AMERICAN NEWS.

...ernment Will Grant an ...ance Monopoly to ...ise Revenue.

...xposition for California ...am's" Gold Holdings Increase.

...co, July 12.—News comes that ...ernment has found that it ...expedient to adopt the pro... a monopoly in petroleum, ...ers, abandoned all further ...if the question of adding to ...the establishment of such a ...is said, however, that in ...an increased income, the ...substitute a monopoly in ...insurance business in place ...pétroleum monopoly. It is ...the granting of a monopoly ...business of the country ...m of 50,000,000 lire (about ...the revenue. Such a mono... ...iously affect the American ...do an immense insurance ...ly.

...co, July 12.—A force of en... ...put to work in Golden ...ake the preliminary survey ...of the four main buildings ...Exposition. The fair will ...the Columbian exposition ...of the features of the big ...produced on a smaller scale.

...July 12.—The long-anticipated ...ngerfest of the North ...gerbund opened yesterday. ...n German singing societies ...cities had arrived and had ...o quarters. In the evening ...l concert was given, partici... ...900 singers, and listened to by ...6,000. Mayor Blee welcom... ...lov. McAuley did his duty ...annon Deiler, of New Or... ...o Cleveland briefly the ...as former president, to Paul ...ident of the Sængerbund. ...as a great success. Mlle. ...ma donna, received an ova... ...inna Little, Baron Berthald ...melke fully vindicated their ...ly.

...n, July 12.—The statement ...Treasury department shows ...s, from June 30 to July 10, ...ing increased from $95,485,513 ...The customs receipts at ...s month were $9,337,798, a ...29,909, as compared with the ...h, and of $253,472, as com... ...corresponding month of 1892. ...ature of the treasury state... ...a cent of receipts for last ...certificates, and the ...was little better in the ...June, 1892, 3 per cent. of the ...paid in gold certificates, and 2 ...d coin.

ON THE RACK.

...July 12.—Hon. Whitelaw Reid, ...France, who, with his family, ...the World's Fair some days ...t by a reporter just as he ...back for New York. Reid ex... ...elight with the Fair, saying ...World's Fair enormously ...particulars. In buildings ...and the novel picturesque ...fect in all respects. Reid ...he had read ex-Senator Ingalls' ...candidacy for the Vice-Pre...

...Reid, with a laugh, "but you ...in favor of the nomination ...ably the ex-Senator and I ...materially."

...thought they might, and ...the passage where Ingalls ...as an "luxurious and aristo... ...ko in his dress, manners and ...ce of his "superciliousness," ...ring men. Reid said with ...ness: "That is absurd. I have ...g man myself, far more than ...am, and he would probably be ...olify any insult, supercilious ...ever offered to labor or to ...forcing man. All this talk ...to the national ticket last ...unt of a 15-year old strike ...led to the satisfaction of la... ...abor claptrap. Anyway ...ere thousands effected by it in ...n where it was an open ques... ...that after it was settled to ...tisfaction, the labor unions ...nhit politics, it is to accuse ...of bad faith, but a system... ...their own cardinal prin... ...ring them the grossest in... ...our opponents made a ...about it, but most of those ...ed to influence were already ...I doubts if Powderly or any ...reat, reputable and respon... ...ill say that the question ...ed labor votes in the United ...Certainly it did not turn ...e single rifle shot at Carnegie ...thousands."   ..."luxurious and aristo...

...whoever heard before of a ...ttacking a candidate because ...his wife. The rest of Ingall's ...s to be that in other particu... ...ke a gentleman. Well, ...they surely don't bring that ...nst him, and I know that ...es a candidate, although he ...e supposed principles and ...dirt before them, Mrs. Lease ...thrust him into the gutter. ...ng there ever since, spouting ...nguage."

...be the motive for the at...

...know, and what is the use of ...seems to lack employment ...rown out of officeholding. ...a man must make a living by ...writing for syndicates. We ... such statement out of a job ...for work after every election... ...r paper has the same experi...

...ab, N.B., July 12.—At the ...across the river from Monc... ...atholic church, priest's house, ...sences of Peter Gray, Isaac ...O'Leary were entirely con... ...$10,060; insurance, $5,000.

MRS. ALVA YOUNG.

...ant, writes: "My baby was ...summer complaint, and nothing ...f any relief. In Fowler's ...awberry, which cured him at ...of the best remedies I ever

THE CITY.

HERBERT ROBERTSON, formerly a Victorian but recently a law student in Toronto, is out here again, a full-fledged barrister and solicitor. He will probably practice in British Columbia.

THE annual meeting of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company was held yesterday afternoon when the Board of Directors was re-elected and considerable other business was transacted.

THE steamer Joan carried a large excursion party of Loyal Orangemen from this city and Saanich to Vancouver yesterday, where they took a prominent part in the 12th of July demonstration.

THE case of Carmody v. Drum was continued yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake in the Supreme Court. In the forenoon a nonsuit was granted with costs as against the defendants Sayward Mills and Lumber Company. The evidence for the defence is now being heard and will be continued to-day.

A PLEASANT garden party was given last night, in aid of St. Saviour's school-room fund, at the residence of Mr. Russel, Springfield House, Roberts street. The grounds were picturesquely illuminated and the arrangement throughout admirably carried out. During the evening an excellent musical programme was presented in the spacious parlors.

As the result of several years' deficiencies the Young Men's Christian Association is in debt to the extent of $3,000. An effort is to be made to secure this at once, and to that end Mr. F. W. Teague assumes the business management of the organization to-day. A plan will be submitted shortly and all interested will be asked to help keep the institution open.

THE case of Scott v. the B. C. Trading and Lumber Co., was heard before the Full Court yesterday with Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, C.J. and their Lordships Mr. Justice Walkem and Mr. Justice Crease on the bench. Mr. L. G. McPhillips appeared for the appellants, Mr. Chas. Wilson for the defendants. Judgment reserved. There are six appeal cases still to be heard.

In order to afford Victorians who take in the excursion to Seattle on Saturday an opportunity of witnessing the baseball match between the Seattle athletic club and the Multnomah athletic club, of Portland, the game has been postponed until 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The match, which is for the amateur championship of the Pacific Northwest, is expected to be a particularly interesting one, as both are strong teams.

WHAT is known as the Long Vacation at the Law Courts will commence on August 1, and will include the two months of August and September. Hitherto this vacation has been a misnomer, as the judges have had to work harder during that time than at any other period of the year, but under the new Court rules, which came into effect at the beginning of the year, the overworked judges will be enabled to enjoy a real vacation.

THE I.O.O.F. excursion committee have secured the steamer Islander for their excursion to Seattle, on Saturday, August 12, one week later than was first announced. The excursions of this order have always been very popular with the public, and tickets, for a day or two previous, were usually at a premium. On this occasion, to prevent over-crowding and add to the comfort of those who may go, only a limited number of tickets will be sold. The fare will be $1.50 for the round trip.

AT the regular meeting of Y. L. I., No. 33, held Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed by District Deputy for Victoria, Miss Skinner : Past President, Miss McDowell ; President, Miss Skinner; First Vice, Mrs. Carmody; Second Vice, Miss Dwyer; Treasurer, Miss Finnerty; Recording Secretary, Miss C. Raines; Financial Secretary, Miss A. Kerg; Marshall, Miss Steele. A reception will be tendered the resigning officers next Wednesday evening. A branch of the Y. L. I. will shortly be organized at Vancouver by Miss McDowell, District Deputy for Vancouver.

THE Royal Templars held a strawberry festival in the St. Andrew's and Caledonian hall last night. Rev. Ebenezer Robson took the chair and a first-class programme was rendered by friends of the order. During the interval strawberries and cake were served. The proceeds were to go towards buying regalia for Victory Council No. 2, James Bay. The programme : Chairman's remarks ; instrumental duet, Mrs. McDermid and W. J. Boothe ; reading, Mr. Webb ; song, Mr. Pettis ; reading, "A Disturbance in Church," Miss Butler ; song, Miss Ada Simms ; recitation, Miss Foster ; duet, Misses Limey and Lumer ; reading, Mr. Charlton ; song, Miss Minnie Limey.

THE business transacted at yesterday's session of the Northwest Baptist Convention was purely routine, and was confined to that of a formal nature. There are at present no matters of serious moment to claim the attention of the convention.

THE Royal Templars held a strawberry... A San Francisco dispatch of yesterday says : The sealing fleet in Alaskan waters is doing remarkably well, according to a letter just received from Sand Point. The catch reported up to May 19 is as follows : Dora Sieward, 1,436 ; Sapphire, 1,280 ; Triumph, 1,836 ; Mary Taylor, 740 ; Maud Aes, 836 ; Borealis, 1,300 ; E. B. Marvin, 1,014 ; Minnie, 1,460 ; Annie B. Paint, 736 ; Ocean Belle, 1,300 ; Oscar and Hattie, 1,300 ; all of Victoria. Willard Ainsworth, 690 ; Henry Dennis, 1,501 ; George E. White, 215 ; Volunteer, 12, all of Seattle.

THE KELP REEF BEACON.

The Quadra, Capt. Walbran commanding, and with Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries on board, returned from Kelp Reef yesterday afternoon, having built the new beacon there five feet higher on the round. The work was done during two low tides and it has been now postponed for a while in order to prove whether the cement used in the beacon's construction will stand good. The new foundation is now visible at half tides.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

The list of names of those to whom prizes were awarded at Victoria College is amended as follows : The prize for class work, Division I. was gained by R. Wilson; the prize for drawing was gained by K. Davie; and a special prize for Scripture examination, the gift of the Bishop, was awarded by him to Bluebell Kitto.

The room not being large enough to hold the audience, the entertainment was repeated on Tuesday, with marked success. The fairy scenes, dancing and grouping, which gave such great effect, were specially prepared for this play. The characters were well sustained by the following pupils :

Mechanics—E. Aspland, G. Rithet, R. Wilson, G. Kane, and L. Earl.

Bottom—W. Woolcok.

Flute—R. Woolcok.

Oberon—E. Aspland.

Puck—G. Aspland.

Fairies—E. Davie, F. De'creeux, M. Fell, E. Brown, E. Fell, M. and G. Kane, U. Nicholles, E. Saunders, N. Field, S. and N. Earle, and E. Stigley.

During the intervals Mrs. Temple and Miss Rithet gave songs, and Mr. Scaife a recitation. A pleasant close was made to the entertainment on Tuesday night by the presentation of a set of gold sleeve-links to Mr. Scaife, as a slight acknowledgment of appreciation for the services he had so kindly rendered in perfecting the players.

MONS. RENE QUENTIN, a Parisian artist of prominence, will be a resident of Victoria for some time to come. He has a commission from the leading art publishing house of Paris—Paul Dupont—to make a series of sketches of Canadian life and scenery which will be incorporated in a book entitled "Impressions of Canada." M. Quentin has for the past ten years exhibited pictures in the Paris Salon, and comes to this country well recommended by the highest art authorities of France. He is a portrait, historical and landscape painter, and desires to open a class in this city in Canada. In this effort it is hoped he will prove successful, as it is his desire, if possible, to remain here permanently. The presence of a clever artist, one who has had the advantage of the finest schools in the world, will do much to educate the youth of the city in the highest branch of the fine arts. M. Rene Quentin has associated himself with the below artist and countryman, M. Loeman, and is to be found at that gentleman's studio in the Market building, Cormorant street. M. Rene Quentin has resided in America before, having lived in Montreal for several years, where he had the advantage of the fifteenth, when he was previously clouded with...

arts and manufactures. It was he who painted the portrait of Mr. Speaker (now Hon.) Ouimet for the Parliamentary gallery at Ottawa. Everyone who is interested in art or who desires to avail themselves of M. Quentin's tuition will be gladly welcomed by that gentleman at M. Loeman's studio.

THE announcement of the arrival on July 7 at London of the American ship Edward O'Brien will be welcome news. The O'Brien sailed from Vancouver December 10, and was about given up for lost. Capt. Taylor who commanded her is an old timer on the Sound, where he is well known. In the neighborhood of the equator in the Atlantic, she encountered heavy weather. From that time on for fully ninety days the ship experienced gale after gale and she was hove to nearly all the time. A few days before she arrived in port 85 per cent. was offered and refused to reinsure ship and cargo.

On Monday afternoon when the steamer Danube was nearing Seattle, Robert Hitchinson, a fireman, committed suicide by jumping overboard. Mrs. Myers, the captain's wife, who saw him come up from below, coolly got on the rail and plunge into the waters of the Sound, gave the alarm and the steamer was stopped as quickly as possible, but the man sank before a boat could reach him. Hutchinson came out here from England on the steamship Parthia several years ago. He was a fireman on the Islander and on other boats, but was making his first trip on the Danube. He was a native of the North of England, aged 35, and left no relatives in this country.

THE WORK ENDED.

The Court of Revision completed their labors yesterday, Mayor Beaven, Aldermen Belyea, Styles and Baker forming the board. The results of the final appeals are appended :

For G. W. R. Thomson—Lot 1,615, to stand as assessed; improvements thereon to stand as assessed; lots 67, 8, section 10, reduced to $1,400 per acre.

For W. P. Sayward—Lot 141, to stand as assessed; lot 142, reduced to $3,000; lot 144, to stand as assessed; improvements to lot 142, reduced to $100; improvements on lot 144, reduced to $300; lot 375, reduced to $3,750; lot 611, to stand as assessed; lot 616, reduced to $1,500; lot 845, to stand as assessed; lot 1,212, to stand as assessed; lot 1,667, to stand as assessed; lot 9, block 76, Fort property, to stand as assessed; two acres, part block A, section 5, reduced to $1,500 per acre.

For C. F. Prevost—Lot 890, to stand as assessed; lot 890a, to stand as assessed; part lot 1,195, reduced to $750; improvements thereon, reduced to $250; lot, sub-divisions 1 and 2, block 1,276 7, to stand as assessed; lots 1,301-3, to stand as assessed; lots 16 and 17, block 1,777-91, reduced to $700 each.

For Lowen & Erb—Lot 226, reduced to $16,000; lot 226, reduced to $7,500; lot 279, block 26, reduced to $3,250.

For Hon. W. J. Macdonald—Block 26, Beckley Farm, to stand as assessed.

For Mrs. Fitz Allan—Lot 10, block 68-73, reduced to $400; lot 37, block 68 73, stand as assessed; lot 790, block 16, reduced to $1,200; sub-divisions 3 and 4, lot 791, block 16, stand as assessed; lot 792, block 16, stand as assessed; Improvements thereon reduced to $1,500.

For Mrs. Della F Cowan—Part lot 406, block 13, stand as assessed.

The court adjourned at 12 45, after receiving Mr. E. M. Johnson's thanks for consideration shown him during the hearing of his appeals. The confirmation of the roll will be proceeded with.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The steamship Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, with 186 3-10 tons of freight and 18 cabin passengers for Victoria. Forty-five other saloon passengers also left the steamer here, but they are bound East and the majority of them leave by the Premier this morning. On the Walla Walla's last northern voyage she carried among her passengers United States Marshal O. T. Porter; of Sitka, Alaska, and four of his deputies who had in charge eleven prisoners en route to San Quentin, where they will remain for periods ranging from two to ten years for crimes committed in the Territory of Alaska. The five officials will probably return to Alaska on the next steamer.

SEALERS' CATCHES.

A San Francisco dispatch of yesterday says : The sealing fleet in Alaskan waters is doing remarkably well, according to a letter just received from Sand Point.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Successful Competing Architects Named and Sites Chosen.

Some Objection by Members of the Board, but They Loyally Support the Majority.

Messrs. Soule & Day and W. Ridgway Wilson are the successful architects in the competition to decide on whose plans the new ward schools are to be erected. So it was decided at last evening's meeting of the School Board, there being present Messrs. C. Hayward, chairman, Trustees Lovell, Saunders and Yates.

After routine business the communications were dealt with.

Mr. T. B. Norgate wrote to drawing classes, and his letter was received and laid on the table.

The following letter from J. E. O'Sullivan was read and tabled for further consideration.

To the Chairman and Members of the Trustee Board, City of Victoria:

GENTLEMEN—Feeling that the introduction of practical business education in the public schools of Victoria, would be very much appreciated by the parents and pupils, and be of incalculable advantage to the scholars in after life, I have the honor to submit for your consideration the proposal which I am of opinion could be adapted with satisfaction to your honorable Board and to all concerned. In regard to my ability to properly perform my part in the proposed arrangement, I shall be pleased to furnish you with references at any time.

For convenience' sake, I have arranged my proposition in three forms, each of which I believe to have its respective advantages.

Plan No. 1—I would suggest the formation of a specialty class for instruction in penmanship, book-keeping, shorthand, typewriting and business routine and science, this class to receive continuous attention, morning and afternoon.

Plan No. 2—I would suggest that certain hours of each day be set apart for instruction in penmanship, and the subsequent business course, the various "divisions" or rooms, being in turn visited so that the time of the teacher would be equitably divided.

Plan No. 3—I would suggest that one half of the scholastic day be devoted to instruction in penmanship in the various divisions, the second half (afternoon preferably) being allotted to the specialty class, formed of the students from all the divisions thus brought together. To present my offer on business footing, as I hear the Board has already given some thought to the necessity of providing more practical education in the public schools, I would engage to take entire charge of the special department of the school work, as outlined, for a salary of $125 per month, a stipend which, when it is remembered that the advantages are to be shared by all the schools, with but one master required, I feel sure you will consider not unreasonable.

The elevations are well balanced and pleasing. I would suggest that the author's proposition of finishing the central bay with a tower, as shown in the perspective, be adopted.

No. 8.—Gives us a simple arrangement of class rooms very similar in some respects to No. 14, but with assembly room on ground floor with ceiling on level of first floor ceiling. The plan is a good one, but the elevations are weak and poorly drawn. The design, beyond the plan, is uninteresting.

No. 3, B.—Thin, unfinished drawings, the plans are not fully considered ; the front elevation is weak ; a considerable portion of the vestibule is occupied with a waiting room, lighted only by borrowed lights.

No. 3, C.—Somewhat similar front elevation with a more pronounced tower, but the central corridor is awkwardly divided into two by a partition ; in the basement the lavatories, etc., are apparently separated from playrooms by thin partition; neither of these plans convey much information, and are distinctly inferior to the others reserved for final consideration.

No. 6 A.—Pleasing elevation, with plans similar, but inferior to No. 5 B, by same author, as the rotunda and stairs would be dark

No. 7.—Good elevation and perspective. The class rooms in some cases are badly cut off from the stairs, which is very risky, and might have fatal results in case of fire; the stairs are all in one corridor, and are really no better than one large staircase except for the separating of the sexes; fire in one end of the corridor would probably render both stairs unsafe. The stairs to girls' lavatory etc., would be dark.

The arrangement of the lavatories, w.c.'s, etc., is good.

The class rooms are well planned except for the wardrobes (or cloak rooms) above mentioned, and the teachers' rooms are small and irregular.

No. 10—Very similar in plan to No. 7, but the class rooms are even more dangerously mixed up with the wardrobes, which absolutely fence the stairs off. The assembly room in this, as in No. 7, has but one stairway.

No. 12.—This design shows a central octagonal rotunda, with class rooms and stairs disposed round same, a sound and economical arrangement. The Assembly hall is an irregular and ill-placed apartment in the attic, the platform is placed near the main stairs and in the most lighted part of the room, altogether the attic is not made the most of, much space being lost in useless lofts. There are, however, two staircases to the Assembly room. The elevations and perspective are thinly and rather feebly drawn and scarcely do justice to the design.

It is to be observed that many of the competitors advise the heating and ventilation of the building by the Smead-Dowd system. One report (No. 7) is accompanied by a printed report out from a Winnipeg paper endeavoring to prove the superiority of the S.D. system. I would, with all respect to the competitors, point out that where the health of children is concerned, especially so in places where they are to congregate in large numbers, no system that is not absolutely above all suspicion should be used. In this case there is any drainage provided, rendering unnecessary the great feature of the S.D. system; secondly, many eminent hygienic authorities condemn the use of hot air absolutely for schools, asylums and hospitals; thirdly, the climate of Victoria is so much milder than that of the Eastern cities where the S.D. system has been chiefly in use, that a less violent means of heating is required; fourthly, no whisper of suspicion has been heard against warming by hot water. Is it wise, therefore, where the health of children is concerned to use a system about which there is any serious conflict of expert testimony?

R. MACKAY FRIPP, F.R.I.B.A. Architect.

TRUSTEE MARCHANT, in supporting a motion to adopt the report, wished to be loyal to the majority of the Board, but he could not help feeling that, when the committee had arrived at a deadlock as to which plans should be accepted, they had done right in calling in an expert. His own private judgment had been to adopt other plans than those recommended, but he would sup...

...sent tenant for immediate possession, the payment of which sum has been agreed to by the committee. The committee also beg to report having offered $7,000 for lots 1, 2 and 3, of city lots 1,764 5-6, containing seven-tenths of an acre; with a building in it, situate on the corner of Park road and Michigan street, and that no reply has yet been received in this offer, though one is expected at early date.

The consulting architect's report was as follows :

Report on designs submitted in competition for the two schools to be erected in Victoria for the Victoria School Trustees.

Having examined the whole of the designs submitted in this competition, I consider that the trustees have selected the best two sets of drawings for final consideration, and that those rejected have failed to keep within the conditions or to fulfill the requirements; one of these rejected designs No. 9, shows a simple and effective plan, but the stairs are of insufficient width, a second staircase should have been provided; unfortunately the author sends no basement plan, and as this floor contains the heating apparatus, play rooms, lavatories, latrines and heating, this omission is fatal, and the trustees are quite justified in rejecting the design.

The two remaining sets of plans, though varying much in character, are fairly level in merit, only one being distinctly superior to the others, and after a careful comparison I consider that No. 11, No. 5 (B) and No. 8 most nearly meet the requirements, and suggest that they be awarded first, second and third plans respectively in the order named.

No. 11—The best and most complete set of plans submitted, the class rooms are approached through wide and light corridors, with separate stairs for boys and girls, and a central stair for teachers, visitors and extra means of exit in base of panic or fire, the safety of the children having been thoughtfully provided for. Cloak rooms for each class room near the stairs, room for reception, recitation and class-room for drawing. The latrine being approached through open air passage or covered ways ; the assembly room is on the third floor, with a central and two side stairways, affording most necessary means of exit, a detail too much neglected by the other competitors : the elevations are in good proportion and the perspective is the strongest drawing shown in the competition.

No. 5, B.—This author has adopted a system of central rotunda octagon on plan; stairs and class rooms radiating as from a centre, a convenient arrangement; the stairs are well lighted, and book-stores, cloak rooms, recitation and principal's rooms are also provided; lavatories, etc., and playrooms are in the basement. I would urge that provision be made for a second stair to the assembly room in the attic.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

According to a letter received by the COLONIST from a farmer in Armstrong this week, it seems that he and several others in his part of the country have been put to considerable loss by bringing grain to this city and expecting to obtain the same price for it as the merchants receive in retailing to the consumers. This, however, is no fault of the COLONIST, as in every case where the local quotations are published it is stated that they are the "ruling retail prices." During the past week, fruit of almost every kind and quality has fallen in value, due to the increased supply. Outside of fruits there have been no other noteworthy changes in current prices, except in middlings, which have dropped from $3 to $5 per ton. New hay is not yet in good demand, although the supply is fair for the season. The markets during the week have not shown any great signs of activity, but there appears to be a very good general business being done.

The ruling retail quotations are as follows :

Flour—Portland roller per bbl	$4.75
Salem	4.75
Ogilvie's (Hungarian)	5.00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.00
Premier	5.00
Three Star	4.50
Victoria	4.50
Hon	5.00
XXX	5.00
Wheat, per ton	30.00@35.00
Oats, per ton	30.00@35.00
Barley, per ton	30.00@35.00
Middlings, per ton	28.00@30.00
Bran, per ton	23.00@25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00@35.00
Corn, whole	40.00
Corn, cracked	40.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	40
Rolled Oats, per lb	3¼
Potatoes, per lb	¾
new, California, per lb	
Cabbage, per lb	2
Cauliflower, per doz	1.00
Asparagus	
Green Peas, per lb	5
Hay, baled, per ton	16.00
Straw, per bale	.75
Onions, per lb	3@4
Silver, per lb	
Eggs, Island, per dozen	25
Packed, per dozen	15@18
Butter, Island roll, (3 lbs)	40@50
Creamery, per lb	40
Cheese, Canadian per lb, retail	20
Hams, American	18@20
Canadian	18@20
Bacon, American, per lb	18@20
Rolled	18
Long clear	12
Shoulders, per lb	12
Beef	8@10
Golden Cottolene, per lb	20
Meats—Beef	8@10
Pork, per lb	10@15
Mutton, per lb	10@15
Pork, fresh	13@15
Chickens, per doz	1.75@2.00
Turkeys per lb	20@25
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	10@12
Smoked	10@12
Halibut	8@10
Cod, per lb	8@10
(Rock), per lb	8@10
Small fish	5
Smelts, per lb	8
Sturgeon	10@12
Fruits—Apples per lb	2@3
Pears, per lb	2@3
Currants (red), per lb	10
Pine Apples, apiece	50@75
Plums, per lb	10@12
Watermelons	75@1.00

LONDON, July 12—A Constantinople correspondent of the Times telegraphs: The Khedive visited Ismail Pasha yesterday, and he intends to call on foreign ambassadors. His visit is beginning to embarrass the government. It is feared that he will insist that the Sultan shall take anti-English measures in Egypt and will threaten to abdicate if the Sultan refuses. The report that a contingent of Egyptian notables is coming here creates alarm lest the popular demonstration be renewed.

AMONG THE MINERS.

Kaslo-Slocan Railway Will Be in Operation by the Fall.

Sampling Works Under Construction —Recent Rich Gold and Silver Discoveries.

KASLO, July 5.—To-morrow morning Engineer-in-Chief McMillan and a staff of twelve men will leave here for the forks of the Kaslo creek to survey the right of way for the Kaslo-Slocan railway beyond Bear lake. They will commence work at the end of the first five-mile section, which is now almost cleared of its dense covering of underbrush and fallen timber. Mr. McMillan stated that his party would be engaged on what is termed the location line, the preliminary having been run last fall. He calculated that this work ended before a month. Asked as to the distance the line would be surveyed, Mr. McMillan said it would be to a given point in the neighborhood of Bear lake. He further stated that as soon as the stumps had been removed from the portion of the right-of-way now being operated upon, he would continue the construction work. He believed it to be sheer folly for anyone to assert that the company would not build the road, for they had spent too much money as it was to retreat from the position they now occupy. The company were not given to bond boasting, preferring to work in a quiet but, nevertheless, sure manner. Mr. McMillan had no hesitation in saying that rails would be laid on a portion of the road before fall, thus ensuring cheap transportation for the shipment of ore.

D. McGregor has secured the contract for the erection of the main buildings of the sampling works, and has already commenced work thereon. The buildings will be ready for the machinery early in August. Clymo, the agent of the Boston and Montana Co., who is here superintending operations, stated yesterday that the cost of the works would be not less than $8,000, apart from the assay office and other necessary adjuncts. He gave her assurance that his company would do all in their power to advance the interests of this district. Once running, the works would not be shut down so long as ore was forthcoming. No matter how the price of silver was, ore would be purchased at the works from any and all who had the product to tender. He had firm belief in the greatness of the latent mineral wealth and the people of Kaslo, and the district in general would be greatly benefited by the sampler, because of the many thousands of dollars that would be derived therefrom. Mr. Clymo did not feel always uneasy regarding the silver panic, asserting that inside of thirty days the price would be ahead of anything yet offered for the coming monetary article. The actions of the railway and sampler concerns have afforded an immense amount of satisfaction to the citizens, as it is believed confidence on the outside will be restored. The depression in the silver market during the past week naturally excited considerable feeling among the mining men here, the verdict on the subject being divided, some maintaining that a low figure would be more to the advantage of the Slocan than otherwise, and vice versa. The Spokane papers, while depicting the shutting down of the Cœur d'Alene mines, were unanimous in their statements that the high-grade article of the Slocan would prove a powerful support for capital, which would operate the various producers in the district at a profit, despite the uncertain tone of the market. However that may be, the general public is breathing easier now that the reaction has set in in favor of higher prices.

As yet there is no indication apparent as to when the J. M. Burke Banking Co. will resume business. Mr. Burke is still on the outside, while the teller, Mr. Piggott, is powerless to adjust matters at the present time.

Nelson has scored a big point against Kaslo in the arrangement now in vogue in the customs department, all vessels from Bonner's ferry now having to call at the former place before calling here, Nelson being the entry port. This measure was put into force at the beginning of the week. Now the boats do not arrive till after seven in the evening, instead of two o'clock as formerly. It is believed that the Idaho will be forced out of the lake business now altogether, all merchandise having to be cleared at Nelson before coming on to way ports. This arrangement will be a regular bonanza to the Columbia and Kootenay Co's. boats, which will not be incommoded to any great extent thereby, as their vessels call at Nelson in any case.

The newly organized Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church held a successful concert Thursday night, in the dining room of the Hotel Slocan; also an ice-cream social and promenade concert in the Lakeview house, on Tuesday. In both cases the programme submitted was choice and well carried out, G. D. Buchanan acting as chairman. The receipts, which amounted to about $100, will go towards defraying the cost of furnishing the new church building. Rev. D. M. Martin expects to have his new church ready for opening at the end of the month.

During the past week there have been about a dozen new locations made in the Whitewater basin, chief of which were made by M. Mahoney, D. McDonald, Crowley and Conroy. In each case the bedrock shows up very rich in gold as well as silver. This district, which is on the Kaslo side of the summit and eighteen miles distant, is looked upon as the most promising in the country. Discovered a year ago last June by M. Mahoney, strikes have been reported from the basin with surprising rapidity, until now there is not enough land remaining unstaked to make a decent-sized claim. The famous Snowbird, an assay from which went $734 in gold, is situated in the basin. The proprietors of this and a party of Californians have taken up some land on the banks of Goat and Whitewater creeks to begin placer operations during the summer, as it is believed there are rich deposits of the precious metal along these streams.

A strike of paying galena is reported from Gallop Creek, just west of Lake Howser.

A. Murphy and C. Chapman arrived from Healey creek last week and announce a discovery by them of a very promising ledge of galena. The galena shows a solid width of twenty-nine inches in the five feet of ledge matter.

A few days ago, O. Johnston and J. F. Nelson uncovered two ledges of galena half way up hills above Lake Creek in the Lardeau country. They announce their ledges to average four feet in width, and feel assured of their undoubted richness in silver.

The difficulties at the Slocan hotel have been satisfactorily adjusted between the proprietors and the principal creditors, and everything is now running smoothly and up... on a sound basis, under the sole control of

SUPREME COURT.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Hon. Mr. Justice Crease.)

July 12, 1893.

Powell v. Lowenberg, Harris & Co.—To sign final judgment. Summons dismissed. Davis & Cassidy for plaintiff; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q C., for defendant.

Ward v. Abbott—For examination of defendant and discovery of documents. Order made for examination and fourteen days allowed in which to answer on affidavit of documents. Lindley Crease for plaintiff; A. L. Belyea for defendant.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

MONTREAL, July 11.—(Special)—A Star cable special says: "Sir Charles Tupper will sail for Canada on the Allan line steamer Parisian, which leaves Liverpool on Monday, July 17. To the Star correspondent Sir Charles said that his visit concerns private business only.