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CANADIAN NEWS.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Rising.

Reports from Yale say that the Fraser is rising rapidly and Indians predict a great flood.

Not So.

We have authority for saying that the report in the *Times* on Thursday evening relative to recent "finds" of gold at Yale, is greatly exaggerated and that what mines have been already opened up are of very little account.

Almost a Runaway.

A horse attached to a light vehicle, while standing on Wharf street yesterday afternoon, became frightened and tried to break away from a post to which it was tied with a chain. The chain stood the strain well, but the bridle gave way. Before, however, the animal could do further damage he was caught.

Ship Libelled.

It is understood that the ship Beaconsfield, now in Royal Roads, has been libelled. This action is believed to be due to the failure of the London and New Brunswick lumber firm of R. A. & J. Stewart, which failed recently, they having an interest in the vessel. Capt. Keith is also said to have a share in the Beaconsfield, and it is stated he has been most unfairly treated.

Electric Lighting.

Messrs. McMullen & Mitchell, of Victoria, B. C., says the Montreal *Gazette*, who were the first contractors for central electric stations in the Dominion, are in the city and have closed contracts with Mr. Lawson for central station plants for Vancouver, B. C., and Brandon, Man., the former for 800 lights and the latter for 500, on the Edison system. The first station was for Victoria, B. C., where 400 lights are now in operation.

From San Francisco.

The following passengers per City of Chester left San Francisco yesterday morning for Victoria: G. A. Fraser, A. Rank, D. Harrison, Jno. Argaw, C. Billings, A. Metcalf, Miss Smith, J. T. Jackson, F. Forrest, Mrs. A. Napier, F. S. Marrey, F. W. Hayes, J. W. Smith and wife, Miss Grant, C. B. Lackhardt, R. B. Ehrendt, B. Ehrendt, Miss Smith, Miss Harrison, W. Bromly, Wm. Sharp, C. White and C. Benson.

James Bay Bridge.

This structure will be declared open for general traffic to-day. In order that there may be no fear that the bridge is not sufficiently strong a number of wooden supports will be placed at the foot of the main arches, and prevent the possibility of anything moving. An extra rail will be placed at the side to ensure better protection to pedestrians. It has been suggested that the carriage way be divided so that no confusion or accident may result in the passage of teams. The idea is a good one and should be carried out.

Plenty of Labor.

A responsible business man, resident at Barkerville writes to say that he has noticed in the newspapers that quite a number of workingmen intend to return to the east for the want of employment. Continuing the gentleman says: "Well, I wish a couple of hundred of them would come up this way, where they could get plenty of work at $3 per day. They can board themselves well for $25 per month, which would leave them $2 net per day. So you see, those industriously inclined need not return to the east on the plea that there is no work for them to do in the province."

Journalistic.

We heartily welcome to our exchange table the Winnipeg *Morning Call*, which succeeds the *Daily Manitoban*. The new paper, under the editorship of Mr. Acton Burrows, presents a most attractive appearance, is brimful of news and is a credit to western journalism. It fills a long-felt want in Conservative circles in the prairie province and cannot fail to do good service for the old cause. Though sorry to be off with the old love, the familiar *Manitoban*, we are glad to be on with the new, and wish the management all the success possible in their new venture. If its lusty youth is any index, it cannot fail to grow powerful and able as it advances in age.

THE DISALLOWANCE QUESTION.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WINNIPEG, April 22.—A private message from W. B. Scarth, Winnipeg's representative in the commons, says it is the intention of parliament to disallow two right of way charters just passed by the Manitoba legislature. If this is done there is serious probability of a rebellion here as the people of the province are thoroughly aroused and fiercely talk of forcible resistance and possible annexation to the United States. The local government has pledged itself to build the road without a charter if necessary.

JAMES BAY BRIDGE.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please say "the designer of that bridge is a C. E. (not contractor) of reputation and much experience," etc., and oblige,

EDWD MALLANDAINE.

THE ELDER RUNS AGROUND

At the Second Narrows of Burrard Inlet, and is Hauled off by the Louise—She Will Leave To-day for San Francisco.

The Pacific Coast Co.'s steamer George W. Elder, while proceeding from Nanaimo to Port Moody, went aground at the second narrows of Burrard Inlet at 2:30 yesterday morning. At the point at which the steamer grounded there is a long muddy flat, on the port side, and here she stuck fast. The Princess Louise arrived and a telegram was sent down asking Capt. Irving if he would give the Elder assistance. Assent being given, at high tide the attempt was made and at about six o'clock the Elder was again safely hauled into deep water. Both steamers left at seven o'clock for the south.

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

THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE ACT.

The Transcontinental Lines Uniting to Have the Long and Short Haul Clause Abolished—Visit of Messrs. Fee and Charlton of the Northern Pacific.

Mr. Charlton, the general passenger agent, St. Paul, and Mr. A. D. Charlton, western passenger agent, Portland, of the Northern Pacific railway, arrived on the Sound steamer yesterday, and registered at the Driard. To a representative of THE COLONIST, Mr. Fee stated that the commissioners, to whom was deputed the duty of hearing complaints, etc., in regard to the workings of the Interstate commerce act, were this week listening to representatives of the transcontinental lines in regard to the long and short haul clause. This, of course, has acted very injuriously to the through lines, and has only had the tendency of influencing traffic over the Canadian Pacific, which, however, through some unexplained policy, has made almost a proportionate rate with that rendered compulsory by the Interstate commerce act. The transcontinental lines are seeking to have the long and short haul clause eliminated from the bill, which will then be fairly acceptable. They have every confidence that this will be accomplished, and when it is, the Northern Pacific will again be in a position to quote fair rates to Victoria shippers, among whom, Messrs. Fee and Charlton felt sure, the road had many friends. It had always been their aim to cultivate this point and when they had control of the trade they quoted fair rates. They hoped soon again to be in a position to secure a portion of the freight destined for this point. At the present time Victoria secured a similar rate to that of Tacoma, and when the Cascade branch was completed Victoria would receive as good a rate as Portland. The Inter-state act allowed the issuing of excursion rates, and there was one now between Victoria and St. Paul, $90 being charged for the round trip.

Messrs. Fee and Charlton are popular heads of a popular company and are average samples of the men who have the direction of the business of the great corporation. They are now making summer arrangements for the tourist travel which they expect to handle this year. It gives promise of being larger than ever before, and the North Pacific cities and scenery bid fair to become as well known as those of the Atlantic coast.

Mr. Fee was accompanied by his wife, and with Mr. Charlton they yesterday took advantage of the lovely spring weather, and visited the interesting points in and around the city.

WEST TERRITORIES.

The Secretary of State Silent as to Salisbury's Reported Dispatch—He Hopes for a Harmonious Understanding—British Columbia's Coal Supply.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The secretary of state declines to either confirm or deny the statement cabled from London, to the effect that Salisbury has dispatched to this government on the subject of the fisheries, offering to revert to the old condition of affairs, without pecuniary indemnity. Bayard also declines to express any opinion with regard to the subject matter of the dispatch as cabled.

The subject matter of the dispatch is not exactly news in diplomatic circles, the same proposition having emanated from a Canadian source some time ago. Well-informed people incline to the belief that the offer referred to in the cablegram has been thus indirectly and unofficially made as a "feeler" to ascertain, in advance of an actual tender, how such a proposition would be received by the American people. As the representatives of the United States on the commission that negotiated the treaty of Washington and the Halifax commission which fixed the award made by Great Britain to England for the use of the Canadian inshore fisheries expressly denied that the privilege accorded to the United States vessels of fishing in Canadian waters was more valuable than the concession made to Canadian fishermen of a like privilege in the waters of the United States and the free entry of their fish, it is safe to assume that the department of state never entertained an idea of reviving the treaty of Washington with the understanding that a cash indemnity was again to be paid to Great Britain for the right to enjoy the inshore fisheries of Canada.

Secretary Bayard to-day said that he was glad to note the increasing interest manifested on the subject. He felt that the people of the country, outside of Massachusetts, had never realized its importance or appreciated the gravity of the alternative left to the administration in a declaration of non-intercourse. If it failed to effect a peaceable adjustment of the differences between the United States and Great Britain respecting the construction of the treaty rights of our fishermen, it is doubtful, he said, if the interests of San Francisco in maintaining her present coal supply from British Columbia, aside from the importance of the great Chicago business connections with Canada, and of the vast trade that ebbs and flows across 3,000 miles of our northern boundary would not exceed the interest of Massachusetts in the results of application of such an alternative of commercial non-intercourse. Negotiations with Great Britain on the subject are progressing and the secretary hopes that they will result in a harmonious and satisfactory understanding between that country and the United States.

PERSONAL.

Judge Vowell has returned to his headquarters at Donald.

J. A. Fraser, of Hope, returned home this morning.

Geo. Wise, government agent at Yale, left for home this morning.

Mrs. G. B. Wright and M. M. English, of New Westminster, are at the Driard.

Mrs. J. Jessop and Miss Scott left yesterday for England *via* the Canadian Pacific.

A. D. Charlton, western passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, Portland, is at the Driard.

J. Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, returned to New Westminster this morning.

James Rundle, of Newcastle, N. B., is *en route* to this province, where he intends to locate.

Mrs. L. Vigelius, who has been very ill at St. Joseph's hospital, has recovered and is again home and in good health.

Chas. S. Fee, general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific at St. Paul, and Mrs. Fee, are registered at the Driard.

Chas. H. Rockwell, the eminent astronomer, is at the Driard, *en route* to Alaska, where he intends taking observations.

MARINE.

(Specially compiled for THE COLONIST.)

The British ship Beaconsfield, now in Royal Roads, has been libelled.

Steamship Idaho was advertised to leave Portland last evening for Alaska.

Repairs on the tug Pilot having been effected, she will be ready for service this morning.

Ship John McDonald, coal laden for San Francisco, is awaiting a tug at Nanaimo.

Steamship City of Chester left San Francisco for this port at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Schooner Grace, Petit, left for the west coast yesterday afternoon, her repairs having been completed.

Tug Mogul will arrive from Port Townsend this morning to tow the bark Alden Besse, Capt. O'Brien, to the Sound.

Norwegian bark Thora, Olsen, arrived at Port Townsend Thursday, 72 days from Melbourne, Australia. She will load a return cargo of lumber at Utsalady.

Am. ship Edward O'Brien, Oliver, 2,157 tons, has been chartered by the Renton Coal Co., of San Francisco, for a cargo of coal from Tacoma to San Francisco.

British bark John Trahey, Ryan, 1148 tons, sailed from San Francisco yesterday bound to Port Townsend. This vessel is chartered to load a cargo of lumber at Tacoma for Valparaiso, Chile.

Captain Mattain, formerly in command of the wrecked bark Ella S. Thayer will, it is said, take command of the bark Nomantum on her next voyage from San Francisco to the Sound. The Nomantum is at present in command of Capt. Foye.

The tug Tyhee towed to Port Townsend yesterday the bark Elsinore, Capt. Simmonsen, which put into Barclay Sound several days ago waterlogged. The marine underwriters have her in charge. She will probably be discharged and repaired.

British bark Pacific Slope, Barnes, 999 tons, was reported as loading coal at Newcastle March 22d, for Burrard inlet, but will probably discharge at Honolulu, S. I., and then proceed to the inlet for a cargo of lumber for Australia. This vessel has loaded several cargoes of lumber at Moodyville for Australian ports.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Arrived—Ship Ivanhoe, Seattle. Cleared—Steamer Columbia, Astoria; steamer Walla Walla, Victoria. Sailed—Steamer City of Chester, Victoria.

SEALS AND SEALERS.

President Cleveland's Decision—Victoria Owners will Claim Damages for Detention and Loss.

The information contained in our telegram from San Francisco in reference to the Behring's Sea question will be welcome news to our sealers. Although it is not secured from an official source yet it may be taken as perfectly reliable. It was the intention of Victoria owners to send their schooners seal-hunting in the disputed waters, if over had the matter not been settled before they left. However, it would now appear that there is no necessity for going out under the apprehension that, while hunting a hundred miles or so from shore they might be seized by an American cruiser. President Cleveland's decision carries out the opinion held all along by vessel-owners here and by the authorities at Ottawa, that the contention of the United States to jurisdiction beyond the marine league from shore, was absurd and unfounded. We understand it is the intention of the owners of the seized British schooners to enter a claim against the United States for damages, for the illegal detention of their property. It is not known at what port the vessels are held, but it is stated the owners, if their property is not in good condition as at the time of seizure, will refuse to accept it, and look to the Ottawa authorities to secure for them a fair settlement.

THE SEALING FLEET.

Nothing Heard on the West Coast of the Missing Schooner Active—Two Wrecks at Schooner Cove—Several Vessels Report Poor Catches.

Mr. A. Frank, who has been away making enquiries for the schooner Active, returned from the West coast yesterday by way of Qualicum and Nanimo. He brings no definite information concerning the vessel for which so much anxiety is felt. The result of his enquiries, however, go to show that the reports brought by the Indians a few days ago are absolutely untrue in some respects and evidently without any foundation in others. No wreckage of a schooner has been washed ashore at the point stated. Neither is it true that the Indians have burned the property of their friends, as they would if they had any good reason for believing them to be dead. Mr. Frank walked along twenty miles of the west coast and had reports from Cape Flattery to Clayoquot to the effect that there was no wreckage on the shore excepting that of two vessels at Schooner Cove. One of these is thought to have been called the "Irene," as a piece of copper with that name on it was taken off one of the wrecks and offered for sale by the Indians. One is a lumber laden bark lying bottom up. Mr. Frank walked round her at low tide and found the hull breaking up fast, and most of the copper stripped off by the Indians. On a piece of 8x12-inch lumber in the hold was stenciled "P. M. Co." The beach for miles around in the vicinity of the cast-away vessels is strewn with lumber and wreckage. Our informant was aboard the schooner Dolphin which went into Clayoquot sound Sunday. Sealing was reported to be very poor and no catch was made. The schooner Kate was seen at Ucluelet. The schooners Pathfinder and Alfred Adams were heard from. All on board were well but they had few seals. It was learned that two sealing boats were picked up at sea by the schooner Mary Taylor, and one by the Juanita. They did not belong to the Active as she had nothing but canoes on board. The boats were clearly the property of some schooner manned by white hunters. A report was current among the Indians that a large steamer had sunk off Kyuquot and that a mail bag, which had floated ashore, was picked and taken to a priest at one of the missions. The news was heard at Clayoquot, which is distant from Kyuquot about 150 miles.

Mr. H. Gillard, Indian agent at Ucluelet was found in good health and as ready to extend his hospitalities to the weary traveller as ever. The Active has not been seen since she went out, but, notwithstanding, Mr. Frank believes that she still ploughs the briny and will eventually turn up all right.

DROWNED.

Robert Thomas Cliff Falls off the Steamer Belle and is Drowned.

The steamer Belle, Captain Johnson, arrived in this harbor on Wednesday morning, says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, with a boom of logs from Haslam & Lees, of the Nanaimo sawmills. Capt. Johnson reports that on Sunday, April 16th, when the steamer Belle was off Cape Lazo, the weather fine and the water smooth, Robert Thomas Cliff fell overboard and was drowned. The body could not be found. The deceased was a logger, residing in Comox district, and brother of Mr. S. Cliff of the Lorne hotel, Comox. He was a native of Gunstone, Brewood, Staffordshire, England, aged 45 years and 6 months. "Bob Cliff," as he was called, came to this city in 1862, and was well known throughout the city and district.

CALIGRAPH—T. N. HIBBEN & Co.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

The Annual Banquet a Grand Success—Old England's Sons do Honor to their Patron Saint.

Every seat at the capacious round table of the Clarence was filled last night when grace was pronounced. Comprising the company were the sons of St. George, whose faces glowed at the thought of the old land across the sea, bonny chiels who glory in the name of Britons, bould boys from the Green Isle and brawny souls from Wales. Canadians, who claim kindred with all their brothers over the water, were not wanting, while our American friends smiled so serenely as to lead one to believe that no codfish were being trailed across their path. Everybody seemed happy and determined to have a right merrie time.

The president of the society, Mr. M. W. T. Drake, presided, and Mayor Fell occupied the vice-chair. The president was supported on the right by United States Consul Stevens, and W. McNiffe, Esq., president of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, and on his left by Alderman Walker of Toronto, Thos. Russell, vice-president of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, and Dr. Matthews. To say that the feast set before the assembled guests was sumptuous is to do it but scant justice. Mr. Frank Richards, jr., "mine host" of the Clarence has every reason to feel proud and to congratulate himself on the success attending his efforts. One feature of the evening, and the subject of general remark, was the attention shown by every *attache* of the hotel from the steward down. The tables were nicely decorated with flowering plants and presented a most attractive appearance. Haynes' band discoursed sweet music during the evening, and was not the least pleasant feature of the occasion.

The following was

THE MENU.

SOUP.

Consommé, Royal. Mock Turtle.

FISH.

Fillet of soole à la renaissance.

RELEVES.

Ris de Gibier. Bouilli.

ENTREES.

Brisotin à l'Imperiale.
Tenderloin of beef à la Duchesse.
Scalloped veal with French peas.
Chicken à la Russe.

PUNCH. Cardinal.

ROASTS.

Turkey, cranberry sauce.
Ribs of beef, water cresses.

VEGETABLES.

Asparagus. String beans.
Boiled and mashed potatoes.

SALADE. Chicken.

PUDDING. Plum.

Charlotte. Praline.

DESSERT. Assorted Fruits.

Assorted Cakes, cheese, etc. French Coffee.

REGRETS.

Letters were read from Lieut.-Gov. Nelson, regretting that owing to the recent death of his father he was unable to attend; from Rear-Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, Bart., and Lieut. Garforth, as well as from Captain John Irving, regretting that they were unable to join in the festivities.

THE TOAST LIST.

The president, in proposing the toast of the Queen referred to the progress attained during her reign, and eulogized her many excellent qualities of heart and mind. As Queen, wife and mother she was an example to her people and she noblest woman in the world to-day. (Cheers.) Music, "National Anthem," followed by loud cheers.

"The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," by the president, in a few well-chosen words, concluding with "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and loud applause.

"The President of the United States," was given in very witty speech by the president, in which reference was made to the threatened small war over the Alaska seal fisheries. Three hearty cheers and a tiger succeeded, when after a "Hip, hurrah!" and the "Star Spangled Banner," U. S. Consul Stevens arose to respond. After eulogizing the Queen, he expressed the hope that the same good feeling which had hitherto been characteristic of the two countries would long continue, and that the kindred nations would never forget the noble race from which they sprung. (Deafening and long-prolonged cheers.)

Mayor Fell, in his own excellent way, proposed the toast of the "Governor General." Music, "Rule Britannia."

C. E. Redfern, Esq., according to the list, had the responsibility of proposing the toast of the lieutenant-governor and it is needless to add that he did his theme full justice. Reference was made to Lieutenant-Governor Nelson being a pioneer, respected by everybody, and having now attained, through his own merits, the highest position in the gift of the Queen in this province. (Cheers.) Music, "Irish Gentleman."

The "Army, Navy and Volunteers" was proposed by E. Johnson, Esq., who referred to the gallantry of the British army and the superiority of its navy. He trusted the volunteer movement would not die out in this country. It was, he said, defensive rather than agressive and of incalculable benefit in inculcating a feeling of patriotism. Music, "Red, White and Blue," and loud applause.

T. Elwyn, Esq., Capt. Clarke and Mr. E. G. Prior, M.P.P., responded pointedly and ably.

The mayor and council by T. Elwyn, Esq., was the next toast. Music: "Wee May the Keel Row." His worship, Mayor Fell, said one of the hardest things for him to do was to make a brief speech. [Laughter.] He did make one, however, full of meat, rich and racy and was received with well-merited applause. He advocated taking hold of the jubilee and making it, under the wing of the St. George's society, a grand success. This sentiment seemed to find favor with the assemblage, judging by the hearty cheers which followed the mayor's remarks.

"The Press" was the next toast and was proposed by J. L. Austin, Esq., in a few appropriate words. Music: "Did Ma Discourse." Mr. O'Brien of THE COLONIST, after acknowledging the heartiness with which the toast had been honored, gave a recitation, "How he Saved St. Michael's."

"Sister Societies," by Rev. A. Beanlands in a particularly nice speech was followed by "Auld Lang Syne," amid loud cheers. Mr. W. McNiff, president of the Pioneers' Society, responded briefly and was succeeded by Mr. T. Russell, vice-president of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian society, who made one of his usual clever speeches. Alderman Walker responded very happily on behalf of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society of Toronto.

"The Ladies," by Mr. G. Fairbrother, was the next toast. Music, "Here's a health to all good lasses." Responded to by Mr. B. H. T. Drake.

Mr. Ferguson then proposed the health of "The President, who believed no one could go far astray in joining the society. He hoped it would never be bankrupt, but that it would always be ready to tender all the relief necessary. He thought that the fact that it numbered 300 members after being one year in operation, sufficiently testified to its success, and believed that when the anniversary rolled around again it would be found that the number had doubled.

Mr. Prior then sang, "Who deeply drinks of wine" in fine voice, and Mr. Wm. Phillips held up his end in the same line in the "Union Jack of Old England." After a Scotch song by Alderman Walker, Mr. C. E. Redfern sang "Simon the Cellarer," in his own unapproachable manner. Capt. Babington made a big hit in his song "From the End of the Street," and was obliged to respond to an *encore*.

Mr. Fairbrother sang finely "There's room enough for all," and Mr. W. McNiff's inevitable "Muldoon," was up to that popular gentleman's usual high standard. Capt. Clarke after a few brief introductory remarks, sang a most catching air which was heartily received.

The local legislature was the next toast, coupled with the name of the Hon. Mr. Speaker Robson, who responded briefly.

Mr. Ferguson sang a hunting song with a "hullabalo" that fairly raised the ceiling and was enough to "waken the dead."

Mr. Charlie McCloskey then sang "Old Black Joe" in a particularly artistic manner to hand accompaniment.

Mr. Squires, being called upon gave "A Young Recruit" in fine style, and Mr. Ferguson rendered a Chinese song which was simply inimitable. Captain Tom Harman trilled "Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still," and Mr. Fred. Miller rendered "The Englishman," which was received with tumultuous applause. Mr. Harry Farwell gave a most pleasing song, when time was called by the president, the midnight hour having arrived and "God Save the Queen," sung with a will, brought the delightful evening to a close.

BLUE RIBBON CLUB.

The Temperance Hall was crowded last evening with friends of the Blue Ribbon movement. President S. Gray opened the meeting with an earnest prayer for the success of prohibition. After singing "Where is My Wandering Boy To-Night," the president spoke of the many efforts being made towards suppressing the liquor traffic. Vice-President Ruinge's remarks regarding temperance reform received loud applause. Mr. S. Gray's solo, "Our Jack's Come Home," brought down the house. Miss Hyams recited "The Travelers." The little lady merited the loud applause which followed the recitation. A duet by Mrs. H. Wright and Miss Dobbs received an *encore*; the ladies' voices blended melodiously, and the applause which greeted their duet was well deserved. After recess, the band played a fine selection. Miss Dobbs sang a pretty solo, which received an *encore*. A solo, by Miss Fisher, received an ovation, and the young lady was recalled. An instrumental duet, by Miss Hendricks and Mr. Beernstein, was a real musical gem, received thunders of applause, in response to which the lady and gentleman favored the audience with a selection from "Traviata." Mr. Duffy's solo, "Hail Victoria," met with loud applause. "God Save the Queen" brought the meeting to a close. The Blue Ribbon band played several fine selections during the evening.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Thomas Harris was one of the largest ever seen in Nanaimo. The Nanaimo *Free Press* says that the death of Thomas Harris, who was a favorite, not only with his relatives, but every one who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, cast a gloom over the community, for all felt as though a friend had been suddenly removed. A general and deep sympathy is extended to the relatives of the deceased in their sudden affliction.

Word has been received by Harmony Lodge, No. 6, Wellington, of the death of Mr. J. McInnes, formerly a resident of Wellington, and at the time of his death a member of Harmony Lodge. An explosion had taken place in one of the coal mines in the Indian territory, United States, when an exploring party of fifteen men, of which Mr. J. McInnes was one, went in to make an attempt to rescue the imprisoned miners. They were overtaken by the fatal damp, however, in their brave effort to save their fellow miners.

Mr. W. W. Pettigrew, while standing on the sidewalk in front of the Newcastle house, Nanaimo, on Thursday evening last, fell suddenly to the ground. Medical aid was called in, but he expired at 8 o'clock next morning. Mr. Pettigrew was 32 years of age, a native of Glasgow, Scotland and single.

The death is announced of Rev. W. B. Culyer, who for two years was the Methodist missionary at Belle Bella, on the northwest coast. He went to Nicola Valley to see if the air of that district would restore his health, but finding himself sinking he determined to return to his home in the east. He was being driven in a buggy by Rev. Mr. Turner from Nicola to the Kamloops station, when death intervened, and his journey was changed to that bourne from whence no traveller returns. He leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his early demise.

CRICKET.

Under Thirty vs. Over Thirty.

The "veterans" failing to raise eleven men for yesterday's game, borrowed three of their juniors, and began by disposing of seven wickets for 39 runs. Here, however, Hett and Ward made a determined stand, and being materially assisted by loose fielding on the part of the seniors, raised the total to 100. Both hit very finely and scored rapidly, and three changes in the bowling were needed to effect a separation. Pooley, in his innings had 5 wickets for 41 runs, Campbell 2 for 21, Eberts 1 for 30. When stumps were drawn, at 6 o'clock, "Over Thirty" had lost 7 wickets, and were still in a minority of 53 runs. Sinclair and Pooley batted in excellent style, but no one else "came off." Martin took 3 wickets for 22 runs, Fennelly 2 for 24, Jones 1 for 16. The catch which disposed of Eberts was an exceptionally fine one. Following is the score:

UNDER THIRTY.

J. E. Martin, run out	11
J. K. Worrold, b. Pooley	2
G. M. Wilson, b. Pooley	2
E. R. A. Dennison, b. Eberts	1
A. Fennelly, c. Eberts	3
N. P. Snowden, b. Pooley	7
H. Hett, c. Eberts, b. Campbell	47
R. F. Hendrick, b. Pooley	0
W. A. Ward, c. Boulton, b. Pooley	28
H. Jones, b. Campbell	5
R. H. T. Drake, not out	5
Extras	14
Total	128

OVER THIRTY.

J. W. Sinclair, c. Fennelly, b. Martin	28
D. J. Goepel, b. Fennelly	0
H. J. Campbell, run out	9
D. M. Eberts, c. Drake, b. Fennelly	0
G. E. Pooley, c. Ward, b. Jones	47
C. E. Irving, b. Martin	0
H. E. Boulton, c. Hett, b. Martin	6
R. Walkem, not out	0
Extras	2
Total for 7 wickets	71

A MORBID MEDICAL SCHOOL GIRL.

"What morbid creatures some women are," soliloquized a young sawbones the other day, as he wheeled himself around in his yellow cane-bottomed chair. "There is a pretty faced girl attending one of our medical colleges who is scarcely 18 years old, yet she enjoys the distinction of having superintended the job of skinning a dead man whom she had purchased for a few dollars. Skinned a man? That is just what she has accomplished, but she didn't stop there. No, no. She tanned the hide by some sort of process, and, this done, she cut and sewed the leather into a reticule with her own dainty little fingers and then painted violets and forget-me-nots on either side of the bag. She is very proud of her achievement is this little girl, but Lord deliver me from her like. She comes from a small town in one of the middle states, and will complete her course of study in two or three years. I saw her tripping along Michigan avenue one day last week. The reticule of human skin was dangling on her arm as pretty as you please, and her face, the personification of innocence and maidenly modesty, was as pretty as a doll's. We see strange things sometimes, eh?"—*Chicago Herald.*

BEHRING'S SEA SEALS.

President Cleveland Decides That Seals May Be Caught By Any Vessel Hunting Within a Marine League From the Shore.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—A dispatch received here from Washington by L. N. Handy & Son, owners of the schooner San Diego, which was recently seized in Behring Sea for alleged illegal seal fishing, will undoubtedly settle the long discussed question regarding the rights of vessels to catch seals in the Behring Sea. For many years the Alaska Commercial Company has hired the exclusive privilege from the government to capture seals in the waters adjacent to the islands and mainland of Alaska. Gradually the company extended its claims until it claimed the exclusive right to fish in the entire Behring Sea, which claim was recognized by the government and any vessel found seal hunting in those waters was seized and confiscated. Hardly 20 miles claimed that the government had no jurisdiction over this body of water beyond three miles from shore, which is one of the international laws all nations are bound to respect. The matter has been constantly agitated in Washington since the time of Grant's first presidential term, but up to the present time no relief has been afforded outsiders. Recently Mr. Handy brought suit in the Boston courts against the commander of the revenue cutter which seized his schooner, making the government a co-defendant, and sent J. E. Evans, an attorney, east to conduct the suit and exert his influence with the president to alter the laws. Mr. Handy also wrote to President Cleveland explaining to him the injustice the present laws inflict on those who desire to engage in seal hunting in those waters. The matter has been discussed at length in all of the cabinet meetings held recently, and on Wednesday Mr. Handy received a telegram from his lawyer in Washington stating that the president had ruled that any vessel is entitled to capture seals one marine league from the shores of Alaska. Mr. Handy, who was interviewed, expressed himself as greatly pleased over the president's ruling and stated that it is his intention to despatch a sealing vessel to Behring sea this season. Louis Sloss, of the Alaska Commercial Co., stated he had received no intimation of such ruling and hardly thought the president had so ruled.

FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

Blake Supports and McCarthy Defends the Coercion Bill.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, April 22.—The coercion bill debate is proceeding this evening.

Hon. Mr. Blake strongly supported the original resolutions, and generally approved of the national league agitation.

Mr. McCarthy electrified the house in defending the coercion bill, and argued that it was unwise for Canada to interfere, because the imperial parliament may retaliate. He moved in amendment that it is unwise and inexpedient for parliament to express itself on the question.

The debate was again adjourned.

NOVA SCOTIA SECESSION.

Premier Fielding Deals Gently with the Question and is Received Coldly.

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