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Customs Returns.

The customs returns for the present year show a material increase during every month upon the revenue of the same months of last year. The last three months demonstrate an augmentation of revenue of over $50,000.

Connection with the South.

D. McGillivray, one of the contractors for the C. P. R. bridge across the Fraser at the Mission, states that trains will be running over it inside of three weeks. The grade for the railway is built to the boundary line from both sides. It is expected that trains will be running to Seattle by the 1st of March at the latest.

The Library.

During the month just closed 2,464 books were issued to borrowers at the Victoria Free Library, 1,182 ladies and 1,282 gentlemen. The highest number issued during the month, 182, is the highest day's issue yet reached. The average for the day was 102. Ninety-eight new cards were taken out, 45 by ladies and 53 by gentlemen.

Broke Jail.

Sergt. Langley of the Provincial police, received a telegram from Cowichan, yesterday afternoon, conveying the information that two men, confined in the lock-up there, had made their escape, and asking for assistance to secure their capture. A provincial officer will go up this morning to Cowichan. The names of the escaped men, or what they were held for, was not ascertained.

Inland Revenue.

Following are the returns for inland revenue division, No. 37, Victoria, for the month of November:

Spirits	$6,012 05
Malt	1,026 70
Tobacco	434 00
Cigars	8 2 90
Licenses	50 00
Petroleum	435 60
Total	$8,780 91

Building Permits.

It has been pointed out in connection with the granting of permission to occupy a third of the street for the purposes of those connected with the building, the provisions of the by-law, if strictly carried out, would involve the occupancy upon some streets of about all the space intervening between the edge of the sidewalk and the tramway track, leaving no room for foot passengers, and it may be even encroaching upon the track.

James J. Daley.

James J. Daley, whose name has been upon almost every tongue for the past few weeks, died at St. Joseph's hospital by a COLONIST man last night. He has regained both health and spirits and will be down town to-day. He now asserts his innocence in much stronger language than he did at first. It is his intention to sit down passively no longer, but to go to work and prove the truth of what he says. Further developments in the case will be watched with interest.

A New Arrangement.

One of the principal points of difference between the C. P. N. Co.'s new steamer, the plans for which are now being examined, and the Islander, will be in the arrangement of the grand saloon. It will occupy the rear of the main deck, be well supplied with windows, and furnished with the most elegant and comfortable arm chairs, sofas, etc. The arrangement of this floating drawing-room will be a little different from that of the majority of steamers, and far more comfortable.

Fires During November.

Chief Engineer Deasy reports the following fire alarms for November:

Nov. 2—4:30 a.m.—Still alarm; fire at Mrs. Leigh's residence, James Bay. Damage estimated at $15.

Nov. 14—10 a.m.—Still alarm; fire at Mr. Harvey's residence, James Bay. Damage, $10.

Nov. 16—pause in return box 31.

Nov. 24—8 a.m.—Alarm from box 25. Fire at Lenevue's cabins. Loss, $10.

Nov. 30—12:30 a.m.—Alarm issuing from windows of Y.M.C.A. rooms. No damage.

Total loss by fire for November, $35.

Paying Well.

George Kenny, an experienced miner of the Omineca district, reached this city yesterday, and is to be found at mining men's headquarters—the Oriental. He, with fifteen other men, has been working this year on a newly discovered claim on Tom's Creek, upon which mining by white men was never done before. The creek was shown to the white men by an Indian who described it as the finest hunting ground known. One mile of the ground is very rich, and $30,000 has been taken out this season by the sixteen whites, together with Indians and Chinamen.

In the Toils.

A very bold sneak thief entered the Grotto saloon on Trounce avenue, yesterday afternoon and grabbing a bottle of whiskey and one of rye, started to run. He saw that he was likely to be quickly intercepted so, dropping the whiskey and not stopping to pick up his hat, he continued his run with the brandy. A citizen seized him before he had gone far, but found that he could not hold his captive, and so, the crowd not leading any assistance, let him go. The thief continued his run down Johnson street where he ran into the outstretched arms of Sergt. Walker, who conducted him to a cell. He gives his name as T. Donnelly.

The Highest Opinion.

At the close of the season THE COLONIST issued a sample book, containing specimens of the salmon labels printed in this establishment. One was sent to the "Inland Printer," Chicago, a trade periodical, and the best authority on printing on the continent. The last number contained the following reference to the salmon label work: "THE COLONIST job office, Victoria, B. C., took of specimens of colored label work, equal to anything of a similar character printed in the United States." It has been the aim of this office to turn out a fine label, and the best work in Canada is the result. The quality of the work is appreciated by the canners, for seven-eighths of the labels were printed here the last two seasons, and it is expected that nearly the total number will be printed in Victoria during the coming season.

Rev. J. H. Starr.

On Sunday morning Rev. J. H. Starr, father of Rev. J. E. Starr, formerly Methodist minister in this city, preached in the Endora avenue Methodist church before a very large congregation from the text "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shal reap if ye faint not." He is an elderly and much honored minister of the church with which he is associated, and has filled important charges in connection with it. He has always been recognized as a faithful pastor and an able administrator, and though he is not possessed of the eloquence, fire and nervous energy of his well known son, delivers in quiet, yet forcible, tones the message which it is his mission to convey. As he speaks, he paces to and fro along the platform, and his venerable appearance adds much to the impressiveness of his utterances. In his sermon he described in what weariness in well doing consisted, its causes, its antecedent symptoms, and its results alike upon the individual affected by it, the church with which he was connected and the world by whom he was surrounded. He enlarged with especial strength upon the after clause of his text, declaring that the reward was certain, and that it was enduring, citing from Revelations and elsewhere the rewards of fidelity—"Glory, honour, immortality and eternal life."

Northern Smugglers.

In connection with the information furnished to the Customs authorities by Mr. R. F. Wood, Collector Milne has written the department at Ottawa in regard to the increase of smuggling from Alaska into northern British Columbia. It is understood that several noted smugglers are operating in the quarter referred to, carrying the "goods" from Wrangel to Tongas Island, where the old dismantled fort is situated. It is an easy matter to ship from Tongas Island into British territory, and the many Indians to be found along the Naas are ready purchasers. Collector Milne thinks that the presence of a preventative officer and annual visit from the Government steamer would break up the smuggling.

Business Changes.

D. Campbell, grocer, of Douglas street, will be succeeded in business by his son, W. A. Campbell.

Clarke and Watson, shipbuilders, have dissolved, Mr. Watson retiring.

J. J. Daley, stationer, has assigned to M. W. Waitt, for the benefit of his creditors.

Bros., bakers, have dissolved.

McEdwards & Co., Vernon, have dissolved, to be succeeded by Bronson & Brewer.

Evans & Hastings, printers, Vancouver, E. W. Evans dead.

John Wren, Vancouver, opens photographic studio.

Gray & Co., Vancouver, is now Gray & Feek.

C. E. Whitham & Co., real estate, Vancouver, dissolved.

Vancouver Building & Trading Co., organized.

Pennock & Kingham are expected to open their new jewelry establishment about the 10th inst.

Mining at Barkerville.

Mr. Neil Campbell, of Barkerville, arrived down on Sunday night and reports mining operations very active for the season. The placer mines have paid much better than last season, several claims having been more fully opened out. Quartz matters also look better. The Black Jack claim is being opened out slowly. Results from the test works and from milling samples, sent to Scotland for treatment, have been in the highest sense satisfactory. The company are now sinking down another fifty feet and, if the same extent of ore is discovered at this depth, there will be enough in sight for many years to come. The ore body at present comprises seven feet of solid sulphurets. The Government Test Works have been re-built and were in fine running order when Mr. Campbell left. Snow had fallen to the depth of between two and three feet in Barkerville. There was nothing extraordinary to report. Mr. Campbell is hopeful that the coming year will be a prosperous one for Cariboo. The hydraulic mines are paying well, and there is a great deal of ground that could be profitably worked if capitalists would but undertake it. He thought that next year would also demonstrate in the shape of bullion the great value of their quartz mines.

A Rough Joker.

A number of Victoria sports went over to Vancouver to witness the McLean-McKay boat race, which, however, did not materialize, owing to the breaking down of McLean. There was no steamer to bring them to Victoria on Saturday, so the terminal city was honored with their presence for another day. The Islander was slow in reaching Vancouver on Sunday, and the belated Victorians were anxious to return home. Taking advantage of this concern, a couple of them played a practical joke on the balance of the party. Just before the Cutch sailed for Nanaimo they rushed into the Leland hotel, purchased their "grips," and shouted: "The Islander is not coming to-day again, boys; if you want to get home early take the Cotton route via Nanaimo. The Cutch is just going out!" The crowd seized their satchels and a lively race was made for the wharf. The two jokers got there first and secreted themselves on the dock. The others boarded the favorite Vancouver steamer for Nanaimo. Just as the last line was cast off and the Cutch moved into the stream, the two jokers came forward and waved a good-bye to their hoodwinked companions. The latter simply made the air blue in answer. The Cutch passed the Islander in English Bay. The jokers got home at 1 in the morning, and their victims arrived by train at 1 in the afternoon.

GOSSIP OF THE COURTS.

Yesterday's Docket a Light One—Mr. J. P. Walls Summoned.

In the city police court yesterday morning an inebriate, who was found lying in the centre of Store street, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, and was fined $5 and $2 costs. Four men were instrumental in taking him to jail, and when arrested he had more mud than money in his possession. An Indian with an absolutely unpronounceable name, for having a bottle of whiskey in his possession, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. N. Cadman, a white man, was charged with stealing several blankets and other bedding from an Indian girl living in one of the cabins of Stronachville. The evidence was conclusive, and the prisoner did not deny that he took the blankets; he said, however, that he had no intention of stealing, he merely threw the blankets out of the window so that the girl, who was hiding from him, would come out. One month at hard labor was the decree of the court. A Chinaman, who was convicted of peddling swill on the streets after the hours allowed by law, paid the usual fine.

Officer Campbell, of Esquimalt, has arrested a Chinaman, charging him with burglarizing the residence of Mr. Fisher, J.P., several weeks ago. The case will be tried, or rather investigated, in the provincial court at 11 a.m. to-day, Mr. Fisher, being an interested party, not caring to act in the matter officially.

The city jailer's report for November shows the record of arrests during the month to be as follows: Common drunks, 33; in possession of intoxicants, 7; vagrancy, 7; larceny, 6; assault, 4; supplying liquor to Indians, 2; indecent exposure, 1; unsound mind, 1; obtaining money under false pretences, 1; highway robbery, 2; wilful murder, 1; for night's lodging, 6.

Mr. J. P. Walls, secretary of the law society, has been summoned to appear in the city police court this morning to show cause why he should not pay his license of $12.50.

IN THE DOCK.

The Costa Rica Released From the Rocks and Ready for Repairing.

When the steamer Pilot, with Capt. Clark, Inspector of Hulls Collister, and others, reached the scene of the Costa Rica's trouble on Sunday, it was found that a sharp piece of rock pierced her starboard bow, and thus pinned her, preventing her floating off at high tide. This it was finally decided to blast, and the divers being sent down, the work was done. The Lorne and Pilot were then called into service, and the U. S. cutter Corwin volunteering assistance, a strong united pull brought the collier off. It was found that her forward compartments were filled with water, but the full extent of the damage will not be known until the hull is inspected in dock. After getting up steam in her engines the Costa Rica proceeded to Esquimalt, assisted by the Lorne, and entered dock at 6 p. m. It was 2:30 when she bade farewell to the rocks, and it was just in time, as there was a heavy ocean swell starting, which must have encompassed the steamer's destruction had she remained in her dangerous position another day.

EXCURSION TO PORT ANGELES.

Success of Routledge & Co.'s Trip to Port Angeles—Extensive Property Deals Still Being Made.

The trip to Port Angeles, organized by Messrs. Routledge & Co., per steamer Olympian, on Sunday, was, despite the rather unpromising climatic conditions, a successful affair. Something like 300 excursionists, including some very influential citizens of Victoria, started to take stock of the rising town, accompanied by about forty people from Nanaimo, who had come down by special train.

At ten o'clock the Olympian got under way and arrived at her objective point in an hour and a quarter, the trip having been an almost unexpectedly pleasant one, the best possible arrangements for comfort and enjoyment having been made. The guests of the town were most attentive to their guests, who were accompanied by the Queen City brass and a fife and drum band. It is said that as the result of the trip Messrs. Routledge & Co., of Victoria, and Field & Dempster, of Nanaimo, closed several, substantial real estate transaction. The party left Port Angeles at 4:45 p.m., arriving at Victoria at 6:10, well pleased with the trip.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.)

Van Brunt v. Barber Carlyon. Application for leave to amend writ. Order granted, plaintiff to pay costs. Mr. Eberts for plaintiff; Mr. Hall for defendant.

Thomas H. Scott v. R. Scott and John Carlney (co-respondent). Application to fix date of trial, action for divorce and damages. Trial, with special jury, to take place on December 17. Mr. S. P. Mills for plaintiff; Mr. Eberts for defendant.

Warren v. Boscowitz—Application to re-open settled account of $41,000 for the purpose of surcharging the sum of £233.12. Stands until Tuesday. Eberts & Taylor for plaintiff; Davie & Bodwell (solicitors for assignees).

Smith v. McIntosh and Carne. For reference to registrar. Order granted. Mr. Charles Wilson for plaintiff; Davie & Bodwell for defendants.

O'Brien v. Harvey. To realize amount of plaintiff's judgment. Receiver to proceed. Mr. Jay for plaintiff.

Hayward v. Heisterman. Application for the examination of defendant. Mr. Prevost to be examiner for such time as he shall appoint. Eberts & Taylor for plaintiff; Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for defendant.

ARMY WORK.

City Clergymen Assist at the Opening of the Rescue Home.

The special jubilee services of the Salvation Army, in this city, came to an end yesterday. The commissioner's speech, on Friday night, with which the series of meetings was opened, bristled with facts showing the thorough success of the various branches of Army work dealt with. The prison gate brigade in Toronto, Kingston and Hamilton is doing good work, the method of operation being to interview every convict as he leaves the jail, his term being completed, and, if they express a desire to lead a different life, assist them so to do. The Army aims to find them situations and a home and treat them like brothers.

A holiness meeting was held, yesterday afternoon, and, following it, a march of the soldiers was ordered to the new Rescue Home, 132 Vancouver street. Rev. P. McF. Macleod, Rev. Coverdale Watson, and other friends of the Army attended, and briefly addressed those gathered, speaking well of the Army and hoping that their work would be abundantly prospered.

Commissioner and Mrs. Adams, speaking of the Rescue work, said that over 8,000 fallen souls had been saved during the years by this branch of the service. One hundred and six had passed through the Home in Toronto, all turning out satisfactorily but 26. Great things are expected of the Victoria Home, which has already two guests.

PERSONAL

H. B. Hilton has returned from a trip to to the East.

L. P. Eckstein arrived over from New Westminster last night.

James Punch, M.P.P., of Westminster district, came over last night.

J. F. Hayes and D. H. Kennedy, of Seattle, are at the Clarence.

E. Ramsay and Robert Steel, of Miles City, Montana, are at the Driard.

C. Nelson, A. Abbott and H. L. Keefer and wife of Vancouver, are at the Clarence.

Thomas R. Smith is expected back from the Mainland about the end of the week.

J. M. Alexander is relieving Mr. R. F. Dodd, the Hudson's Bay Co. agent at Massett.

R. J. Woods, of the Cascade Canning company will be a passenger by steamer Umatilla to San Francisco.

Among the Islander's passengers this morning are R. L. Cawston, C. S. Scholey, A. O. Beatty (Toronto), W. Kerr and F. C. Gamble.

E. W. Matthews, local manager of Dun, Wiman & Co's. mercantile agency, leaves in a few days on a business trip eastward as far as Banff. He will spend Christmas with friends in Winnipeg.

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All Are Interesting.

Among the lectures arranged for the Y.M.C.A. winter course, 1890-91, are the following: "Preservation of the Natural Teeth," Lewis Hall, D.D.S.; "Chemistry of the Sun," (with experiments), Rev. Percival Jenns; "What I Saw in Russia," Mr. Clives Phillips Wooley; "Some of the Gases," (with experiments), Mr. H. Carmichael; "Influence of Religion on Art," illustrated), Mr. A. M. Muir.

Collapse of a Building.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: The piles on which the Pacific Fish market, on Water street, was built, gave way Monday night and the building slid backwards into the water and then turned on its side where it is now lying. The upper rooms of the house are inhabited by the family of James Bokert, and at the time of the accident, 8 o'clock, there were two of the family within. They were, luckily, uninjured.

Coal Shipments.

The following is a summary of the foreign coal shipments reported at the Nanaimo Custom house during November:

	TONS.
New W. C. Co.	28,838
Wellington	7,977
East Wellington	3,236
Union	7,150

The total output of the New V. C. Co's. mines for November amounted to 43,000 tons, valued at $172,000.

Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association rooms present a busy scene these winter months, as a look around last night, showed. Every chair in the reading room and amusement room was occupied; in the pretty little parlor were young men engaged in social intercourse. In the hall, the much-talked of band was practicing. A shorthand class occupied one class-room and an arithmetic class the other, while the gymnasium was filled with young men, getting in trim for the exhibition to-night. In all, over 100 men were counted.

Moral Reforms.

The Y.M.C.A. Recorder for November says: A circular has been sent every clergyman in the city asking him to select two members of his church to serve in connection with him on a moral reform council, which will take steps to put down some of the well known evils existing in the city. As the friend of young men the Association rejoices that, at last, a step is to be taken in the above direction.

It is also understood that the churches will put a ticket in the field for the approaching municipal elections.

Indian Row at Cowichan.

A recent arrival from the district states that quite a "high old time" was indulged in by the finest descendant of the redman, at Cowichan, last Sunday. A dance was organized on Saturday night, and the fun was kept up until an early hour Monday morning. Unlimited fire-water was supplied, and some of the "native sons" had to be taken in charge by Constable Kier. The friends of the imprisoned men attacked the skookum house and made a breech in its decrepid walls, through which the prisoners escaped. Two of the men were arrested the second time and secured in other quarters.

Methodist Masters.

The annual meeting of the Pandora avenue Methodist Sunday school takes place within a few days, when important matters are likely to be discussed and dealt with. The enlargement of the Sunday school authorities and the children under them to raise a substantial contribution towards the building fund of the new church are meeting with every encouragement. Rev. Mr. Watson will, it is said, deliver several sermons upon the subject of revivals, a topic upon which he discoursed last Sunday evening.

Barkerville-Ashcroft Telegraph.

Mr. Punch, M.P.P., returned from the interior on Friday evening. Since last June he has had a force of between 25 and 30 men engaged in putting up a line of telegraph for the government from Barkerville to Ashcroft, in Cariboo. The distance is 280 miles, and the contract is now completed. Between the two points named there are four stations, namely, Stanley, Quesnelle, Soda Creek and Clinton, at all of which points telegraph offices will be opened. Something like 9,000 poles were used, all of which were cut at convenient places along the route, and a single wire has been strung upon them.—Truth.

R. C. B. G. A.

Marks allotted at the annual inspection of the headquarter batteries, B. C. B. G. A. for 1890-91:

Subject.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Clothing and accoutrement	4	4	3
Manual and firing exercise	8	10	8
Company Drill	9	9	8
Gun drill, 64 pr.	16	10	20
Discipline and int. economy	3	4	5
Answers to Officers	5	12	7
prized questions.	n-c. and pt.	17	27	22
Total	62	75	78
Below establishment	1	11	3
Grand total	61	64	70
Officers absent at inspection	1	0	1*

W. Holmes, Lt.-Col., R. C. A.
A. D. A. G., M. D. II.

*Sick.

Shooting Gulls.

On Sunday afternoon, several respectably dressed young men were observed in a boat, off the C. P. R. wharf, shooting gulls. They were seen to bring down several of them, their conduct throughout manifesting that they were altogether ignorant of the fact that the law expressly provides that "it shall not be lawful to shoot at any gull in the following harbours, viz: Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Nanaimo or Vancouver, or in any arm, fiord, river or creek, extending from or flowing into any of the said harbors at any time of the year." The gull family are recognized as being the most industrious and effective scavenger, they are unfit for food, do no injury to crops, and their killing, like that of many other animals and birds not specially protected, is outrageous vandalism.

Advent Services, Etc.

The special course of sermons to be preached at Christ Church Cathedral, during the season of Advent, are as follows:

Sunday mornings, "The Church and the Work."

Sunday evening, "The Hope of Advent."

Wednesday evenings, at 7.30, "The Advent Watch."

Friday evenings, at 7.30, "The Faith of Advent."

On Tuesdays, at 3.30 p.m., a course of addresses will be given upon "Christian Preparation."

Thursday, December 4, there will be a conference of Sunday School teachers and friends in the Cathedral school-room, at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, December 11, at 7.30 p.m., there will be a conference of church workers, at which, it is hoped, a branch of St. Andrew's Brotherhood will be formed.

Thursday, December 18, the friends of Missions and the Women's Auxiliary will meet in the Cathedral school-room, at 7.30 p.m.

It is proposed to establish a Bible class for business men of Victoria. The first class will be held in the Cathedral school-room, on Monday, December 8th, at 8 p.m.

A similar class will be held for ladies on Wednesdays, at 3.30 p.m., commencing December 10th.

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Acceptable Donations.

The management of the Jubilee Hospital thankfully acknowledge a donation of 24 pairs of blankets from Mrs. M. C. Heathorn; also fifteen sacks of apples from Mrs. Nelson, and illustrated papers from T. N. Hibben & Co.

To Call for Tenders.

Mr. John Teague, architect, has completed the plans and specifications for Mr. Joseph Loewen's new house, a really fine one, which will be erected on the Gorge Road, overlooking the Victoria Gardens and the Arm. Tenders will be invited at once.

A Curiosity in Crabs.

Mr. James Hatt brought to THE COLONIST office yesterday a curiosity in the form of a handsome king crab, three-and-a-half feet in circumference, which was lately caught in the Gulf. The crab possesses many peculiarities, and will be presented to the museum.

Surveyors' Association.

The following have been named as temporary officers of a Provincial Land Surveyors' Association now in formation in this city: E. Mohun, president; T. Kaine, secretary-treasurer; J. A. Kirk, E. A. Wilmot and B. Harmon, executive committee.

Indians and Whiskey.

Last night, John O'Neill was arrested for supplying whiskey to Fraser River Tom, an Indian. The latter, who was found in possession of a bottle, was also arrested on the reservation. West Coast Billy was arrested at the same time for being also in possession of gin. They were arrested by Officers McNeill, James Hunter and Thomas James.

Annual Meeting of the Pioneers.

There was an unusually large attendance of members at the annual meeting of the B. C. Pioneer Society last evening, when the election of officers for the ensuing year was held. The new officers are: J. B. Lovell, president; T. Flewin, vice-president; John Kurtz, treasurer; J. J. Austin, secretary; Dr. McN. Jones, physician; R. Ridley, janitor. Directors—J. L. Camp, T. Storey, Jos. Loewen, P. Steele and J. Wall.

To Establish a Church.

Rev. S. E. Paleffon, pastor of the First Scandinavian Lutheran Church, has arrived from the Sound, and yesterday commenced a systematic personal canvass of the Scandinavian residents of this city, his object being to form a church here. So far he has met with gratifying success, and he has every hope of accomplishing the work which brought him here.

An Interesting Case.

Mrs. Steitz, who claims to be the widow of the late Frederick Steitz of this city, has retained Mr. Charles Wilson, barrister of Broughton street, with instructions to contest the will made by the late Mr. Steitz, upon the ground that undue influence was brought to bear upon him. She seeks to secure a portion of the estate and may move in the matter very shortly.

Rutledge v. Dougan.

In the case of Rutledge v. Dougan, which made its appearance in Chambers yesterday in the form of an application to fix the day of trial, considerable interest is felt by the residents of Cobble Hill, as the parties principally concerned are those connected with the recent tragedy there. Mrs. Rutledge, the plaintiff, seeks to obtain $500 from the estate of the late Joe Dougan for the support of her youngest child, of whom she alleges Dougan was the father. This is denied by Dougan's brother, and the question of parentage will constitute the issue to be tried on the 16th inst.

An Action for Damages.

An action for damages is likely to be brought into the courts shortly by a resident of Victoria West, which will be unlike anything of the kind previously tried in British Columbia. The circumstances upon which the action arises are briefly narrated as follows by the brother of the lady most concerned. Blasting was in progress on the site of a projected building, and one of the pieces of rock dislodged was thrown through the window of a neighboring house, the lady occupant of which was in delicate health. The shock to her nervous system was attended by very serious consequences, and the action for damages will thereupon be taken.

On His Muscle.

Yesterday afternoon, between three and four o'clock, the dwellers on Johnson street and such persons as happened to be in that locality were surprised to see a stalwart Indian, of the noble Siwash breed, disporting himself by dancing up and down Johnson street, accompanying the exercise with the most terrific yells. It was manifest that he was intoxicated—some said with "firewater," others with the exuberance of his devotions, which had led him to follow, in some sense, in the steps of "Sitting Bull" and the "bad" Indians, who are at present afflicted with "the Messiah" craze. He was finally taken in charge by Officer Hawton, who removed him to the police station, out of harm's way to himself and others.

Sons of England Society.

The annual meeting of the Sons of England Benefit Society was held, last night, in Foresters' Hall, Government street. A quantity of important business was disposed of, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. President, James Hellier; W. P. President, H. G. Brown; V. President, Thomas Robinson; Secretary, J. Critchley; Financial Secretary, Charles Holmes; Treasurer, C. F. Beaven; Chaplain, James Westman. Managing Committee: Geo. Watkins, Geo. Lee, F. Abbis, J. Johns, Geo. Jelfs, T. Sparks. Inner Guard—F. Reeve; Outside Guard—Geo. Millett. Surgeon—M. S. Wade, M.D. Trustees—R. Clark, A. Leech. Auditors—T. Bonness, E. Pierson, J. Logg. Delegate—S. A. Roberts.

Police Court.

After one drunk had paid his fine in the police court yesterday morning, George Forbes was ordered to stand up and answer the charge of using insulting language to an Indian woman named Jessie Wood, whom he was also accused of striking with a beer tumbler and pieces of a broken basin. Although he denied the charges vigorously he found the evidence strongly against him and was sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labor.

George McCornish, was next charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from Thomas Ridehalgh. Mr. S. P. Walls appeared for the prosecution and Ridehalgh was the first witness sworn. He testified that the prisoner returned from a sealing voyage about three months ago and stated that he had made about $600 on the trip. He gave witness $250 to keep for him and said that he had banked the balance. He drew the whole $250 from time to time and then commenced to borrow from witness, saying that he did not care to draw small sums from the bank. On the Nov. 5th he borrowed $20 and said he would draw $100 and pay it on account the next day. He failed to keep his promise and finally admitted that he had no money at all in the bank, but offered to sign on a schooner, draw his advance and pay up. Dan O'Donnel and James Cowie swore that the prisoner had stated that he had money in the bank. Counsel for the prosecution did not wish to press the case and so asked for a remand of a week during which McCornish will endeavor to made a settlement.

Cheap Electric Lighting.

The city council of New Westminster is considering the question of furnishing light to private consumers at a moderate cost, and the following scale of prices has been suggested. Price per night per month (second column indicating reduced prices for payments before 10th of following month):

RESIDENCES.		
16 candle power	$ 62	$ 50
16 candle power	90	75
24 candle power	1 25	1 00
32 candle power	1 65	1 25
BUSINESS PREMISES.		
16 candle power	$ 75	$ 60
16 candle power	1 12½	90
24 candle power	1 50	1 20
32 candle power	1 85	1 50

Queen City Building Loan and Saving Association.

The second sale of money was held last evening, the amount sold being $1,000. The bidding started at 10 per cent., and gradually went up to 25½ per cent premium, as which price it was sold to Mr. W. J. Horn. In consequence of Mr. Horn having been a member of the association, paying on 10 shares for the past six months, he is entitled to a rebate of two thirty-seconds of the percentage bid. He thus obtains the preference at about 23½ per cent. premium, or about one-half of one per cent. more than was realized at the previous sale. Even if Mr. Horn's shares take eight years to mature, which is the outside limit, he will have obtained his loan at five and four-fifths per cent. interest.

Lost in the Woods.

A lad named Arthur Latham, son of Mr. Peter Latham, caretaker of Queen's Park, went into the woods in rear of the park on Monday to cut fuel, and has not been seen or heard of since. Search was made for the lad Monday night by his father, and friends who volunteered, but no sign of the boy was found. The search was resumed again Tuesday morning, and up to a late hour in the afternoon his whereabouts had not been discovered. It is supposed the boy lost his way, and plunged deeper into the woods, and, night coming on, he wandered still further away from the city, probably in the direction of Port Moody. If he does not turn up by morning a general search should be started without further delay.—Westminster Columbian.

The Late Capt. Dunn.

Mr. T. R. Smith, assistant commissioner of the H. B. Co., has sent a communication to the city council of New Westminster on behalf of the widow and family of the late Capt. J. L. Dunn, of the ship Titania, stating that his death was the result of an accident precipitated by the dangerous condition of the street, and which could have been prevented if precautions had been taken to protect pedestrians at that point. That the family of the late Capt. Dunn are left wholly unprovided for, and are in a state of great destitution. Mrs. Dunn will have to give up her house and home, and will have to rely entirely on friends for the support of herself and family. "Under these circumstances," writes Mr. Smith, "I venture to suggest that the corporation of New Westminster ought to make recompense for the injury sustained, and that, too, without compelling the parties interested to resort to legal proceedings." With this view, I take these means of bringing this matter before your honorable body for favorable consideration, and on behalf of the widow and family I shall be glad to know if it is your intention to make them any compensation, and, if so, what sum of money do you propose to devote to that purpose." On motion, action in the matter was deferred until the new council is elected.

AMUSEMENTS.

Curio Social at the Baptist Church—Young Men "At Home"—Notes and Gossip.

The school-room of Calvary Baptist church was crowded last evening, the attraction being a novelty in the form of a curio social, the number and variety of curios brought by the friends attending being too great to admit of particular description. During the evening the owners of the different articles shown were called upon to furnish brief descriptions. This, with several pieces of music, made up the programme. The ladies had coffee and cake for sale and this, with the collection, made the social a financial success. That it was a success as a social, the busy hum of conversation, heard at all times, bore testimony.

Both Calvary and Emanuel churches are arranging for Christmas treats for the young folk. In the latter, the 22nd inst. has been fixed as the date.

Y. M. C. A.

The "At Home" in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms last evening was well attended. A very interesting programme was provided, the following ladies furnishing the musical portion: Miss Cusack, Miss Durham and Mrs. W. Jenkins. The rest of the time was taken up with gymnastic exercises—dumb bells, Indian clubs and parallel bars—by members of the association, the boys winning great applause by the neat manner in which they executed the different movements. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by all. The next social will be given on Wednesday, December 17.

I. O. G. T.

The members of Perseverance Lodge, I. O. G. T. paid a fraternal visit to Victoria West Lodge last evening, and after the regular business had been transacted a good programme of vocal and instrumental music was thoroughly enjoyed by all, after which the members of both lodges, about 100 in all, sat down to a sumptous supper provided by the members of the visiting lodge. The way in which the good things disappeared showed that this portion of the evening's entertainment was appreciated as fully as the literary part.

CONCERT AT ENDERBY.

The idea of a concert to raise funds to place an organ in the new Presbyterian church at Enderby was conceived by a few of the leading ladies of that town, and in a very few days resulted in an entertainment, given in the town hall on the 27th ult. which was on the whole infinitely superior, from an artistic point of view, to anything usually offered to the public by any but first-class professionals, and proved a pleasing surprise to lovers of good music, of whom quite a large number were in the audience. Sufficient funds were procured to purchase the organ.