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THE CITY.

THERE is some talk of establishing a Congregational church in Victoria, and all persons interested in the matter are requested to communicate with Mr. William Scowcroft, at the city hall.

PERSISTENT and frequently insolent beggars—able-bodied men usually—are becoming a crying nuisance on Victoria streets. The law in such cases made and provided should be given more exercise.

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association was held last night in the Adelphi building. The proceedings were specially interesting and several spirited speeches were made.

THE city police are giving attention to several cases of alleged impersonation in connection with the recent aldermanic election in Centre Ward. If the facts are found to be as represented lively times are in store for one of the successful candidates.

THE ladies' auxiliary of the Jubilee hospital held a meeting yesterday afternoon, at which it was decided to give an At Home in the A O U W., hall on the evening of February 6. Tickets will be sold at 50 cents each, inclusive of refreshments.

THE funeral of the late Alexander Eric Mackay took place yesterday afternoon from St. James church, Ven Archdeacon Scriven conducting the services. The pallbearers were Messrs T. W. Patterson, H. P. Bell, J. H. Gray, Tom Kains, T. E. Wooldridge and Eric McKay.

A VERY pleasant parlor concert was given at Regent's Park, the residence of Hon. D. W. Higgins, last evening, in aid of the funds of the King's Daughters. The programme was in charge of Mr. W. Edgar Buck, and was provided by some of the best talent in the city.

In order to meet the demand for sets of the masterpieces from the Art Galleries of the World, an additional lot of numbers has just been received which will complete those on hand. The sale of these art works has been remarkable, and complete sets will be available for a short time only.

THE Trade Dollar saloon closed its doors on Monday by request of the Chief of Police. Despite his promise on oath to the board of licensing commissioners that he would have nothing to do in any way with the place, Mr. Joseph Aheren had put a man in to run the saloon for him—hence the action of the police.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's church, Cedar Hill, held their annual meeting in the church last evening, when encouraging reports from the different organizations were read, showing the work of the parish to be in a most satisfactory condition. Messrs. MacRae, Somers and Taylor were appointed managers for the ensuing year.

ROBERT WARD & CO., LTD., yesterday received a cablegram from Culverwell, Brooks & Co., London, advising them of a small sale of sealskins. The cablegram notes a slow demand. The Japanese skins sold at 22s. 9d., while Behring sea skins brought 31s. These prices leave the net value of the skins at about 6s. 6d. here.

A DISPATCH of yesterday from Otter Point, the metropolis of the south-west coast, announces that a derelict scow has gone ashore there, with all her rigging and upper works carried away and no living soul aboard save some pieces of old iron. It is more than suspected that the wreck has been drifting about in the straits since last year (at this point the wire went down).

MR W. J. DOWLER, clerk of the municipal council, has addressed the following communication to the management of this paper: "I have the honor, by direction, to express to you the council's sense of appreciation of and their thanks for the very full, fair and uniformly accurate reports of the proceedings of meetings of the council that have appeared from time to time in the DAILY COLONIST during 1894."

IN THE lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, last evening, the Sunday school children enjoyed their annual treat. All available room was packed, and from 6:30 o'clock until three hours later the children were entertained in a delightful way. A substantial tea was first supplied, after which came a musical programme, a magic lantern exhibition and the distribution of prizes to the successful ones in the scriptural examinations. The musical programme consisted of a song by Mary Tait, duet by Willie and Harry Fraser, recitation, Nannie McMicking; instrumental duet, Francis and Willie Fraser, and song, Francis Fraser.

THE wheels of justice moved remarkably fast in the case of Fred. Wilson yesterday. Several days ago provincial constable Drummond caught Wilson in the act of packing a sheep carcase into a boat at Saturna island and arrested him. Wilson confessed his crime and on Monday was brought to Victoria by the provincial police. Yesterday he was charged at eleven o'clock before Mr. Macrae, stipendiary magistrate, with sheep stealing and was committed for trial. At half-past twelve he came up for election before Mr. Justice Drake, chose speedy trial, pleaded guilty and in a very few minutes was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

No. 1 COMPANY of the Garrison Artillery commenced the season's drill last evening with a good muster, and under the immediate direction of Lieut. Ross Monro and Sergeant-Major Mulcahy turned their attention to big gun drill. In an interm ission coffee and cake were served in the men's room. At the close of the drill some of the shooting prizes won last season were presented, this being the first parade since its close. These prizes consisted of the Canadian Military Rifle League badges, won by Gunner W. Bailey and Gunner L. B. Trimen, and two silver spoons won in the company competition by Gunner W. Bailey and Gunner H. McDonald. Lieut. Sargison, commanding the company, in a brief address urged the members to fill up the ranks with the good class of recruits who could be easily secured if each man having an eligible friend would endeavor to persuade him to join.

ISAAC MULL, a colored man whose long residence in this province, as also his remarkable longevity, has made him known to most Vancouver Islanders, died at the home of Mr. Joseph Lavender, Saanich road, yesterday morning. The deceased suffered no particular illness; he simply died of old age, having attained the remarkable age of five score years and three. Since 1858 the deceased has lived in this province, but six years prior to that he emigrated from his native state, North Carolina, to California, and was then known as a grey haired old man. After coming here Mr. Mull settled in Metchosin district, and up till the time of his death he followed farming on a small scale. He was a man of rather large physique and was always active notwithstanding his age. He was unmarried. In political matter he took considerable interest and his vote at election times was never overlooked. To-morrow the funeral takes place. The remains will be interred in the Saanich cemetery.

AN anniversary dear to the hearts of Scotchmen is that of Robert Burns, whose memory his grateful countrymen delight to honor. The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society have arranged to celebrate the day with a concert, to be followed by a social dance, at the A.O.U.W. hall on Friday evening, and have gone to considerable trouble to make the arrangements as perfect as possible. The music will be good, and the refreshments have not been forgotten. The society has a reputation for carrying out its undertakings well, and intends that the present occasion shall be no exception.

THERE will be a grand concest held in St. John's schoolroom at 8 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) evening, where a musical treat, besides the opportunity for a good laugh, is promised. Below is the programme:

PART I.

Opening Overture
Song ... Mr W. J. Twiss
Song, comic ... Mr. Fred. Richardson
Song—"Surely" ... Mrs. E. A. Pauline
Duet—"Excelsior" ... Balfe
Messrs. Russell and Rowlands.
Song ... Mrs. G C. Mesher
Song—"Brown October Ale" (Robin Hood)
... Mr. Ross Monro
Whistling Solo ... Mrs. G. C. Mesher
Song ... Mr. Russell

PART II.

A side-splitter entitled "Rum'ns from Rome."

CAST:

Chump—A collector of antiques
... Mr. H. L. Salmon
Capt. Smith—A would be collector
... Mr. W. Wallis
Chips—Another of the same sort ... Mr. Kettle
Arabella—Chump's daughter
... Mrs. E. A. Pauline
Julius—Alias "Hercules" ... Mr. E. A. Pauline
Joe—Alias "Ajax" ... Mr. Fred. Richardson

THERE was thanksgiving and rejoicing in the COLONIST chapel last evening and congratulations rained in a shower upon one of the comps—for he had seen the sea serpent and lived to tell the gruesome tale. It was "Slug Ten" that was the hero of the hour. He had been wandering upon the beach and speculating upon the real subject matter of the waves' discourse, when suddenly he espied a sea egg just at the point where the receding tide left bare the beach. He hastened to secure the treasure, and was so employed when a friendly octopus, who had also spotted the egg and was contemplating how delicious it would be poached, entered an interpleader. Gently encircling Slug Ten's left boot with his index finger he lovingly twined about a column of the aforesaid finger around his leg. The printer, though alive to his peril, did not faint or shriek; instead, he took from his pocket a neat little piece of metal about thirteen picas ems long, technically known as a rule, and with one wild swoop he extracted the eye of the octopus. The fearful monster then released his prisoner, and the latter returned to the office with the eye. He produces the latter in testimony of the truth of the tale, and it is now on exhibition from 8 to 2 The octopus was evidently a young one; no old devil fish would think of pulling a printer's leg.

JUDICIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Two bills designed to solve the problem of securing the residence of a supreme court judge at Vancouver were introduced by the Attorney General in the legislature yesterday afternoon. The first is "An act respecting the territorial division of British Columbia for judicial and other purposes," —to be known as the "Counties Definition act, 1895"—and proceeds to define the divisions, to be known as "counties" as follows, subjected to amendment from time to time by order-in-council for purposes of local convenience:

1. The County of Victoria—To include the electoral districts of: 1. Victoria City; 2 North Victoria; 3. South Victoria; 4. Esquimalt.

2. The County of Nanaimo—To include the electoral districts of: 1. Nanaimo City; 2. North Nanaimo; 3. South Nanaimo; 4. Cowichan-Alberni; 5. Comox; 6 Cassiar.

3. The County of Vancouver—To include the electoral districts of: 1. Vancouver City; 2. Richmond riding of New Westminster, except the municipality of Burnaby.

4. The County of Westminster—To include the electoral districts of: 1. New Westminster City; 2 Delta riding; 3. Chilliwack riding; 4. Dewdney riding; 5. Municipality of Burnaby; 6. Hope and Yale polling divisions of Yale.

5. The County of Yale—Including the Kamloops, Nicola Lake, Okanagan and Rock Creek polling divisions of Yale electoral district.

6 The County of Cariboo—Including the electoral districts of: 1, Cariboo; 2, Lillooet; 3, Lytton and Cache Creek polling divisions of Yale.

7. The County of Kootenay—Including the electoral districts of: 1, East Kootenay; 2, West Kootenay.

The second bill is "to further amend the supreme court act," which it does so as to make provision for restricting the jurisdiction of the judges in some respects to counties assigned to them. The act is not to affect the jurisdiction of a judge when sitting at Victoria in the Full or in the Divisional court, or in any appeal court; but no Supreme court judge designated to Vancouver or Westminster is to have jurisdiction in any County court in Victoria or Nanaimo. The bill provides:

4 It shall be lawful for the Governor-General, by order-in-council or otherwise, from time to time to assign to each of the counties of Westminster and Vancouver one of the judges of the Supreme court, and to the county of Victoria three of such judges, and to direct that the judges so assigned shall reside and usually discharge their duties in the counties to which they are respectively assigned. The Governor General may also, by the order-in-council assigning a judge to a certain county, or otherwise, add to the district in which he is to discharge his duties one or more of the counties for which no provision for a resident judge is herein made, and may vary any arrangement so made.

5. The Judges of the Supreme court assigned to the respective counties of Westminster and Vancouver shall, at their choice, respectively reside in either the cities of New Westminster or Vancouver, or within six miles of either of those places.

7. Until otherwise ordered by competent authority, the judges assigned to usually discharge their duties in the county of Victoria shall respectively, in addition to those duties, discharge the duties appertaining to the counties of Nanaimo and Cariboo; and the judges assigned to usually discharge their duties in the counties of Westminster and Vancouver, respectively, shall, in addition to their other duties, discharge the judicial functions appertaining to the counties of Yale and Kootenay.

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APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

Larsen & Co. Granted Leave to Take Their Case to England.

Judgment of the Supreme Court From Which the Appeal Is Taken.

On behalf of P. Larsen & Co, plaintiffs in Larsen v. Manhattan Trust Co & Fort Sheppard Railway, Mr. A. E. McPhillips, on Monday applied before Justices Crease and McCreight under the Privy Council rules of court issued at Windsor in 1887 for leave to appeal to the Privy Council. Appellant's application asks to appeal from the judge of the Supreme court delivered Jan 12, affirming the County court judgment of Judge Spinks disallowing the mechanics' lien of plaintiff on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway; also that it be ordered that the execution of judgment be suspended pending the appeal that security for costs of appeal be fixed and the time when same must be given.

Leave to appeal granted, appellant's counsel undertaking that security be given for costs of appeal namely $2,500, within six weeks and execution of judgment is suspended pending appeal. Lien to be discharged meantime upon respondents giving security for $200,000. Mr. A. E. McPhillips for appellant; Messrs Davie & Hunter for respondents.

Following is the text of Mr. Justice Crease's judgment in the appeal before him and Mr. Justice McCreight on Jan. 12.

(In the Supreme Court—Before Mr. Justice Crease and Mr. Justice McCreight.)

Larsen v. Nelson & Fort Sheppard Ry., Manhattan Trust Co. et al. This is an appeal from the judgment of a County court judge rendered against the plaintiffs in an action for the enforcement of a lien under the B.C. lien act, 1891, cap. 23, by the plaintiffs as sub-contractors with Daniel C. Corbin, the contractor, for supplying the materials and labor for the construction of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway.

The lien is for $318,000. The contract was dated 11th April, 1893, and the work was finished on or about the 10th January, 1894.

The facts of the case as gathered from the admissions of the lien affidavit and those freely made by counsel on both sides are sufficiently set forth in the judgment of my brother McCreight, with a perusal of which I have been favored and in which I concur, so that I need not recapitulate them here.

The turning point of the case appears to be this: Whether under the facts submitted and admitted which appear sufficiently full for the purpose and the statutory provisions, Provincial and Dominion, incorporating and governing the railway in question such an undertaking can properly become the subject of a mechanics' lien at all.

After a long and careful consideration of the facts and the arguments of the learned counsel on both sides and a comparison of the B.C. mechanics lien act, the various provisions and sections of the act incorporating this railway company in 1891, the B.C. railway act of 1890, particularly section 9, sub-sections 3, 9, 10 and 17, the Dominion act of incorporation 56 Vic. Cap. 57, and particularly of the railway act of Canada, 1888, sections 93 to 96 and 278 to 280, I am forced to the conclusion that the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway was not intended to be and cannot be made the subject of a mechanics' lien. An examination into the requirements of the various sections of the Dominion acts which now govern it, as if the company had originally derived its authority to construct and operate its railroad from the parliament of Canada, and as though it were a railroad constructed or to be constructed under the authority of an act, are so entirely at variance with the idea of mechanics' liens thereon and a fortiori of the enormous lien of $318,000, so long latent, that it is impossible to consider the two as existing together, and the Dominion legislation on the subject therefore must prevail.

A public railway which it may be observed en passant has been declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, though I do not lay undue stress on that—guided as it is by and subject to the provisions of the railway acts I have mentioned—is saved from the disastrous results which would follow the admission of a liability such as that claimed here, which might be unlimited in amount, a long time latent, and at the most inconvenient time spring into life, and the existence of which would sap the railway company's credit and borrowing powers, cripple its resources and operation, and not only impair its ability to afford a now indispensable mode of locomotion to the general public but possibly threaten its very existence. On a railway established, constructed and operated under the acts above referred to which govern the Fort Sheppard and Nelson Railway Company, the mechanics' lien cannot and does not exist.

The able and exhaustive arguments of Mr. Gordon Hunter on behalf of the bondholders and the learned counsel on the other side, are so fully discussed by my learned brother in his judgment, that I am unable to add anything useful to his observations, save that I entirely concur with him in the reasons he has advanced and in the conclusion that the judgment of the learned County court judge now under appeal (the reasons given for which I do not follow) should be and is hereby confirmed, and the appeal dismissed with costs.

HENRY P. PELLEW CREASE, J.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

All previous trips of the steamship Umatilla were yesterday beaten when the ship arrived from California at 2:45 o'clock, being several hours ahead of time. She brought a very small cargo, her freight consignments to Victoria amounting only to 24 7-10 tons. Her saloon passengers for this city were: J. L. Love, W. McMartin and Wm. Brown.

Another coast sealer, the Maud S, cleared yesterday, Capt. R. E McKiel commanding, with 44 of a crew, including 36 Indians.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise and delight on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. Sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell.

The board of management of the Childrens' Home of Vancouver are now ready for contributions.

Catarrh Relieved in 10 to 60 Minutes.—One short puff of the breath through the blower supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, diffuses this Powder over the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use, it relieves instantly, and permanently cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Colds, Headache, Sorethroat, Tonsilitis and deafness. 50 cents. At Langley & Co.'s.

NORTHERN DISASTERS.

Steamer "Barbara Boscowitz" Arrives From the North With a Big News Budget.

Steamer "Clara Young" Wrecked—High Tides—Extremely Cold Weather Prevalent.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz, which returned to port yesterday from the North, brings word of the wreck of the well known cannery steamer Clara Young, which left here for the Skeena and Gardiner Inlet's on the 23rd of last month. The accident occurred on the 15th instant near Metlakatla while the steamer was en route from Skeena to Port Simpson. Though dark there was no storm at the time. The steamer's engines were barely going and as she was passing a supposed buoy, which turned out afterwards to be a floating log standing five or six feet out of the water, she stuck fast on a rock. No damage, however, was apparently done, and those aboard going ashore procured cordwood and barrels with which they filled her so as to retain buoyancy. Instead of a calm sea the following day heavy swells drove the craft hard on the rocks, and it was with difficulty that she was removed to a sandy beach close by. The steamer is only seven years old, is valued at $4,000, and is insured for $3,000.

The Boscowitz also brings word of the outcome of the coroner's inquest into the

DEATH OF WILLIAM M'GARRIE

of Shoosbartie bay. The facts developed at the inquest were substantially as related in the COLONIST some days ago, but the jury felt justified in returning a verdict of suicide, in consideration of the fact that McGarrie had been drinking very heavily up to the time that his dead body was found in his little tent home. The inquest was conducted by Indian Agent Pidcock, and the proceedings terminated on the 6th inst.

THE STORM IN THE NORTH.

When the Boscowitz left Port Simpson the snow was lying a foot deep on the wharf, and cold weather, high tides and violent storms were reported from all the other Northern ports. The tides as in Victoria were the highest on record and several of the canneries suffered severely in consequence, the water standing three feet deep on their floors. It is not supposed, however, that any material damage will result, the water having come and gone quickly. A few Indian shacks were destroyed by the high tides, but the occupants had ample opportunity to remove themselves and their belongings.

NEWS NOTES.

An accidental shooting case took place at Inverness last week. The victim, whose name could not be recalled by those who reported it, is well known here. He had his arm completely blown off.

The remains of the late Mrs. Joseph Quadros, whose death occurred at Alert Bay last week, were brought to Victoria on the Boscowitz for interment here. The deceased was a resident of this city but went North with her husband, who is a trader, several weeks ago.

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THE CITY.

RESIDENTS of North and South Saanich are petitioning the government for a daily mail service.

INSPECTOR PALMER, of the Department of Agriculture, has received word that the Northwestern fruitgrowers' meeting will be held at Portland on February 6.

STEAMER THISTLE, Capt. Langley, returned from the Northern fishing grounds yesterday morning with a fine cargo of halibut. She will leave for the North to-day or to-morrow.

COLUMBIA Lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., last night had a very pleasant social time after the business of the order had been disposed of. Songs and recitations made up a very enjoyable season of leisure.

MR. J. W. FISHER, of the chemical works, outer wharf, was selected from among a number of applicants on Tuesday evening, as organist of the Metropolitan Methodist church during the leave of absence granted Mrs. Drury.

PETER JOE and Frank Bob, two Indians, were arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing an overcoat and a suit of clothes from the Brunswick hotel on Tuesday. They claim that they bought the clothes from a white man for whom the police are now looking.

NEWS has been received that the Secretary of State for War has approved of the extension of the contract of the Victoria Transfer Company for land transport in connection with the fortification of Esquimalt harbor. Some seven or eight teams have been engaged in the service for about a year, and the operations will probably be under way yet for a good deal more than that time. There are about seventy men employed, besides the soldier experts, in connection with the excavation and masonry work steadily in progress.

WHILE doing a little shopping on Tuesday, the wife of a hardworking resident of James Bay met with a loss which, at the present time, she and her husband can ill afford—her purse containing about $14. The purse, a black one with two spaces in it, was dropped somewhere between the corner of Yates and Broad streets and Porter's butcher shop, doubtless on the sidewalk. As the head of the family referred to is at present out of employment and the $14 was the sum total of his capital to tide over a rainy day, the finder of the purse will be performing no more than an act of simple justice by returning it at once to this office or to Rev. P. McF. Macleod, who will see it safely restored to the rightful owner.

W. H. GIVENS, of the Boston Rubber Shoe Co., L. S. Abrahams, of the Woonsocked Rubber Co., and S. M. Engs, of the Candee Rubber Co., registered at the Driard yesterday. It is rumored that they are visiting the province on behalf of their respective companies, which are under one management, for the purpose of determining the best location for a factory to produce rubber goods. They have been shut completely out of this province in the sale of rubber goods, and as it is one of the best fields for the sale of that class of footwear, they believe that the establishment of a factory here on a small scale would enable them to control the market of this province, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

Dyspepsia causes Dizziness, Headache, Constipation, Variable appetite, Rising and Souring of Food, Palpitation of the Heart, Distress after Eating. Burdock Blood Bitters is guaranteed to cure Dyspepsia if faithfully used according to di ections.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY.

At the Burns' anniversary concert at the First Presbyterian church last night, all the music was, as it should be on such an occasion, distinctly Scotch. The programme was particularly well chosen, with a happy intermingling of the comic and serious. A choir of nearly forty voices, under the leadership of Mr. Brown, afforded great pleasure by their singing of part songs, one of the best of which was the thrilling martial air of the "March of the Cameron Men." Mr. J. G. Brown, who shines particularly in Scotch songs, was in fine form, his "German Lairdie" and "John Grumbe" being so enthusiastically received that he had to respond to encores. Mr. Allan's recitation was, as usual, one of the best things of the evening. Mrs. McCandless sang very sweetly and her encore, "Mary of Argyll," was even more charmingly rendered than her first song. When Miss Brown started up a selection of sprightly Scottish airs on the violin, the audience could not sit still and soon half the audience were beating time with their feet. Miss Wilson's "Land o' the Leal" was delightfully rendered and the more enjoyable because every word was pronounced distinctly, but without effort. Mr. G. F. Watson in "Jeanie's black e'e" was heard to advantage. Mrs. Watson, Miss Russell and the duet by Misses Milne and Baker came in for their share of applause. The programme was as follows:

Part Song—"Hail to the Chief" ... Choir
Song—"German Lairdie" ... Mr. J. G. Brown
Song—"Doun the burn" ... Mrs. Watson
Recitation—"The Photographic Studio"
... Mr. Allan
Duett—"Oh Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast"
... Misses Milne and Baker
Part Song—"Ye Banks and Braes" ... Choir
Song—"Oh Whistle and I'll Came to You"
... Mrs. McCandless
Part Song—"The Broom o'the Cowden-knowes" ... Choir
Trio (by request)—"Auld Tam was Day"
... Messrs. Kinnaird, Watson and Brown
Song—"Castles in the Air" ... Miss Russell
Part song—"March of the Cameron Men" Choir
Violin solo—"Scottish Airs" ... Miss Brown
Song—"The Land o' the Leal" ... Miss Wilson
Part song—"Wacs Me for Prince Charlie" Choir
Song—"Jennie's Black E'e" Mr. G. F. Watson
Song—"John Grumble" ... Mr. J. G. Brown
Part song—"Tibbie Fowler" ... Choir
Auld Lang Syne.
God Save the Queen.
Pianist, Mrs. Hall. Conductor, Mr. J. G. Brown.

THE CITY MARKETS.

Before another week has passed the heaviest demands of the sealers will have been supplied. By that time the fleet will be nearly if not all away and the termination of the business which they caused will have a material effect on general trade. In retail quotations the only changes which have taken place during the week have been in some kinds of game and fruit. Australian butter is now an important article in the market, while during the week the first consignment of German sugar to this point was received. The sugar is selling at about the current prices for other descriptions. There is nothing to report in the meat market except that cattle in the upper country are said to be in excellent condition. The winter has been fine; feed has been plentiful and the prospects are that they will come out fat in the spring.

Current retail quotations are as follows:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$ 5.25
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.25
Premier	5.35
Three Star	5 25
Victoria	5.25
Lion	4.25
Royal	4.75
Portland roller	4.75
Snow Flake	4.50
Salem	4.50
Wheat, per ton	25 00@30 00
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	25.00@30.00
Middlings, per ton	25 00@30 00
Bran, per ton	20.00@25 00
Ground Feed, per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole	45.00
" cracked	50.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs.	.40
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	.50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
Potatoes, per lb	.12
" sweet, per lb	.3
Bonapartes, per lb	.15
Rhubarb, per lb	.15
Cabbage, per lb	.3@4
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00
Hay, baled, per ton	15@18.00
Straw, per bale	1.00
Green peppers, per lb	10@12
" " cured, per lb	4 @ 5
Celery, per bunch	10@15
Onions, per lb	.3
" Silver, per lb	.05
Eggs, Island, per dozen	35@40
" imported	30
Butter, fresh	35@40
" Creamery, per lb	30@35
" Australian	35
Hams, American, per lb	18@20
" Canadian "	15@16
" Boneless "	.20
Bacon, American, per lb	18@20
" Rolled "	12@15
" Long clear "	12@15
" Canadian "	16@18
Shoulders, per lb	.14
Lard "	.15@20
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½@15
Meats—Beef per lb	7@15
Sides "	7@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, per lb	7@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	10@12½
Chickens, per pair	1.00@2.00
Turkey per lb	16@25
Geese per lb	15@25
Pigeons, per brace	50@75
Fruits—Apples per lb	4@5
Oranges (Japanese) per doz	15
" (Naval) "	35@40
" (Riverside) "	20@30
Lemons (California) "	40@50
" (Sicily) "	40@50
Pine Apples, apiece	35@40
Honolulu Bananas, per doz	25@40
Cranberries, per gallon	60
Geese, wild, each	75@1.00
Brant, per pair	35@50
Duck, teal, per brace	25@35
" mallard, per brace	65@75
" Pintail, per brace	35@40
Grouse, Blue, per brace	75@1.00
" Willow, per brace	75@1.00
Fish—Salmon (smoked) per lb	15@20
" " per lb	10
" Halibut	10@12
" Cod, per lb	6@8
" Small fish	5@6
" Flounders, per lb	6@8

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Herbert Hurd, electrician, formerly of Toronto, has been found guilty before the county judge on a charge of robbery and sentenced to three years in the Kingston penitentiary.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Judge Elliott, the revising barrister, has decided that Senator Sanford, of Hamilton, had no vote in London. The Senator sought to qualify as the tenant of the Sanford Manufacturing Co.'s branch store there.

OSHAWA, Jan. 23.—Mayor Cowan has given $1,000 for the relief of the families of the employes of the malleable iron works, which were burned here recently.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 22.—At one o'clock this morning fire destroyed the Chinese laundry, Cole's shoe shop and the Maple Leaf hotel. The Chinese lost $200 in cash, besides all the customers' clothes they had on hand.

HALIFAX, Jan. 22.—Hon. Mr. Haggart has written a letter to General Montgomery Moore, thanking him for valuable assistance rendered in carrying out the arrangements at Halifax in connection with the funeral of Sir John Thompson.

AVONMORE, Jan. 22.—Mary C. Wyatt, wife of Mr. Fulton, M.P. for Stormont, died last evening.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Vancouver's Poultry Show a Success—Westminster City Council and Its Doings.

Good Football Expected at Nanaimo—Help Wanted for the New Westminster Bridge.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—Vancouver's poultry show opened at 10 o'clock this morning with a grand chorus of the kings of the poultry yard. The affair is a great success. Plumper's Pass, Englishman's Bay, Victoria, Vancouver, Westminster, Nanaimo and many other places are represented. Messrs. Sturdy, McTaggart, Wallis, Riley, and E. Odson are the principal exhibitors. There are over 500 exhibits in all, very few common fowls being among them. Mr. Sturdy's English Hamburgs are probably the most valuable birds in British Columbia. Mr. Philp's display of pigeons is also very attractive.

The City of Nanaimo will take over a specially good Rugby combination to the Black Diamond City on Saturday, to contest the football premiership with the Nanaimo Hornets. The team are confident and enthusiastic.

Messrs. Nicholson and Adams are over from Victoria to be present at the launching of their three masted schooner at False creek to-morrow. As soon as the vessel can be got ready for sea she will load lumber at Hastings for Japan and take rice from there to Manila.

Indian Agent Devlin says in reference to the death of the Indian woman at Howe Sound that it was not a case of starvation as reported in the papers, but death from old age.

The Burnaby council have appointed the following chairmen of committees: Finance, Coun. McDermott; sanitary, Coun. Spratt; highways, Coun. P. Byrne.

Mr. Justice Walkem has notified the bar of Vancouver that the practice of collecting poundage on all amounts paid into court on garnishee summonses must be discontinued.

O. G. Evans-Thomas' "Dorothy" company have been practising faithfully for some time and there are indications that their efforts will earn them abundance of local fame. Mr. Thomas will introduce several new features in the opera.

Lawrence Mooney, a respectable kleptomaniac has again been given a job at the city police station. On receiving a sentence of six months he establishes himself as jack-of all trades about the lockup, never attempting to run away, though he is often sent up town with messages, but in less than 24 hours after his discharge he is invariably taken back, having on the first opportunity helped himself to the property of some one else.

Across the Inlet, at the Indian mission, it is an infringement of the law to have whiskey in one's possession. A new arrival, unaccustomed to Western ways, visited the settlement yesterday and exhibited himself in a state of intoxication. The village policeman promptly arrested him and he was locked up awaiting transportation to Vancouver. The mission lock-up is underneath the bell which calls the faithful to worship. It was the hour of vespers and as the deep-toned messenger in the dome above the cell tolled out its message the unfortunate, half-crazed fellow was heard to pour forth the most pitiful appeals for the pardon of his offences, having come to the conclusion that his hour had come.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Jan. 23.—Five carloads of cattle came in from Ashcroft this morning; two are for Victoria and one for Nanaimo.

A Pirates of Penzance Opera Company has been organized here.

The city council have decided not to allow the Queen's park to be used for games of sport hereafter. C. E. Woods has been appointed assessment commissioner at a salary of $200. A committee has been named to deal with the alien fishermen question, while another committee are discussing what will be advantageous to Westminster in the city's suit with the C.P.R.

The ratepayers of Coquitlam, at a meeting to consider the loss of their bridge, decided to ask the government for help in reconstructing it., as they are unable to do it themselves. They are laying out $70,000 in dyking and drainage work.

West Algoma Election.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 22.—The West Algoma political fight waxes hot. Mr. Barron of North Victoria addressed a meeting here in behalf of Mr. Conmee. Messrs. Harcourt and Hayden went west to Rat Portage. Mr. King has gone to Rainy River.

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