Local News

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Smelter Returns.—The Tyee Copper Company's smelter at Ladysmith ran 13 days and treated 1,988 tons of Tyee ore during June, giving a return, after deduction of freight and refining charges, of $30,950.

Work on the Hotel.—The actual work of the construction of the C.P.R. hotel was begun yesterday, when the first of the steel frame work was placed in position. Besides this work the stone cutters also went to work yesterday, and from now on there will be the noise of the busy riveters and stone cutters.

Heavy Passenger Traffic.—According to a careful computation by those in a position to know, the number of passengers by the Whatcom from Seattle during the past week has been at an average of 112 per diem and by the Princess Victoria about 700 per diem. The total landed in Victoria from the C.P.R. boats for the past week being 5,500.

Copper Properties Sought.—An encouraging indication in connection with Island mining is that there have been recently several enquiries to purchase copper properties. What is sought is not a simple prospect, but bona fide mines will shortly open up. This will give employment to a large number of men.

Blackberry Picking.—The harvest of blackberries picked along the line of the E. & N. railway on Sunday was unusually large, extending into the hundreds of pounds. Among the largest returns were collections of 20 to 40 pounds, picked between the morning and evening train times. From appearances it would seem that the crop, which is an unusually large one this year owing to favorable weather conditions, is good for at least another week or ten days.

Entertainment at Cobble Hill.—There will be a social and dance at the residence of Mrs. C. J. Eaton, at Cobble Hill, this evening. The affair is in aid of the fund for a peal of bells for the newly-erected tower of the Church of England (Rev. Nightingale). Herr Peters, of Victoria, will entertain the visitors with an exhibition of sleight-of-hand tricks and illusions. There being fine weather and good moonlight, it is expected a large number of residents of the district will attend.

Interesting Prospective Re-Union.—In connection with the lamented death of Mr. James Dean, one of those who came to Victoria in 1853 on the ship Norman Morrison, the Colonist learns, in conversation with Mr. F. Caselton, son of Mr. R. Caselton, one of the few survivors of the Norman Morrison's passengers, that it is intended to hold a re-union next year of the remaining pioneers who sailed on that vessel. It is proposed to hold the re-union on the 16th of next January, that being the day, fifty-six years ago, when the Norman Morrison reached Victoria.

Texada Mining Notes.—Mining on Texada Island shows very satisfactory activity this season. The Marble Bay mine, under the management of Mr. Grant, is making steady shipments of 400 to 600 tons a week, and the showing in the mine continues to steadily improve. Very encouraging reports are to hand from the Copper Queen. The new manager of this company, Mr. Wilde, is expected to arrive daily. The Loyal group is being extensively developed, and it is stated that the Puget Sound Iron Co.'s mines will shortly open up. This will give employment to a large number of men.

The Active Inch-Worm.—Residents in several parts of Victoria and suburbs are being much troubled this summer with the annoying caterpillar popularly known as the inch-worm. Some ten years ago, it will be remembered, this pest was very numerous, but of late, until the present season, he has not been much in evidence. He seems particularly to affect localities where the oak-tree is plentiful. A well known citizen residing near Foul Bay told the Colonist yesterday that the worm had practically settled all tree and flower garden vegetation on his property. They hung in great clusters on the tree branches, and ate everything in sight.

A Good Tourist Resort.—A correspondent, writing from Texada Island, says: "The advantages of Texada Island as a tourist resort are not widely enough known. The scenery is beautiful, and the summer climate all that can be desired. Fishing, bathing and hunting are all to be had, and the best of their kind at that. There are two good lakes, easy of access, where the trout and salmon fishing equal anything elsewhere in the province. The hotel accommodation is also most comfortable, the Marble Bay hotel, managed by Mr. Booth, and the Van Anda hotel, controled by Mr. Lyons, being both first-class hosteleries. In the growing tourist traffic of the Coast, the claims of Texada Island should not be overlooked."

Inventors' Work.—The following Canadian patents have been recently secured through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, Montreal, Can., and Washington, D. C.: Information relating to any of the patents cited will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above named firm. No. 93,708, Joseph Charles Roy, Point St. Charles, Que., spoke extractor; 93,892, Emile Guillaume, Paris, France, process and apparatus for distilling and rectifying alcoholic liquids; 93,916, Louis Cote, St. Hyacinthe, Que., proportional divider; 93,965, Patrick J. O'Brien, Mobile, Nfld., non-refillable bottle; 93,976, Theophile Taillefer, Montreal, Que., butter cutting and measuring device; 93,984, Louis N. Beauchemin, Montreal, Que., nailless horseshoe; 94,023, James P. Ewing, Drayton, Ont., traction wheel; 94,057, James S. N. Guindon, Montreal, Que., fire alarm apparatus.

Will Visit Exhibition.—W. H. Keary, of the New Westminster exhibition, has been in communication with Lieutenant-Col. Hall with regard to the visit of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., to the Dominion exhibition at New Westminster. All expenses of the local corps' visit to New Westminster will be paid by the exhibition authorities, and the Fifth Regiment will participate with the Sixth Regiment in the military manoeuvres, as well as forming a guard of honor to the Governor-General, Earl Grey. The exhibition will be opened on September 27. The regiment will attend on Thursday, the 28th, and remain until Sunday, returning to Victoria on Monday. Detailed orders will be issued to the regiment shortly regarding the excursion.

Visiting Medical Men.—Since the close of the convention of United States doctors held at Portland, many of the medical men have visited Victoria, it being estimated that at least a third of the 1,600 medicos who were at Portland will return homeward via the C. P. R. Dr. Liston H. Montgomery, of Chicago, with his wife, and Mrs. Mary Powers and Mrs. Annie Armstrong, visited Victoria yesterday en route eastward from the conference. Dr. Montgomery said yesterday he admired the manner in which Canada conducted her public health bureaus, and when at Portland he had moved a resolution suggesting a federal health officer for the United States. Although there are state boards of health in the United States, the country has not a federal board of health. Dr. Montgomery was pleased with his visit to Victoria, which he said was considerably changed since his last visit eleven years ago. He leaves today to attend the British Columbia Medical conference at Vancouver.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Bank Clearings.—The total bank clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending yesterday were $799,373.

The Damaged Lightship.—The damaged U. S. lightship, No. 67, which was towed to Neah Bay, has been relieved by lightship No. 76, which is similar in appearance with the exception that on the white section the word "Relief" and No. 76 is painted with black letters. No. 67 lightship will be returned to her station as soon as repairs can be effected.

The Islands' Show.—Mr. Phillips, secretary of the Islands' Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association, said yesterday that the annual show of the association would be held on September 20th at Gange's Harbor. No grant is being received this year for the show, the secretary said, and he hopes that merchants and others in the city will give the islanders assistance toward the show.

Settling Keating Estate.—George W. Hutton, an attorney of Santa Monica, Cal., has just returned from Dawson, where he has been engaged in making inquiries with a view to settling the estate of the late Mr. Keating, of this city and California, who with his sons were victims of the Islander disaster. Mr. Keating was largely interested in Alaska, and also owned some city property, including the Klondike hotel

Allows 300-Fathom Nets.—For the first time in the history of Fraser river salmon fishing, the use of nets of over 150 fathoms will be permitted this year off the mouth of the river in the Gulf of Georgia and in English Bay. Notification to this effect has been received by Mr. C. B. Sword, fisheries inspector for this district, from Ottawa, and the fact of the alteration of the regulations has been communicated by him to the Fraser River Canners' Association. The effect of the legalizing of nets over 150 fathoms in length outside the Fraser river will be that fishermen will have a much better opportunity to capture sockeyes in the Gulf than they have had in previous years.

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A Canadian Musician to the Front—The following interesting item, clipped from Musical America, a New York journal devoted to matters musical, is of especial interest at this time, as musical Victoria will have an opportunity of hearing Mr. Tripp play at Institute hall Tuesday evening, July 25, at what will no doubt prove one of the most successful piano recitals of the year: "At the new and pretty Knabe hall there took place on Friday, April 28, the interesting recital of Mr. J. D. A. Tripp, a Canadian pianist, who has recently been winning some golden opinions from even the most severe musical scribes in Europe's musical centres. In all those qualities, technical and musical, that we demand from a modern piano virtuoso, Mr. Tripp is unusually well equipped, and he has besides a certain ripe repose and scholarly earnestness that might be looked for vainly in players much more celebrated than this talented Canadian. In him New York made one of the most pleasant of this season's musical acquaintances."

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Building Boilers.—The Victoria Machinery Depot has in hand the construction of a Cyclone water-tube boiler, 300 horse power, working up to a pressure of 300 pounds, for furnishing heat to the retorts of the new turpentine works in this city.

Alaskan Cannery Burned.—Advices have been received by the Alaskan Packers' Association of San Francisco of a fire which took place at the Kussinoff salmon packing plant on July 14. Two buildings and 8,000 cases of salmon were destroyed.

Island Mining.—Excellent reports are to hand of the progress being made on the King Solomon mine, near Koksilah, in which a number of prominent Victorians are interested. Another large body of ore was uncovered last week, and the surface showings are most encouraging. Taking the conservative estimate of 5 per cent., there is at present in sight on this property ore to the value of $70,000.

Interfered With Mining.—According to Jack Dalton, who recently reached Skagway from the Porcupine mining district, the high water which carried out the flumes and otherwise interfered with the mining operations in the Porcupine creek has compelled those interested in that country to confine their operations this year to the benches. They have had to abandon operations in the creek bed until the low water of another winter shall give them an opportunity to repair their dams and place their flumes in position.

He Is Still Wild.—The Cowichan Leader says: "The wild man of Vancouver Island has again been seen by a prospector while out in the mountains last week, near Cowichan lake. He reports seeing what he believes was the much-talked-of wild man. He saw something through the bush, and at first sight thought it was a bear, and raised his rifle, moving a little closer, when to his surprise a man straightened up before him. He immediately lowered his gun and shouted to him, but the wild man at once sprang into the thicket and was soon lost to view. The prospector tried to follow his track, but on account of the dense undergrowth was forced to give up the chase."

Change of Firm.—There are few names better or more favorably known to horticulturists throughout British Columbia than that of Andrew Ohlson, of Victoria, the products of whose well-equipped nursery have gone far and wide. Many of the trees that are now earning for the Okanagan and neighboring sections of the province the title of "The Land of the Big Red Apple," were supplied by Mr. Ohlson. The business in his capable hands has grown and thriven to such an extent as to demand a partner to cope with its increasing volume, and, as will be seen by a notice elsewhere in today's issue, Mr. Ohlson has taken Mr. W. B. Gage into partnership, and will continue this old and well established business under the name of the Oaklands Nursery Company. In its new form and with enlarged facilities a yet greater degree of satisfaction to those who buy will result from the present arrangement than has been the case in the past.

NEW C. P. R. HOTEL.

Ottawa Citizen.

The purchase of the Grand hotel at Caledonia Springs by the Canadian Pacific, together with the beautiful park of nearly 600 acres surrounding it, foreshadows the establishment of a large sanitarium and health resort within a short distance of the Capital. Anything that the C. P. R. takes hold of it always does well and such a resort conducted on proper lines will no doubt attract thousands of health seekers from other parts of Canada and the United States every year.

THE MOLOKANS COMING.

Ottawa Citizen.

The immigration department has added to its anthropological menagerie a new Russian sect, the Molokans from Trans-Caucasia, who are said to resemble the Doukhobors. It is too bad that this country finds it necessary to levy for population upon all sorts of crank sects of Europe when really desirable immigrants are now pouring into the Dominion of their own accord.

MILITIA ESTIMATES.

Montreal Gazette.

The outlay on the militia during the present fiscal year is expected by the government to be $5,496,000. This is for armament, equipment, drill, etc., and does not include considerable sums to be laid out by the Department of Public Works on building drill sheds. Lord Dundonald was a modest militarist in the matter of expenditure, compared with the men he left behind when Mr. Fisher bounced him.

THEY LOVE PEACE.

China Mail.

Apparently the Russian fighting motto is, "He who fights and runs away, will live to fight another day, etc." On land that has been consistently done. On sea some have fought and sunk before they could run away, whilst others have run away before they could fight.

Collins Case Was Remanded

Will Be Continued Before Judge Lampman This Morning In County Court.

Weird Tale of a 'Frisco Newspaperman Who Feared Local Police.

George D. Collins, charged with perjury in extradition proceedings taken before Judge Lampman by Mr. Frank Higgins on behalf of the San Francisco police, was remanded until this morning. Several witnesses, as stated yesterday, are en route to Victoria to testify against Collins, and, as they cannot arrive until Monday, it may be that the case will be further remanded until then. Mr. Higgins, in opening the case, asked to amend the information consequent to the receipt of the warrant from San Francisco. Mr. Helmcken, K.C., for Collins, objected, he having had no notice of the amendment. He asked that the case be remanded until today before the amendment was considered, that he might have opportunity to examine the depositions which Detective Gibson had brought from San Francisco. Mr. Higgins asked that the warrant from San Francisco be put in and Collins identified as the fugitive mentioned in it. The depositions would then be put in and he would then ask the court to remand the case until Monday until the witnesses, who included professional gentlemen, who required time to arrange their affairs prior to leaving San Francisco, could reach the city.

Mr. Higgins said: "We have a legitimate case based on credible evidence. The only difficulty I have at present is in being able to prove a case against the prisoner with regard to technicalities. I want to bring evidence so that there may be no question as to the guilt of the accused. When the depositions I have are read it will be seen that I have a good case, and that this is no clap-trap prosecution."

Mr. Helmcken said he would not accuse Mr. Higgins of bringing a clap-trap case before the court, but he knew nothing of the depositions, which he had not seen, and which were subject to objection, and he would like to examine them before proceeding. He asked for an adjournment until this morning.

Mr. Higgins thought the case could go over until Monday, but Judge Lampman set it for this morning. The court then adjourned, and Mr. Higgins and Mr. Helmcken went to the room of His Honor, where the depositions were looked over. Later Mr. Helmcken and Mr. Collins were shown the depositions and Collins made note and excerpts from them in readiness for the resumption of the case.

Mr. Steele's Weird Tale

When Collins had been arrested here and Frank Higgins had been retained to represent San Francisco in the proceedings against him, there was in this city one R. M. Steele, a representative of the San Francisco Chronicle, staying at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Higgins was informed by local newspapermen, and thinking Steele would identify Collins if asked, he telephoned to him, but failed to find him. Steele, it seems, imagined himself the victim of something terrible to contemplate, and the San Francisco Chronicle just to hand has a wierd tale, in which fact is absent. The Chronicle says:

Mr. Steele, who returned to San Francisco yesterday, told the following story:

"I had been spending my vacation at the Portland fair with my wife and niece, and ran up to Victoria before returning home. Immediately I got into town on Wednesday last I heard that Collins was there, and that night he was arrested. Next morning I heard from a friend of mine that Collins had been taken into court and had refused to admit his identity, and that the chief of police had been informed that I was from San Francisco and would be able to recognize him. My friend telephoned me that detectives were following me, intending to keep me in sight until a subpoena or a warrant could be obtained.

"In Danger of Jail"

"As a citizen I wanted to do my duty, but when I found out how slowly the wheels of justice move in British Columbia, and that I might be detained there for several weeks, I decided to get out of the place. I was informed it is a common practice to throw witnesses in jail up there in order to be sure of them. One man happened to witness a small theft, and they held him in confinement ten days along with the prisoner, so as to be sure of getting his testimony.

"After consulting with my friend I decided to appeal to the American consul. We started out for the consulate, and had not gone half a block before we found we were being followed by a sergeant of police. To escape the subpoena which he was probably carrying for me we hurried around a corner, ran down to the waterfront, climbed over cargo and bales piled up there, turned up a side street and so reached the consulate. Secretary Peabody of the consulate informed me that if I was served with a subpoena I would have to remain in Victoria, but that if I could get off British soil I would probably be safe. The steamer Queen, which was leaving for San Francisco that night, was not due to arrive until 5 p.m.

"To keep out of the way of the police in the meantime was the problem. What I did was to take a hack, drive out of the town and scour the countryside while waiting for the steamer. We visited Green Bay hotel, the Dunsmuir castle and the castle of the Lieutenant-Governor. We drove about forty miles up and down the coast and through country lanes, and every time we saw a man on horseback approaching we took a swift little trip into the woods.

"I kept in touch with the consulate by telephone, but could get no assurance that it was not intended to detain me for the six days for which the case had been continued. The steamer did not actually get in until 7.30. Some of the passengers came off for a little walk, so I put on a traveling cap, with the idea of passing for one of them, and strolled on board. There was a big policeman on the gangplank, but he did not interfere with me. I kept close to the captain to appeal to him if any attempt should be made to detain me. Finally, at 9 o'clock, the Queen sailed without my having been served with a subpoena. The captain afterward told me that, having once got on board an American steamer, he would have made a fight to hold me if they had tried to take me off."

The Commons and Senate passed the bills increasing the salaries of ministers and their own indemnities with commendable despatch. Ergo, if you want a thing done, do it yourself and do it at once.

That well-conducted and sensible paper, the Nelson Economist, has entered upon its ninth year of publication, with every prospect of increasing its business and influence. In noting this fact the Economist remarks: "Although the paper is strictly a business undertaking, its opinions are not for sale. It has never 'crooked the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift might follow fawning,' nor has it sought to prolong its existence by gathering up the crumbs that fall from the tables of the rich corporations," a statement which the Colonist can fully endorse.

The mines of the Boundary district have made an excellent showing for the first six months of 1905, their output aggregating 458,193 tons, which, estimated on the low basis of $5 per ton, represent a value of $2,290,965. If favorable conditions prevail for the rest of the year the ore production of the Boundary country should total over a million tons, with a value of over $5,000,000.

The success which has so far attended the trap fishing on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island is a proof of the soundness of judgment of those who advocated their establishment. There was seldom a better illustration of the motto, "What we have we hold," for now we have the satisfaction of knowing that our people are getting a fair share of the salmon which are propagated in hatcheries established and maintained at the public expense.

Calgary is growing so fast that her people feel the need of a street railway, and they want the city to build and operate one. The city council has declined to entertain a proposal to grant a franchise to a company.

Police and The Zemstvo

Took Names of Delegates—Cries "Write Down the Whole of Russia."

Sitting Was Resumed When the Police Went to Draw up Summonses.

Moscow, July 19.—The zemstvo congress opened at midday in the residence of Prince Dolgorukoff. The congress was attended by 225 delegates. Count Heyden, leader of the deputation, representing the congress recently received by the Emperor, presided. M. Folovine, president of the organizing committee, had barely started reading a statement dealing with the obstacles placed in the way of the congress, and announcing that Governor-General Kozloff had promised that there would be no recourse to extreme measures when the chief of police with numerous commissaries and officers entered the room. The chief announced that the prefect had prohibited the meeting of the congress and ordered the seizure of the documents. Count Heyden protested against the proceedings, but the chief of police began taking the names of the delegates. Then cries were raised of "Write down the whole of Russia!" Many persons present who were not delegates to the congress required that their names also be taken. The police then departed in order to draw up summonses, and the sitting was resumed.

Bouligan's Scheme Denounced ..* ..**

The scheme of a national assembly on the basis outlined by the commission presided over by M. Bouligan, minister of the interior, was minutely and critically destroyed and denounced as totally inadequate to remove Russia's internal grievances because including a property qualification and an electoral system by classes, it prevented the assembly from truly interpreting the will of the nation, while the exclusion of numerous categories of citizens from the franchise was a contradiction of the principles of equity and reasonable state policy.

At the same time it was recognized that the assembly would comprise a considerable portion of the social forces of the Empire and serve as the centre of a social movement, which would tend to secure political liberty and regular national representation. Therefore it was considered desirable that in the event of the carrying out of the Bouligan or a similar project the delegates of the Zemstvos and municipalities should participate in the society to the greatest possible extent with the object of forming a compact group and to obtain a guarantee of political and personal liberties.

A number of resolutions, embodying the foregoing criticisms were adopted unanimously, as were also resolutions complaining of excessive administrative and police control of elections, and insisting that publicity be given to the proceedings of the proposed assembly which should be in direct relations with the Emperor without interference from the council of the Empire.