y from one of the Southern

he Glanders.

tention a few days ago to
there were quite a number
anders in the interior and
the island. We are informe-
ease which has every sympp-
ders is rapidly increasing in
country. A few days ago
y shot a horse affected with
t, and has about sixteen
e. The disease at present
d to horses feeding on grass
e severe swelling of the
ess of the nostrils, dry cough
eathing. Whether it is true
ot positively stated, but it
pearance of being such and
on is credited to the impor-
erican horses, while others
caused by the change from
feed.

d be taken to prevent the
e complaint, and this can
by strict supervision of an
Mr. Morley, who has nearly
n charge, thinks that it will
much more serious as the
nces.

rn Canada Mail.

Northern Pacific Railway.)
April 6.—Thomas Taylor,
n his own confession or
e of robbing her Majesty's
ying in the post-office car
on, was up at the police
Mr. Thos. Hutchinson ap-
behalf of the Crown, and
tence be pronounced in
viotions. The magistrate
e prisoner to five years'
st on each of the three
terms to run concurrently.
rate stated was the shortest
ld impose for the crime
which he was induced to do
nating circumstances. The
ife (with an infant in her
his near relatives were in
were deeply affected.

AD, April 6.—Mrs. W. H.
relict of the late Dr. Strat-
und dead in her bedroom
night. A bottle containing a
f laudanum was found, from
inferred she committed sui-
coroner's jury however, re
erdict that the deceased came
from strangulation while
g to staunch a hemorrhage
strils. One of the the family
mmate of an insane asylum.

OLBORNE, April 6.—An old
about 60 years was struck
R. train between Port Col-
Beatie this forenoon. She
some distance and fell on
Her right arm was broken
d badly cut. She was pick-
nscious, and at last accounts
to be dying. She belongs
borne.

R, April 6.—A pulley heated
in Baker Bros.' saw mill here
g. One piece struck John
member of the firm, in the
tely cutting his eye out.

, April 6.—A fire at Alber-
I., last night destroyed
Rogers store, warehouse, and
$10,000; A. Clark's boot-
bster tins, value $3,000;
& Gorden's stock, valued at
x. McLeod's stock, value
Wallace's store, Phidham's
y, and the drygoods store of
ve. Rogers is insured for $6,
stock and $1,600 on build-
nces on Clark's stock, $1,
& Gorden's $3,000;
$1,000, and the loss on the
ly.

BREAK, April 9.—Three hundred
emigrants, chiefly English and
e en route to Manitoba and the
est Territories. They come on
assian, and arrived here this
n. They said they had no fears
d to the Riel disturbance. They
rd of the trouble before leaving
d were anxious to get out there
e in fighting it down.

e seduction case Mary Ann
n vs. Wm. Walsh, judgment
en this morning for the plain-
$400 damages, and a yearly al-
of $60 till her child was four-
rs of age.

Canadian Pacific Railway pay
route to pay the laborers in the
ountains who struck for back

ject for starting a large public
on foot in Charleston S. C.

PING INTELLIGENCE.

OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED

Str Geo E Starr, Pt Townsend
Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
Str Hope, Saanich
Str G. W. Elder, San Francisco
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
Str Enterprise, Nanaimo
Str Amelia, Nanaimo
Str Triumph, Salt Spring Island
Str Geo. E. Starr, Pt Townsend
Str Evangel, Pt Townsend
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
Str Amelia, Nanaimo
Str R. P. Rithet, Nanaimo
Str Hope, Barclay Sound
Str Geo. E. Starr, Pt Townsend
Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend
Str R. P. Rithet, Nanaimo
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster

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Str Geo. E. Starr, Pt Townsend
Str R. P. Rithet, Nanaimo
Str Princess Louise, New Westminster
Str North Pacific, Pt Townsend

DEATHS.

ality, on the 13th inst., John Duncan, a na
mborne, Cornwall, England, aged 30 years.
day, on Saturday morning, 11th April, Rae
n Sutran, wife of Mr. Stephen F Macintosh
d year of her age, a native of Spencerville,

ality, on the 16th April, Walter Ross Hough,
years, a native of Kingston, Canada, and a
of the Victoria police force.

ORIA MARBLE WORKS

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TABLETS
TOMBS, MANTEL
FURNITURE
WORKS,
Esq., Esq., B
FURNISH STORE FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.
LAS STREET, BET. CORMORANT AND
FIGARD.
GEORGE RUDGE, PROPRIETOR.
ers promptly attended to and satisfactorily
ordered.

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T QUEEN OF PERFUMES
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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, LAKE, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL, IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist April 16.

CHINESE RESTRICTION ACT.

The Provisions of the Bill Before the Commons.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

OTTAWA, April 13.

The bill to restrict and regulate Chinese immigration introduced to-day applies to the entire Dominion and imposes a poll tax on Chinese immigrants. The amount is not fixed as yet, but must be paid before passengers land to officers known as comptrollers of Chinese immigration. One Chinaman to come in on each ten tons tonnage of vessel. All Chinese residents in the Dominion must register within 12 months. Punishment is provided for those joining secret tribunals for the trial of criminal offenses.

CANADA AND CANADIANS.

What Captain Palliser Thinks of Both.

The Importance of Equimalt to the Nation.

The following important letter from Captain Palliser, who is now on a visit at Ottawa, appeared in the Morning Post of London, England, on the 5th instant:—

To the Editor:—The offer of regiments of volunteers now being made from this country to serve with our forces in Egypt is a proof of the loyalty and military spirit which pervades this great and growing Dominion. There is much military enterprise lying fallow here because the mother country is either too much engaged or too diffident to plough it. There are at present two countries bidding for the favor of assisting England in this hour of trial. One is Canada, under the sway of Her Gracious Majesty—the other is Italy. I venture to say there are many at home who would welcome the assistance of the latter country solely and wholly because they are ignorant of the immense latent power in their own empire. The authorities at home are aware of this strength and are willing to move; but the power to do so must come from the English people—they must vote the money. I hear much about federation, and I have read many speeches on the subject; but I do not think it will come to much. The reason is simple. Federation, to my mind, already exists. Her Majesty reigns here. She can have an army corps of 10,000 men, and there are over 40,000 hardy sailors—about the best in the world—around the coasts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, who need only a course of gunnery from an experienced naval gunnery school to become powerful naval gunnery schools in the eastern waters of the Dominion, as well as on the waters of British Columbia, where the admirably combined sawing of cork and scaling station of the Pacific squadron are situated. The greatest enterprise the empire has yet seen will be completed by Canada this year. Her Canadian Pacific Railway after that event can transport the sailors of Nova Scotia to the waters of the Pacific without a break. She is, in fact, completing the Imperial girdle round the world. Should anything happen to the Suez canal this would be the route of our soldiers to China, and possibly to India. The railway authorities guarantee to take troops from the Eastern seaport of Montreal to the Western terminus, Coal Harbor, on the Pacific, in one hundred hours. These are immense advantages. Our farthest Admiralty dockyard and coaling station at Equimalt harbor, Vancouver's Island, will then be only eighteen days distant from Plymouth. I venture to say that Equimalt will yet be of as great importance to the empire as the rival and vile Republic, Republicanism, is to the Russians. These advantages have been purchased at the cost of great exertions on the part of Canada, and have the people in no mood to find large sums of money for naval and military purposes. In fact, they feel that they have done their part in this great imperial work.

I have some knowledge of this country, where I am engaged with the Government in matters connected with armaments, and which will probably result in the fortress of Quebec becoming an arsenal on a moderate scale. My experience is that if federation, as described by those gentlemen interested in the subject in England, is to come about, it must commence, not on paper, but in downright action in such efforts as I am engaged in. Resolutions on paper are misleading. Let England show herself in earnest, and such federation as these gentlemen seek will follow of itself. I presume it is to be an agreement to use arms in case of a war during which the existence of the Empire comes into peril. If you want the assistance of this Dominion, take advantage frankly of what she has to offer. Do not seek to induce her merely to put her hand to a promise to find money and men, to take her share, etc., in some future war; it would be premature. Every dollar appears to be wanted to open up this west country and people it. Depend upon it, her money will follow in years to come, when she has it to spare. Meantime take advantage of all she has to offer, which is plenty of good soldiers and good sailors, officered by gentlemen, to fight alongside with our fellows; keep the military pride of the country burning brightly, and, as I have said, all will follow. As it is, year after year is passing, nothing is done. Action, I repeat, is wanted, and no paper resolutions. Train the youth in the way he should go, and when he becomes a man he will fulfil your wishes. Such is the course I recommend England to take, and she should commence it forthwith towards this faithful and noble offspring.

Your obedient servant,
EDWARD PALLISER.

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 10.

What Some People Say.

That the builders of the American dispatch boat Dolphin have offered to sell it for $9,000.

That according to Zobehr Pasha's plot the Alexandria water supply was to be cut off, and 20,000 Arabs would arm themselves from supplies contained in the messages for the purpose, and would be ready to murder the Europeans rushing out of the burning houses, as it was intended to set fire to every house inhabited by Europeans. On the discovery of the plot Zobehr was arrested.

That Orson P. Arnold, a prominent Mormon, has renounced polygamy and pleaded guilty, whereupon he was fined $500.

That the person who found a parquet on Pandora avenue will receive a suitable reward on leaving the same at this office.

That the acrimony engendered by the late election should now disappear and the public settle down to the normal routine of business.

That on Primrose Day—The Right Hon. Sir Benjamin Disraeli, K. G., Earl of Beaconsfield, Viscount Hughenden, died 17th April, 1881. All good conservatives should wear his colors to-day.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, April 15th.

The regular meeting of the council was held last evening at 8.10.

Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Teague, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P., stating that he had presented the petition from the council in reference to the vagrant act and had presented it to the commons.

Received and filed.

From W. Grimm, asking that street lines on Bay street be given him. Granted.

From residents of the Work estate, asking for a water supply.

Referred to the water committee for report.

From S. Oppenheimer on behalf of the Victoria athletic club, asking for an appropriation, aiding in the proposed celebration of the Queen's birthday. Laid on the table.

From A. Shaw, stating that his horse had been injured and asking for a horse to carry on his duties as pound keeper. Laid on the table.

From George Frye in reference to the petition of ratepayers of Queen's avenue asking for sidewalk, and stating that he would build the walk in front of his premises if the lumber was furnished and grade made by the council.

Referred to street committee for report.

From John Cox, complaining that the soap factory on Humboldt street was a nuisance on account of the offensive odors from the works.

Coun. Williams stated that communications were received of a similar nature last year, a committee appointed, and a report stating that no nuisance existed. He would move that this communication be referred to the sanitary committee.

Coun. Braden testified to the sweetness of the works.

Couns. Smith and Ward said that stenches were apparent, and were on account of the bad drainage which took the refuse to the mud flats.

The motion was carried.

From Geo. Blackall, Albion saloon, calling attention to the nuisance of Hee Gee's wash house on Yates street.

Referred to sanitary committee for report.

In connection with this communication had it not been the late addition to the municipality act empowering them to collect $75 from keepers of laundry was being carried out.

His worship said it would be necessary first to introduce a by-law for the purpose.

Coun. Robertson advocated the removing of the wash houses to some point near the sea and compel all Chinese wash houses to locate there.

TENDERS.

The tenders for the work of grubbing and grading King's road were read as follows: Wm. Harkins & Co., $700; J. J. Cummings & Co., $659 50; Noel Leclaire, $550; Lawson & Baxter, $790; James Baker, $780.

The contract was ordered to be let to the lowest tenderer on satisfactory security being given.

WATER COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The water committee appointed to report on the applications for water on Chatham and Yates streets, recommended the laying of the pipe on Chatham street, as the pipe was on hand. They could not recommend the laying of the pipe on Yates street as there was not the necessary pipe.

On motion of Coun. Teague the report was received and the recommendations ordered to be carried out.

FINANCES.

Coun. Ward presented a statement of receipts and expenditures for the month of March, showing the amount expended in each ward for the three months of 1885.

STATEMENT.

Receipts	$12,770 41
Expenditure	11,243 36
Bank balance	1,526 71
Cash paid between 1st January and 31st March, 1885, for liabilities incurred prior to 1st January, 1884	1,430 41
A. F. Pemberton	500 00
CASH PAID FOR WORK.	
Sidewalks—Johnson street Ward	1,502 24
" Yates " "	167 17
" James Bay " "	245 50
Jamieson's salary	195 50
Total for sidewalks	$2,311 40
Streets—Johnson street Ward	847 50
" Yates " "	350 25
" James Bay " "	2,191 45
Salaries for Drainage and Gravelling	450 00
Tools for street work	99 00
Carriage hire	5 00
Total on streets	$3,743 11

On motion of Coun. Grant the report was received and filed.

Coun. Smith said that the sidewalks laid in James Bay ward were chiefly ordered by the previous council. He also thought that the Dallas road improvements and Marvin Hill blasting should not be credited to James Bay ward, as it was a road that was generally used.

Coun. Grant said the money was about a stand-off as far as the main thoroughfares were concerned, as they were in each ward.

After each member had set forth the various conditions of the streets in the different wards, each claiming they had the worst, the council proceeded to business.

STREET'S REPAIRS.

Coun. Braden said that the 24th of May was drawing near, and he thought the council should take steps earlier in hand and arrange for a celebration. He would recommend that a committee be appointed.

Coun. Robertson said that he was hauled over the coals for voting for a sum of $250 for a volunteers' picnic. He thought the volunteers would get the benefit of it; but he understood that the officers spent the money in champagne. He did not want to do anything more like that.

Coun. Warner said that he thought if a private citizen wanted to go on a *hoodoo* on the 24th of May he should go into his own pocket for funds, and not apply to the council.

Coun. Braden thought if the mayor and a committee would take the matter in hand it would be a good idea.

Coun. Ward said it was the duty of private citizens to take the matter of celebration in hand though the council might contribute.

Coun. Grant thought a public meeting should be called, and if the citizens decided to have the celebration it should be carried out.

On amendment of Coun. Ward the mayor was authorized to call a public meeting on Friday evening for the purpose of deciding how the Queen's Birthday should be celebrated.

Coun. Teague said that there was a great diversity of opinion as to how the affair should be celebrated. He would suggest that the total strength of the council go into training for a foot race. It would be popular.

A BAD MAN.

Coun. McKillican said complaints were made about a man named Bell annoying residents of James Bay ward in a most flagrant manner. The police might look after him.

SIMCOE STREET.

Coun. McKillican also stated that on account of the bad condition of Simcoe street Mrs. Rendell had received injuries and a suit was threatened. The rock should be blasted and the street widened.

Coun. Smith said there was only room for one wagon to pass at a time. The widening would make Simcoe street a good thoroughfare from the park to the water.

Coun. Robertson thought a little money should be expended in the other wards.

Coun. Grant favored the idea of expending some of the city funds on Johnson street ward.

Coun. McKillican's motion that the street be widened and the work be immediately let, was carried.

UPPER FORT STREET.

Coun. Grant called the street committee's attention to the bad condition of the upper part of Fort street. It should be gravelled.

On motion the street committee were instructed to report upon the cost of repairing that street.

JUMBO.

Coun. Robertson asked when Jumbo was to be removed from Marvin's Hill.

His worship said that Jumbo would be removed from Marvin's Hill about the 1st of May.

Coun. Smith said he hoped Marvin's hill would not remain in a state of *statu quo*, but that the work would be done *in toto*. Jumbo should not be taken from Marvin's hill until the work was completed.

FIRE BY-LAW.

The by-law regulating the limits in which wooden buildings can be constructed in the city was read.

On motion of Coun. Ward the by-law was ordered to be printed; to come up for a second reading next meeting.

REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS.

The by-law to regulate the removal of buildings was amended, making the fee $10 instead of $5, and making a penalty of $10 for each day on permission granted and also limiting the value of buildings removed to $500.

Coun. Smith thought the value of the building should be made $250. He agreed with the by-law with the exception of the $500 clause. The reading should be deferred and the clauses taken up *seriatim*.

On motion of Coun. Grant the council went into committee on the by-law, Coun. Smith in the chair.

The committee reported the by-law complete, making the sum that buildings be valued at $250 and also that should the contractor fail to carry his agreement out after 24 hours notice the council do so at his expense.

The report was adopted.

The second reading was deferred until the next meeting of the council, in the absence of the mayor.

WATER WORKS.

Coun. Smith referred to the report of the committee in reference to the water supply. It was necessary that a constant water supply be given the city in case of fire, as last week the city was for some time without water. High level reservoirs should be constructed to supply the upper portion of the city and to keep a supply in case of fire. The amount required was $70,000 and immediate steps should be taken to have them built.

On motion the council went into committee on the bylaw to raise the sum of $70,000 for the purpose of constructing the works for an additional water supply.

The committee reported the bylaw complete with amendment, which will be submitted to the people in the usual way.

Council adjourned at 11:45.

The Regatta at Honolulu.

(Special Correspondence of The Colonist).

I send you the proceedings of a regatta which took place on the 28th March, and in which James Seeley of Victoria took a prominent part. The boats' crews are made up of dashing, smart, active and respectable young fellows. There are two crews, namely the Myrtle and Honolulu, both endeavoring to hold the championship.

Mr. Seeley arrived here some time ago bringing with him a race boat built by Mr. T. C. Jones of Victoria, which is much admired and the acknowledged model, swiftest and finest boat that has ever skipped the Hawaiian waters. On the day of the regatta great preparations were being made for the event. The splendid ocean S. S. Mariposa, commanded by the popular Captain H. G. Morse, formerly of the Dakota, afforded splendid accommodation on the upper deck to the public who were favored with a chair. His Majesty King Kalakaua, with his staff, were seated in the royal barge anxiously watching all movements. The royal band, under Professor Berger, discoursed selected musical airs to the multitude assembled. Banners of all nationalities and colors were unfurled and bowed gracefully to the gentle breeze. On the arrival of Mr. Seeley with his race boat the Myrtle crew refused to row the Honolulu, which caused the latter to give up training; but within eight days of the time appointed for the race the Myrtles consented to row. Mr. Seeley had to coach his crew for the contest; but they gave up all chance of winning. It was necessary for them to undergo an actual course of training, they being mostly composed of young men engaged in the mercantile business, while the Myrtle crew were composed of men who had been previously well trained.

At one o'clock precisely, all being ready, His Majesty bowing to the cheers of the multitude as the band played the national anthem, the crews entered for the champion contest and put in a most excellent appearance, namely: The Myrtle and Honolulu crews, together with two boats' crews of Kanakas, styled the King's crews. The gala day reminded me of the annual regatta held at your beautiful Gorge, Victoria, in honor of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The signal to start given, all got off together, the Myrtles leading, and making terrible efforts to keep the lead, while Mr. Seeley could be heard calling on his crew to row steady. They seemed to be saving their strength for a long row. The masterly manner in which the Honolulu crew handled their oars showed that they had a good coaching from their trainer. The same position was maintained until the spar buoy was reached, one mile from the start; the Honolulus, still rowing a steady but long stroke, began to creep on them slowly. When the turning buoy was reached, one and a half miles from the start, a foul took place, the Myrtle boat not turning close to the buoy, which had to be inside, ran into the Honolulus, and after the turn the Honolulus were three lengths behind. Nothing daunted they kept a long swinging stroke, and at the spar buoy, a mile from the finish, Seeley called on his crew for a spurt, and they gained rapidly on the Myrtles. Here some jockeying took place on the part of the Myrtles. They kept running in front and preventing the Honolulus from passing. The Honolulus slowed up and Mr. Seeley called on the Myrtles to move out of the Honolulus water. The Honolulus putting on another spurt ran into them and claimed the race.

The next event was the four oared race, in which the Victoria boat, manned by the Honolulu crew, won easily. After which came the single scull and shell race, Mr. Seeley winning by several lengths.

The Honolulu crew are fast gaining fame. Seeley was complimented, and deserves much credit for the standard of efficiency to which he leaves this fine body of young men, after such a very short course of training.

Another race was suggested for land and scores of other exponents here, but declined, and will probably leave by the 1st of April. He has made an honorable record in this place; he is much respected; has made many friends, and departs from here the acknowledged champion of the Hawaiian Islands.

Honolulu is a charming place to spend a winter or so in. We have been favored of late by distinguished visitors. G. A. Sala called on his way to the colonies. Professors, Evangelists, Temperance Lecturers, together with Billy Emerson's Minstrels, have been speaking to us on various subjects.

I am delighted to hear Victoria and British Columbia at large are making such rapid strides in the march of prosperity.

WM. FRANCIS O'CONNOR,
Late Supt. V. C. Police.

29th March, 1885.

Obituary.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of Mr. Edwin A. Leigh, late county court registrar, and son-in-law of Mr. R. Holloway. Mr. Leigh died at Auburn, Cal., yesterday morning, and his remains will be brought to this city on the 24th April for interment. He leaves a young wife to mourn his loss, with whom the whole community deeply sympathize. Within one year she has lost her sister, three children and now a kind and loving husband.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—Yesterday the gates were closed to vehicles at the approach to the wharves, so they had to line the street above. This is a satisfactory act to all concerned, except perhaps the hackmen. Passengers were allowed to land with some convenience.

LARGE WALL MAP OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA AT T. N. HIBBEN & CO'S.

THE ELECTION.

Return of Mr. Duck by a Majority of Seven.

The election for a member of the local house in place of Mr. Duck, who lately accepted office under the Smithe government, came off yesterday. There was considerable excitement manifested on the streets among public men, but the polls did not extend to the general body voters, for out of a total voting strength of more than 1,300 only 570 came to the polls. The utmost good humor was displayed by the candidates and their respective agents, and the returning officers' duties were consequently lightened. Several incidents of a laughable nature and others not quite so grotesque a character took place. At the close of the poll several voters were shut out, having entered a moment too late. After a careful count the returning officer reported the numbers as follows:

Duck	281
Williams	274
Majority for Duck	7

The candidates, who were vigorously cheered, Mr. Theo. Davie, Mr. J. Fell, Mr. C. F. Beaven and Mr. W. Bond made a few remarks, and after three cheers had been given for the returning office the assemblage dispersed.

Rencontre on Government Street.

Yesterday was productive of personal encounters. About 11 o'clock, as Mr. R. Dunsmuir, M. P. P., and ex-Mayor Finlayson were conversing in front of the Bank by Mr. A. DeCosmos, ex-M. P., who applied opprobrious epithets to Mr. Dunsmuir and Mayor Rithet, who was not present. Mr. Dunsmuir requested his insulter, who seemed to be laboring under some strong excitement, to pass on, whereupon Mr. De Cosmos struck him on the side of his head with his fist. Mr. Dunsmuir retaliated by wearing out an umbrella on his assailant's head and shoulders. The combatants were then separated.

A few minutes afterwards Mayor Rithet approached the corner and asked Mr. De Cosmos why he had abused him. Mr. DeC. retorted with a stream of abuse and jostled the mayor several times. The mayor's patience being finally exhausted he varied the monotony and proceeded to chastise his assailant, who thereupon dodged behind a post and finally retreated into his office. He was subsequently taken home in a cab.

Soon afterwards W. R. Higgins of *The Colonist* and Thos. Chadwick of the Victoria postoffice became involved in a war of words which ended in the former striking Chadwick in retaliation for an abusive epithet. A ring was formed and the pair pegged away at each other for two or three minutes to the great delight of the spectators, when Chadwick retired in a badly battered condition, Higgins being unhurt.

From the Daily Colonist, April 17.

Personal.

Mr. B. Springer, manager of the Moodyville saw mill, is registered at the Driard.

Mr. H. S. Hall, of Omaha, Neb., is at the Driard.

Mr. Justice and Mrs. Crease are at Chilliwhack.

Mr. S. P. Mills, who met with a slight accident on Sunday, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. B. A. Colonna, chief of the U. S. Geodetic Survey, who has been ill in this city for several months, is now rapidly mending.

Edward Pierrepont, who with his father, visited Victoria and Alaska two years ago and went back and reported that British Columbia was ripe for annexation, died a few days ago in Italy.

Lieut.-Governor Cornwall, Mr. C. Vernon, Dr. Powell, and Rev. Mr. Owens were passengers from the east coast yesterday by the Idaho.

Mrs. Cornwall, Mr. Cunningham, M. P. P., and Deputy Sheriff Langley returned from the mainland yesterday.

Dr. Dearden came down from Salt Spring Island yesterday on his way to Australia.

Mrs. Capt. Selden, of Seattle, came over by the North Pacific yesterday and returned this morning with Miss Lottie Selden, who was taken ill while at school here.

The Queen's Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The Queen of the Pacific sailed for Victoria to-day with the following passengers: Mrs. Capt. Powell, Mrs. R. Denny, J. McCully and wife, Wm. Brown, T. W. Williams, M. G. Curtis, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Busley, A. G. McCausland, J. R. Frommot, J. T. Farkelson, Long Cheong, Nook, wife and mother, Ah J. Birdsell and servant, Jas. Lovett, S. B. Kelly, Mrs. Abernethy, Miss Betes, Jos. Newlan, Thomas O'Neill, B. F. Jones and wife, C. H. Cook, Jas. Bunster, C. Wishert, Mrs. Curtis.

New Westminster.

(Columbian.)

Wm. James Watson, a native of Uxbridge, Ont., died last Sunday night after a long and painful illness. He was attended during his sickness by the Good Templars, and the funeral arrangements were made by them and the Orangemen, as deceased was a member of both orders.

The train which left Port Moody last Saturday morning had not proceeded far when the express and baggage cars jumped the track. The engineer does not seem to have noticed the accident at all, and proceeded at full speed, dragging the two cars 1,500 feet. The mail clerk jumped off, and the express messenger wanted to but could not. He shouted with all his might, but the engineer heard nothing of the disturbance. Finally the train came to a stop within a short distance of the first trestle, and what was left of it had to be taken back to Port Moody. The passengers were much frightened, and one of them was slightly hurt. There was no signal rope on the train.

There was a fine shower of rain last Sunday, which had a magical effect on vegetation.

Times on the river are quite lively now. All the steamers are carrying large numbers of passengers both ways.

Okanagan.

OKANAGAN, April 1.—Spring came bright and early, and with it farming operations. Ploughing commenced on the 9th ult., and the first grain was sown on the 19th. Cattle wintered well, and were driven to the ranges early. Everyone has a considerable amount of hay left. Mr. T. Wood fed his whole band only ten days, from 16th to 29th Jan. Postill Bros.' sawmill started running the last week of March, also their new flour mill, which is running by night. They have already taken several large contracts for grinding. A petition, largely signed, has been forwarded to the licensing court at Kamloops, praying that a license be not granted to Mr. Lequime or anyone else in the valley. It is generally conceded that a hotel here is not at all necessary to the social advancement of the community. The weather for many weeks past has been all that could be desired, and mountain and dale are beautifully green.—*Columbian.*

Bank Vaults.

The contract for the building of the safes and vaults for the new building of the Bank of British Columbia has been awarded to M. W. Waitt & Co., agent of J. J. Taylor, Toronto Safe Works. These will consist of two vault doors and two safes and burglar and dynamite proof. Experiments have lately been made for the Messrs. Taylor with dynamite by an expert, and the highest compliment has been paid to the qualities of the safes manufactured by them, which are considered equal to those manufactured anywhere. The Bank of British Columbia have evidently considered this in awarding this contract. The firm of J. & J. Taylor is probably the oldest safe manufacturers in Canada, and they have ever kept in advance of the demands made for fire and burglar proof safes.

THE NEW TARIFF.—The new scale of duties went into force at the customs house yesterday.

THE FIRE FIEND!

The Terminus Hotel and Other Wooden Buildings

ONE MASS OF FIRE.

The Grand Pacific Hotel in Flames.

The Fire Spreading up Johnson Street

Loss Will Reach Over $25,000.

At midnight a fire was discovered in the rear of the old Terminus Hotel, Johnson street, and a fierce alarm rung by the police. The engines quickly responded to the call, Deluge being at the corner of Johnson and Store streets five minutes after the alarm was sounded. Two minutes more a stream was playing on buildings on Johnson street, and soon a second was directed on the flames. The other engines and hook and ladder arrived and

SIX STREAMS

were quickly playing on the flames, which burst almost instantaneously far towards the heavens.

The main efforts were directed on Johnson street, but two streams were shortly brought by the alley-way from Store street to the rear, and their effect was soon felt. The fire was now next the

GRAND PACIFIC,

and the cornice and windows soon burst out a mass of flames. From the Terminus Hotel the lodgers had scarcely time to dress and rave a few articles and run, so quick did the fire eat its way through the wooden structure, which was

DRY AS TINDER.

The flames spread up the street, and the wooden Chinese houses were soon burning. The fire in the Grand Pacific increased, men ran to all the rooms and awakened lodgers, furniture and effects were hurried to the street. Two streams were brought up the stairways to get at the roof, but the fire had gained good hold and at one o'clock it seemed inevitable that the large hotel and stores and the buildings on Store and Johnson street must become a prey to the

DEVOURING ELEMENT.

Thousands of spectators lined the streets watching the awful sight; the engines puffed and snorted, and the scene was a grand one, the flames mounting from the doomed hotel far into the air, scattering burning cinders far and wide and endangering buildings for blocks. The fire increased in fury and gave promise of extending the whole length of Johnson street. The hook and ladder company commenced pulling down the wooden buildings to stay the progress of the fire further up the street.

LATER.

The main efforts were now directed to the Grand Pacific and at 1:30 the flames were under control, though the upper story is badly burned and water soaking through all the floors.

The pulling down of the wooden structures prevented the fire from spreading further up Johnson street, and there is every prospect at the time of going to press that the fire will soon be quenched.

Whether all lodgers got out of the Terminus Hotel is unknown, though it is thought that all are safe.

The Grand Pacific and Terminus are fully insured, the Chinese tenements uninsured. The loss will probably be about $25,000.

Some of the buildings burned were erected forty years ago, and were the oldest in the city.

The fireman worked nobly and deserve warm praise.

What Some People Say.

That giddy thing
Called "Gentle Spring,"
Is getting somewhat bolder.
She snaps her eyes
And loudly cries
To winter, who doth hold her,
"See here, old chap,
Get off my lap!"
And gives him the cold shoulder.
New York Journal.

That the democrats have carried Michigan by 20,000 majority.

That Mrs. Dr. Potts advises the formation of an Anti-Corset Society, and that gentlemen should wear on their breasts a piece of white ribbon when visiting, to show their condemnation of the use of corsets.

That our esteemed morning contemporary wails over the cabalistic number of "Seven." Its lamentation reminds us of Coleridge's poem "Master, we are seven."

That the 65th Montreal regiment, now at Calgary, refuse to fight against Riel.

That "Was Rome founded by Romeo?" inquired a pupil of the teacher. "No, my son," replied the wise man, "it was Juliet who was found dead by Romeo."

That we don't want England and Russia to fight, but, by Jingo, if they do, we've got the wheat, we've got the iron, and we'll get the money too.—Philadelphia Call.

That the Chinese say the French "must go."

That it is a wise hen who knows her own egg after it has been decorated for Easter.

That a New Jersey man is tired of the discussion about small feet, in the New York papers, and sends word to the World that his sisters wear number 9, men's size. No wonder New Jersey is crowded.

That as a part of the marriage ceremony in Servia the bride has to hold a piece of sugar between her lips as a sign that she will speak little and sweetly during her married life. It might be well to introduce such a custom in this country.

That the small boy feels that it is tempting Providence for a leading grocery firm to put large and luscious-looking oranges right out on the sidewalk and label them: "Do not fail to try these oranges. They are very nice."

That at Cedar Key the other evening Thomas A. Edison was watching the phosphorescence on the water, and a group of darkies near by were also wondering at the strange spectacle. "What am dat, Sam!" asked one. "Dat!" was the reply, "g'way nigger; don't you know! It's dat lightnin' man an gib each one dem fah a 'lectric lamp!"

That the Times has gone into the second hand clothing business, a quantity being exposed for sale in front of the office of that paper. Anything to eke out a living.

That the Standard says "wine flowed freely" on election day. The only intoxicated person we saw was the editor of the Standard.

That two members of the Victoria militia have sent in their resignations and that several who had retired have applied to be readmitted.

That book and job printing and lithographic work of all kinds are executed at *The Colonist* office.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

RUSSIA.

VIENNA, April 14.—The Russian Grand Duke Vladimar has been ordered to Archangel to review the troops and fleet congregated at that point. There is news from Russia and Poland to the effect that the Russian police are searching all chateaus and castles in Podolia and Eukraine for arms. The Russians in Poland are seizing all they find unless possessors hold a special license to own them. This is attributed to fear of a Polish uprising in event of war between England and Russia.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 14.—The government has received a telegram from the English agent at Meshed stating that it is rumored among the Afghans that the Russians are at Maruchak.

LONDON, April 14.—Lord Dufferin has informed the government that the Ameer consents to the passage of British troops through Afghanistan. The Daily News, in an editorial this morning says: "If General Komaroff's report were the only answer Russia would give, there would be little need of the formality of a declaration of war—guns would go off of themselves. We have rather to fear bland evasive answers."

LONDON, April 14.—Preparations for war continue with increasing vigor. A force of extra workmen have been engaged at Chatham dockyard to day.

LONDON, April 15.—Rumors are current that the Russian army is advancing on Herat.

Gladstone's apparent hesitation over the Kushk river affair has emboldened Russia, and she is now taking her turn in demanding explanations and withdrawals. The report is confirmed that DeGiers has demanded explanations of the presence of Captain Yates, of Gen. Lumsden's staff, at Kushk river battle and of the part he is said to have taken in provoking that engagement. A special dispatch from St. Petersburg even asserts that Russia has demanded the recall of Gen. Lumsden himself, on the ground of his pronounced sympathy with the Afghans in their hostility toward Russia, but the statement is doubtful.

The Daily News says the situation shows a more peaceful tendency, but though the intentions of Russia are good now, we cannot assume they will be carried out. Events have simplified England's task. If war is to be avoided it must be shown that the Afghans and not the Russians are blamable for the recent collision, and also that Kamaroff's action is no part of the Russian policy. Then there must be no further Russian advance. If Russia is as anxious for peace as England is, peace ought to be secure.

Military movements in Afghanistan are exceedingly difficult at present on account of the almost unprecedently severe weather. Incessant storms of snow and hail on the mountains, and rain in the valleys have swollen the rivers into floods which are impassable by the means of transportation with which Gen. Lumsden's forces are supplied. The weather is exceptionally cold.

In cabinet council to-day the Anglo-Russian situation, it is said, was represented as follows: England and Russia have agreed upon a basis for determination of the Afghan frontier, subject to a satisfactory explanation by Russia of the recent attack on Afghans. According to to this scheme, it is said, Penjdeh will be ceded to Russia, provided the Ameer consents.

LIVERPOOL, April 15.—Wheat, steady and in good demand; holders offering moderately. Corn, firm and demand good; new mixed western, 5s 1½d per cental.

LONDON, April 15.—The stock market closed buoyant at about the best quotations of the day. The fortnight's settlement has been concluded without the occurrence of any failures. Consols and Russians were very firm at the close. American railway securities generally showed a decline of a fraction with the exception of Grand Trunk of Canada, which was a ½ to 1½ higher.

LONDON, April 16.—The Post says there is reason to believe the government has received unsatisfactory dispatches from St. Petersburg. Russia insists on retaining the position which she has virtually occupied, and intimates that unless England holds herself responsible for the ac