scaife—their president—is just now a convalescent patient. The bouquets were piled in profusion around the sick man, with many wishes for his early recovery, and afterwards found their way to the various wards to brighten them and cheer the inmates.

BY WHEEL FROM NANAIMO.

Messrs. H. O'Connell and R. Simpson, of the Black Diamond Bicycle Club of Nanaimo, have arrived safely from that city, despite several vexatious accidents to their wheels en route. They covered the entire distance on the road and made the trip in something less than 10 hours actual riding (and walking) time.

CRICKET.

BEAT THE BARRACKS.

The Fifth Regiment added another win to their list of victories yesterday afternoon when they defeated the R. M. A. team on the first innings by 59 runs. The bowling of McTavish was exceedingly good, he taking 8 wickets for 15 runs; Barraclough and Kelly shared the bowling honors for the R.M.A. Following are the scores:

FIFTH REGIMENT.

A. Maclean, run out	3
W. York, b Barraclough	9
J. E. Martin, c Rann, b Barraclough	0
R. C. Trimen, run out	5
A. Booth, c Spong, b Kelly	13
L. B. Trimen, b Barraclough	15
W. T. Williams, c Barraclough, b Kelly	5
J. A. McTavish, b Barraclough	7
R. Worlock, b Barraclough	0
A. C. Anderson, not out	17
B. Schwengers, c and b Rann	20
Extras	4
Total	89

R.M.A. BARRACKS.

Frain, b McTavish	1
Kelly, b McTavish	0
Sawyer, b McTavish	0
Spong, c Maclean, b McTavish	2
Barraclough, b McTavish	8
Sweet, not out	15
Cannon, b McTavish	2
Bourner, b York	0
Hall, c Williams, b McTavish	9
Rann, b McTavish	0
Gadsley, b York	1
Extras	1
Total	30

LACROSSE.

IT WAS A GLORIOUS GAME.

The four or five hundred fun loving folk who found themselves at Caledonia park yesterday afternoon had a brimming barrel of joy out of the great lacrosse match in which teams representing the employes of the new provincial buildings and of the new post office, competed, and which was the great sporting event of the day. The match as anticipated was a revelation of untold possibilities in the national game, and was contested chiefly by main strength. The post office men were the more expert stick handlers and after 14 minutes' battling Roach scored for them the one and only goal of the day. The ball was again attacked after the customary rest and forty minutes catch-as-catch-can combination of all known games of skill, strength and chance ensued. Then by mutual consent the teams rested from their labors, afterwards playing out time. The pie eating contest proper was somewhat tame; not so, however, the subsequent descent upon the untasted pies by the small boys' brigade, who then and there gave a most realistic performance of a genuine pie feast. Other sports were sandwiched in during the afternoon, not forgetting a really good tug-of-war which was won by a bare inch, after three minutes' pulling, by the Government Buildings men. Here are the teams:

Government Buildings — H. Firth (anchor), R. Johnston, C. Larsen, J. Manders, P. Thonson, D. Ross, H. Dellock, W. Dick, A. McLennan, and G. Roache.

Post Office—J. Hambley (anchor), D. McKinnon, J. McLean, A. Bogstead, A. Playford, T. Taylor, J. Abrams, F. Smith, M. Duncan, and W. Harper.

The referee was Constable Anderson of the city force—himself a tug-of-war man of international reputation.

No one enjoyed the day's sport more than did the children of the Protestant Orphans' home, to which excellent institution the total proceeds will be presented.

VICTORIA WINS THE BYE.

Fortune favored the Capitals in the draw for the carnival series dates—or else Archie Macnaughton is a splendid mascot—the good luck of the bye falling to the Victoria team. This means that the Vancouver and Westminster teams will meet at Brockton Point in the match of Monday August 31, the winners engaging the Capitals in the final on the Friday following. These matches are apart from the championship series, and the winners of the three cornered contest will receive gold watches all round.

WRESTLING.

M'LEOD DEFEATS ATHERTON.

Dan McLeod, formerly of Nanaimo but more recently known as the California champion, has now only Evan Lewis to conquer before he can claim the championship of the world. At Rochester, N. Y., last Monday he won with ease his match with Ed. Atherton of Belfast. McLeod was to throw Atherton three times within one hour, actual wrestling time. He gained the first fall in half an hour and the second in ten minutes. Atherton was ill after the first fall and gave up at the end of the second.

THE CREDITOR CLASS.

Mr. Bourke Cockran, in the very able speech which he made a few days ago, reviewing Bryan's New York deliverance, showed in the following passage who they are that compose the creditor class—the class which the silverites propose to cheat out of half that is due them:

Mr. Bryan leads the van in saying that it is the creditor he is after. In order that you should understand just how a change in the standard of value enables men to cheat their creditors you have to consider the function which money pays in measuring debts. If I had paid $10 for ten yards of cloth to be delivered to me next week, and in the interim the government should pass a law declaring that hereafter the yard measure should consist of 18 inches, and that all existing contracts should be settled on that system of measure, I would be cheated out of half the cloth for which I paid. If, on the other hand, I owed a cloth merchant for ten yards of cloth, which he had delivered to me, and which was payable next week, and in the meantime the government should change the standard of value and cut down the unit of coinage one half, then I would settle that debt with $5, and the cloth merchant would have been cheated. Now, the Populist loves to say that the creditor is a person who oppresses the Western farmer. The creditors of this country are not the bankers; they are not the so-called capitalists; they are the laborers, and it is at the expense of labor that this change is made. The laborer is always a creditor for at least one day's work. When any man can show me a laborer who has been paid in advance for a day's work, I will show him a laborer who is a debtor. The laborer by the very law of his being a creditor for at least one day's work, is generally a creditor for a week's work.

Every great industrial enterprise has for its chief creditors its own laborers. The heaviest account in every department of industry, whatever it may be, is always the wages account. I have said that the laborer is the object of this conspiracy, and he is. But let no man imagine that if they are successful that the injury would all be borne by the men who work. But the shock to civilization which would ensue from such a breach of public and private faith would be irreparable. Its effect no man could measure from an experience of the human race. We cannot tell to what degree it would paralyze industry. Wherever you find Populists assembled, you will find discussions proceeding upon the theory that men are hostile to each other in their interests. At Chicago Mr. Bryan declared: "When you come before us and tell us that we shall disturb your business interests, we reply that you have disturbed our business interests." I merely desire to call the attention of this gathering to the character of this speech, to the underlying spirit that pervades it, and then to ask the workingmen of this country, to ask the citizens of this nation, if the government should be trusted in the hands of men whose conception of civilized society is one of war and strife?

I do not regret this campaign. The time has come when the people of this country will show their capacity for self-government. They will prove that the men who have led the world in the pathway of progress will be jealous guardians of liberty and order. They are not to be seduced by appeals to their cupidity or moved by threats of injury. They will forever guard and trim the lamp of enlightenment and progress. They will ever relentlessly press and crush under their heals the flaming torch of Populist discontentment. Populist agitation and Populist destruction. When this tide of agitation shall have receded, this tide of Populist agitation, this assault upon common honesty, shall have been abated forever, the foundations of this republic will remain undisturbed. This government will still shelter a people indissolubly forbidding any distinction of burden or of privilege, conserving property, maintaining morality, resting forever upon the broad basis of American patriotism and American intelligence.

The new Japanese liner Miike Maru, expected on the 30th inst., will call at Victoria. Her agents on this side of the Pacific have secured for her a full outward cargo, a considerable portion of which is to be shipped from this city.

THE MATABELE WAR.

A Participant in "Dr. Jim's" First Campaign Now Visiting in Victoria.

The Natives More Imbued With a Spirit of Revenge Than Hoping to Win.

Dr. A. W. Hogg, who has just arrived from South Africa, which he left shortly after the present Matabele war began, is at present visiting Victoria. Though he did not take part in this last campaign, Dr. Hogg was surgeon-in-chief in the Matabele war which Dr. Jameson waged in 1894. Dr. Hogg, besides being a surgeon of extensive experience in Africa, is quite clever with his pencil, and in the former Matabele war furnished some of the most interesting sketches to the London Graphic. He was one of the "Last Patrol" during that famous but ill-fated expedition when Major Wilson and his gallant band were exterminated near the Shangani river by Lobengula's warriors. Describing this episode, Dr. Hogg says that Major Forbes with 120 men pressed forward in pursuit of Lobengula, hoping to capture him. Dr. Hogg went as surgeon to that force. At the Shangani river Major Forbes halted to camp and ordered Wilson with 40 men to ride forward a couple of miles on the track of the fugitive Matabele and then to return and report.

Wilson, however, never returned. Whether he thought he would make a dash and perhaps capture Lobengula himself is not known, but the next morning Forbes' party heard shots and then two men came from Wilson to say that he was surrounded. There was no chance to help, however, for with a large force of Matabele attacking them and wounded men to care for Forbes' little party had all they could do to look after themselves and escape the annihilation that overtook Wilson.

Speaking of the present war Dr. Hogg is of opinion that there are enough troops now in Matabeleland to crush out the rising of natives, but it will only be by means of inflicting such a crushing blow that the Matabele will be forced out of the territory. That the Matabele imagine that they can conquer the whites, Dr. Hogg does not believe. He thinks that they are trying to get revenge by killing all the white men they can. The Matabele country Dr. Hogg describes as healthy and rich in resources. The gold mines will far exceed even those of the Transvaal. The Matabele is a far superior man to the Mashona, and a brave fighter where the Mashona is an arrant coward. In the former war, when the Mashonas were friendly to the British and were employed with the troops, just as soon as an attack occurred the Mashona would fall prostrate on the ground and cover his head, and from this position neither persuasion nor energetic kicks would rouse him till the fighting was all done.

The Matabele is a native gentleman, and, according to Dr. Hogg, has an innate courtesy for a guest that certainly proves it.

A stranger dismounting at a kraal of some head Matabele, is met by one of the attendants; his horse is taken care of and a stool is brought for the guest to rest. Afterwards food is offered, for though the owner of the kraal may be sitting close by, he considers it discourteous to intrude upon his guest till the latter is rested and refreshed. Then the host rises and gravely greets his guest with native courtesy.

The absence of Dr. Jameson from the Matabele country, Dr. Hogg considers, tells against the British. "Dr. Jim" is considered by the natives a great war chief, and his influence would go far towards helping along a conclusion to the war. For a long time to come Matabeleland will not be a very safe place for white men, and Dr. Hogg, now that he in Victoria, likes this part of the world and will remain some time, and perhaps make up his mind to settle here.

THE CITY.

A couple of small cases, one an infraction of the health by-law and another of the streets by-law, were dealt with in the police court yesterday. In the first named costs of the court were imposed, and in the other a remand was taken.

The dates of the provincial fall exhibitions so far as yet known are: Wellington, Sept. 16; Nanaimo, Sept. 18 and 19; Langley-Glenwood, Sept. 25; Duncan, Sept. 25; Chilliwack, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 2; Ashcroft, Oct. 1 and 2; New Westminster, Oct. 6, 7, 8 and 9; Kamloops, Oct. 7, 8 and 9; Richmond, Oct. 13, and Vernon, Oct. 14 and 15.

A partial eclipse of the moon was visible last night in Victoria and excited a good deal of interest, as a splendid view could be obtained of it. The phenomenon was at its best about half-past ten, when the shadow covered all but a small portion of the upper part of the planet. The sight attracted the attention of the crowds of people who throng Government street on Saturday nights, and little groups stoop here and there on the sidewalk gazing skyward, making observations.

Captain Grant and Henry Saunders came back yesterday from Texada island where they had put in a day examining the mines. The Van Anda, Mr. Saunders reports as looking even better than hitherto, as quite a lot of free gold is showing in the ore, which gets richer with development. There are thirty feet of drift now, in addition to the 70-foot tunnel. A quantity of ore and specimens were brought down by Mr. Saunders and the gold can be seen in the rock with the naked eye. Development work is also being done on the Lorndale and Victoria claims on Texada.

A woman was caught shoplifting in one of the leading dry goods store last night, but as she told a pitiful story of poverty and hungry children at home the kind-hearted proprietor allowed her to go free on restitution of his property. Not only did the woman admit her theft but she also owned up to having stolen on former occasions, promising faithfully to bring everything back to-morrow. Of late storekeepers, especially dry goods establishments, where it is almost impossible to keep an oversight of the goods displayed, have had quite a number of small losses by petty thieving.

It has been arranged that the headquarter companies of the Fifth Regiment leave Victoria on the Charmer on September 2 to take part in the sham fight and review at the Vancouver carnival, and will return home next evening. The military programme will, it is expected, include a short sham fight near False Creek, and in addition to the militia, two companies of bluejackets from H.M.S. Comus will take part with a field battery. Afterwards the troops will march to the Cambie street grounds and receive Captain Dyke, a march past and other review movements following.

Yesterday the preliminary objections were filed to the protest against the election of Mr. W. W. B. McInnes as member of parliament for Vancouver Island district. The objections were filed by Mr. G. F. Cane, of Nanaimo, representing Mr. McInnes, Mr. George E. Powell being named as Mr. Cane's agent. The objections ask for the dismissal of the petition against Mr. McInnes on general grounds, alleging among other things that the election petition was not served within the proper time, and that the petitioner against Mr. McInnes (William Avons) was not on the voters' list for Vancouver island district.

Yesterday afternoon was spent by Sergeant Langley and Constable Wallis of the provincial police in carefully dragging with grappling irons in the Arm in the vicinity of Point Ellice, where a few days ago Hatcher and his companions fished up a piece of what was believed to be a human corpse. Owing to the mass of iron and wire from the bridge accident that covers the bottom of the Arm at that place the operation of dragging was found to be very difficult. The hooks kept catching on portions of the wreckage and all that was brought to the surface was some 60 feet of copper trolley wire and a piece of cloth that apparently had been part of a man's clothing.

The steamer Joan, arriving yesterday on her regular weekly trips from Comox, brought news of an unfortunate shooting accident at Vesuvius Bay. A young man named Bird who was visiting at Mr. Tolson's went out shooting on Thursday, and not returning search was made for him. Dr. Redmond, of Victoria, who happened to be at the Bay at the time assisted in the search, and on Friday afternoon came across Bird's dead body lying across a log in the woods. A great hole in the throat and a discharged gun lying beside the body seemed to be conclusive proof that the unfortunate young man in trying to clamber over the log had slipped and his gun had in the fall been discharged with immediately fatal results. It is understood that Bird's relatives live in Montreal, whence he came to British Columbia several years ago.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The union missionary conference held its last session it St. Andrew's church on Friday evening, Rev. W. L. Clay occupying the chair. As Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Metlakahtla, to whom the evening was assigned, was unable to be present, it was agreed that the missionaries engaged in active work should give their experience in short addresses, with the result that the last session was one of the most profitable of all the sessions of the conference.

Mr. C. A. Colman, Presbyterian missionary to the Chinese in Vancouver, gave an interesting sketch of the work done in Canton, where he had been for seven years. Rev. Mr. Kaburagyi, missionary to the Japanese in Vancouver, related the marvelous conquest of the Gospel in Japan, and the work among the Japanese in British Columbia. Rev. Mr. Stone, Methodist missionary to the West Coast Indians, gave a stirring account of the Nitinats and other tribes of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Mr. Swartout, Presbytery missionary to the Barclay Sound Indians, graphically described the miseries of the Indians of the Northern portion of Vancouver Island through the practice of potlatching and the diabolical influence of the medicine man.

Rev. Mr. Barraclough, Methodist missionary at Chilliwack, in a racy and pleasing address described the condition of the Fraser Valley Indians. Rev. E. Robson, of Ladner's Landing, who was sent to the province as missionary of the Methodist church in 1858, gave a most instructive address, full of humor and pathos, based upon his early experience among the Indians on the Fraser, and described the progress which they made in 38 years in civilization and Christianity, which is very great.

The conference on the whole was from start to finish a grand success, a success far beyond the most sanguine expectation of those who were instrumental in calling it. "The unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," without effort to that end on the part of any, characterized all its deliberations. Four great denominations were represented in the conference, yet the machinery moved on without jar or break, to the glory of God.

At the close ten minutes were spent in farewell greetings, after which all joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again." To fix the place and date of the next meeting was left with the executive.

The Bishop of Niagara and Mrs. Dumoulin arrived from the East last night on a short visit to the Coast. They are at the Dallas.

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