The Colonist.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

H. M. S. Amphion.

The British screw cruiser Amphion, which sailed from England on January 20, called at San Francisco yesterday on her way to Esquimalt.

The Shuswap & Okanagon.

It is understood that American capital has been secured for building the Shuswap & Okanagon Railway, and that there is every reason to believe that the work will be commenced in the course of a short time and the road completed with the greatest possible despatch.

The Last Dance.

The season's series of pleasant dances from time to time held under the auspices of Mrs. Dickenson's dancing class, was brought to a close last evening by a very enjoyable hop in Harmony Hall. Good music, a good floor and a good supper aided very materially in making the pleasure of the evening complete.

A New Lodge.

A new lodge of the Knights of Pythias will be organized in Westminster on Tuesday evening next by Deputy Supreme Chancellor Chambers, of this city, assisted by the members of Far West Lodge. The order of the K. of P. is growing rapidly all over the province, and is fast increasing in membership in this city.

Sealing Schooner Adele.

Capt. Hanson, of the sealing schooner Adele, has just arrived here from Ecool in company with Mr. George Logan, of that place. He put in here for provisions, and reports having made a very good catch of fur seals. The captain intends starting in a few days for the Behring's Seas, and will carry with him the best wishes of the settlers of this district.—Courier.

Elopement from Tacoma.

J. E. McCormack, a prominent contractor of Tacoma, has disappeared from that city, and is believed to be now in Victoria. McCormack is said to have been accompanied in his flight by a Mrs. Jordan. A warrant is out at Tacoma for his arrest, charging him with obtaining $1,000 under false pretenses. The principal loser is William Squires, a wealthy resident of Tacoma.

The Fraser's Discoverer.

Mr. Watson, M. P., and Mr. N. C. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg board of Trade, waited on Honorable Messrs. Haggart and Dewdney at Ottawa and asked a gratuity to Miss Fraser, of Winnipeg, daughter of Mr. Simon Fraser, the discoverer of the Fraser River. The delegates pointed out that the discovery of this river was the means of securing the province of British Columbia as British territory, and hence a small gratuity to his daughter would not be inappropriate.

The Caffire Case.

In the city police court yesterday, Charles Flesh was charged by a man named Caffire with assault. Caffire, it will be remembered, is the father of the two little shoplifters who figured in the court a few days ago. His daughter has been living with Flesh for some time past, and it is stated that Flesh has been supplying the whole family with food to keep them from starving, as they certainly would if left to the tender care of the unnatural father. The case was remanded until Monday, when some startling evidence will be forthcoming.

Telegraph Heads.

Mr. Chas. R. Hosmer, manager of the C.P.R. telegraphs, arrived by the Olympian from Seattle last evening, accompanied by L. W. Storror, superintendent of the Pacific Postal, and Mr. J. Wilson, superintendent of the British Columbia division of the C.P.R. telegraph systems. Mr. Hosmer came over the Atchison Route to Los Angeles, where his company has recently extended its lines, and is on one of his periodical tours of inspection. He remains here until Sunday night, when he goes to New Westminster and Vancouver, and thence home over the C.P.R. Mr. Hosmer said that the telegraph business at Victoria shows a steady increase from month to month, and that, as the telegraph is one of the best business barometers, the general trade of the city must be showing a healthy progress.

Steamboat Rivalry.

There is fierce rivalry between the O.R. & N. Co. and the West Seattle Ferry Company over the occupancy of a slip adjoining the latter's wharf, which came very near culminating in a serious accident on Thursday. The ferry boat City of Seattle left the slip on her trip to West Seattle, when the steamer Emma Hayward, according to the account, deliberately attempted to head her off and crossed right in front of her. The master of the ferry boat, seeing that a collision was inevitable, backed his engines at full speed, but the momentum of the vessel was so great that she kept right ahead and crashed into the Hayward, carrying away about forty feet of her side between decks, and causing damage to the amount of $500. The excitement among the passengers was intense, but fortunately no one was injured. An investigation is to be held.

From China and Japan.

The C. P. R. China steamship Abyssinia arrived from China and Japan shortly after six o'clock yesterday morning, and anchored about two miles out from the Ocean Dock to wait for a pilot. Here she remained at anchor for one hour and a quarter, while the pilot, in a small row-boat, attempted to make his way out to her through a heavy sea. Several times the people who watched the progress of the row-boat from the dock thought that it was swamped, but it at last reached the steamer safely, and the Abyssinia proceeded on her way to Vancouver with the Victoria mails and passengers on board. It would have been an easy thing for the steamer to have called at the wharf, discharged the Victoria mails and passengers, taken on the pilot and gone on to Vancouver, without losing half the time that she was forced to by lying to in the straits.

The Vancouver Post Office.

The Vancouver post office must certainly possess a staff unequal to their duties. Complaints are general that letters and papers plainly addressed find their way to a destination in some cases thousands of miles apart from that indicated on the envelope. As an instance of the annoyance that is caused by the failure of the post office staff to intelligently carry out their duties, the fate that befel a parcel of COLONISTS may be cited. On Sunday, the 21st April, a package of papers plainly addressed "Lyal & Co., Westminster," were forwarded to Vancouver post office in a special bag, and on Monday they were assorted for their destination. They did not arrive by the Westminster mail, but turned up a week later at the Royal City, the careless clerk having placed them in the Winnipeg bag. The many people who read THE COLONIST in Westminster were naturally annoyed at the delay in arrival, especially because on that day the portrait of the late Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir accompanied it. A representative of this paper learned of several instances where mail matter had gone astray simply through the negligence of the Vancouver post-office clerks. It is to be hoped that the inspector will pay some attention to the numerous complaints that have been made in regard to the methods of carrying on business in the Vancouver post-office. If the postmaster's allowance for salaries of clerks is not sufficient to secure good men, it should be increased, and a staff employed that will do the large amount of business transacted there to the satisfaction of the public. The existing state of affairs should be remedied at once.

She Must Go.

A woman known as Lottie Hastings, who lives on Broad street, in this city, has been advertising systematically in the San Francisco papers during the past few weeks for young girls, ostensibly to work in a Victoria hotel, but whom in reality she wishes to procure for a life of shame. The police have been warned to lookout for the woman, who bears a very bad name, and it is probable that she will not long disgrace the city by her presence.

Knights of Pythias.

Col. Bigelow, of Seattle, Grand Organizer of the Knights of Pythias, arrived by the steamer Olympian last evening, accompanied by a number of the Sir Knights of Seattle. The party were met at the boat by a number of the members of Far West Lodge, who escorted them to their hotel. Last evening the distinguished visitors attended and took part in the regular meeting of Far West Lodge, and after the regular business was transacted, were banquetted at the Poodle Dog, where several hours were very happily spent in toast, song and sentiment. The visiting Sir Knights go to Nanaimo to-day to organize a lodge of the Uniform Rank.

Y. M. C. A.

The board of directors held their regular monthly meeting at the rooms last evening, the President, Hon. John Robson, presiding. Reports were received from the various committees showing the work to be in a satisfactory condition. The committee to secure new rooms presented several plans, and action will be taken at once to secure new and commodious rooms by fall. The association will be incorporated as soon as the necessary papers can be secured. It is also the intention to publish a monthly bulletin in the interests of the work, giving both local and foreign Association news. The date fixed for the four illustrated lectures by Mr. C. E. Bolton, the celebrated traveller, is May 28th to 31st, inclusive. Situations have been secured for several young men the past month, and several given temporary aid. The attendance at the reading room was the largest the past month it has ever been, among them being many strangers.

A Westminster Assault Case.

The usually quiet and orderly city of Westminster was aroused to a state of excitement on Thursday evening by the report that Mr. A. J. McColl, barrister, had been assaulted on the streets in a cowardly manner by Edward Gold. It appears that Mr. McColl, while returning from the assize court, was struck from behind, the blow falling heavily on his head. He was partially stunned by the assault, and before he could recover, the blows were repeated, following each other in quick succession. Thinking he was assailed by footpads, Mr. McColl called for help, and ran in the direction of Blackwood street, where he met Mr. J. C. Armstrong and two men. A moment later, Edward Gold came up and attempted to repeat the assault, but was prevented by several people who had gathered on the spot. A warrant was issued for Gold's arrest, and the case is to be heard to-day, the accused, meanwhile, being admitted to bail. The assault arose out of a difficulty in settling some legal matters.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The new cannery steamer Alert will go out on a short trial trip to-day.

Capt. Dewar's pleasure yacht Nyanza, set sail early this morning for the north.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Minister to Washington, will visit the coast in September.

Capt. J. C. Hunter, late of the Idaho, is now in command of the steamship Geo. W. Elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wall, of Wellington, are mourning the death of their little daughter. Diphtheria again.

All persons having accounts against the city that were passed in May are requested to call at the city hall for their cheques.

The Pacific Express on Thursday had over 200 passengers, including a special excursion of three cars from Toronto containing 130 persons.

The Salvation Army's great meeting in the schoolroom of the Pandora street Methodist church, was well attended yesterday afternoon, by the soldiers but very few others.

W. G. Sam, whose trials and tribulations over the liquor question occupied the attention of the police magistrate for the best part of a week, has at last made application for a license.

Sergeant Walker arrested a man named Wm. Daley yesterday morning, on a charge of supplying liquor to Indians. Daley is supposed to have been making lots of money at the business for several months past.

Three skilled disciples of Isaac Walton returned last evening from a day's fishing at Prospect Lake bringing back a third of a trout to the rod. The rest were left on the banks to be salted for shipment east.

Messrs. W. H. Whittaker and H. G. Hall have successfully passed the examinations of the law society, and have been admitted to practice in the courts of British Columbia as barristers and solicitors.

The North Pacific Canning Company's new steamer, now building at the Rice Mills, will be launched on Wednesday or Thursday next. Messrs. Muirhead and Mann have the contract for the housework.

The funeral of the late James Fish takes place at 1:45 this afternoon from the residence of his brother, corner of Rock Bay avenue and Henry street, and at two o'clock from the Gorge Road Methodist church.

The young men of the Y. M. C. A. will hold a members' social on Wednesday evening next, when music will be provided, refreshments served, and everything possible done to promote the pleasure of those attending.

A special meeting of the city council was held in the mayor's office last evening, the object of the meeting being to allow the provisional directors of the Victoria, Saanich and Westminster Railway an opportunity of stating the objects of the company.

Mr. John Mitchell, of Comox, in looking over the files of the Nanaimo Free Press, unexpectedly came upon the announcement of the death of his father in Winnipeg. This was the first intimation Mr. Mitchell had of his bereavement, and the sad news fell with stunning force.

S. G. Beasley and his wife, Florence Wood, variety performers who recently appeared at the Club Theatre, are suing John Cort, manager of the Standard Theatre, at Seattle, for breach of contract and salary. Beasley and his wife were discharged by Mr. Roller before their engagement was concluded, and as they had been engaged by Cort, they are now bringing suit.

COUNTY COURT.

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

W. P. Sayward v. W. F. Bullen. This was an action brought to recover the sum of $1000 paid on an order given by one Johnson, the contractor who built the Assembly Rooms, upon the defendant who was at that time secretary of the Assembly Hall building committee. Argument was adjourned until Tuesday next.

A. F. Englehardt, who for the last twenty-one months has been in the post-office, severed his connection to take a position in the Northern Pacific express office.

ISLAND LANDS.

Homes for Settlers in the Nitinat and Other Valleys.

D. H. McNeill, who visited the west coast last fall with the party which were employed to discover a route for the telegraph line to Bonilla Point, states that in the Nitinat Valley, running in from the inlet of lake of that name, there is a large area of arable land, which might readily be brought into cultivation. The salt water lake or inlet reaches in from the ocean for about nine miles, is a mile and a half across at the widest point, and when once entered is a safe harbor. The entrance from the ocean is a couple of hundred yards across, but at favorable stages of the tide is easily passed into the deep and quiet waters beyond. The valley is about six miles in width at the widest point, narrowing down as the interior is reached, where the bench lands begin and the foothills of the mountain are approached. The valley is well covered with timber, red cedar and spruce, in the higher land being fir. Portions of the land are covered with maple and alder, others being swamp land. These could be easily cleared for agricultural purposes. The surrounding hills are heavily timbered with Douglas fir of the finest kind.

Mr. McNeill states that in the easier cleared portions there is land sufficient for fifty or sixty settlers, while the heavier timbered part would accommodate a hundred or more. The Nitinat inlet is thirty-five miles southeast of the entrance of Barclay Sound, and of course that much nearer Victoria by sea. It is one of a number of valleys which extend along the coast to the north, including Jordan meadows and San Juan valley. The latter is about forty miles from Victoria by the trail leading through Jordan meadows via Sooke Lake. Low divides connect each of these valleys and it is possible to build a wagon road from a point on the present Sooke road along Sooke lake, through Jordan meadows to the headwaters of San Juan river, from thence to the head of the Nitinat valley, and on to the waters of the inlet. This would render available for settlement very considerable tracts of land, which would no doubt be settled if some means of ingress and egress were afforded.

It is often stated that there is but little arable land in Vancouver Island, but how meagre is the information respecting any section lying twenty or thirty miles from the east coast or a dozen miles from the line of the Island railway. It is undoubtedly the case that, besides the few valleys mentioned above, there are dozens of others lying between the wooded hills, which would provide homes for thousands of settlers. Only an exploratory survey will demonstrate this, and in order that immigrants may be accommodated with some definite information in regard to probable locations, there should be such a survey made. The valley of the Nitinat is easily approached by sea, and now that it is asserted that good land abounds there, it is probable that settlers will take advantage of it. The occasional steamer which visits Alberni could easily call going and coming, and land passengers and supplies at the head of the Nitinat Lake or Inlet. The valley might be surveyed into townships and sections, which would greatly facilitate the location of settlers, and would avoid any trouble in regard to land when settlement had been made.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

As Decided Upon Last Evening, for the Celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

The following is the official programme for the Queen's Birthday Celebration on May 24th and 25th, as decided upon last evening at a general committee meeting. The detailed programme, containing prizes, etc., will be distributed in a few days.

FIRST DAY.

Baseball Match—Victoria v. Seattle, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sailing Match, same hour from Outer Wharf.

Horse Racing, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Victoria Driving Park.

Bicycle Races, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Regatta, 2 p.m.

Ball in Assembly Hall, to commence at 9 p.m.

SECOND DAY.

Lacrosse Match—Victoria v. Vancouver, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Horse Racing at Victoria Driving Park, 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Athletic Sports (including an exhibition by E. W. Johnson, the celebrated Canadian athlete) 9:30 a.m. to 12 m.

Sham Battle, 2 p.m.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

CRICKET.

A match game of cricket will be played at Beacon Hill to-day, commencing at two o'clock sharp, between members of the Victoria cricket club over thirty years of age and members under thirty.

BASEBALL.

The third local league game of the season will be played at Beacon Hill this afternoon between the Maple Leafs and the Mayflowers. The following are the players and their positions:

Maple Leaf.		*Mayflower.*
Gowen, Geo	Catcher	Borthwick
Mills	Pitcher	Baker
Meldrum	1st b	Partridge
Clyde	2d b	Gus Gowen
Willis	3d b	Hamley
Beckingham	s. s	Williams
Duck	l. f	N Gowen
Burnes	c. f	Wrigglesworth
Till	r. f	Mansell

F. Wolfenden will umpire to-day's game.

Seattle will play Victoria on the morning of the 24th.

The Maple Leafs will take the diamond to-day in their full new uniforms of brown and gold; the stockings and caps having just arrived from Chicago.

It is stated that Pennock and Clayton intend presenting a magnificent silver trophy to the winning club in the local baseball league at the end of the season's work.

HERE AND THERE.

Horse-racing has been added to the programme for the 24th of May celebration.

The suggestion thrown out yesterday morning in regard to increasing the prizes for local races on the 24th, has been acted upon, the prizes in the outrigger race being made $30, $20 and $10.

The Oregonian says the Standard baseball nine of Portland will play a Seattle nine on May 18th and 19th, and then proceed to Victoria to cross bats with the Victoria boys.

O'Connor and Lee have commenced active training at Tacoma for the regatta which takes place there on May 18th. The oarsmen take a long pull over the bay every morning.

MARINE.

Steamships Empire and San Mateo sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo yesterday.

Steamer Walla Walla will leave the outer wharf at one o'clock to-day for San Francisco.

Ship Rufus E. Wood, with 2,300 tons Vancouver coal, was to have sailed from Nanaimo yesterday for San Francisco.

Steamer Maude arrived from Departure Bay yesterday with coal for the Albion Iron Works, and will leave today at five o'clock for the north.

Steamer Mexico arrived at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning from San Francisco, with 226 tons of freight and six passengers for Victoria.

The ship Robert Belknap, now under the shutes at Nanaimo, will carry the largest cargo that has yet been taken from the Black Diamond city by a sailing vessel. She will take 4,000 tons of coal.

D. S. McLeod, of Nanaimo, is now champion heavyweight wrestler of the coast.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Outgoing Passengers.

The following were passengers for San Francisco yesterday per steamer Walla Walla: Mrs. Baker, L. Langley, S. Kelly, Louis Levy, Mrs. Bagnall, J. P. Tyree, Mrs. J. McWhinnie, Mrs. L. O'Brien and child, Wong Sin Chu, and John Scott.

The Scrap Book.

Royce and Lansing's Musical Comedy Company, which is recognized as one of the best dramatic organizations on the road, has been booked to appear at The Victoria on Monday evening, the 13th inst. The bill will be "The Scrap Book," one of the brightest bits of musical comedy ever seen on the stage.

They Showed Fight.

Provincial Constable Miller, Detective Dunstan and Special Officer North, arrested two deserters from H.M.S. Swiftsure, a marine and a bluejacket, yesterday afternoon. The marine, who is a brother of Jem Smith, the English prize fighter, gave battle, and it took six men from the ship to hold him; when, with the irons on, he made up his mind to fight Dunstan after the fashion of the billy goat.

Raiding a Tan Tan Game.

Supt. Sheppard last night entered a Chinese house on Cormorant street, and surprised between twenty and thirty celestials who were deeply interested in a game of tan tan. The dealer, Hee Wing, and the banker On Gow were arrested, but secured their release on bail. Evidently the game was paying well as Gow had $182.80, all in silver, in his various pockets when arrested.

The Mission Bridge.

Advices from St. Mary's Mission state that the contractors for the C.P.R. railway and traffic bridge have about 125 men on the works. Seven of the piers and the piling for the approach on the right bank of the river are completed. It is expected that the butments, with their stone fillings, will be completed next week. The water is fast rising in the Fraser and it is expected that operations on the bridge will have to be suspended in consequence for a short time.—Columbian.

An Untruthful Statement.

Through some means as yet unknown to the management, a paragraph was sent to the composing room and printed in yesterday morning's paper stating that Mr. Robert Ward, president of the board of trade, had "made large investments in Vancouver town lots." This is untrue. Mr. Ward, though for some time the possessor of a couple of Vancouver lots, has not made any recent investments, and how the item was smuggled into the composing room is at present puzzling the editorial staff.

A New Cartridge.

A rifle cartridge has been invented in France, and some surprising results have been obtained with it at the Vincennes ranges. The new cartridge, which is similar in appearance, weight, and every other detail to the Lebel cartridge, is claimed to possess considerable advantages. In the first place, the metal jacket is entirely dispensed with, and the cartridge can be instantly adapted to all military rifles, especially the Grass, which is still borne by the French territorial corps. Finally, the cartridge is said to be smokeless, and does not foul or clog the barrel, while the cost is 70 per cent. below the price of the ordinary cartridge.—Broad Arrow.

An Enterprising Firm.

Lenz & Leiser, Government street, have made rapid strides in business, and now carry an extensive stock of general dry goods and clothing, confining their attention to the wholesale trade only. They recently arranged to handle the total output of the Westminster woolen mills, consisting of blankets, tweeds, etc. The goods of this factory are coming into great favor in the province, their blankets being especially good, being equal in quality to the finest imported goods. It is to be hoped that the arrangement will be profitable alike to the merchant and manufacturer, and will tend to an enlargement of the establishments of both.

Building Improvements.

Mr. John Teague has prepared plans for a two-story brick building, corner of Douglas and Yates, having a frontage on the latter of 60 feet, and on the former eighty feet. In consequence of the construction of the Johnson street sewer the builders are having a deep basement constructed. The building will be of brick, is of handsome design, and will have on the ground floor four stores, the second floor being fitted up for offices.

Construction on the building corner of Yates and Broad streets will shortly begin.

The plans for the alterations of Shotbolt's building have been prepared, and will be immediately carried out.

Chinese Arrivals.

Among the arrivals by the steamer Islander last evening were seventy-five Chinese who intend to make their homes in Victoria, and who arrived in Vancouver by the Abyssinia. The customs officials were kept busy for a couple of hours in examining the certificates presented by the Celestial immigrants, and comparing the descriptions therein given with the physical peculiarities of those who presented them. Seven or eight of the applicants were refused, as the descriptions given in the certificates could not be made to tally. One thin, pale, consumptive looking Chinaman in particular seemed very much surprised when he was refused admission on a certificate describing him as weighing about 250 pounds, and being tall, fat, and of aldermanic proportions. Eighty-five other Chinese immigrants of the same shipment are expected to come over from Vancouver to-night.

KAMLOOPS JOTTINGS.

(From the *Sentinel*.)

The steamer Kamloops left on Thursday morning for Enderby and way ports. This is the first boat of the season. A large consignment of freight went up on the boat and there was a good passenger list.

Le Roy Miller Bryant, charged under the Speedy Trials Act, before Mr. Justice Walkem, on Thursday, for stealing Constable Irwin's horse at Granite Creek. The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

There was celebrated in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening last a very interesting event—the marriage of Mr. J. S. Smith, baker and confectioner, and Miss M. J. Browne, sister of J. L. Browne, merchant. The church was well filled with onlookers, the fair sex being predominant. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, and the young couple were ably supported by Mr. H. Coursier and Miss C. Douglas. The bride was very neatly attired, and carried a handsome bridal bouquet of natural flowers, specially provided for the occasion.

About midnight on Thursday there passed away at the Inland Hospital a gentleman who was largely identified with the history of British Columbia in the stirring times of the sixties. We refer to Mr. John Craig, of late years a great farmer at Ashcroft. The deceased gentleman came to the hospital for treatment for a serious case of inflammation of the lungs. But the decease had gone too far to be successfully treated and he passed quietly away at the time mentioned. The deceased was a well preserved man, and his early demise is a sad blow to the widow and relatives who survive him. The remains were taken to Ashcroft and will be interred on the property on which he lived, this being his wish expressed before death.

Stockmen are somewhat uneasy concerning blackleg, and fear a further outbreak. Within a few weeks past there have been several deaths from this fatal disease. On the Kootenay, near Scott's Coulee, five head have died within the past three weeks. This vicinity has until lately been free from the disease. There have been a number of other cases in different parts of the country.

Mr. G. O. Buchanan, a gentleman well known in Kamloops and the upper country, has purchased a sawmill from Dr. Hendryx of Kootenai Station, N. P. Railway. This will be taken in per wagon road to Bonner's Ferry, and shipped down the Kootenay river to a point in the outlet of the lake about midway between the Toad Mountain, Warm Springs and Galena Bay mining camp, where Mr. Buchanan has a very fine timber limit. The mill is of a capacity of about 20,000 feet b. m. per day, and will have planing, shingle and lath machinery. It will be in operation before the end of June, probably. Up to date there has been no sawn lumber in the vicinity, the buildings being log and stake structures.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The Grismer-Davies Dramatic Co. are heading this way.

A sturgeon weighing 840 pounds was caught in the Fraser yesterday.

Wharf street was the scene of an uneventful runaway yesterday afternoon.

The inland revenue collections at Vancouver for April amounted to $1,421.20.

Mr. J. J. Austin has taken possession of his new office on Government street.

Another verandah on Yates street, opposite the Poodle Dog, came down yesterday.

McCormack, who skipped from Tacoma with $4,000, was seen in Victoria yesterday.

During the month of April 23,869 tons of coal were shipped from the port of Nanaimo.

A meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening conducted by Mr. W. J. Twiss.

Messrs. McLennan and McFeely yesterday took possession of their new premises on Yates street

It is rumored at Seattle that when the steamer Eliza Anderson is repaired she will be placed on the Seattle-Victoria route.

Rev. G. Lockhead of Winnipeg will address all young men who care to come to the Y. M. C. A. rooms at one o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Robt. Jamieson, bookseller and stationer, has disposed of a very large number of the handsome colored lithographs of Victoria.

Mr. Willis Bond is considering the advisability of calling a meeting for the purpose of discoursing on the subject of "Our Representatives."

Edward Gold, the young man who assaulted Mr. A. J. McColl at Westminster, has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

The excursion party which was to have left for Port Angeles yesterday did not go, owing to the inability of the Port Angeles Land and Investment Co., who had the arrangements in hand, to procure a steamer.

While the steamship Walla Walla was under the coal bunkers at Seattle on Friday, a stevedore named Johnson fell a distance of 35 feet, struck the rail of the steamship with his head and fractured his skull.

At the Westminster court of assize yesterday, the grand jury found a true bill against Dr. Langis and Arthur Sullivan for abortion, and the court adjourned till the 16th inst., when this notorious case comes up for trial.

The case of William Daley, charged with supplying liquor to Indians, was the only one to occupy the attention of the police magistrate yesterday. After a part of the evidence had been taken, the case was remanded until Monday.

A lively team of carriage horses took fright at the Salvation Army on Douglas street last evening, and, becoming uncontrolable, made a fast run down the street. The occupant of the carriage was thrown out, but sustained no injury.

Owing to the breakage of her foremast while she was discharging a cargo of coal at the C. P. N. Co.'s dock yesterday, the steamer Maude was unable to leave for the north last evening. She will sail as soon as the damages are made good.

Charles Hoadley, living at Somenos, narrowly escaped death a few days ago while cutting down a tree. The tree in its fall struck another tree, which caused it to glance and knock Mr. Hoadley down, dislocating his thigh. He was taken to Nanaimo for treatment.

It is reported that Melville D. Landon (Eli Perkins) has been suddenly called home by the illness of several members of his family, and may possibly be compelled in consequence to cancel all Pacific coast engagements, including his Victoria date.

While H. M. S. Amphion was off Monterey, Cal., the surgeon, James Vesey, died of pneumonia. The remains were embalmed at San Francisco, and are being brought to Esquimalt by the Amphion, where, upon arrival, they will be interred in the naval cemetery.

PERSONAL.

C. Freeman of Los Angeles is at the Driard.

E. A. Wadhams of Ladner's Landing is in the city.

Lieut.-Col. Holmes, who has been ill with fever, is convalescing.

H. C. Trimmonds of Lomar, Mo., is paying a visit to Victoria.

Ald. S. Kelly left yesterday on a business trip to San Francisco.

W. H. Redmond and wife arrived from Vancouver last night.

R. Jacobs, wife and family, of Portland, Ore., are visiting Victoria.

James G. Heater and E. C. Jenkins of Toronto are guests at the Oriental.

R. Jones, of the inland revenue department, returned from the mainland last night.

D. M. Eberts, B. Van Volkenburgh and W. A. Russell returned on the Islander last night.

W. R. White of St. Thomas, Ont., arrived in the city last evening, and is a guest at the Oriental.

Col. Newton Ogle and R. Feewen accompany the Earl of Chesterfield on his present tour of America.

W. E. Harris, business manager of the Royce and Lansing Musical Comedy Company is at the Driard.

E. L. Shannon, an old Victorian, now a resident of Seattle, is in the city renewing old acquaintances.

J. W. Pinchot, wife and daughter, of New York, and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery of Portland, Ore., are at the Driard.

Rev. M. L. Rugg, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will to-day preach the dedication sermon of the new Baptist church at Tacoma.

R. Berry and family of eight, residents of the East Indies, are spending a few days in seeing the sights of Victoria. They were passengers by the Abyssinia, and are now guests at the Oriental.

Judge and Mrs. Senkler, of St. Catharines, Ont., arrived by the Sound steamer last evening, and will remain for several days in Victoria the guests of Hon. A. N. Richards, with whom Judge Senkler was a law student in his youth.

The Earl of Chesterfield arrived by the Sound steamer last night, his intention being to meet his friend, the Earl of Lonsdale, who left for the east yesterday. Lord Chesterfield will probably join his adventurous friend in Winnipeg.

Chas. R. Hosmer, general manager of the C.P.R. telegraphs; L. W. Storror, superintendent of the Pacific Postal; J. Wilson, superintendent of the British Columbia division of the C. P. R. telegraphs, and John A. and Mrs. Pillow of Montreal, leave for Westminster tonight by the steamer R. P. Rithet.

SPORTS AND PASTIME.

A GREAT GAME.

The third game of baseball for the local championship was played yesterday afternoon before a large number of spectators, (no hoodlums,) between the Maple Leaf and Mayflower clubs, the former winning by a score of 16 to 12.

Mills pitched a great game for the Maple Leafs, but 7 hits being made off him. He was well supported by Geo Gowen behind the bat, and fairly well in the field. He performed the feat of striking out the side in the last innings. Gowen, Duck, Mills and Meldrum led in batting for the winners; each having two hits to his credit.

The Mayflowers presented a strong agreggation; Baker and Borthwick being in the "points," but they were not equal to the occasion. Timely and strong batting won the game, Hamly, Borthwick and Gus Gowen leading in batting for the losers.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	BH.	E
Maple Leaf	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	5	16	12	5
May Flower	4	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	12	7	6

Struck out by Mills, 11; Baker 6.

Which is the best club? Each has won a game. James Bay beats Maple Leafs, Mayflowers beat the James Bay, and the Maple Leafs beat the Mayflowers.

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir Club defeated the Nationals yesterday by one run.

THE TURF.

A few interested spectators gathered at the Victoria Driving Park yesterday afternoon to witness a matched trotting race, best three heats five, for $200 a side, between W. Dickson's horse "Jim" and Doc. Hall's horse "Don." The race was won easily by "Jim," driven by Sangster, taking the second, third and fourth heats. The following is a summary of the race:

	1	2	3	4
Dickson's b. h. "Jim," (Sangster)	2	1	1	1
Hall's b. h. "Don," (McNeill)	1	2	2	2

Time: 3:01, 3:06, 3:10, 3:14.

CRICKET.

A match was played at Beacon Hill yesterday between members over 30 and under 30, resulting in a win for the former by 25 runs. Following is the score:

UNDER THIRTY.

B. W. T. Drake, b Sinclair	20
H. F. Clinton, b Pooley	6
A. Scroggs, b Pooley	7
E. A. Wyld, b Sinclair	9
W. A. Ward, b Sinclair	4
J. H. Ogilvie, b Martin	1
R. H. Handcock, b Martin	1
W. H. Porter, b Martin	0
C. A. Goffin, b Sinclair	0
H. S. Sharpe, not out	2
McKenzie, b Martin	6
Byes	4
Leg Byes	1
Total	61

OVER THIRTY.

J W Sinclair, b Goffin	7
P. Æ. Irving, b Scroggs	33
H. J. Martin, b Porter	5
C. E. Pooley, b Porter	1
Geo. M. Wilson, b McKenzie	20
W. R. Grahame, b Scroggs	0
Capt. Hammet, "	0
H. G. Walker, "	0
— Weber, stpd Wyld, b Clinton	13
Major Peters not out	3
W. J. Goepel, absent	1
Byes	1
Leg byes	2
Wides	0
Total	86

Arrangements are being made for a match to be played on Saturday next between married and single.

MARINE.

Steamer Hope arrived yesterday with a boom of logs for Mr. W. P. Sayward.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz will sail for Alberni on Friday evening, the 10th inst.

Steamer Idaho arrived at 11 o'clock last night with a heavy cargo of freight from Portland.

Bark India cleared at Vancouver yesterday for Melbourne with a cargo of 777,000 feet of lumber.

Ship Rufus E. Wood, loaded with Vancouver coal, was towed to sea on Friday by the tug Pilot.

Ship Kennebec has finished loading Wellington coal at Departure Bay and will sail for San Francisco to-day.

Steamer Walla Walla called at the ocean dock yesterday afternoon, and took on freight and passengers for San Francisco.

Steamships City of Puebla for Victoria, Lackme for Port Townsend, Oregon for Portland, and bark Oregon for Nanaimo, cleared from San Francisco yesterday.

Steamer Pilot, which towed the ship Rufus E. Wood as far as Cape Flattery, returned to port last evening and left at once for Departure Bay to tow down the ship Kennebec.

THE S. S. ABYSSINIA.

The steamship Abyssinia, Capt. Geo. A. Lee, arrived at Vancouver at 1:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, 16 days from Yokohama. During the voyage a number of entertainments were got up for the amusement of those on board, amongst others a very successful musical entertainment was given last Saturday night, and Friday night a concert came off, both of which were highly appreciated.

The passenger list is as follows:

Saloon—Archdeacon Jones, W. M. Bailey, J. J. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pryde, Thos. Methley, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Mills, A. Cushney, jr., J. W. H. Burgoyne, W. Cape, Dr. and Mrs. Henderson, Albert J. Audrade, Mr. and Mrs Troup and child, Mr. and Mrs. Stimson and 3 children, Mrs B Cain, Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Pratt and child, J. Crewe, F. R. Roberson, T. Hoshi, Roger Roux.

Second class—Mr. and Mrs. R. Berry, Frank, Alfred and Horace Berry, Misses Kate, Blanche, Amy and Maud Berry, Thos Paton, Alfred Savill.

Steerage: 19 Japanese, 3 Europeans, 150 Chinese.

A pleasant, social incident took place in the saloon previous to the landing, in which Ven. Archdeacon Jones acted as spokesman for the passengers, and expressed their sentiments in the following verbal address to the captain:

"I am requested on behalf of the other passengers to convey to you the feeling of absolute confidence with which we have sailed under your able guidance as commander of the ss. Abyssinia. Besides paying that tribute to you as a sailor, as a captain we have all felt that we owe you our best thanks for the courtesy and kindness which you have shown us, and the willingness you have exhibited in giving us all information within your power, and to satisfy us in all possible ways."

Captain Lee made the following reply:

"Ladies and Gentlemen:—I wish to thank you for the cordial manner in which you have responded to the vote of thanks. It is a pleasure to me to do anything that is consistent with my duty to make the voyage pleasant and agreeable to our passengers, and at the termination to hear them express so heartily their satisfaction."

The SS. Abyssinia's cargo consisted of 500 tons weight overland and 600 for coast points, principally rice, Chinese merchandise, 194 bales silk and 10 cars of tea. There were 24,930 packages in all.

MARINE.

Steamer Idaho will sail for Victoria from Portland on May 10th.

Ship Commodore, Capt. Baker, arrived in Royal Roads yesterday from San Francisco bound for Nanaimo.

Schooner Lottie came over from Mud Bay yesterday with a cargo of posts.

The steamer Barbara Bowcowitz will sail for Alberni on Friday evening next. See advertisement.

The steamer Alliance, which was sunk by the Danube, is being raised. It will cost $5,000 to repair her.

Steamer Maude sailed for Naas and Skeena rivers and way ports last evening with a heavy general cargo and twenty-one new fishing boats for the northern canneries.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Thanks.

The steward of the Royal Hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a parcel of papers from Mr. Michael Young; a parcel of clothes from Mr. Brown (Brown & White) and a large salmon from Mr. Mitchell.

Gabriola Island.

Boring operations for coal are still being prosecuted on the island. A depth of 2,000 feet has been reached, and it is stated the company will sink to the depth of 2,500 feet. Farming operations are in a forward state, and the different crops are looking well.—Courier.

Real Estate.

A house and two lots on the Work Estate was sold yesterday by Mr. F. Gilchrist to Mr. Woods for the sum of $2,300.

Dr. Morrison yesterday sold to Mr. Ed. Lee two lots near the junction of Fort street and Oak avenue for $800.

Naval.

H. M. S. Amphion arrived at Esquimalt from the south last evening. She left San Francisco on Friday afternoon and had a quick and pleasant passage to Esquimalt. The Amphion is a twin screw cruiser of the second class, and is built of steel. Her tonnage is 3,750, and she is of 5,550 horse power, and carries 10 guns. She is commanded by Captain Hutton.

His Hump Betrayed Him.

Frederick Garman, a German on the steamship Mexico, was captured at Tacoma on Thursday last while attempting to smuggle ten five tael boxes of opium ashore. Garman had the opium concealed on his person in the shape of a large hump on his back. The unnatural deformity attracted the attention of the customs officers and a search revealed the contraband drug.

Capt. Alex. McLean's Whereabouts.

Mr. Munsie, of Carne & Munsie, received a letter from Miss Argyle, of Rocky Point, stating that Capt. Alex. McLean had put in there because of rough weather, and would leave as soon as the storm abated. As the telegraph lines were down to Neah Bay it is more than probable that Capt. McLean is safe. He generally turns up all right.

The Tramway—Surveys to Begin To-morrow!

Mr. T. S. Gore, D.L.S., has been appointed engineer of the National Tramway Co., and will begin the survey of the principal thoroughfares to-morrow. The company hope to have six miles of track laid and equipped before the winter sets in. A general meeting of subscribers to the stock is called for Thursday evening, when business of importance in connection with the great enterprise will be discussed.

Pure Jersey.

There arrived by the steamer Olympian last evening, twenty-two head of the very best Jersey stock direct from the celebrated farms at Davenport, Iowa, and consigned to Mr. W. S. Chambers. The drove is composed of twenty cows and two bulls, with pedigrees unsurpassed. They will be placed on exhibition in a few days, and the public can then judge of the truth of the statement that they are the finest stock ever brought into the province.

"Vigilance is the Price of Liberty."

Mr. Willis Bond has at last yielded to the solicitation of his friends, and will on Tuesday evening the 14th inst., deliver a lecture in Philharmonic Hall upon "The merits and demerits of our representatives to Ottawa, and the duties of this electoral district in respect thereto." The chair will be taken at 7:30 p.m., and the eloquence will begin to flow at 8 o'clock sharp. All respectable people and politicians are invited to be present.

The Professional Oarsmen.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Owing to the breaking off of the arrangement with the professional oarsmen, O'Connor, Hanlan and Teemer, to row at Victoria on the 24th of May, Mr. Creighton received a telegram the other day offering, on behalf of these gentlemen, their services for a regatta at Vancouver, provided a guarantee of $1,000 could be given, but as there was no desire to interfere with the celebration at Victoria, the offer was not accepted."

Going to Japan.

Rev. J. W. Wadman, pastor of the Gorge Road Methodist church, informed his congregation on Sunday last that it was his intention after the meeting of the conference, which meets this month, to sever his connection with the church, in order to engage in mission work in Japan. The reverend gentleman has perfected himself in the language of the Mikado's people, and will no doubt do much good among them, although he will be greatly missed by his many friends in Victoria.

A Seal Hunter's Mishap.

While William Blackburn, a seal hunter belonging to the schooner Penelope, was putting one of the guns away on board the ship yesterday afternoon, the weapon, which he did not know was loaded, was discharged, the contents tearing his hands, both of which were badly injured. A hack was summoned, the injured man was conveyed to the home of a friend named Driscoll, and Dr. Helmcken was soon in attendance upon him. The left hand is very badly injured, and it is possible that amputation may be found necessary.

The Steamer Alaskan.

The transfer of the steamer Alaskan to the Sound, contemplated by the O. R. & N. Co. some time ago, has been definitely settled, and orders have been issued by the company for having her put in seagoing condition at once. The Alaskan is now lying at the boneyard on the Columbia, undergoing repairs and remodeling, and in a few days will be taken to San Francisco to be thoroughly overhauled and repaired. After she is ready to leave the drydock she will be taken to the Sound to resume her old route. The T. J. Potter, whose place the Alaskan will take, will then be brought to Portland to run on the seaside route during the summer season.

Going Home to China.

The bones of fifty Chinamen who were buried in the Chinese burying ground here, were exhumed yesterday for exportation to the Celestial kingdom. A fee of $5 is collected by the city before permission is given to have the bodies removed, and the Chinamen do all the work, so that the exportation of the bodies is a good thing for the city in more ways than one. The only mistake made by the Chinamen is in the manner of their going—they should not wait until after they die. The only excuse offered for them, is that they are so fond of the country that nothing could induce them to leave it while they have breath in their bodies.

Unexpected Sockeye Run.

If every fisherman on the Fraser river had caught a whale in his net, he could not have been more surprised than he was with the results of last night's fishing. A small run of sockeye salmon commenced last night and every fisherman made excellent catches. Vianen's boats brought in this morning over 400 fish, by far the largest number since the season opened. To say the fishermen were surprised scarcely expresses their feelings, the run being so unexpected and unprecedented at this season of the year. A few sockeyes are annually caught in the months of May and June, but the fish are not usually numerous till July. The fishermen freely expressed the opinion that these fish are some more of the good work of the hatchery, otherwise the run would not have commenced till the usual time. How long the run will last, and the dimensions it will assume, are questions which excite considerable speculation, and the results will be watched with keen interest.—Columbian.

The McLaren-Ross Mills.

The directors of the McLaren-Ross Lumber Co. have selected a site for the new mill on the McInnes farm, on the Fraser. The Columbian reports on the very best authority that the plans have been adopted and Mr. Kendall has been instructed to commence work on the new mills forthwith. The mill building will be 455 feet long by 72 feet wide, and it will be furnished with the most modern machinery. Mr. Kendall was to commence active operations on Monday. A second mill will be built somewhere up the coast, but its location has not yet been chosen and may not be for some little time.

Munn's Cannery.

Munn & Co.'s new cannery is now ready to receive the necessary machinery, which arrived a few days ago and was taken down to the cannery last night by the str. Irving. The steamer also took down a thousand boxes of tin for Munn & Co. and the can makers will be put to work immediately so as have a good stock on hand when the run commences. Everything in connection with the building of the new cannery is progressing favorably and all that is now required is a favorable season to repay the enterprise of the energetic proprietors.—Columbian.

Fishing Boats on the Fraser.

Under the new fisheries law, by which only 450 boats are allowed on the Fraser River, the allotment to canneries has been made as follows: Ewen's cannery, 31; Delta Canning Co., 24; Wadham's cannery, 24; Laidlaw & Co., 24; B. Young, 24; Wellington Packington Co, 24; Phoenix cannery, 23; Harlock & Co., 20; Richmond Canning Co., 20; Bon Accorde Canning Co., 22; Beaver cannery, 18; Sea Island Canning Co., 18; Canoe Pass Canning Co., 18; Hobson & Co., 18; Fraser River Fishery, 20. One hundred boats have been allowed to outside fishermen, and of this number 44 have been licensed up to date.—Columbian.

Coal Prospecting.

The Cumberland Coal Company of Springhill, Nova Scotia, has bonded a quantity of coal land on Queen Charlotte Island, and on Sunday morning a party of prospectors in charge of Mr. Alex. McGinnis, of Springhill, left on the steamer Maude for the north. On the property bonded there is already a 400 feet tunnel, which was run by a former company. The Nova Scotia company will run the tunnel 400 feet further, and then sink a shaft. It is their intention to institute a thorough search for coal, and the party will probably be absent about a year or a year and a half. The coal found on these islands is said to be of a true anthracite quality.—Courier.

The China Passengers and Freight.

The steamship Abyssinia from Japan, which passed the outer wharf at seven o'clock on Friday morning, did not arrive at Vancouver until 2:30 p. m., too late for the eastern mails. The through passengers and mails were accordingly compelled to wait until Saturday. Victoria's passengers and mails came over in two consignments, the first reaching the city on Saturday night, and the second at one o'clock on Sunday night, or rather Monday morning. Victoria consignees are living in hope that the freight will reach them sooner than it did the last time a China steamer arrived, when eight or nine days elapsed after its arrival before the freight reached Victoria, more than one-third of the time taken to bring it from Japan.

The Dust.

The dust nuisance became almost unbearable yesterday morning. Great clouds were whirled about by the high winds prevailing, filling everyone's eyes and doing wholesale damage among the merchants. The watering cart was nowhere to be seen. About noon it made its appearance, the driver excusing himself by saying he thought it had rained enough on Sunday night to lay the dust. The truth of the matter is, that there are too few sprinklers. The two possessed by the city are antiquated and unserviceable, and the man who has the watering of the streets in hand is not paid a sufficient salary to ensure faithful service. It is a matter that the City Council should bestir themselves in if they wish to retain the confidence of the ratepayers.

Obituary.

Dr. Hanington received the sad intelligence yesterday, by telegram, of the death of his father, Hon. D. Hanington, at Shediac, New Brunswick, in the 86th year of his age. In the death of Lieutenant.-Col. Hon. Daniel Hanington, one of the figures most prominent in the politics of the maritime provinces for more than half a century, has been removed. He sat for the county of Westmoreland in the New Brunswick assembly from 1833 to 1862, and was for some time premier of the province. He was also president of the legislative council, having sat in the upper house since 1867, and had been speaker in both houses. One of his sons is at present a member of the New Brunswick assembly. The deceased was only ill for a few days, and the news therefore came unexpectedly to his son in this city.

The Coming Concert.

Last evening a full rehearsal of the Choral Society was held in The Victoria. The now popular cantata "The Ancient Mariner" was rehearsed as usual by the society, in a most creditable manner, and the public may rest assured that the concert will excel all previous efforts. In addition to the cantata a second part will be given, including a duet from "Il Trovatore," by Miss Shaw and Mr. Robson; solo, Mr. Jay; quartette, Messrs. Robson, Jay, Offerhaus and Sharpe; the famous "Song of the Triton," by the society; etc. An overflowing house is predicted for Wednesday evening, as the society has worked hard to promote musical culture in our midst, and they should be most liberally patronized by the public. The box sheet is open at Messrs. Lombard & Co.'s, and tickets are being disposed of rapidly.

Steamer for Alberni.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the steamer "Barbara Boscowitz" will sail for Alberni on Friday next. This will afford the settlers an opportunity of getting their supplies. We learn that the steamer has been specially subsidized by the Government for this trip, and that efforts are still being made for the purpose of securing a regular and permanent steamboat service for that route. It is to be hoped the effort will be successful as such a service is essential to the prosperity of that important settlement. Anyone desirous of going round, either for pleasure or business, will have an excellent opportunity. Should there be any persons wishing to look for desirable locations in the Nitinat Valley, there is every probability that they could be landed there on the outward and picked up on the return voyage. We understand the Government have taken special means to give the settlers timely notice of the visit of the Boscowitz.

COUNTY COURT.

(Before Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie and a Special Jury.)

Phillips v. Wood. This was an action brought to recover damages arising from non-fulfilment of an agreement. Verdict for the plaintiff for $793. Mr. C. E. Pooley for plaintiff; Mr. Charles Wilson for defendant.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

A Branch of the Association Established in this Province—Its Benefits and those of the Mutual Aid Society.

Mr. James Sargant, of Toronto, secretary of the Commercial Travelers Association of Canada, arrived on the Islander on Sunday night, and is at the Driard. Mr. Sargant stated to a representative of THE COLONIST that his visit to Victoria was for the purpose of establishing an office of the association, and also an agency of the Commercial Travelers Mutual Benefit Society. This step had been considered necessary on account of the increasing trade of this province with Eastern Canada, resulting in the visit of a large number of commercial men, and also for the purpose of giving provincial travelers the advantages of the association.

The Commercial Travelers Association was established fourteen years ago, and has been a most successful and beneficial institution. Its present president is A. A. Allan, of the firm of A. A. Allan & Co., Toronto; John Burns, representing Merlich & Co., is first vice-president; C. C. Van Norman, the well-known boot and shoe traveler of Orr, Harvey & Co., is second vice-president; while Robert H. Gray is treasurer, making a combine that the travelers, let alone the outside world, have every confidence in the object of the association. Mr. Sargant said, is the protection of the legitimate traveler, as well as the legitimate trader. Unless the former holds a certificate showing he sells to the trader, and not to the consumer, he has no rights in the Association. The question naturally arises, where does the traveler's benefit come in. The answer is that the merchant who sends out the traveler derives a benefit from the privileges granted by the transportation companies, while the traveller derives his benefit from the insurance schemes devised by the association. For instance: The traveller has $1,000 accident insurance on his life, which in case of death would be paid to his beneficiary; if injured he receives $5 per week indemnity during twenty-six weeks. If the traveller dies from natural causes his wife or family would draw $120 per year for each year's membership. This certainly should be an incentive for all commercial travellers to become members of the association. The latter's strength at present is 3,000 members, having a surplus on hand of $175,000, of which $50,000 is deposited with the Dominion Government as security for the life insurance scheme.

In connection with the above, although a separate and distinct organization, is the Commercial Travellers Mutual Benefit Society. The President is Mr. R. L. Patterson, well-known in this province; Joseph Bonnick is 1st vice-president and Warring Kennedy is treasurer, Mr. Sargant, being chief agent. The Society, began business eight years ago, and up to date has a membership of between 1500 and 1600. The surplus fund is $12,000. The assessments during the past year number six, making an average cost per member, for $1000 extra insurance, of $10.80. Mr. B. Gordon, of Angus & Gordon, has been appointed agent for this province, and it is expected that commercial men will quickly take advantage of the cheap and certain insurance which is offered.

Mr. Sargant will remain in Victoria, with which he is very much pleased, for several days, then returning to Toronto.

LITTLE LOCALS.

During the month of April there were seventeen marriages celebrated in Victoria.

The Amity baseball club held a meeting last evening and reorganized for the season.

A subscription list has been opened at Frank Campbell's in aid of the 24th of May celebration fund.

Rev. J. W. Wadman will lecture on "Evolution" in the Gorge Road Methodist church to-night.

The members' reception in the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-morrow evening promises to be a most enjoyable affair.

The drawing of Mrs. George Wise's paintings will take place on Saturday night at Waitt's music store.

The high winds yesterday worked confusion worse confounded among the telephone wires and caused a great surface activity in real estate.

Says the Columbian: Kamloops is progressing rapidly in more ways than one. On Saturday three insane persons arrived from there for treatment at the asylum for the insane.

Mr. George Lockhart, of Winnipeg, occupied the pulpit of Pandora street Presbyterian church on Sunday last, Rev. D. Fraser, the pastor, preaching in St. Andrew's.

Yesterday morning Messrs. Smith & McIntosh, contractors for the improvements at the rear of Mr. Thos. Shotbolt's premises on Johnson street, commenced the work of demolition.

The finishing touches to the branch bank of British Columbia at Nanaimo have been put on artistically by Mr. W. C. Cox, thus completing a good job, for which Mr. J. Coughlan was the original contractor.

In the provincial police court yesterday, Robt. Ward, J. P., presiding, Charlie, a Saanich Indian, was arraigned on a charge of being in possession of a bottle of rum. The case was laid over until Wednesday.

George Robinson, a hackman in the employ of W. G. Bowman, sprained his leg severely while climbing down from the box of his hack on Sunday afternoon, the horses starting as his foot was on the wheel. He will be laid up for a couple of weeks.

A few days ago the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Shanue, of Wellington, was found drowned in a tub of water. There were only about six inches of water in the tub, but the child fell face downward, and being unable to help himself was smothered.

The bill posters for McMahon & Farini's great double-actioned and stupendous aggregation of miracles and marvels, known as a circus, are in town, and soon the eyes of the small boy will be charmed by the sight of the gaily colored portraits of sky blue elephants and pink zebras.

Mr. Agassiz reports that the young sockeye salmon turned loose in the Harrison river some weeks ago are thriving nicely. They are to be found in large schools at any point of the river where the water is shallow, and they are as frisky and healthy looking as young trout.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

Ah Gow, a weary looking Chinaman, was charged by Supt. Sheppard with playing an unlawful game, to-wit: "tan-tan." Ah Gow acknowledged that he was guilty, and was fined $20 and costs, the lowest penalty provided by law.

Kee Wing, for watching the game, was fined the same amount. Both fines were promptly paid.

Henry Barman, summoned on a charge of vagrancy, did not show up, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

William Daley, on remand, charged with supplying liquors to Indians, called a "C" battery man and a civilian friend to prove that he did not sell any liquor. The evidence of the two witnesses for the defence went, however, to prove rather than disprove the offence. The last witness Daley called, when asked by the prisoner if he ever saw him supply a siwash with whiskey, replied: "Dozens of times; you're doing it all the time." The accused was still unconvinced of his guilt, and asked that the case be remanded until to-day in order that he might procure more evidence. A remand was granted.

Charles [illegible] accused of having assaulted Anjon Cainre. A fine of $10, with $2 costs, was imposed.