

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

From Tuesday's Daily.
-A little boy who stole some tobacco from D. McDonald was brought to police station yesterday by that gentleman and let go after a few hours' confinement.

H. M. S. Champion returned at four o'clock this afternoon from Vancouver. She leaves to-morrow evening for the south, presumably for Peru, to look after British interests in that, at present, unsettled country.

A free smoking concert and entertainment will be given in Philharmonic hall on Friday evening by the Liberal association. W. Marchant will deliver an address on "The Triumph of Free Trade in Great Britain."

One of the Norwegian settlers belonging to the Bella Coola colony missed the Princess Louise, which carried the members of the colony to their new home on Saturday evening. All his goods and chattels went up on the steamer, but he has decided to return to Dakota.

W. Williams returned at noon today from the Summit, having spent the previous night in the woods. He was out hunting, and darkness overtook him, he had to remain where he was until morning, when he reached the railway track and caught yesterday's train.

Rev. J. E. Gardner, who is expected back from California this week, has withdrawn his resignation as superintendent of the Methodist Chinese mission, and will not go to China. According to his present arrangements he will be here until June next.

Joseph Richards, of the Royal Marines, was presented with a fine meerschaum pipe on Saturday night by the dockyard marines. The presentation was made at the Ship Inn, Esquimaux, and was in honor of Mr. Richards' retirement on a pension after 21 years' service.

The executive committee of the Diocesan Literary and Scientific Society, met yesterday and decided on a programme for the coming winter closely resembling that of last year. The officers elected are as follows: President, the Bishop of Columbia; chairman, Mr. Hewitt Bostock; and secretary, Mr. Beaumont Boags.

Dr. Newcombe read an interesting address last evening at the meeting of the Natural History Society, and the mammoth remains of the northwest coast. Mr. Stevenson read a paper, and two new members were elected. At the next meeting Mr. James Deans will read a paper entitled "The Tales of the Totems." A motion will be introduced to enlarge the scope of the society by including local historical subjects and research.

The programme of the Busy Bee Society concert held at Victoria West last night is as follows: Chorus by the B. B. Society; recitation, May Roberts; solo, Master Andrews; solo, Ethel Wilson; duet, M. Smith and E. Crook; solo, Mr. Watson; recitation, Mr. Cooper; solo, Miss Clyde; recitation, Alice Smith; recitation, Florence Okell; duet, G. Knapp and M. Peter; recitation, Dorris Few; recitation, May Few; recitation, Allen Bates; dialogue, four girls; chorus, the B. B. Society; recitation, Mr. Few; recitation, Alma Roberts; song, A. Roberts and M. Roberts.

James Wilson, superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraph company, left this morning with a tug and the cable barge Electric to repair the cable between the island and the mainland, which was severed last Saturday. On Sunday they succeeded in picking up the shore end of the cable, which is now buoyed in the middle of the gulf, but had to give up the search for the other end on account of rough weather. The break is right in the middle of the gulf, but it is thought that the end still under water can be caught by grappling, without following it from shore. The break was caused by a tug dragging her anchor over the cable. It is expected that the line will be working by two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Rev. D. McIntyre, M. A., was examined by the Presbytery of Victoria and ordained a minister. The examination took place in the afternoon at two o'clock, and included Hebrew, Greek, Systematic Theology, Church History and Greek Exegesis. The ordination took place in the evening and there was a large attendance. Rev. W. L. Clay, B. A., preached; Rev. D. McKee addressed the people; Rev. Mr. Munson addressed the newly ordained minister, and the Rev. Dr. Campbell, who presided, put the questions of the formula to Mr. McIntyre, after which he was ordained to the office of the ministry "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." He is a graduate of Manitoba university and has been doing missionary work at Union mines.

The Arion club last evening held the first of this season's series of concerts at the A. O. U. W. hall, the audience being a large one. The club was assisted by Mrs. Clement Rowlands, whose voice was heard to advantage. The choruses were very much enjoyed, as were also the other numbers on the programme. The officers of the club were: President, Lieut.-Colonel Prior; vice-president, Herbert Kent; secretary-treasurer, George Jay; librarian, J. E. Martin. Executive committee, the officers and Messrs. G. W. Booth, Herbert Kent, William Greig, J. E. Martin, Geo. Jay, and P. Wollaston. The active members of the club are: J. C. M. Keith, J. Kingham, A. O. Martin, K. J. Middleton, E. H. Russell, A. J. Thomas and E. A. Wolf. First tenors, J. S. Floyd, W. E. Mitchell, A. Farfit, George Shedd and S. Y. Wootton, second tenors: W. S. Goodwin, E. A. Jacob, H. Kent, J. E. Martin, R. R. Munro and William Blair, first basses: G. W. Booth, E. Grizzelle, George Howwood, George Jay, G. W. Rhodes and P. Wollaston, second basses: Mr. Wm. Greig, conductor.

From Wednesday's Daily.
-The Liberal association will give a smoker at Philharmonic hall on Monday evening, when William Marchant will deliver an address on free trade in England.
-One of the few shipments of opium to the sound upon which duty has been paid since 1837, was entered at the Townsend last week. It consisted of 150 pounds.
-The choir of the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, will hold a service of song on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock. They will be assisted by several well known singers who aided on the last occasion.
-The officials in the city treasurer's office have been kept busy during the past week receiving taxes. This, however, was the busiest day of all, it being the last day upon which a rebate of one-sixth would be allowed.
-The board of management of the British Columbia Agricultural Society met last evening to attend to some unfinished business arising out of the fair. Votes of thanks were tendered to the honorary secretary, assistant secretary, superintendent and others for the great assistance rendered during the week.
-Residents of Victoria West complain of the presence of a number of wild cattle that are allowed to run at large in that vicinity. Yesterday afternoon a lady and two children were chased by one of the animals and were forced to climb a fence to get out of its way. Residents think an occasional visit from the poundkeeper would do some good.
-The Daughters of Rebekah gave a social dance at Oddefelows' hall last night. There was a very large attendance and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The ladies had full charge and made ample arrangements for the evening, and the result was stated, was a complete success. During the evening a musical programme was given as well. That, too, was appreciated.
-Officials of the Northern Pacific have received word that the steamship Zambesi, formerly a Northern Pacific steamer, ran into the Japanese warship Tsunbu in Kobe harbor last month and sank her, the man-of-war having only time to run into the shallow water before she went down. The Zambesi was recently purchased by some wealthy Japanese and was being operated by them.

W. H. Mercer, of the Colonial Office, London, who accompanied Sanford Fleming, Canadian commissioner, to Hawaii, in the interests of the Pacific cable project, passed through the city yesterday on his way home. Messrs. Mercer and Fleming arrived at San Francisco last week from Hawaii, the result of their trip being received by telegraph and published in the Times on Friday last.

Some of the contractors for the sewers do not seem to be in any very great hurry in removing the earth which is left on the streets after the excavations have been filled in. There are two piles of earth immediately in front of the post office, which have been there for over a week, although the excavations have been filled. There are other streets which have also been blocked longer than necessary.

There was a good sized crowd at Central Presbyterian church last night in attendance at the lecture and concert. The programme opened with a piano solo by Miss A. Russell, after which Miss Macleod sang "Peacefully Slumber," with violin obligato by Miss Young. B. Temple rendered a comic song and the Misses Spring gave some pleasing selections on the mandolin and guitar. Rev. Macleod then followed with his lecture, which was most witty. At the close of the lecture refreshments were served.

Percy Whittall, committed for trial last Friday for stealing a watch and chain from O. A. Ragstad, appeared before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday and elected to take speedy trial. Friday was appointed as the day for the trial. John Carew, who committed an aggravated assault on Yoo Lee Ching on Yates street a week ago, took speedy trial yesterday. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, \$20 of which goes to the Chinaman. John Robinson, committed for trial for robbing John Drant's saloon, also elected to take speedy trial, pleaded not guilty and will be tried on Friday.

A party of five Norwegians who are looking for farming land for a colony of their countrymen, who wish to settle on the northwest coast, arrived in the city last evening, accompanied by Jens Johnson, travelling passenger and road agent of the N. P. R. They have been looking at land in Washington, and are now looking over this province. They will have a conference with the minister of education and then visit Salmon river, where they will probably select some land. They, like the Bella Coola settlers, are tired of the severe winters of Dakota and Minnesota.
-A very successful social and concert was held last evening in St. Columbia church under the auspices of the ladies' aid. Those taking part were: Vocal, Mrs. Jones, Miss Robertson, Messrs. Jones, Clayton and Collier; piano, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Fisher and Jones; concertina, Mr. Piper; violin, Mr. Clayton; club swinging, Miss Parker; address, Dr.

Lang; reading, Rev. W. L. Clay, B. A. The chair was occupied by Rev. R. G. Morrison, and the programme being successfully carried out, many voices being demanded and given. A special feature of the evening was the concertina and piano duets of Messrs. Piper and Fisher.
-It is not yet determined whether Sergeant Levin will be given a hearing before a magistrate or not. Mr. McKay, of the Indian department, was present, and that branch may ask that there be a hearing before a magistrate and the attorney-general's office do the same. It will be a mere matter of form, but perhaps may be more satisfactory.
-The American bark Melrose, Capt. Osh, put into Esquimaux on Monday in a leaking condition. She was on her way from Department Bay to San Francisco with a load of coal. A gale was encountered off the Cape which caused the leak and forced the ship to return to Esquimaux. Captain Osh is endeavoring to dispose of part of his cargo, but it may be necessary to discharge, to ascertain what repairs are necessary.
-Miss Nicholls, while driving in D. M. Everts' carriage, was thrown out, but luckily beyond a severe shock, was not badly injured. She was driving along Broad street from McDowell's stables when the horse shied. Miss Nicholls walked across Fort street unassisted, but fainted when she reached the sidewalk. She was taken to a store nearby and in a short time had sufficiently recovered to be removed home.
-At a meeting held last night at the office of Henry Croft the Victoria Fishing and Boating company was organized. The company has a capital stock of \$10,000 and is a limited liability company. It will equip boats to fish for halibut on the banks of the island and ship to the eastern markets.
-Thomas W. Carter, of the Carter House, died this morning from the effects of a paralytic stroke, which he suffered some time ago. He was a native of London, Ontario, aged about 50 years. He came to Victoria in 1864 and has been engaged in various pursuits. For a time he conducted the Hillside Farm, which has since been divided into town lots and built upon. Later he was a member of the firm of Carter and Tolmie, which he left to manage the San Jun Fishing Company a few months ago he purchased the Carter house. The funeral will take place on Friday at 1:45, under the auspices of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a member.
-The case of James Dooley, an inmate of the old men's home, charged with assaulting Caretaker Sutherland on Saturday evening last, was resumed in the police court this morning, and after a hearing lasting nearly two hours the accused was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for thirty days. The caretaker was represented by C. J. Prior, of the firm of Eberts & Taylor, and despite the fact that only four witnesses were engaged in the prosecution, the case was examined the hearing was unusually long. The point in dispute was as to the language used by Dooley, but the latter admitted that the caretaker would have asked him to go to bed had he been sober. It was suggested that something as to the management of the home would have been charged by the defence, but beyond some insinuations by Dooley as to the way the food was cooked nothing was said.
-That the congregation of the Metropolitan church, Pandora street, fully appreciate the singing of Madame Laird as soloist in connection with the choir was evident last evening by the good turnout at the benefit concert. The programme was contributed by Madame Laird and Rev. Cleaver, the pastor. "A Ramble Among the Poets," the reverend gentleman called his talk, and a very interesting declamatory entertainment was the result. Milton, Scott, Longfellow and Tennyson were all in turn noticed and given, and finally the speaker gave his experience as a poetaster in a poem on "Geography." Madame Laird varied with selections, singing in splendid voice, among the pieces rendered being "The Brook" and "The Bridge." It is hoped that the management will be able to retain the services of Madame Laird, as she is undoubtedly an attraction.
-Fred Toms, of Ottawa, has been awarded the contract for the new Dominion government buildings in this city, which are to be erected on the site surrounded by Government, Courtney and Wharf streets. All the custom house, postoffice, savings bank and public works department officials will be located in the new building, the marine and fisheries officials remaining in the present custom house. Plans and pictures of the building are now familiar to Victorians, having been on view since the last session of the commons, when \$54,000 was voted to be spent this year on the building, which is expected to cost close on to \$200,000, exclusive of the site for which \$75,000 was paid. The plans were drawn by Thomas Fuller, chief government architect, who was architect for the Ottawa buildings, the state buildings at Albany, N. Y., and other big blocks.

From Thursday's Daily.
-The vital statistics of October for the month of October were as follows: Births, 36; marriages, 13; deaths, 21.
-A new post office called Maxwood has been opened on the Saanich road, just beyond the city limits. Wm. Graham is the postmaster.
-The seakings of the sealer Rosie Olsen were shipped to London yesterday through the Hudson Bay company, there were fourteen casks in all, and it is probably the last shipment of the year.
-Robert Cowan Muir, eldest son of Robert Muir, an old pioneer of the province, died yesterday at his father's home at Sooke. The deceased was only 28 years of age. His death resulted from pneumonia, which developed from cold contracted in the harvest field. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock to-morrow.
-An Indian woman named Annie, who

was found sick on the streets by the police a couple of days ago, was yesterday ordered removed to Jubilee hospital. When first taken to the station it was believed that she would be well in a few days, but yesterday Dr. George Duncan was called to examine her and ordered her removal to the hospital.
-Frank L. McFarlane, night clerk of the steamer Charmer, met with a very painful and serious accident last evening, just after the arrival of the steamer from Vancouver. He was walking along the lower deck when he tripped over a freight trunk, splitting his knee cap. It will probably be several months before he will be able to be around again.
-H. M. S. Champion left last night for Peru. She will make a fast trip down, and Acapulco will be the first port of call. H. M. S. Royal Arthur will leave to-morrow afternoon, will arrive here at 6 or 7 o'clock, and will leave at 10 o'clock Saturday morning for South America. Her first port of call will be on the Mexican coast. She will bring the vice-regal party from Vancouver to Victoria as planned.
-Lord Percé Whittall, who was committed to stand trial for stealing a watch and chain from O. A. Ragstad and decided not to wait for the fall assizes, will be tried before Mr. Justice Drake to-morrow. As far as known he has not secured a lawyer, and will very likely be unrepresented. The case of John Robinson, charged with burglarizing John Drant's saloon, has also been set for trial to-morrow and it is expected that both cases will be concluded in a day.
-The customs returns for October are as follows:
Imports, free \$ 27,000 00
Imports, dutiable 168,328 00
Total \$195,328 00
Duties collected \$ 57,720 99
Other revenues 3,760 56
Total \$ 256,810 55
Exports:
Goods the produce of Canada \$738,331 00
Goods, not produce of Canada 3,125 00
Total \$741,456 00
-Andrew Mathison and Miss Josephine Johnson were united in marriage on Tuesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Turner of Victoria West Methodist church, and took place at the residence of E. Rambow in Victoria West. A large number of friends were entertained at supper, which was served in Semple's hall. The company engaged in a dance after supper, but Mr. and Mrs. Mathison left on the City of Kingston on a tour of the country. Mr. Mathison is a hunter on the sealer Arietas, in which he is also a part owner.

Mrs. Pollard was given a surprise party last night in the home of her son-in-law, Gordon Grant. She had called to spend a quiet evening, when the house was invaded by a party of sixty, headed by Mayor and Mrs. Teague and Senator and Mrs. McInnes. It was the seventh birthday of the revered lady, and the affair was arranged to fittingly observe it. There were two other surprises during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hall caused the second by taking advantage of the opportunity to have the baby christened, and the third was the finding of a nice present left by the party for Mrs. Pollard.
-October has been a record breaker in the police court. The cases disposed of are as follows: Drunks, 97; in possession of intoxicant, 30; supplying liquor to Indians, 13; larceny, 10; refusing to pay wages, 2; creating a disturbance, 2; vagrancy, 3; fighting, 7; aggravated assault, 1; safe keeping, 2; unsound mind, 1; road driving, 1; burglary, 4; assault, 3; threatening language, 1; infraction of public morals by-law, 1; infraction of V. E. T. & L. by-law, 1; infraction of liquor license by-law, 1; malicious damage to property, 1; infraction of street by-law, 1; infraction of criminal code, 1; acting as special constable without authority, 1; infraction of revenue by-law, 1; attempting to commit suicide, 1; infraction of vehicle by-law, 1.
-The sale of work at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon was very successful, and the Halloween social which followed in the evening was a still greater success. Both in the afternoon and evening there was a good attendance. A feature of the evening was the "witch," who did a rushing business in fortune telling. The programme carried out was as follows: Piano solo, Mr. Burnett; the witch's dance; club swinging; Miss M. Murray; song, Miss M. A. Russell; presentation; piano solo, Miss Lawrie; vocal duet, Misses McMeekin; recitation, Miss Collins; piano solo, Miss Brown; piano duet, Misses Ross. In the evening a present was given to Miss Durand in acknowledgement of her services to the church.
-A flower show exhibition was held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday school last evening. Four months ago a flower was given to each teacher and pupil to cultivate. Last evening the prizes were awarded as follows: Geranium, 1, Maud Lyall; 2, James Richmond; 3, Clark Gill. Fuchsia, 1, Amy Wilson; 2, Tom Furnival; 3, Miss Roe; 4, Pearl Vigelius; 5, Mr. Marwick (teacher). Begonias, 1, Mrs. McKenzie (teacher); 2, Gertie Arthur; 3, J. Frank Messemby; 4, Marjorie (teacher). Marjorie Vine, 1, E. Vigelius; 2, George Walker; Pyramidal Bouquet, 1, Mabel Lyall; 2, Mary Stewart; 3, Edward Whyte; 4,

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The schooner Vera is getting a new foremast and having other general repairs made to her. All of the other schooners of the Marvin fleet have been given an overhauling and laid up for the winter.
-The inland revenue returns for October follow:
Spirits \$ 8,059 65
Malt 1,099 65
Tobacco 4,117 00
Cigars 885 00
Methylated Spirits 59 44
Inspection Petroleum 163 39
Malt Liquor 67 10
Total \$14,431 85
-The Walls Walla sailed from San Francisco this morning with the following passengers for Victoria: O. H. Reynolds, E. Salmon and wife, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Murray, C. H. Ingham, S. Hammond, O. Holbeck, W. Keneke, D. W. Higgins and wife, Mrs. Cusack, Mrs. Powell, Miss Leiser, Mrs. Buckingham, David Williams, Carl Will, Mrs. Gaston and two children.
-At five o'clock last evening the preliminary hearing of Joseph Alburn, charged with robbing William Husey of \$350 at the Trade Dollar saloon, was adjourned until to-morrow. In addition to those reported in the Times yesterday, three witnesses gave evidence, William Foster, who dropped into the Trade Dollar saloon on the morning of the day of the robbery, gave similar evidence to that of Mr. Marsden as to the amount of money Josie Edwards was charged for drinks. Charles Carter, who spent a couple of days with Josie at the Half Way house after the robbery, swore that Alburn tried to get him to use his influence with Josie to leave the city. Mr. Clifton also testified, but there was nothing special in his evidence. Carter in his testimony said that Josie had no money when they were at the Half Way house.

THE R. E. CHURCH BAZAAR.
List of those in Charge of the Booths—To-night's Entertainment.
-The Reformed Episcopal church bazaar opened this afternoon at Philharmonic hall. There has been a very good attendance all afternoon. The ladies have done a lot of hard work and deserve the greatest credit. The booths and the names of those in charge are below:
Flower Stand—Miss Schwengers and Miss Dickenson.
Doll and Toy Store—Miss Rita McTavish, Miss E. Tilton, Miss Hilda Harris and Miss Dorothy Green.
Magic Cake and Jack Horner's Pie—Miss Edith Wilson.
Fancy Booth—Miss Cridge, Miss O. C. Wilson and Mrs. Short.
King's Road Mission Booth—Mrs. Lester and assistants.
Plain Work Table—Mrs. Hickey and Mrs. Wilson.
THE KOOTENAY COUNTRY.
Waiting for Davie to Carry Out Some of His Promises.
Slocan Times.
A. McKenzie, who is one of the principal owners in the Alpha mine, paid the Slocan a flying visit this week. A large payment was made on the bond. In fact, the former owners of the property have up to now received \$35,500 of the purchase price, and the balance of \$15,500 will be paid about the 10th of November.
G. W. Hughes will connect the Mountain Chief mine by sleigh road with the concentrator when he gets the subsidy of \$1200 promised him by Theodore Davie for this purpose. This road will follow the line of the government wagon road between New Denver and Three Forks. The citizens of New Denver have got to make a move of some kind. They must either move out of the town themselves or do something towards securing connection with the mines by road.
The material has been ordered and will shortly be on the ground to connect New Denver and Three Forks by telephone. The connection with Silverton is already made. This will give the business men of all three towns a chance to converse with each other. It will also be of great service to the Slocan Milling company. The system will be put in under the Kootenay Lake Telephone company's charter, which covers the ground. It will not be long before Sandon and many of the principal mines are embraced in the circuit.
J. Fred Hume, M. P. P., is taking in the Slocan before going to Victoria and priming himself on the wants of his constituency.

London, Nov. 2.
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