

aid
in the Grave

s at the Funer a
Good Father
ondeault.

nbloge of Cowichan
Present for the
Occasion.

mortal of the venerable
Father Rondeault, who
ministered to the spiritual
Cowichan Indians, was yes-
interred at Quamichan,
the burned church he was
in having built and there
other edifice will show
quien high mass was cele-
morning at the Roman
dral and the remains were
me to the E. & N. railway
l-bearers being Messrs. L.
H. Fletcher, J. Sehl, M.
Hickman and S. Baron.
all the Indians of Cow-
ered to pay their last re-
dead missionary and like
sent large delegations of
The Indians had charge
from the station to the
where services had been
church was destroyed by
dian chiefs acted as pall-
ing the remains some way
on their shoulders.
tion was quite three-quar-
lone, made up for the most
largest assemblage of In-
had ever gathered in the
less than 60 carriages were

the funeral party, in which
Althoff of Victoria, Father
Sanchez, Father Bedard,
Pastor, was joined by
ney of Nanaimo, Father
Kuper Island, and Father
assistant of the deceased
as the body was first taken
office, the pall-bearers being
W. R. Robertson, J. N.
B. Binco, and J. Lomas.
Morley and W. Beaumont,
Indian office the body, placed
was then taken to the school
Quamichan. The lid was re-
the coffin and viewed by the
and the Indians, the latter
great grief at the sight of
spiritual adviser.
ting feature of the melan-
was the participation of
of the Cowichan branch
of St. Ann. The clergy,
estment, then conducted the
age to the grave on the site
church. The burial service
Father Althoff addressed the
English after which the
spoke to the Indians in their
The body was then com-
grave, the Indians chanting

a monument which such a
would warrant being
hoped that a new church
rise to commemorate the
who labored faithfully and
work of the uplifting of man-

VICTORIAN HEROISM.

askan Trapper by Endanger-
ing His Own Life.

of Victoria's heroes are not
those who are fighting for
the battle fields of South Af-
rican testimony to in a
Colonist has received from
son, an American prospector
his home at Rampart City
on. This letter is evidence al-
it of gratitude too infrequent-
this hurrying age.

"I writes Mr. Johnson, 'to-
ough your paper Mr. Alexander
of Victoria, for saving my
most and exposure in Alaska
you the plain particulars, and
it up to suit yourself, only I
where to find Lindsay, and
personally, and in fact only
his name and residence from
T. Company here. I therefore
village of extending my thanks
ur paper, knowing that even
not see it, some of his friends
may, and thus I shall be able
in that I am a truly grateful

ed out on a trapping trip up-
river and was overtaken by
kness. A savish who was
me and I asked him if he
help and he said he had
white men on the river that
he would go to them. After
a little word he started, and
afterwards I fainted. For
by someone feeling my heart,
that it was a white man. He
me all that night and the
and night, for it was then too
level. The following day he
me a sketch about the river
house. I was too sick to know
I know that he had nothing
two days, and the people at
told me that his face was
terribly frozen, as he had
own coats and mits to keep me

my dear sir, if you will kindly
to suit yourself, you will make
ful man and family happy, and
able to partially thank Mr.
or his heroism, and to congrat-
upon having having so noble
should certainly have done alone
own wilderness had it not been

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and Japanese are to be landed in Vic-
toria within the next two weeks. Of course
the great number of the eight emigra-
tion companies in Japan is limited to
twenty Japanese emigrants per month to
Canada. In other words, it is impossible
according to law for the emigration com-
panies of Japan to sell more than 100
tickets per month to Japanese coolies
desired for this Dominion.

"Besides this, each province of Japan
is limited to five independent emigrants
to Canada per month. There are forty-
five provinces in Japan, but emigrants
to Canada never go but from five or six
of these, the provinces near the sea coast;
so that in round figures 250 Japanese
emigrants per month into Canada should
be the outside limit.

"Thus Canada has reason to feel alarmed
about the present influx. Of course
the great number of Japanese immi-
grants arriving in Victoria are destined
for the United States, but the fact re-
mains that if they are refused passport
into the United States by Immigration
Commissioner Healy, they will remain in
Canada, and thus the wise Japanese law
regulating Japanese emigration to Can-
ada will be evaded and set at naught.

Many Japanese emigrants destined
for the United States have had bitter ex-
perience with the United States authori-
ties, who have pronounced their contract
void, and deported them to Japan. To
avoid this very thing the emigration com-
panies are sending the Japanese emi-
grants to a British Columbia port, and
from there to the United States, so that if
they are denied entrance to the United
States by the immigration commission-
er, they are left in Canada to seek out
their own fortunes."

The consul anticipates that the rush
will end as suddenly as it began, within
the next few weeks—when the fishery
and railway work is satisfied. Mean-
while the questions may be asked Vic-
toria:

Is the present influx hurting our local
labor?
Does the landing here of the armies of
brown men injure the trade of the port?
The resident Japs declare that there is
no work of any proportion in Victoria
open to so many people, and that conse-
quently few remain. The customs people
tell inquirers that through Victoria be-
ing made distributing point instead of
Seattle (which would be cheaper for
the companies) \$5,000 to \$8,000 a
month is paid here by each company for
steamer; the C.P.R. Company gets hun-
dreds and thousands of dollars for Japs
taken on en bloc to Vancouver;
and while the newly arrived Japanese
are here, storekeepers declare that
unlike the Chinese, they are liberal spend-
ers on clothing, etc., and patronize only
the white men's stores.

Victoria indeed, according to the re-
tailers and shipping agents, does not keep the Ja-
panese, and their coming means the dis-
tribution of large amounts of money.
From which it will be seen that in this
as almost every issue there are two sides
to the question.



150 cases new Spring Goods just opened
Slaughter Prices for
Cash Before Moving.
TRADING STAMPS ON ALL CASH PURCHASES.

The Influx
Of Japanese

Consul Shimizu Explains Their
Preference for Landing in
British Columbia.

United States General Objective
Point—What Their Stay
Means to Victoria.

Another just-arrived army of the little
brown men of Japan trooped through
Victoria's streets yesterday on the dock-
ing of the Northern Pacific steamship
Goodwin from the Orient; more are com-
ing by the Milos, the Tosa-Maru, the
Braemar and the Empress of China. In-
stead the close of the present month will
see quite 3,000 Japanese immigrants
landed at the outer wharf within the
space of April, the number of arrivals
being greater—many times greater—than
in any previous month.

Of course everyone wants to know the
reason of this unprecedented influx of
Japanese, and everyone who has the in-
terest of the country at heart is anxious
to safeguard it against damage from the
flow of Asiatic labor competition.

The very presence of the just-coming
armies of the Japanese (especially of Mr. Martin's faith) is quite
sufficient, yet it is interesting and use-
ful to go further and learn the statistics
of the customs house leave no room for
mistake in figures. Altogether a total of
5,026 Japanese have been brought from
their own country by the steamers touch-
ing at this port from the Orient since
January 1. Of these, 2,445 went on with
the ships that brought them, leaving 2,
781 dropped at this city, to be accounted
for, and arriving in the following ever-
growing quantities:

Month of January..... 298
Month of February..... 549
Month of March..... 1,123
Half month..... 1,123

The reasons for the present rush are
given in many forms, while the Japanese
in his relation to American life, trade
and conditions comes in for equal variety
of criticism. It is said, the Japanese
are leaving their own country in conse-
quence of the reported famine in the
Russian war; then again it is asserted
the closing of the gates of Hawaii has
turned the volume of plantation labor
from the islands to the mainland. The opening
of the fishing season accounts for quite a num-
ber, and the initiation of large railway
works on the American coast probably
explains the presence of a larger quota.

On the authority of a railway and
steamship man, the present influx is as-
serted that not more than 15 per cent.
of the incoming Japanese remain in
British Columbia, while quite 65 per
cent. are through a week or two of
landing, to the United States. The N.
P. R. employs them all along the line,
working 4,000 at present; the C.N.R.
has 1,000 or more and will soon triple
this number; the C.P.R. gives its road
work to white men, and this explains
the predilection of the brown people for
both or either of the rival lines.

Then comes another question. Speak
to the Japanese, and he will tell you that
most of those half of those arriving Ja-
panese were here before, or else had rela-
tives here. They travel more and spend
their money quicker than do their rivals
the Chinese, and in the latter respect do
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Dominion had been added to the strength
of the electorate. Such voters, ignorant of
the real facts of the cases put before them,
and strangers to the province and its re-
quirements were doubtless easily persuaded
to accept as the result of long expe-
rience, by the wanton dismissal of many
tried servants of the government, by the
insults heaped upon the heads of other
loyal persons, and by the want of some cases
of vested interests, and by the absolute re-
pudiation of engagements entered into by
former governments. Now let it be remem-
bered that the public, while not ignor-

PROVINCIAL

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, April 16.—William Pargeter,
aged 70 years, is lying at his home on
Victoria road with a bad knife wound in
his breast. While Alex. Michaelson, a
Russian Finn, is in the city goal with
wounds in his head and face. Pargeter's
story is that about 11:30 on Satur-
day night he was awakened and saw a
man standing over him with a lamp in
his hand. The man looked at him for a
few minutes and then turned and walked
into another room and set the lamp down
on the table. Pargeter jumped out of
bed and followed the man. A scuffle
that ensued the man stabbed Pargeter
in the breast. The latter then picked
up the burning lamp and threw it at his
assailant, who made his escape.

Michaelson was afterwards arrested
and taken to the city goal. He was un-
able to speak English, and his story has
not yet been told. There is an ugly
gash on the side of his head, his cheek
is swollen, and he has a deep laceration
on his forehead. There is a cut on his
arm and a cut on his hand. Michaelson
is employed at Extension mine and
came to town on Saturday afternoon.
When last seen before the
stabbing affair occurred, he was intox-
icated.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, April 14.—The new host for
the Centre Star mine has arrived from
the builders at Hopperstown, Ohio. It
left that place on Monday morning, and
through from Chicago by the C.P.R. in
the fast time of nine days. It will be
a distance of seven miles. The new
shaft, where preparations have been
made for it. It has a capacity of holding
from a depth of about 1,500 feet and will
greatly expedite the development of these
mines.

The contract system is being put into
effect for the Rossland mines.