LARCENY.

(Before Chief Justice NEEDHAM.)

THURSDAY, Feb. 21.

at Shawnigan. The Solicitor General stated prisoner came to my house on the day previous to the robbery, near evening; had seen together to Fraser River. After that Mr prisoner before; knew him by the name of Sampson arrived at Brinns. Jim; prisoner came to my house on foot; there was another man with him, but he did not come in until afterwards; he said he lid not whip her; she was not influenced to her; came to look after a man who had hired at my place; he said he had a boat at the spi containing two kinds of liquor; told him that did not tell her I blamed her; I gave her to man came to supper with prisoner, who remained in the house; went to bed at the house where the Kanakas slept, as I heard singing; prisoner had a bottle, out of which the house where the Kanakas slept, as I heard singing; prisoner had a bottle, out of which the counsel for the defence here referred his Lordship to Best's Treatise on Presumptions. except by a catch; some time before day whip the prisoner by witness. one of the Kanakas told me that my boat was stolen; got a candle, looked round and found a number of articles missing—floar, rice, fish, meat, etc., also all the articles necessary to His Lordship asked if the prisoner Charley equip the boat and some cooking utensils; was present for sentence. A reply having found one of the houses where no one was living had been broken open and certain convicted was asked if he had anything to articles removed, which I afterwards found in say why sentence should not be passed upon possession of the prisoner; manned a boat him. The prisoner said it was not true that with two Kanakas, my nephew Donaldson, the strange man that came with prisoner. His Lordship put on the black cap, and said and myself; the Kanakas were Joe and he had no discretion in the matter; the jury Sam; put to sea, and after some pursuit had found him guilty of the murder of captured prisoner with the boat and all it Charley, another Indian, and there could be contained in a bay at Salt Spring Island no doubt as to the correctness of the verdict.

into custody.

Cross-examined by Mr Ring-Drank some then pronounced, and as the jury recomof the liquor that prisoner was giving to the mended mercy it would be sent to the Kanakas at the sleeping place ; did not like proper quarter. The Court had no disit; my nephew Donaldson helped me in my cretion business; he never took my boat without permission; he might have taken a skiff; he was interested in the fishing business; prisoner was in my employment the fall before, the former evidence could not be admitted Much amusement was created by the learned counsel for the defence calling pris-

oner Dawson, the name of the prosecutor. was committed; prisoner would not help with the boat, but helped me to carry the body of Jim Holland to the boat; I wanted Joe, a Kanaka, was next examined through coffee remained in the house; Kanakas and corroborated Dawson's evi he put the same questions three dence as to the capture of the prisoner, boa

the prisoner was then sentenced by his Lord- to-morrow.] I was very weak during and ship to three years penal servitude. He thanked his Lordship

abusive to Dawson.

POISON ING. Mary Ann McFadden and Mary Ann Sampson were charged, the first as principal and the second as accessory, with administer-

ing poison with intent to murder. The Solicitor General stated the case for the Crown, and called James McFadden, the father of the first-named prisoner, who deposed that he had a small farm on Salt Spring Island; worked by the month with a Mr Brinn, on the same Island; prosecutor's daughter and Mary Ann Sampson also lived at Brinn's; the prisoner McFadden was prosecutor's daughter by a full-blooded Fraser River Indian woman; she was 13 years old last September. On the 12th Oct. last, witness had been out hunting yoke cattle, on return got breaklast at a neighbor's house; afterwards went to Brinn's house, where he found both prisoners; prisoner Sampson is the wife of the constable on Salt Spring Island; prosecutor's daughter and Mr Sampson are cousins; there was no one else at the house; it was about 9 o'clock McFadden told me that breakfast was ready; told Sampson that he had had breakfast at her bought it; I kept it in the most secluded father's house; saw a cup of coffee on the place in my house.

table: there was no milk or angar in it: table; there was no milk or sugar in it; drank it and went out to dig potatoes, when I was seized with awful pain in the stomach, and fell on my knees and began to vomit; was trembling and shaking in every joint; the bottle produced is it.

By the prosecution—I received it from Mr Sampson a few weeks after the poison was said to be administered; I did not bring the vomit was partly green and partly yellow; felt very weak, with sharp cutting pains in the chest; rinsed my mouth with a little water and then went into Brinn's house; found both prisoners there; told Mcthe bread; neither of the prisoners said anything; McFadden turned her back; on the 17th, I threatened to whip McFadden if she Spring Island; my husband is a settler did not tell where she got the poison; Mrs
Brinn said McFadden had told her she (McFadden) had given it to prosecutor; did not
know there was such a thing in the house;

stand; my husband is a settler
there; recollect the poisoning case in October last: was acquainted with the prisoner;
had no conversation with the prisoner, nor
know there was such a thing in the house;

threatened McFadden again, but to no purpose. (Here the learned counsel for the defense cited Roscoe, page 39, in support of his opinion, that confessions obtained by threats or menaces were not admissible in evidence. After some discussion, His Lordship decided the point in favor of the learned George Phillips was arraigned for larceny counsel for the defense, and the examination the case and called the following evidence: of the prisoner McFadden, that prisoner had James Dawson, sworn—Resides at Shaw-told her that she had put poison in the coffee; nigan; is a whaler by profession; has a station for business, where he sleeps himself; den) would not have put it in but for Sampthere is another house where the Kanakas son, who told her if prosecutor was dead she sleep; about the end of October my nephew (Mc adden) might then do as she pleased, Donaldson, a white man that came with the and she (Sampson) was going to do the prisoner, and myself, were in my place of re-same to her father; that when McFadden sidence; the house where the Kanakas lived had poisoned the prosecutor, that she (Sampwas about one hundred yards distant; the son) would take McFadden to Victoria and

I did not want persons about the place with understand she did quite wrong, and what liquor, and requested him to leave it in my would become of her if I had gone; she charge, which he did; after supper prisoner cried and said she was very sorry; I did went to sleep with some Kanakas; another allude to the result, if the matter was

he gave liquor to the Kanakas; the doors tive Evidence, page 328, to prove the inand windows on my house are not fastened admissability as evidence of the threat to

SENTENCE OF DEATH. At this stage of the proceedings, 3 p. m., about ten miles from my place; the prisoner and the Kanaka had just landed; two kegs of liquor belonging to prisoner were in the boat which he had stolen; I took prisoner was unsound, the winesses did not speak the truth. The usual sentence of death was

> removed. POISON CASE RESUMED.

in the matter. The prisoner was

His Lordship said that upon the whole Cross-examination continued-The child was brought up on Fraser river : I did not superintend the bringing up; I had no time; James Dawson, continued-Prisoner left I was absent from her a long time, close on his boat on the beach at my place; the place five years; I was living duting the poison of landing is about 80 or 100 feet from the case at Salt Spring; I was living there six door of my house; Phillips did not insist months; to Mr Brinn's wife I had surrenderthat an inquest should be held on the body ed her; (why Mrs Brinn was not present in of the Kanaka killed by Donaldson; court was not allowed by his Lordship); It the Kanaka's name was Jim Holland; did was about nine in the morning when I had not hear a visit to squaws at Salt Spring breakfast; it was on the heart and liver of Island proposed the night before the robbery a deer and a part of rabbit; I had a basinmy nephew to come along with me and give efter I had a fair cup of coffee at Mr Brinnn's; himself up; he went away with the boat the night before the breakfast I had no with the liquor; have not heard of him since; spiritous liquor of any sort; the breakfast don't know the value of the liquor; the boat was no Godsend; about two minutes and a after drinking the coffee it dissgreed equipment \$75 or \$80; the other goods \$25. with me; the cup and dregs of the Mr G Brown acting as interpreter-Witness Judge said if Mr Ring did not control testified to prisoner treating the other himself he would have to do so, because and goods, and that prisoner was very require to be controlled, he would show presently why he acted thus. I am not bill-Some conversation touching points of law iously inclined; I believe it was in Griffith's then ensued and the prosecution was closed. house I heard the term s rychnine first used; Mr Ring then addressed the jury for the I did leave her under Mrs Brinn's control defence, and dwelt much upon the possible two years before; there was no milk or complicity of Donaldson and the Kanaka in sugar in the coffee; I thought it was bitter the removal of the stolen property, after His Lordship said the length at which the which the jury retired and after about case was drawn out compelled him to order twenty minutes consultation, returned a the attendance of jurors waiting, for another verdict in accordance with the indictment; day. They were thereupon discharged until

> after the vomiting. Rich, Brinn, called for the prosecutionl live at Salt Spring; am husband to Sarah Brinn; she is not able to be present; she was taken ill two days before I came down; I keep a farm on Salt Spring Island, and the father of the prisoner worked with me last October; I had no conversation with the girl about the poison case; the magistrate sent me down; to him I gave evidence.

His Lordship—The evidence required remains above, while the evidence which is of no account is sent down here.

Henry Sampson, sworn—Am constable on Salt Spring Island; last October my attention was called to a matter which occurred in McFadden's family ; I was not present at the examination of the prisoner's case; from information received, a bottle of strychnine was hauded to me by Mrs Brinn, taken from the top of a book shelf, out of a small box; recognize a box and bottle shown; I took the bottle home; gave it to Mr Brinn after-

wards. R. Brinn, recalled-I purchased the bottle and its contents several months before at Nanaimo; it contained strychoine when I

struction of blue jays, crows, &c ; I did not see it have effect on any of them: did not tell my wife or warn her about it; I think

was said to be administered; I did not bring

it to Victorias By a Juror-The bottle was full when I

Examination of Sampson resumed-I was Fadden that I was sick, and thought it was present when the prisoner was examined; I the Assizes for their attendance. know that Mrs Griffiths is at present here.

Dr Davie, examined-I have examined the contents of the bottle; it is strychnine; have been present during this trial; I heard of the symptoms of McFadden; they are those of the derangement produced from the breakfast partaken of; the unbaked bread and the

berry wine (laughter).
Cross-examined—Strychnine when diluted is colorless; the vomiting I attribute to an overloaded stomach, and nature had to find vent; the symptoms could not have been the result of strychnine; had the patient taken the balance of what remained in the bottle, half a drachm say, convulsive spasms would have come on and the patient could not have lived; the case would be all but hopeless.

To the Court-A small quantity, say the 25th part of a grain, would have affected or assisted digestion; the symptoms were a sufficient proof that strychnine had not been administered; the breakfast would account for McFadden's symptoms (laughter). The cure, if any, is the stomach pump for strychoine chloroform has a good name-it relaxes the

muscles. The Court-I have come to the conclusion, Mr Solicitor, to discharge the whole

To the Jury-The question is whether there is anything to deliberate upon. The state-ment made by the child is not of that voluntary sort which the law allows. His Lordship remarked on the evidence of McFadden and Dr Davie, and concluded by stating it was a most ludierous case.

The jury, without leaving the box, ren-dered a verdict of "not guilty." THE CHARGE OF BEING ACCESSORY to the case was then taken up and examined before the same jury, which preferred to sit in lieu

of appearing on the following day. The prisoner, Mary Ann Sampson, was placed in the dock. She is a half-breed girl of about sixteen. The Schicitor General stated to the jury to the effect that it was not his fault that

the case just tried broke down, and addressed the jury on the charge against Mary Ann Sampson. Nothing would give him more satisfaction than if it were found the little girl was innocent of the charge.

Mary Ann McFadden was called for the prosecution (prisoner in last case, a little girl, about 13 years of age.) Had some talk with Mrs Sampson, who said I was to give my father some strychnine, and said when father died I could go away where I wanted, to Victoria and Fraser River-she would take me; she would also buy me some clothes: put some strychnine in my father's coffee; got it in a small bottle on top of a desk at Mr Brirn's house; the bottle produced is like the one, and so is the stuff like that I put in the coffee; my cousin told me where to look for it; I put it in the coffee in the morning, poured it into a cup, and when father came, I told him breakfast was ready; my father said he had had his breakfast, but was thirsty, and drank the coffee I poured into the cup; Mrs Sampson was with me at the time; I put in about half a thimble full out of the bottle; I don't know what happened to father, he went out and came back saying he was sick; he was sick; I did not know what strychnine was; my cousin told me it would kill my father.

Cross-examined-The first time I charged Mary Ann with the crime was at Mr Franklyn's, Nanaimo; when I said this, I thought I'd get free myself.

Re-examined-Mr Sampson told of it first; I did not tell anybody what I had done; I did tell my father again; I told Mr Brinn before I told him.

Mr Ring strongly objected. To the Jury-I threw the rest of the coffee out; my father left some dregs in the cup.

Jas. McFadden, witness examined in last

Per steamshi
1475 pkgs most case, was called by the prosecution—On the 12th October, I breakfasted at Hudson's house; afterwards went to Brinn's and found breakfast there prepared; was asked to take breakfast by my daughter: took only a one. breakfast by my daughter; took only a cup of coffee; went out to get some potatoes, when I was taken with violent pains in my stomach and vomiting; I returned and blamed them on account of the bread being bad; the girls, who were there, turned their backs and

Dr Davie was called and said he ratified the evidence he had before given. Ellen Griffiths called-Recollect the case had a conversation with Mrs Sampson, saying I wonder if they had it stirred up; she said she did not know; if it was not - that

refused to look at me.

was it; she would not own that she had a hand in it. His Lordship intimated that there was a strong case made out.

The counsel for the defense then addressed

the jury for the space of half an hour, analyzing the evidence of each witness, after

His Lordship made a brief and impartial charge.

The case occupied the jury, retiring at ten minutes to six and returned in a little over half-an-hour, with a verdict of guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy, or account of youth and not knowing the nature of the article she was dealing with.

The prisoner in reply to the Court had othing to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon her.

His Lordship said-A more horrible crime could scarcely be conceived. You infused your own evil influence into that of a child to poison her own father; it is difficult to see the grounds of the recommendation to mercy, except in that of youth. It is necessary, for the sake of society that you be punished and but for the recommendation the sentence would be more severe. The sentence is that LARGE AND SPACIOUS WAREHOUSE, you be kept in prison with hard labor for two years. The custody of the child McFadden was given by the Court to her father, she having received the admonition of His Lordship to ever look on this as a lesson through life. The father, who was willing to concede forgiveness, then took her away.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING. The man King, charged with cutting and wounding, was called, but, failing to appear, his bail was ordered to be estreated. This completed the business, and His Lord-

ship thanked the jury and all connected with

THE PREMIER hauled away from Nathan's wharf yesterday, preparatory to sailing for Callao, Peru. She has some 10,000 feet of lumber for Mr J. Robertson Stewart aboard, and will doubtless make a quick run.

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Stmr ACTIVE, Joseph Williams commander, sailed from San Francisco Feb 18th. at 11 o'clock a.m.; Feb 21st, at 4 p.m., exchanged signals with the stmr Ajax, 40 miles south Columbia River Bar; experienced squally weather all the way up; arrived at Victoria Feb 22, at 9 p.m.

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tinue to produce admirable re and no true well-wisher of the can read, save with a mingled of disappointment and pain, the G nor's message on the subject t Legislative Council. The docum one of the most silly that ever a to rank as a State paper, and w ever read it will be regarded emanation so atterly devoid of e onse that even the writer wo puzzled to explain the meaning half of its sentences. It is a str together of words without po reason-a mere waste of inl paper-to state that the Govern in favor of the adoption of a system of denominational edufor this Colony that exists i semi-barbaric Colony of British duras. Fancy the Governor o " magnificent territory," with bright examples of what free e tion has done and is doing for th vancement of the British Proand the United States before gravely asserting that "in Vanc Island an attempt has been ma make the education of the vo burden on the Colony," and adding, the authority of his predecessor the system has not been succe and that other objects besides th tellectual advancement of the chi were sometimes allowed entrance the consideration of the Board of cation." What the latter half o sentence means we leave for the bers of the Board to explain; be deny that the system of education the Island has been unsuccessfu has been in the highest degree suc ful. The establishment of the sc was about the only good thing we have to thank Governor Ken for, although that gentleman ap to have done his best to break down towards the last; and a their being a "burden on the Cold this is a stretch of imagination of

part of the Governor. The pe never felt it a burden, because expense was borne equally by classes—the poor man with h dozen children to educate paid more than a man without a far All contributed alike to the deve ment of the minds of the yo Again the message says:

"The Governor is of opi that the Colony is not yet enough for any regular sys nor would he wish, under the pre constitution, to press his own v upon the Legislature, though he no desire to conceal them.

If the Colony is not old enoug one of the greatest blessings that ca