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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Proving a Success.

It is understood that satisfactory experiments have been made, at Comox, with the new explosive Roburite, a company for the manufacture and sale of which was recently established.

Schooner Wrecked.

The schooner Alligator, belonging to some Indians, was wrecked last week in Barclay Sound. She was a small fishing schooner, and was a total loss. All of the crew escaped to land in safety.

The Materials are at Hand.

Since the intention to start a glass factory at Saanich was announced, numerous analyses have been made of the sand and other materials found in the neighborhood, all of which appear to be well suited to the purposes contemplated.

Fourth of July at Port Angeles.

Mayor Brumfield and the Celebration committee, of Port Angeles, have extended the Colonist staff an invitation to be present in that thriving city, on the Fourth of July. Port Angeles intends having a big time, and no doubt will have it.

The Next Upton Steamer.

The steamship Sussex, the third of the Upton line, left Hong Kong on Saturday for Victoria, and will arrive the latter part of July. She has a very large cargo engaged, and will probably bring the biggest lot of freight that has yet arrived. This steamer will discharge at the outer wharf all freight for Victoria and Puget Sound ports.

Improvements at Oak Bay.

The erection of summer cottages at Oak Bay beach commences to-day, material being now on the ground for the residences of F. M. Barry, T. Andrew and J. M. Bartlett. Half-a-dozen other gentlemen will also build this summer. The tramway line to the beach is now all but completed, and it is expected that the formal institution of the service will take place to-morrow.

The Behring's Sea Expedition.

The vessels which will compose the United States contingent, on Behring's Sea, are the following ships of war: S. S. Mohecan, S. S. Marion, S. S. Thetis, and S. S. Alert, all of the third class, the cutter Bear, and in all probability the Corwin, besides, if necessary, any cutters on the Pacific Coast which can be spared. Of British vessels there will be the S. S. Nymphe, S. S. Pheasant and S. S. Porpoise.

The Late Sir John Macdonald.

The issue of the Dominion Illustrated for June is largely devoted to an account of the funeral of the late Sir John Macdonald, with profuse illustrations taken by their own artists, both at Ottawa and Kingston. As a special supplement, a finely executed portrait of the late premier, on heavy plate paper, is given with each number.

Temperance Lecture.

An illustrated lecture on the subject of temperance was given at the First Presbyterian church, last evening, by Messrs. Smith and Webb, the temperance apostles, who have inaugurated a crusade in Victoria. By the aid of stereoptician views, the evils of strong drink were depicted. The pictures were accompanied by talks from the two eloquent speakers, who urged the audience against the evils of liquor.

The Hunter's Picnic.

About fifty of the Victoria sports left for Langford Plains, Sunday morning, where a very enjoyable day was spent. Games of various kinds, including baseball, tug-of-war, quoits, shooting and several other sports were indulged in. The shooting match, which was the event of the day, was keenly contested, some remarkably good shots being made, Otto Weiler, J. Switzer, Wm. White and C. McCluskey making the top scores.

The U. S. Warship Alert.

Lieut. Richard Wainwright having been appointed, by special instructions from Washington, to take command, the U.S.S. Alert sailed, last night, for Behring's Sea. The vessel took in coal here, as well as a large quantity of supplies of all descriptions, her paymaster, Mr. Calvert, and supply officer having made special provision that none of the creature comforts shall be wanting to the officers and men, who have been dispatched on this particular service. All on board look forward with pleasurable anticipations to their return to Victoria, after having obeyed the call which their country has made upon them.

Smoked Off From the Batavia.

Five Chinamen, who arrived on the steamship Batavia, made their escape from that steamer in some mysterious manner, last Saturday morning, and were not recaptured. The steamship authorities were compelled to pay over to the Customs $50 for each, the amount of the head tax imposed on Chinamen entering the Dominion. The escaped coolies had certificates, but it is thought that they were fraudulent, and the men afraid of detection slipped over the side, and escaped in preference to taking any chances of being compelled to put up $50 apiece.

The Japanese Prince.

Prince Kotohito, the Japanese Prince, who is stopping at the Driard, is en route to his native country, after a long sojourn in Europe. He is a young man about 25 years old and is very highly educated, having attended European universities for nine years. He speaks, besides his native tongue, French, German and Italian, fluently. While not in the line of succession, he is related to the present imperial family of Japan, and on his return home will take an important position in the army. While abroad his education has been of a military character, and the last two years have been devoted to an inspection and study of military tactics and the new methods of modern warfare.

The Prince is accompanied by Janakadak and K. Janaka, two well informed and prominent Japanese. The party arrived from San Francisco, on Saturday, and have visited the principal American cities since leaving Europe.

Police Court.

The majority of the cases in the police court, yesterday morning, Mr. Edwin Johnson, S. M., presiding, were drunks, and were disposed of in the usual way, by fines, $5 apiece, or one week's imprisonment.

Following, came two men, charged with fighting and creating a disturbance on the street, for which a penalty of $10 was imposed.

The three Chinamen who were remanded for selling lottery tickets, were further remanded.

A young girl, named Emma Guioini, was next on the programme. The charge laid against her was for stealing the sum of $2 out of a till in a little store on Fort street, belonging to C. Clushman. The owner of the store has been missing money right along out of the till, and, as he suspected the prisoner, he notified the police, who left two silver dollars, which they had marked, in the till as a trap. After the money had been taken one of the officers immediately arrested the prisoner, and, on searching her, found one of the dollars on her. The case is remanded until this morning, and the girl was released on $100 bail.

Thomas Wilson and Charles Lee were committed for trial.

At Government House.

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Nelson entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at dinner, last evening: Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rithet and Miss Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Harris, Capt. and Mrs. John Irving, Capt. and Mrs. Benson, Major and Mrs. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Beeton, Mr. and Mrs Robert Ward, Mr. R. E. Jackson, Mr. T. R. Smith and Mr. H. Stanton.

A Cash Prize.

The chief of the fire department has received a telegram from W. L. Ogle, agent of the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company of Toronto, offering twenty-five dollars in cash for competition at the forthcoming tournament, in addition to the silver trumpet offered by Mr. Ogle's company. The Eastern firms appear to know that a tournament is a good thing, and are willing to help the citizens in making it a success.

Determined to Die.

The guardians of the city lock-up had little rest last night, their attention being almost constantly required by one of their charges, who had come to the conclusion that death was preferable to life. She was a good-looking Indian girl, of the Saanich tribe, whom Officer Smith picked up on Store street early in the evening. She was very much excited at the time, and she was brought to the station and charged with being drunk. Not a word could be got out of her as to her name or people, and so she was locked up in a cell for the night. A few hours later, "Trusty" Liscome noticed a piece of scarf tied around the bar of the cell window. He took hold of it, and finding that there was weight upon it, at once called Jailer Allen. On the door being opened, the woman was found hanging by the neck, and unconscious. She was cut down, and revived in about a quarter of an hour, by the liberal use of cold water. Hardly had she been left alone in her cell again, when she made a second attempt to commit suicide, but Liscombe again frustrated her plan. Then she was taken out of the cell, and placed where a watchful eye could be kept on her. She declined to give any reason for her conduct, asserting that it was no one's business but her own. It is thought, however, that the trouble arose from a quarrel with a white lover.

THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

Annual Meeting of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital This Afternoon.

At 4 p.m. the first annual meeting of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will be held at the City Hall. The subscribers and public generally are invited to be present, and listen to the directors' report for the year now closing, which will be read. Twelve old directors, under the act of incorporation, retire at this meeting, and the election of twelve others to fill their places will take place. The present Board of Directors have worked in harmony during their term of office, and it is to be regretted that the late president, Mr. T. R. Smith, will not allow himself to be nominated for re-election. Mr. A. A. Green also retires, on account of ill-health. On this, the first year of the Hospital's existence, the expenses have been very heavy, leaving the institution considerably in debt. A full statement of accounts will be presented. It is understood that the income from pay patients has been most encouraging, the receipts from this quarter alone aggregating in the neighborhood of $4,000. The directors held their final meeting last week, and appointed Miss Mouatt, at present head nurse, to be matron and chief nurse, vice Miss Crickmay, resigned.

WEST COAST SIWASHES.

Many in Victoria en route for the Salmon Fisheries.

There is quite a colony of visiting West Coast Siwashes in the city just now, en route to the salmon canneries on the Fraser. About 50 canoes, filled with families and household goods, each one containing besides the provisions, tents and bedding, from one to a dozen papooses, not to speak of dogs and cats, arrived early Sunday morning, and tied up at the reserve, just above the railroad bridge. Many pitched their tents on the land while others rigged up a shelter by stretching canvas over a ridge pole put up in the canoes. The colony attracted considerable attention during the afternoon, and many visitors wandered about and inspected the camp.

True to their proclivities many of the Siwash braves loaded up on vile whiskey, and awoke yesterday morning in the calaboose. About a dozen of them were arraigned in the Provincial Police Court and fined various amounts. All of them paid up, and the provincial treasury was enriched to the extent of $167, including the fines of Chiefs Harry and William, who were fined $50 each, last Saturday.

From now on the Siwashes will have a harvest, as the salmon fishing begins at once and will last up to hop-picking time. The industrious Indian can keep himself pretty busy from now until the middle of October, and be able to earn considerable money for his labor.

SMUGGLER SEIZED.

Capture of a Seattle Sloop About to Sneak Out with Chinamen.

Collector Milne having learned of the presence of a mysterious sloop lying in a small cove at Peddar Bay, sent Custom House Officer Morison and Provincial Police Officer McNeil, on Sunday, to investigate the matter. On arriving at the bay, the officers readily located the sloop, which was anchored in a sheltered cove secure from general observation. A better hiding place for a smuggler could not have been found. There appeared to be no one about the craft, which was lying some 100 yards off the shore. The officers called out, and a man appeared on the deck and asked what was wanted. They informed him that they would like to see him, and he jumped into a skiff and pulled towards the shore. When within about 20 feet of the beach he seemed to become possessed with a spirit of caution and demanded to know their business. When he learned that they were customs officers he started to pull quickly back to his vessel, but altered his mind when the officers levelled their revolvers at him and commanded him to row ashore. Morrison and McNeil compelled the man to pull them out to the sloop, which they found to be a smuggler with a load of Chinese intended for the United States. There were 10 Chinamen in the hold and six more on the shore, ready to embark. The captain, who gave his name as Alfred Zetterman, said that he was the owner of the sloop, and that he was about to take 18 Chinamen into the United States.

The officers brought the sloop, which is called the Flora, to the Customs House, where she was tied up. She is a very swift sailer, is a new vessel of about ten tons, and her hold, which is decked and housed, has a capacity for storing away secure from observation about 25 Chinese.

Zetterman was examined, yesterday, by Collector Milne. He admitted his effort at the smuggling business and his failure to report the arrival of his vessel to the Customs officials. A fine of $400 was imposed upon the vessel. Zetterman is from Seattle. He has thirty days in which to pay his fine, at the end of which time, if not paid, the sloop will be declared confiscated and sold to the highest bidder. The craft is valued at $800.

ODD FELLOWS' MEMORIAL.

Decoration of the Graves of Deceased Members of the Order.

The Odd Fellows of Victoria, yesterday, attended in a body St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, where memorial services were held in commemoration of deceased members of the order. Rev. Mr. Smith delivered the sermon, after which the members of three lodges, Victoria No. 1, Columbia No. 2, and Dominion No. 4, visited the cemeteries and decorated the graves of their dead brothers.

There are 76 members of the order buried in the three cemeteries, including the late A. Guild, the father of Odd Fellowship in British Columbia.

He organized, in the early days of Victoria, an Odd Fellows' association, and relieved the wants of transient brethren long before there were sufficient members of the craft in the country to form a lodge. In 1862 Mr. Guild and James E. Drummond founded Victoria lodge No. 1.

The grave of J. D. Davies, P. G. M., whose remains are interred in the Jewish cemetery, was among those decorated. Mr. Davies was a prominent member of the Order, and was one of the founders of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

In the old cemetery on Quadra street, lie buried John Titcomb, Matthew Holland, James Orr and John Hudson. A visit was paid to the old burying ground, and their last resting-places covered with floral tributes. The new cemetery at Ross Bay contains the mortal remains of 71 deceased Oddfellows. Among others, besides those mentioned, who were prominent during life in the councils of the Lodge, were W. J. Jeffree, P.G.M.; James Fell, E. Grancini and I. Raggizzoni. Their remains rest in the new cemetery.

SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

Procession to St. John's Church and Special Sermon to the Members by Rev. P. Jenns.

The members of Milton Lodge, of the Order of the Sons of St. George, assembled in their hall, Bastion street, on Sunday morning (Coronation Day), for church parade. Having been supplied with badges, they formed line and marched along Government, Yates and Douglas streets to St. John's church, where special accommodations were provided for them. Rev. Mr. Jenns, after the completion of the preliminary services, announced as his text Romans xiv., v. 7 and 8: "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lords." He sharply drew the distinction between Cain's inquiry, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and the announcement of the text, and went on to show, in a most forcible manner, how intimately connected were all the members of society. He traced the connection from the family upwards, and urged upon his congregation the community of interests that everywhere existed. He pointed out that societies, such as the Sons of St. George, bound together by national sentiment, were, among others, most powerful for good, and were consequently deserving of all countenance and encouragement. He described the special features of the organization of the Sons of St. George, and concluded with hearty words of encouragement to them in their well-doing.

At the conclusion of the service, the members met in their hall and passed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Jenns for his sermon, and to the wardens of the church for having made special provisions for them.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Letter from President Oakes of the Northern Pacific on Railway Connections.

The City Council held a special meeting last evening. There were present—His Worship Mayor Grant in the chair, and a full board.

COMMUNICATIONS.

President T. F. Oakes, of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, regretting his inability to visit Victoria and discussing the railroad situation. Owing to the present financial stringency, it was impossible at this time to take any active steps at the present towards building any roads to place Victoria in connection with the Northern Pacific system. It was possible, President Oakes said, that a railroad might be constructed by the North American Company of New Jersey, from Gray's Harbor to some point on the Straits, but he was not able to give any definite assurances as to when, if at all, such construction was likely to be commenced. Mr. Paul Schultz, of the Northern Pacific Company, was interested in some proposed road from some point on the Straits, south through the State of Washington, and he advised the Council to consult Mr. Schultz.

The North American Company is a financial corporation that owns largely the stock of the Northern Pacific Railway.

The clerk was instructed to forward a copy of President Oakes' letter to Mr. Schultz, with the request that he extend to the Mayor and Council of Victoria any necessary information that he could give regarding the North American Company in relation to its intentions toward building railroad connections between the city of Victoria and the Northern Pacific system.

The Council then went into an executive session, as a committee of the whole, to consider the report of the finance committee, and the question of the appointment of Mr. Belyea as police magistrate.

Sailing of the Zambesi.

The steamship Zambesi, of the Upton line, will leave the outer wharf on Thursday, for Japan and China. She carries out as cargo a big shipment of lumber obtained at Vancouver, Washington. The Zambesi has awaiting her at Hong Kong and the Japanese ports, a large return cargo for Victoria and Portland.

REFERRED TO THEIR SUCCESSORS.

The Superintendent of Education Writes to the Trustees on the Subject of Principal McLeod's Complaint.

Being Unable to Form an Opinion on the Subject, the Board Refers It to Their Successors.

In accordance with the resolution, passed just before adjournment, Saturday evening, the Board of School Trustees held a second special meeting, at 4 p.m., yesterday, when Trustee Hall was the only absentee.

The business required little explanation from the chairman, who requested Secretary Erskine to read his copy of the letter sent to the Superintendent of Education, with any reply received. The first of these communications follows:

VICTORIA, JUNE 27, 1891.

S. D. Pope, Esq., B. A., L.L.D., Superintendent of Education:

DEAR SIR:—At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "This Board is of the opinion that it is highly desirable that there should be a unanimity of feeling between the Superintendent of Education and the Principal of the Victoria High School, in regard to promotions, etc., and for the furtherance of this object, would desire that there should be a conference between the Trustees, the Superintendent, and the Principal of the High School, on Monday, the 29th inst., at the City Hall, at 4 o'clock.

I am therefore directed by the Board to press their wish that you will kindly arrange to be present at the place and hour named in the resolution. Your obedient servant,

(Sd) R. ERSKINE, Secretary.

The reply, which was read next, is also given in full:—

VICTORIA, June 29, 1891.

DEAR SIR:—I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 27th inst., asking me to meet the trustees and Mr. McLeod in the City Hall to-day, for the purpose of discussing the promotions made in the High School at the recent examinations held.

In reply, allow me to say that promotions are made by the principal of a school with the approval of the superintendent of Education. At the recent public examination of the High School, Mr. McLeod stated, as I am informed by Inspector Wilson, that the promotions as read were made by the principal with the approval of the department.

On the 25th inst., Mr. McLeod complained to me of the manner in which the Latin papers of the Third Division had been marked. On that occasion, I informed him that although responsible for the work done, not one of the High School papers had been marked by me, but that any complaint he might make would be investigated by me, as soon as time would permit; and if any errors were found, they would be rectified.

I would further state that the papers of those divisions of the High school, from which promotions were made, were marked by Inspector Wilson, and other competent persons, each of whom is the holder of a First Class certificate, and has had experience in High school work. From the ability and integrity of these examiners, I have every confidence that their statements of results are correct.

The matter of making promotions in schools is provided for in the rules and regulations made for the government of the same, and if promotions are made in accordance therewith there can be no reasonable excuse for complaint. Any teacher, however, feeling that injustice has been done to any of his pupils at an examination, has the right to refer the matter to this department for investigation.

I trust, therefore, that you will pardon me for declining to attend a meeting of the trustees for the discussion of matters fully provided for in the rules and regulations.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) S. D. POPE,
Supt. of Education.

Mr. McLeod, being present, was asked if he had anything further to say, having heard the statements contained in the superintendent's communication to the Board.

In reply, he referred to the first paragraph of the letter, and charged that words had been put into his mouth by Inspector Wilson. The other portions of the letter he did not think required comment from him.

No discussion ensued, the Board, in the absence of Supt. Pope, finding difficulty in determining how best to proceed. In view of their own short life, it was finally deemed best to refer all matters in discussion to the new Board, the secretary being requested to forward a copy of the appended resolution, which passed unanimously:

Resolved—That this Board, having heard the statements of Mr. McLeod, relative to promotions in the High school, and his cause for complaint in connection therewith, and not being in a position to express an opinion in the absence of the Superintendent of Education, would strongly recommend the incoming Board to enquire into, and, if possible, have any cause of complaint removed.

No further business was brought forward, and the Board adjourned for the last time, their term of office expiring with the current month. Trustee McConnan of the new Board, and Mr. A. Wilson, were present at the meeting, but, of course, took no part in its proceedings.

A DOUBLE FEAST.

Strawberries and Cream and Good Music Furnished by the Ladies of St. James'.

One hundred and fifty boxes of fine, fresh strawberries, and about twenty gallons of genuine, old-fashioned cream, together with the incidental supply of cake, formed one half of the programme at St. James' Hall, adjoining the church of the same name, last evening. The remainder of the bill of fare was entirely musical.

It was the Ladies Aid Society who provided the entertainment, and as they are the most hospitable of hosts, their guests lacked nothing. The evening was just warm enough to enable doors and windows to be opened wide, and while, in the intermission, some discussed the material delicacies at the prettily decorated little side tables, others promenaded in the grounds, where the gentlemen could enjoy their cigars in comfort.

The programme was complete, while not so long as to be at all wearying. It included a piano solo by Mr. Ernest Wolfe, whose first appearance it was in Victoria. He chose his selection from the popular operas, playing with a brilliancy and skill which soon made him a favorite with his audience. Mrs. Arden (violin), accompanied by Miss Arden on the piano, was thoroughly appreciated in both her numbers, which were such as to require long acquaintance with "the king of instruments." Her fingering is particularly delicate, and her playing sympathetic. Mr. Jay found something well suited to his voice in "The Robber's Dream," while Mr. Wootten could not have made better selections than his "When the Heart is Young" and "Marguerite." Both in their solo numbers, "I'll Wait, my Love," and "Dear Heart," and in their duet, "Once Again," Miss Arrowsmith and Mrs. W. J. Goepel acquitted themselves well; their voices are too well known and too well liked to require either description or praise. In only one particular was the musical character of the programme departed from. The exception was a recitation by Mr. Allen, which left smiles on the faces of his auditors long after he had resumed his seat. "Good Night!" was sung by the quartette, Mrs. Goepel, Misses Bowden and Arrowsmith; and Messrs. Jay and Wootton, the other members of the double quartette not being present. The entertainment was for the purpose of liquidating a portion of the debt incurred in the erection of the new hall, and in this, as well as in giving pleasure to those attending, it was eminently satisfying.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE GUN.

The Union and Victoria gun clubs have arranged for a match to take place at the Victoria Driving Park, on Wednesday, 1st July. Shooting to commence at 1:30 p. m.

CRICKET.

Following are the names of the eleven who play the New Westminster club tomorrow, at New Westminster: C. P. Wolley, W. A. Ward, J. Brealey, M. A. Drummand, E. M. Marshall, A. T. Genvard, A. Scroggs, H. Innes, A. P. Luxton, C. Loewen and F. W. Thomas. The gentlemen leave, to-night, on the Islander.

BASEBALL.

A match game will be played on Dominion day, to-morrow, between the Nationals and V.A.C.'s. As most of the ball players prefer to remain and practice for the 4th July instead of going on any of the various excursions, an interesting game may be expected.

LACROSSE.

The following players will compose the second twelve to cross sticks with the Vancouver second twelve, to-morrow: Goal, J. Fairall; point, J. Drysdale; cover point, L. Netherby; 1st defence, F. Sutherland; 2nd defence, J. Strachan; 3rd defence, W. Cathcart; centre field, H. Bargswell; 3rd home, D. Sinclair; 2nd home, N. Hardie; 1st home, J. C. McNeill; outside home, J. G. Miller; inside home, F. Cullin; substitute, W. Jackson; field captain, W. J. Drysdale.

The game at Beacon Hill, on Saturday last, resulted in a draw.

PERSONALS.

Hon. Justice Walkem has returned from the mainland.

J. McB. Smith returned from the mainland last night.

E. H. Engelbrecht, of Seattle, was at the Oriental yesterday.

T. W. Scott, of Philadelphia, is registered at the Driard.

L. H. Northey, of Tacoma, was at the Driard yesterday.

Major Peters arrived in town last night from the mainland.

Rev. H. Kingham left on Sunday night for Helena, Montana.

W. L. Gazzam and wife, of Seattle, visited Victoria on Sunday.

Capt. H. A. Mellon, of Vancouver, returned home this morning.

John Macgregor and Ad. C. Schomberg, of China, are at the Driard.

S. T. McIntosh, formerly of this city, is over from Westminster on a visit.

Frank M. Sullivan, of the Seattle Telegraph, was in the city yesterday.

George Riley, of the S. & O railway company, is here, to attend the annual meeting on Thursday.

Rev. Arthur Bingham, wife and sister, of Cornwall-on-the Hudson, are visiting friends in Victoria district.

Miss A. Adams, Miss G. H. Withrow, and Miss M. Ellis left this morning on a visit to friends in Vancouver.

Rev. Donald Fraser is confined to his room by illness, and was unable to take his usual church services on Sunday last.

W. E. Ottoway, well known in connection with benevolent and other societies, is at present confined to his room by sickness.

Senator Trusten P. Dyer and wife, of Seattle, returned home yesterday. Senator Dyer is a member of the Washington Legislature.

Mrs. Loewn, Mrs. and the Misses Erb, Miss Pope, Miss Mouatt and the Misses Barron crossed over to the mainland this morning.

Among the passengers by the Islander this morning were the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Major Dupont, Captain Pittendreigh, R. P. Rithet, A. A. Davidson and Campbell Sweeney.

Paymaster Calvert, of the U. S. cruiser Alert, during his stay in Victoria, made numbers of acquaintances, who have formed the most favorable opinions regarding him, and will be glad to welcome him back on his return from the North.

John Anderson, B.A., one of the Board of Examiners, accompanied by D. Wilson, B.A., Inspector of Schools, left this morning for the mainland for the purpose of holding the Teachers' Examination at Kamloops, which will begin on the 2nd prox.

J. A. Humbird, of St. Paul, Minn., President of the Victoria Lumber Manufacturing Co., and Mrs. Humbird, arrived from Chemainus yesterday, and are staying at the Driard, where is also E. J. Palmer, manager of the mills.

Miss Armstrong, principal of the girls' school, left on the Islander, this morning, for Westminster. On Friday next, accompanied by her mother, Miss Armstrong will leave for the East, to visit friends and to attend the International Teachers Convention at Toronto.

THE FERTILE OKANAGON.

British Columbia's Great and Magnificent Agricultural District.

Work is rapidly progressing on the Shuswap and Okanagon railway, and it will soon be completed into Vernon. The roadbed is now finished, and the rails laid to Enderby, a distance of 25 miles. The balance of the line, from there to Vernon, 26 miles, is all ready for the rails, and, as soon as some trestle work is completed, they will be laid. Trains will be running into Vernon in a few weeks.

Mr. George Riley, of the S. & O. railway, came down from the Okanagon country on Saturday last, and will be in Victoria for several days. He reports, in addition to the satisfactory progress of railroad matters, unusual activity and prosperity in that section, and pronounces it the finest agricultural land in the Northwest.

"I believe that our section will yet supply the entire Northwest with its fruit and produce," said Mr. Riley. "There is an immense section of magnificent land up there, the extent of which people have no idea of. It is already well settled and people are coming in on every train that arrives. The most desirable class of settlers are moving in, and it will not be long before the country will be the greatest producing agricultural section in the West.

"Fruits of all kinds will grow in abundance, and those settlers that have started to raise fruit have been very successful. Peaches, apples, plums, pears, melons and all kinds of berries grow abundantly.

"The Okanagon region cannot be excelled by any country anywhere in that respect, nor in the matter of excellent vegetables, and it will be but a few years before its fruits and vegetables will take high ranks with the products of other noted sections."

LITTLE LOCALS.

The time for the payment of provincial taxes, so as to save interest, has almost expired, this being the last day.

The American authorities are diligently inquiring as to the whereabouts of a number of sailors who deserted from the U.S.S. Mohecan while in Departure Bay.

A provincial lock up is in course of erection at Wellington, a short distance from the railway station, the point selected being a very convenient one.

The U.S. s.s. Thetis, which has been sent to Behring's Sea, is well known in connection with the Arctic exploration service.

The remainder of the goods and chattels of Wm. Whyte were sold under the sheriff's hammer yesterday, good prices being realized.

In Chambers, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Crease, two cases came up which were held over.

The work of putting the old French hospital in shape for its future use as a home for the aged and infirm, is proceeding satisfactorily.

The Young Men's Institute will hold a ball in Seattle on Friday evening, July 3rd. The local Institute will entertain visitors on the 4th, and a convention will be held on the 5th. The reunion will be given under the direction of Fidelity Institute of Seattle.

Two of the little inmates of the orphans' Home were met near that institution yesterday by a larger boy, who took away from them a tin boiler, that they were carrying, and kicked the bottom out of it. The name of the abusive boy was furnished the police.

The members of the Longshoremen's Union desire to have it distinctly understood that the men Wilson and Lee, now awaiting trial, are not members of the union. In fact, are strangers in Victoria.

His Lordship Bishop Lemmens, at Sunday morning's service, read the Encyclical received from Rome on the question of capital and labor.

The firemen received an invitation to attend a ball to be held in Port Angeles on the evening of July 4th, under the auspices of the Gate City fire department.

Steamer Costa Rica called at the outer wharf yesterday, and loaded miscellaneous supplies for Her Majesty's fleet in Behring's Sea. From there she goes to departure Bay to take on coals.

Steamer Comet towed the bark Cassandra from Royal Roads to New Westminster, Sunday afternoon, where she will load lumber.

Steamer Yosemite had two piston rods put in yesterday, and will resume her trips to-day.

It is altogether probable that the first, as well as the second, twelve of the lacrosse club will go to Victoria to-morrow. They meet to-day to decide the question.

Steamer Kildonan was towed out to the outer wharf, yesterday afternoon, where she will have her machinery placed in position.

Steamer Mascotte brought a cargo of stone down from Nelson Island, Sunday.

From Saturday morning until Monday morning, there were twelve large ocean vessels at the outer wharf.

Steamer Princess Louise has been thoroughly refitted, and is again in condition for work.

A drunken man, who was last night arrested by Officer Smith, endeavored to throw himself in front of the tram cars, but with some difficulty was taken to the police station without having done himself any injury.

The proprietor of the Albion has some forty eggs, whose average weight is four ounces. They are the product of pullets of a cross between the Plymouth Rock and brown Leghorn breed. They are to be given to the Provincial Museum.

Victoria will send representatives in almost all the sports to take place at Vancouver, to-morrow—lacrosse, baseball, cricket, sprinting, jumping, and boat and bicycle racing. The Wanderers will send thirty riders, in the new club uniform, in which they will turn out for parade, this evening.

At Cedar Hill, on Sunday last, about one hundred members of the Spiritualist society spent a very enjoyable day. After the morning had been spent in games of all kinds, the programme was changed, and the remainder of the day was devoted to singing and dancing.

A number of persons, who have conscientious objections to going to Port Angeles on Sunday, have suggested the idea that, were an excursion got up for some other convenient day, it would in all probability be well patronized. They say that they are not specially desirous of crossing over on Independence Day, because of the crowd which, in all probability, would at that time be assembled.

Tenders for the supply of necessaries to the Jubilee hospital, for the next six months, will be invited at once.

Mr. Jacques Rubens entered at the U.S. Consulate, yesterday, for shipment to Seattle, a quantity of linen.

Mr. R. H. Jameson's new house, on Superior street, which has been erected according to the plans of Mr. Soule, has been completed and is now occupied.

Rates from Portland to China have been restored, and there is no cutting of the regular tariff. Freights to China and Japan are very firm and flour is considerably weaker.

The Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society's show comes off at Duncans, on the 4th inst., and will no doubt be a pleasant and successful event.

Yesterday was, as is usually the case on the eve of a holiday, comparatively speaking a "dies non," in the civil courts, nothing but mere formality being on the orders.

Parker & Phillips are rushing two houses on Means street, for the Lord Bishop of Columbia. They are detached, and each will contain seven rooms, with the latest conveniences.

It is officially announced that the regulations for the open competitive examinations for the civil service of India, to be held in 1892, are to be seen at the office of the Provincial Secretary, on application.

It is stated that owing to the heavy demands which have been made upon the resources of the Street committee, a material reduction will be made in the outside staff, which will involve the suspension of certain works now in progress.

A farmer, of Port Crescent, named Andrew Backers, who came here a few weeks ago for medical treatment, died yesterday of heart disease. His friends have been communicated with, by telegraph, and it is expected that his remains will be sent home for interment.

The baseball match which was to come off to-day, at Beacon Hill park, between the Amities and the V.A.C. teams, is postponed owing to a number of the Amities leaving for Vancouver last night. A practice game will take place instead, between several of the V.A.C.

A couple of white men were arrested last night, charged with supplying liquor to two Klootchmen. The Klootchmen were also arrested on the charge of having the intoxicant in their possession.

The ship, Thermopylae, from Saigon, drawing 18 feet, was brought into the inner harbor, last night, by Pilot Bucknam, without any difficulty, and now lies at the company's wharf on the other side the bridge. She was towed in by the Pilot.

DOMINION DAY.

How Victorians Propose to Celebrate the Birthday of United Canada.

The Vancouver Celebration—Pedder Bay Excursion, Picnic at Langford Plains—Oak Bay.

It seems to be an unwritten law that the loyal celebration of the 24th of May in British Columbia shall be left to Victoria principally, Vancouver assisting by coming over here for the day; while, in return, Victorians do all in their power to assist in the proper observance of Canada's birthday at Vancouver by going over every year for the Dominion Day sports held in the terminal city.

1891 is no exception to the rule, and, to-day, hundreds of Victorians will assist in making the demonstration in the C. P. R. city a worthy one. Both the Islander, leaving at 11 o'clock last night, and the Yosemite, sailing three hours later, had every berth filled, while many were glad to secure sofas or chairs for the trip. Altogether about 800 Victorians will spend this Dominion Day with their friends in Vancouver. These include the Wanderers Bicycle club, thirty strong, who will put Messrs. Shearwood, Tiedemann, Kear and Mackie on the track. They have little hope of bringing home the prize, but go in for the fun of the thing. The second twelve of the Victoria Lacrosse club will give an exhibition match with the second twelve of the Vancouver club, and the Victoria rifle team, consisting of Messrs. J. C. Cornish, F. R. Sargison, A. R. Langley, J. C. Newbury, C. W. Newbury, J. L. Beckwith, J. Mortimer and A. Sullivan. The cricket team, whose names were published yesterday, will try conclusions with the Westminster team to-day, but have cancelled their engagement for Vancouver, to-morrow. Victorians expect to make a good showing at the Vancouver regatta, and in the running and other kindred sports. Mr. J. D. Prentice's yacht Freyja is the favorite in the race for which she is entered, and betting is also lively on the single sculling contest between DesBrisay and Watts.

For those who do not go to the Terminal City, a variety of lesser attractions have been arranged. The Gorge Road, James Bay and Victoria West Methodist Sunday schools have chartered the very suitable steamer Princess Louise, which will make two trips to Pedder Bay—the spot chosen for their annual picnic. Here an excellent programme of field sports will be presented, and everything else will be done to ensure the pleasure of the picknickers. The scholars of the Pandora Street Methodist, and First Presbyterian churches, as well as the pupils of the district Presbyterian Sunday schools, spend the day at Langford Plains, whose advantages for picnic purposes are well known in every part of the province.

From six o'clock in the morning until night, the trams on the Fort street line will connect at the corner of Oak Bay Avenue with the cars for the beach, which will to-day be placed in service for the first time. At Oak Bay beach numerous private picnic parties will enjoy themselves; while the Baptist Sunday school will go into camp there. To accommodate all who wish to spend the day at the many beautiful spots along the E. & N. railway, a double train service will be operated, return tickets being issued at single fare.

At home, the only sporting attractions will be a baseball match at Beacon Hill. At the Driving Park, a shooting match at Peoria blackbirds will take place, between the Union and the Victoria gun clubs; and at the Lion brewery, a quoit match will be played during the afternoon.

The first class programme of athletics will, no doubt attract a few visitors, at all events, from Victoria, while the annual Saanich picnic is sure to draw a crowd from this city. In the evening, Miss Katie Emmett and her original and carefully selected company present the successful melo-drama "Waifs of New York," at The Victoria. The play is a good one, and no doubt the house will be equally good.

RETURNS FOR JUNE.

Statistics Relating to Customs, Fire, Police, Public Library and Other Matters.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The figures for the month of June, as totalled up, last night, by the Victoria Custom house authorities, are as follow:

Duties collected	$82,694 04
Chinese fees	11,986 50
Miscellaneous	1,465 22
	$96,145 76
For June, 1890	76,652 08
Increase this year	$19,493 08

IMPORTS.

Imports, dutiable	$269,288
" free	61,505
	$332,793

EXPORTS.

Exports, produce of Canada	$49,063
" not the produce of Canada	3,526
	$52,589

FIRE MATTERS.

During the month of June there were five fires in the city of Victoria, involving a loss of $285.

THE MONTHS' MORTALITY.

In the month of June there were 16 deaths in the city, one of which was a Chinaman, the remainder being white people.

POLICE BUSINESS.

The fines collected in the police court during June reached $750.50. The offenders were 96 in all, and may be classed as: drunkards, 61; vagrants, 5; supplying liquor to Indians, 4; Indians in possession of intoxicants, 2; larceny, 3; aggravated assaults, 2; defaulting witnesses, 2; unnatural offences, 2; fighting, 2; insanity, 2; committeed for safe keeping, 1; burglary, 1; furious driving, 1; bad conduct on board ship, 3; keeping disreputable houses, 4.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The total number of books issued was 2,443; given out to ladies, 1,203; to gentlemen, 1,240. The largest number of books given out in any one day was 151, the average having been 102. During the month 61 cards were issued, 25 to ladies and 36 to gentlemen.

North Arm Brewery Burned.

Word has been received of the burning of the North Arm Brewery, about three miles from Vancouver. When the flames were discovered at 2 o'clock, Sunday morning, the building was so far gone that it was impossible to save it. George Wood, of Vancouver, is the lessee, and there is $2,000 insurance on the building and contents. The value is estimated at somewhere in the neighborhood of $10,000.