rd and his accomplices, d levied blackmail upon ly upon the proceeds of ness.
cdonald has instructed to apply a remedial lav ead of glanders in Mon-

25.—Fourteen petitions district conference in he senate amendments to favoring greater restric- resented.
y 23.—The manager of ish North America here al bank of Scotland and er yesterday that no cir- the denomination and ned had been issued by re is now no doubt that rested on Tuesday, are ere arraigned yesterday, ation is going on yet. tified by W. Weir and he parties who swindled revious occasions.
day 22.—The executive e Quebec branch of the nce resolved to petition of Canada to reject the ment to the Canada tem-

WEST REBELLION.

the Prince Alber Chiefs.

ate at Regina.

y 22.—A courier just ar- north contradicts the story Gen. Strange, and brings n him at Victoria, sixty monton, up to the 17th. ut proceeding on his jour- , 130 miles farther down Indians are numerous, but will get through all right ly arrived there by this were in good condition at the prospects of having g Bear and his tribe.
, May 22.—Chief Bear- s, who joined the rebels, on Wednesday and gave The general parleyed They denied being in any treaty medals were taken eneral said they would be

y 23.—Louis Riel arrived charge of Major Young, the arch-rebel from Gen. p until he was turned over thorities here. At Moose- d that violence might b oner, and he was kept on f the town until the train came along. The people is presence in their middst steamed out of the place. ed by sixteen men from the and battalions. It was or- ed to take Riel to Winni- colsellar Major Young re- am instructing him to de- oner with the police here orders. The train stopped ecks, so that Riel was not own. He looks very bag- ed to be in fear that vio- offered him, but no demon- en made by the people, and ndications of any attempt of speaks but little, and seems ed himself to what he con- itable fate. He is constant- prayers, and acts as if he th dread at his impending

, May 20.—A scouting par- Guard left here, and after e captured Whitecap and and. They were brought day and placed under guard rs from the general. White- previously captured, schom- er McDonald, a scout, as ering up the trail. The gen- s arrived in Prince Albert after a quick march. A French halfbreeds, who fled s when the rebellion broke rough here to-day on their homes.

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D RETAIL STATIONERS AND BOOK- LERS, VICTORIA, B. C., ive in Victoria to obtain:— l College Text Books, Books and Memorandums, Business Stationery, at Books, Paper and Paper Bags, ayer and Hymn Books, of Office Supplies, rawing Papers, etc., usually kept by a first-class House.

—An application was made Justice Gray in the case of ussell, for an allotment of al- *nte lite*. The husband, J. J. e ordered to pay Grace Rus- n of $1 per day from 19th Jan- ayments for board during that be deducted. He is also to Mr. Hibben for Mrs. Rus- rvaks, Q. C., for Mr. Russell.

MARKET REPORT.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 30.

Choice Island, 60 ℔ b; Island Roll, ; New Grass Cal., 62½ ℔ roll; White er, 15c.
Canadian, 25c. ℔lb.; Cala., 25c.; Eastern am, 30c; B.C., 25c.
Island, 20c. ℔doz.; Sound, 20c.
—20c ℔sack of 100lb.
—62½ ℔ sack of 100lb.
Cam, $6 00 ℔ brl.; $1 62½ ℔sack; Super bbrl.
℔lb.
m, 5c.℔lb.; Small White and Bayou, 6c
8—12½c. ℔lb.
EE—Potatoes, 1c; new 4@5c; sweet 6c; ons, 6c℔lb; Celery, —c ℔ doz; ☐Carrots, ; Rhubarb, 25℔lb; Lettuce, 15c. ℔bn; ulflower, $1 50℔doz; Asparagus, 12½c℔lb; shes, 50c℔dz bunchs; Squash, —c. ℔lb; nips, 5c. ℔ lb.; Green Peas, 7c ℔ lb. ing Beans, 12½c; Cucumbers, $1 50℔doz; nnage, 3c℔lb; Tomatoes, 12½c℔lb; Green ers, —c℔lb; Chili Pepper, —c℔lb; Green m, —c℔ds; Vegetable Marrows, —c℔lb.
ms Cured, 15c. ℔lb; Chicago, 25c.; Ore , 25c; Shoulders, 18c.
reakfast, 22c℔lb.
℔lb.
5c. ℔ lb; Salmon 6c ℔ lb; Bonelem g, 10c; Soles, 6c; Halibut, 5c Yarmouth ters, 25c. ℔ doz.; Sal. Bellies, 8 for 50c; ing Bay Flounder, 6c.; Smoked Oolu- an; Salmon, 15c. ℔ bunch; Sturgeon, 6c; Whiting, 7c; Shrimps, 50c; Salt ndans, 5c.; Crabs, 75 cts. ℔ dozen; oked Herring, 12½c. ℔lb; Salmon Trout, Codsadam, 8℔lb; Spanish Mackerel,
SALMON—1lb tins, per doz., 6?
mons, 27½@50c. ℔dz; Oranges, 25@50℔dz; ngs, 37½c. ℔ doz.; Apples, 5c℔lb; Cran- rries, 15c ℔ gal.; Quinces, —c. ℔ lb.; ars, —c; Grapes, —c; Bananas, 50c℔doz; cocanuts, 12½ ea; Cherries, 15c ℔ lb; ricots, 15c℔lb; Strawberries, 15c; Goose- rries, 12½c℔lb; Raspberries, —c.℔lb; Plums, ℔lb.; Peaches, —c; Pineapples, $1 ea; Watermelons, —c. each; Muskmelons, —
FRUITS—Lemon, 50c.℔lb.; Mixed, 50c
S—Zante, 15@16c℔lb.
English layers, 50c ℔ lb.; Cala., 25c Italian, Valencia and Elema 25c.
, 37½@50c.℔lb.
NGES—25c.℔ tin.
$1 per 5lb box; 25c per tin.
FFEE—Coffee, ground, 50c. ℔ lb; green, c.℔lb; Tea, from 37½c. to $1 25 ℔ lb.
—Crushed or Cube, 8lbs for $1; Granulat- ed or No 1, 8lbs. for $1; D or No. 2, 9lbs. for $1.
ts, Walnuts, 20c.℔lb; Cocoanuts, 12½ea; Al monds—Paper Shell, 37½c.; Jordan, 75c Brazil, 37½c. Chestnuts, 37½.
SPICED BEEF—12½ @ 15 c. ℔ lb.; Ox Tongues75c. ea.; Smoked Tongues,$1 ea.
Choice Cuts, 12½@15c℔lb; other cuts, 10@12½ Soup meat, 8c.
—Choice Joints, 12½@15c. ℔ lb; Stewing meat, 8@10c.
12½@15c.℔lb.
½@15c.℔lb.
$1.50 per quarter.
ES—14@18c. ℔lb.
c.℔lb.
G PIGS—$2.50@3.00 ea℔
—Tame, $1 25 ea.
NS—Spring Chickens, 75@87½c ea.
℔—37½c. ℔lb.
—Tame, $1 50 ea.
EL—$2 25℔ tin; ℔ case, $4.
E—75c. ℔ quart; Canned, 37½c℔can.
18 per ton.
½c.℔lb.
NGS—25c.℔lb.
½c.℔lb.
E— — ℔ pr.
S—Hindquts, —c℔lb.
ED SALMON—20c℔lb.

Weekly Colonist.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1885.

TO SUBSCRIBERS AND INTENDING SUBSCRIBERS.

IN ORDERING THE WEEKLY COLONIST TO INSURE DELIVERY, YOU SHOULD ENCLOSE THE AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTION IN POSTAGE STAMPS. MONEY ORDERS, GOOD ON BANK HALIFAX, NO PAPERS LEAVE THIS OFFICE UNLESS THE SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN FIRST PAID, AND NO NOTICE IS TAKEN OF ANY ORDER THAT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE MONEY.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Persons residing at a distance from Victoria, who may desire to insert a notice of Birth, Marriage or Death in *The Colonist*, must enclose with each notice Two Dollars and Fifty Cents in P. O. Stamps, money order, bills or coin, to secure insertion.

THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SANICH, LAKE, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

The attention of subscribers is directed to the announcement in another column. The weekly edition of this paper is now permanently enlarged to Eight Pages or 64 columns of solid reading matter. While making this announcement we are also enabled to state that the subscription rates are reduced to the following scale:

For one year	$2.50
For six months	1.50
For three months	.75

Postage to any part of the Dominion, the United States and the United Kingdom will be FREE. Remittances may be made in money order, draft, postage stamps or cash.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, June 4.

DEATH OF RIEL'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Dumont Believed to be in Hiding.

Big Bear's Idea of Enjoyment.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

WINNIPEG, June 3.—Jollyn, Riel's private secretary, whose leg was amputated at Saskatoon, died on Sunday and was buried the same day. The other wounded, including Corporal Lethbridge, are all doing well. Capts. Clark, Manley and Mason are now almost convalescent.

Great excitement was created at Saskatoon last night by a report that Dumont was in a settler's house a few miles distant. Capt. Manley with nine men started immediately for the scene, but on arrival found the man was not Dumont, but a half-breed named Fortier. The report that Dumont was captured at Assinnaboine is not credited around Batoché awaiting an opportunity to get his wife and family away.

Father De Den, vicar of St. Albert, near Edmonton, with reference to Big Bear said: "Before I left Big Bear was sending scouts from his reserve to different reserves around the neighborhood. The message he gave them was to this effect: 'We are doomed, and will be killed one after another by the whites; but before we die or disappear altogether we must enjoy ourselves as much as possible, and therefore we must plunder the farmers and kill as many white people as we can.'

Supplies are getting short at Edmonton and volunteers and people are on half rations.

THE NEW YORK POST

Discusses the Chinese Problem as it Affects British Columbia.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

NEW YORK, June 3.—The Evening Post in an editorial says the commission appointed by the governor-general of Canada to thoroughly investigate the Chinese problem found that the Chinese labor has been efficient in promoting the rapid development of the country. The commissioners recommend a system of moderate restriction. The editorial goes on to state that the question is one of violent interest to the people of British Columbia, as Chinamen have been pouring into that province of late years in large numbers. At the capital city of Victoria there are now about 3,000 of these immigrants to 10,000 of other inhabitants. The number of Chinese in the whole province is estimated as high as 18,000, while the entire population, by the census of four years ago, was not quite 50,000. There is a strong demand for some legislation on this subject by the Dominion parliament at the present session. If it follows the lines of the commissioners' suggestions Canada's disposition of the question will shine by contrast with the savage policy adopted by this country.

DELAYED MAILS.

A Railway Bridge on the Northern Pacific Stops the Trains.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

HELENA, Montana, June 3.—The bridge, consisting of three 100-feet spans over the West Gallatin river at Central Park, 80 miles of here, was completely washed away on Monday. No eastearn mail over the Northern Pacific has passed since Sunday. The transfer of mail and passengers by ferry began at 11 o'clock to-day, and a train is expected to-night.

Queen of the Pacific's Passengers.

(Exclusive to The Colonist)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—The following are the passengers for Victoria per Queen of the Pacific: Miss M. Turner, A. Koch, Miss Bushby, James Crane and wife, J. F. Roberts and wife, Mrs. G. D. McKilroy and son, A. M. Van Wyke and sister, Mrs. Webster, daughter and child, J. F. Brook, S. Hoffmann, Jas. E. Martin, Miss M. Daggett, Miss Elliott, R. W. Reynolds, F. T. Jaques and wife, J. Silwig, Miss Simpson, M. Stiles, S. Waterfall, W. G. Regan, Miss H. Russell, R. Roberts, Mrs. Fillman, R. M. Lay, wife and child, M. Heller, B. Fechheimer, Mrs. A. S. Lowndes, F. S. Lowndes, J. Bryden and family, Miss Anthony A. Jacobs, Miss Clark Somers, W. J. Farr, D. C. O'Neil, P. Trembly, William Fairbain, S. Martin and son, H. F. Scott.

IN THE BONEYARD.—The steamer Enterprise, the tug Pilot, the North Pacific, the ancient Beaver, the bark Rover of the Seas, the Sardonyx and several other small craft are lying in the neighborhood of Spratt's wharf, being repaired or waiting for "something to turn up."

BACHACHE, stitches in the side, inflation and soreness of the bowels, are symptoms of a disordered state of the digestive and assimilative organs, which can be promptly and thoroughly corrected by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. As dinner pills, and as aids to digestion, they have no equal. They cure constipation. dw

The steamer Teaser arrived last night with 20 passengers, among whom were Mr. U. Nelson and Mr. J. B. Lovell.

What Some People Say.

That suits will be brought against Mr. Todd, S. M., by Mr. Murdoch, whose stock of liquor he destroyed.

That the posts required for the construction of the telegraph line between Moosejaw and Wood Hills, will be obtained in British Columbia on the line of the C. P. Railway.

That I. N. Hibbs, late postmaster of Lewiston, Idaho, who stole $20,000 of government funds, is in Victoria.

That the suggestion of Louis Jackson, of Chicago, that the Jewish Sabbath be transferred to Sunday, beginning with the year 1900, is exciting considerable attention. Rabbi Joseph Polack, of England, has written a series of letters to the Liverpool Post, opposing the suggestion. A number of Christians have endorsed the rabbi's views, because they fear that such a step on the part of the Jews would upset the established beliefs in revelation.

That a Bridgeport, Conn., paper says that a member of the Faith Mission, who worked in one of the Bridgeport factories, went into the shop the other day and told the book-keeper that the Lord had told him that he ought to work for 50 cents less. They took it off and wish the Lord would make some more such revelations.

That "Why don't you go to work?" said a charitable lady the other day to a tramp, before whom she had placed a nicely cooked meal. "I would," replied the vagrant, "if I had the tools." "What sort of tools do you want?" asked his hostess. "A knife and fork."

That an alderman once called on a well known doctor, when the following dialogue took place: "Doctor, I have a strong tendency to gout; what shall I do to arrest it?" "Take a bucket of water and a ton of anthracite three times a week." "How?" "Drink the former, and carry the latter up three pairs of stairs."

That Jones Brown is rich and stingy. An acquaintance of his met Brown's son the other day. "Your father seems to have lost a good deal of money lately.. The last time I saw him he was complaining, and saying he must economise." "Economise! Did he say where he is going to begin?" "Yes, on his table, he said." "Then he must be going to take away the table-cloth," was the filial declaration.

That Miss Nellie Canfield, aged 18, niece of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, fatally shot herself at Devitt's Seminary, N. J. Her mind was affected by illness and sufferings.

That the net debt of the United States has now gone below $1,500,000,000 for the first time since the war. Twenty years ago it was $2,700,000,000.

That beef is down to 6 and mutton to 7 cents per pound.

Marriage of Archd'n Wright's Daughter at Greatham Rectory, Hants.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., the village of Greatham was in high fête on the marriage of Miss Nina Geldart Wright, daughter of the Ven. Archdeacon Wright, rector of Greatham, to the Rev. Robert Stewart Hare, of Mosborough, Eckington, Derbyshire. The bridegroom was accompanied by the Rev. C. Lewis, as best man, and the bridesmaids were Miss Anne Thomson, Miss Alice Hue, and Miss Ethel Geldart, cousin of the bridegroom. There was an early celebration at 8.30, and at eleven o'clock the beautifully decorated church was crowded by the villagers and other friends of the bride, so much so that when the bridal party had entered the church there was scarcely standing room for a child. Archdeacon Wright officiated, assisted by his son, the Rev. Frederick George Wright, military chaplain, Portsmouth, and the Rev. Henry Geldart, late vicar of Hellingly, Sussex, uncle of the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her uncle, the Rev. James Geldart, vicar of Poddington, Beds., the first part of the service taking place at the chancel steps. In lieu of the customary exhortation the Rev. H. Geldart delivered an eloquent and loving address. The church had been decorated by the ladies of Lecourt, and beautiful, rare, and costly were the flowers. The choir was in full force, and sang sweetly the marriage hymn, showing how carefully they had been trained by Mr. Barber, whose skill as organist was evidenced by music well selected and well executed. A reception was afterwards held by Archdeacon and Mrs. Wright, at Greatham rectory, and at three o'clock the happy couple left for London and Ashchurch rectory, Tewkesbury. During the afternoon there was a large garden party, and at 6:30 the rectory grounds were open to the villagers who came to see the wedding presents, which were numerous and handsome.

Personal.

Rev. F. G. Wright, eldest son of Archdeacon Wright, is now in the Garrison Church, Portsmouth, where his father formerly officiated.

Lt.-Colonel Palmer, R. E., formerly of the British Columbia engineer corps, New Westminster, son-in-law of Archdeacon Wright, has been sent by the War Office to the Japanese government to carry on great engineering works, with a salary of £1,800 per annum.

Mr. C. W. Smith will shortly arrive from London to assume temporary charge of the H. B. Co.'s business here.

Rev. Mr. Somerville, the first pastor of St. Andrew's Church, this city, will shortly arrive in the province via the C. P. Railway, he having been appointed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to visit Manitoba and British Columbia in the interest of the church.

Messrs. George and James Flood, sons of Mr. H. S. Flood of San Francisco, who have passed several days very pleasantly with their friends in this city, will sail for home in the mail steamer leaving to-day.

Vote of Thanks.

The following communication speaks for itself:

City Clerk's Office,
WINNIPEG, May 27, 1885.

MUS. A. W. ROSS, Victoria, B. C.

Madam:—The following resolution was adopted by the council last evening:

That this council, on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg, desire that their thanks be sent to Mrs. A. W. Ross and other kind friends in British Columbia who have been instrumental in collecting and forwarding to this province the sum of $213.60 for the volunteer aid and relief fund.

I have the honor to be, madam,
Your obd't servant,
C. J. BROWN, City Clerk.

The Registration.

Following are the numbers by wards of persons who registered under the new School Act:

James Bay Ward—Males, 219; females, 84; total, 303.

Yates Street Ward—Males, 203; females, 81; total, 284.

Johnson Street Ward—Males, 255; females, 97; total, 352.

Grand total, 939.

DESTRUCTIVE.—At low tide the startling fact is apparent that a great number of the wooden piles supporting the various wharves along the water front are very much eaten by the destructive sea worm. Many are eaten clean through and only retain their place by the hold of the mails to the wharf's floor. Others are almost eaten asunder, an inch or two should separate the pieces. The support of the warehouses on the wharves have a very slender appearance, and soon they must be replaced, or serious accident may be the result. Slowly and surely these little worms are destroying an immense amount of valuable property and endangering life.

RECEPTION.—The ladies of the auxiliary society of the Y. M. C. A gave a reception to the members and friends of the association in the school-room of the Pandora-street Presbyterian Church. The large room was comfortably filled and a choice programme of vocal and instrumental music and readings was given. During an intermission refreshments of fruit, coffee and cake were dispensed by the ladies. The evening was a very pleasant one, and the members of the society should feel greatly indebted to the ladies for so agreeable a time.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd.

The regular meeting of the council was held last evening at 8 o'clock.

Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted.

ASSESSOR'S ROLL.

City Clerk Robinson reported to the council that the assessor's return had been handed in that day.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From David Fee and Thos. J. Partridge, asking that a sidewalk be laid on Quadra street. Referred to street committee for report.

From R. S. Randall addressed to the "city fathers," asking that he be paid for the construction of a ditch which he had made some years ago. The city were using it, and if it was not paid for he would stop the ditch as it was private property. He wanted one year's taxes.

Coun. McKillican explained the circumstances of the case, and thought Mr. Randall should be paid for the drain.

His worship said it was not right that every old claim should be brought to this council for payment.

On motion the matter was referred to the street committee and city engineer for report.

From Catherine Holtz, calling attention to a box drain near the Colonist hotel, and also to a pool of stagnant water, and stating that she would allow the use of her property for the construction of a drain to carry off the foul water. Referred to street committee.

From Mr. Williams, calling attention to the drain on Yates street in front of the Deluge engine house, which drained into his cellar. Referred to the sanitary committee.

From Edwin Johnson, city barrister, stating that he had searched the plans in the registry office in reference to the encroachment of the church fence, and found that lots had been sold on Burdette avenue and Church Crescent and that this latter fact strengthened the case of the city against the fence, as explained in his former opinion.

Coun. Robertson said that it seemed a hard matter to get a decided answer out of any lawyer.

After further discussion, his worship said that the church authorities wished to compromise the matter and give an agreement that when a new structure was erected they would not encroach in any way on the street.

After the reading of the first letter from Mr. Johnson, the matter was deferred for one week, in order to allow the various documents in reference to the same to be placed before the city barrister for further report.

From Edwin Johnson, in reference to the claim of Mrs. Green for damages for injury sustained, stating that in his opinion there was no necessity for present action on the part of the council. Received and filed.

From S. C. Burris, on behalf of Messrs. Robson and Hunter, asking permission to cross the street with a tile drain to connect with street drain. Request granted.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.

The city clerk read the monthly bills to the amount of $2,325.89, which were ordered to be paid, if found correct.

In moving this, Coun. Ward referred to the large amount paid the newspapers for advertising, and asked if this could not be cut down.

His worship informed Coun. Ward that the advertising was only given out as provided by law.

WATER SUPPLY.

Moved by Coun. Smith, seconded by Coun. McKillican, that a sum not to exceed $1,000 be allowed the water committee in order to secure the services of an engineer to prepare plans and estimates for a means for supplying the city with a better supply of water.

Coun. Smith said that it was absolutely necessary that something should be done, as there was an inadequate supply for James Bay ward, Spring Ridge and other high levels. Carried.

WATER REPORT.

The waterworks committee reported in reference to the application of Mr. Percy Blanchard, that it would be useless laying mains on the street referred to on account of the strain on the present pipes. Water would not flow to the level of his house. The report was received.

DAMAGES.

Coun. Robertson reported in reference to the application of Thos. Inge for refund on account of breaking of his fence by the blasting and allowing his horses to be impounded. He had asked for compensation, but on inquiry it was found that there was no just ground for the claim.

The clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Inge that the council held that he had no claim.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coun. Ward said that the list of bills passed to-night would place the council in debt with the bank to the sum of $27,000. An arrangement should be effected with the bank for a further overdraft.

Seconded and carried.

Coun. McKillican moved that the city engineer prepare an estimate for the removal of the rock encumbering Humboldt street, both sides.

Coun. Smith seconded the motion, which was carried.

Coun. Warner referred to a previous communication in reference to the opening of Blanchard avenue from Queen's avenue to Hillside and moved that plans be prepared and tenders called for the carrying out of such work.

Seconded and carried.

Coun. Braden complained about work ordered to be done and never carried out by the street committee. Work should be carried out promptly, and not allowed to remain in abeyance to the inconvenience of the public. Extra men should be employed for the purpose of furthering work.

Coun. Grant moved, seconded by Coun. Smith, that all sidewalks ordered by the council be at once laid or repaired, and the street committee empowered to employ extra labor for the same. Carried.

Coun. Robertson moved, seconded by Coun. Warner, that Mr. B. W. Pearse be requested to deed over the continuation of Pembroke street to the city. Carried.

Coun. Smith called attention to the fact that the drain on Fort street was in some places under the sidewalk and should be removed to the outside of the walk, and also that the sidewalks should be made of uniform width.

The much talked electric light question was again brought out, and a number of opinions expressed as to the means of maintaining the light, as the first payment was to be made to-day.

The electric light committee was empowered to make temporary arrangement in reference to the light.

His worship said that in reference to shade trees it would be advisable not to take any action on the matter until the drainage question was settled.

Coun. Smith said that complaints were general about the non-attendance of the pound keeper to the numerous horses and cows that roamed around the streets at night destroying ornamented trees.

His worship said that an arrangement had been made to meet Mr. Thompson and consult with him in reference to purchasing the gas plant.

Council adjourned.

Archiepiscopal Palace.

Mr. Teague invites tenders for the erection of a commodious and handsome brick and stone edifice for the accommodation of His Grace Archbishop Seghers and clergy. The palace, which will have a frontage of 48 feet on Yates street with a wing 80 feet in width, will have two stories and basement, with a mansard roof. When completed the building will be one of the most imposing structures in the city.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—There will be a meeting of the board of school trustees at the City Hall to-night. Important and lively business.

THE ARMED MOSQUITO.

Experience of an Occasional Correspondent on the West Coast.

The sun went down behind old Cat Face Mountain and left Clayoquot Sound as lonely as the house in Ottawa after the Chinese restriction bill had passed. When the captain and I stepped on shore it seemed like a desert island, save for the vision of a red blanket, the owner of which belonged to the noble line of Clayoquots. The ebbing tide left the social cockle free to visit his neighbor for a quiet gossip and the brilliant crab went out of sight as fast as a Johnson street policeman at the witching hour of midnight, while the industrious clams vented their shelled up feeling in gleeful showers of spray until the beach resembled a miniature scene of the geyser springs in the Yellowstone national park. We turned away silently meditating on the wonders of nature and the invention of clam chowder in particular and meandered slowly up to the house of a friend, where the commodore waited by appointment for a social game of cribbage. As we sauntered along discussing the new May moon and the enormous increase in the population of mosquitoes, we heard wafted along on the evening breeze the melodious sounds of that household instrument, the German accordian, and as we listened in rapturous attention we distinctly made out the entrancing notes of that soul inspiring melody "Champagne Charlie" with the heavy buckaw bass of the commodore's in accompaniment. We entered and without any preliminaries, the game started. I was partner with the commodore and we soon made the others feel as if they hadn't struck anything soft. The game was changed to euchre and my partner soon began to cast uneasy glance over my shoulder towards the window. Looking around I saw the enemy and although not the Russians they made us feel very uneasy. The commodore says, "they see me; look at that land pirate with the night glasses"; and sure enough I saw the veteran leader examining our position with a pair of field glasses. We began fortifying ourselves by smoking Old Judge cigarettes and soon the room was thick with the smoke of battle, the heavy breathing of the commodore resembled the distant rumbling of an earthquake. As he tugged away at his weed, he murmured —— them, passed and threw up his hand as if he were shot. Penetrating the sultry atmosphere I could discern him in the dim distance making flank movements on a brigade of the enemy—mosquitoes that were playing seven-up on the edge of his ear, but they got wind of his movement and beat a hasty retreat whistling "not for Joseph," while the accordian struck up "Home Sweet Home." Our game broke up in confusion and no wonder, we could distinctly hear them chanting their "Just before the battle" serenade far above the unearthly though more welcome sounds of the noble siwash as he belabored the family camp kettle with the big medicine club. We took advantage of the darkness and bidding them good night made our escape on board the Thunderbolt and turned in for the night. SALT.

The Pool Selling Case.

The charge against Clancey for selling pools was heard and decided yesterday. The justices imposed a fine of $25 and costs, or in default one month's imprisonment. The court room was the scene of a spirited contest between some of the justices and counsel for the accused. It is believed the case will be appealed. Clancey did not put in an appearance personally and is said to have taken a summary way of deciding the matter by taking refuge in Uncle Sam's domains.

Marine.

Steamship Queen of the Pacific sailed from San Francisco for Victoria yesterday.

Steamship G. W. Elder will go to sea at noon to-day for San Francisco.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—Ship Helicon from Nanaimo, with coal arrived here today, making the trip in 5¾ days, which is said to be the quickest trip on record.

Arrived—Ship Helicon, Nanaimo. Sailed—Steamer Queen of the Pacific, Victoria; steamer Columbia, Astoria; ship Melrose, Nanaimo.

Reduction in Railway Freights

We learn that railway freights have been reduced one-half from Port Hammond to Spence's Bridge, and that a corresponding reduction has been made on freights to Savona and way places. Also, that there is no classification, all freight being taken at a uniform scale of from 1½ to 2 cents per pound. This will be good news for business men and consumers as well.

A GROWING BUSINESS. — Mr. Wm. Grimm has lately purchased from G. C. Tompkins, the buildings and plant from Mr. Grimm's location, on Johnson street, and running through to Douglas street. The establishment of Mr. Grimm now covers about one-third of an acre of ground.

FOR THE FAR NORTH.—The sealing schooner Favorite, commanded by Capt. A. McLean, will leave at noon to-day for Queen Charlotte islands and beyond. Sufficient supplies for a three months' cruise after the fur seal have been shipped and the vessel got in good trim for the purpose.

ACTIVE PASS LIGHTHOUSE.—Captain Lewis, agent for the marine and fisheries, gives notice that a lighthouse has been erected by the government of Canada on Georgina Point, Maine Island, at the northeast entrance to Active Pass. The light is fixed white, and will be seen for a distance of eight miles.

CALIFORNIA is suffering from a drought.

From the Daily Colonist, June 5.

FROM FARWELL.

Brisk Times at the New City.

A gentleman who was at Farwell a few days ago says the town contains about 50 houses of a better class than those that stood there before the fire. Business is very brisk. Three-fourths of the men there are selling liquors openly without a license, only two or three holding licenses from the government.

A stabbing scrape occurred in a dance-house on last Wednesday night; no one was killed. Five arrests were made and Mr. Sproat, S. M., committed the culprits to gaol which is a log but.

Mr. Farwell is selling lots briskly and new buildings are going up every day.

The wagon road bridge, which is to run beneath the railway bridge, will be ready for use in ten days' time.

Since Mr. Sproat's arrival the people are more orderly and rows are less frequent.

The Columbia river steamboat is rushing in liquors and cigars from the American side on which there is no attempt made to collect duties.

Personal.

MRS. E. H. Ward will leave on the 17th inst. for England via the Northern Pacific Railway and New York.

Messrs. P. Dunlevy and S. Tingley arrived from the interior yesterday.

Mr. Gordon Gamble is in town.

Mr. H. Behnsen was a passenger from Nanaimo by the Amelia.

Mr. E. Dodds, who arrived on Wednesday, is second son of the late Capt. Dodds, at one time chief factor for the Hudson Bay Co. during the regime of the late Sir Jas. Douglas. Mr Dodds is a native of Victoria, but has not visited it since 1879. He is at present engaged in business in New York city.

A NOVEL HOUSE.—The steamer Wilson G. Hunt, now beached near Point Ellice bridge, is being utilized as a residence by a couple of families.

THE CHINESE REGULATION ACT.

The Defendants Fined $20.

The Magistrate's Judgment.

In the police court on Thursday the police magistrate, in the case of Chong Yuen and Wing Chong, charged with refusing to pay the $10 license under the Chinese Regulation Act, 1884, delivered the following judgment:

In this case I have had the great advantage of hearing their attorney-general in support of the charge, and Mr. Richards, Q. C., for the defense. The charge is proved; and indeed the facts alleged in it are not denied; but Mr. Richards claims the act is unconstitutional and void. So far as I know a defense of this character was never before raised in a police court.

The act was passed more than a year ago, and received the assent of the lieut.-governor acting under the advice of his responsible ministers, in Her Majesty's name. It has not been disallowed, and the time for disallowing it has expired. It would obviously be absurd for a police magistrate on his own responsibility to declare this or any other act duly passed to be unconstitutional, and refuse to act upon it; and I feel sure Mr. Richards recognizes this, although he was kind enough in the course of his argument to give me credit for perhaps more legal knowledge than I can fairly claim; but he says that I am bound by the judgment of Mr. Justice Gray in 1878 declaring a somewhat similar act void. (Sing vs. McGuire, S. C., B. C., Sept. 1878.) There is no judge in British Columbia whose decisions are entitled to more weight than Mr. Justice Gray's; but in the first place his judgment was not upon the act in question, nor upon one strictly identical with it; and in the next place since 1878 the decision of still higher courts than the supreme court of British Columbia, have, as the attorney-general has pointed out, thrown new light on the construction of the British North America Act; and it is possible that after reading those decisions, and particularly the case of Hodge vs. Regina (9 App. Ca., 117), the learned judge might now come to a different conclusion.

It is my duty to administer the law as I find it—not as I think it ought to be. Leaving the grave questions that have been raised by Mr. Richards to be disposed of by a higher court, I therefore convict each of the defendants of the offense charged, and fine him $20, to be recovered, paid and applied according to law.

EDWIN JOHNSON, P. M.

Mr. Richards, for the defence, called attention to the fact that every magistrate who acts under an illegal statute renders himself liable for damages.

Mr. Theo. Davie contended that no action could be taken against any magistrate administering the law unless it could be proven that he was acting with malice. There was a statute bearing on the question.

The magistrate said he would do his duty and take the risk of any action.

Following is the statute referred to:—"No action or suit shall be brought against any judge, stipendiary magistrate, justice of the peace or officer for any act or thing by him done under the supposed authority of a statute or statutory provision of the province, or of the Dominion of Canada, which statute or statutory provision was beyond the legislature of the province, or of the parliament of Canada as the case may be."—42 Vic., ch. 26, s. 1.

These were test cases and the Chinese will undoubtedly appeal to the higher courts to reverse the decision on the plea of unconstitutionality.

A Regular Boarder.

For the past couple of years a strongly-built Chinaman, named Low Tow, has been an inmate of the city prison, having served out various sentences for petty larceny. His month's term expired this morning, and about 11 o'clock Low was admitted to freedom. He felt very strange at being again in the open air, and whether it was from this or the affection that he had for his city gaol and its obliging jailer, he wandered down to Welch, Rithet's wharf, where the Spartan was being unloaded and walked away with a mat of rice, probably because he was hungry. The theft was noticed, the police sent for and at one o'clock, after enjoying two hours' liberty, Low was again safe within the walls of the city prison, which he evidently regards as his proper home. This chronic offender is the one for whom the gaol committee of the house recommended that a pile of stones be procured in order to give him hard work, as his present labor is mere pastime. An excuse he gave once for stealing a coat was that the wind blew it on his back as he was passing the store door. A severer punishment than the incarceration in the city gaol is necessary for these habitual offenders.

Marine.

The G. W. Elder left for San Francisco at noon yesterday in command of Captain Ackley.

Bark Lady Head, spars for London, and ship Enterprise, lumber for Australia, are ready for sea at Hastings Mills.

Bark Julia Ford sailed yesterday for Honiulu with Departure Bay coal.

Steamship Empire sailed from Departure Bay Wednesday night for San Francisco.

Ship Belvidere will load Wellington coal.

Ship Narwhal is loading V. C. Co.'s coal.

Ships J. A. Briggs and Southern Chief and bark Sonoma are on the way from San Francisco for cargoes of V. C. Co.'s coal.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—Arrived—Ship Shirley, Tacoma

Sailed—Steamer Willamette, Seattle; ship Yosemite, Tacoma.

New Westminster.

(Columbian.)

A man was found a few days ago on the Yale road, this side of the Serpentine, in an exhausted and helpless condition. He was brought to Brownville, where he died. It is supposed he came from Washington Territory.

A man named Sullivan dropped dead at Maple Ridge on Sunday; and on Monday a horse that was dragging him to the grave fell dead.

That Rarest of Combinations,

True delicacy of flavor with true efficacy of action has been attained in the famous California liquid fruit remedy Syrup of figs. Its pleasant taste and beneficial effects have rendered it immensely popular. Sample bottle free and large bottle for sale by Langley & Co., Victoria. 1

PAINTED RED.—Major Peters, editor of the Waseka (Illinois) Republican, and republican member of the legislature from Iroquois county, when assured of Logan's election, telegraphed the boys from Springfield: "Logan is elected. Paint my old home red." The boys took him at his word, and showing the message to Mrs. Peters, gained her consent, and forthwith the entire male population turned out, and procuring the brightest red paint imaginable, painted the house, barn and outhouses scarlet, roof, chimney and all, not sparing even the fences and tree trunks.

FOR THE SOUND.—The Olympian left for the Sound yesterday at 2:45. She was nearly half an hour in getting away from the wharf on account of a regular gale of wind blowing from the south-west. The Woodside tugged the bow around, while the stern hawser in the strain threatened to disledge the piles it was fastened to. However, she at last got safely off and moved quickly out of the harbor.

CONTRABAND GOODS.—It is rumored that Major Dupont is on his way to the Columbia river to check the frauds on the internal revenue which have become extensive and glaring.

CAPSIZED AND SUNK.

Recent Accident to a Victoria Pleasure Yacht.

The Ada Frances, a well-known sloop-yacht, hailing from James Bay, met with a slight accident on her last pleasure cruise up the coast. While she was lying in Uclutet harbor, driven in by the nasty sou'-east weather, she started one morning for the Indian agency, but never reached her destination. As she was trying to round one of the outlying reefs, which are promiscuously strewed around that portion of the isle, she had to make a tack in order to double the point. Having a head wind and tide against her, when she came up in the wind, her movable portion of ballast shifted and put her down by the head, so that she wouldn't stay. Being on a lee shore, and not having room to wear everything got into confusion on board, and the only thing that could be heard above the din of the surf, was the officer's voice, giving the order to stand by to fend her off as she was drifting broadside on to the rocks. We could plainly see the fo'castle head watch handling boat hooks and oars with a vengeance, but she heeled over on her beam ends and half filled with water. Settling down she shipped another sea, and went down before the occupants had time to don their life-preservers. As she went out of sight we saw her crew striking in a Capt. Webb style, for the shore, distant about twenty-five yards, and one of the party was throwing water around like a Mississippi stern-wheeler, as he struggled to gain possession of his white tile which was floating off regardless of its wearer's fate. They reached the shore in saf