THE CHOLERA SCOURGE.

Fewer Cases and Fewer Deaths in Hamburg—Estimated Loss to Trade.

More Vessels Quarantined in London—Forty-Four Deaths in Paris.

The Situation in New York—A Number of Suspects Discharged.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The Board of Health officially announced five deaths from Asiatic cholera. All these cases were originally reported to the Health Department as suspected of cholera and have been under the investigation of the physicians connected with the department. Professor Herman Biggs, who is in charge of the division of Pathology and Bacteriology of the Health Department, has been at work making a bacteriological examination of the intestinal fluids taken from the bodies of these suspected cases. Prof. Biggs reported to the Health Department this afternoon the result of his examination, and announced unhesitatingly that they were Asiatic cholera beyond any doubt. Medical Commissioner of the Health Board Dr. Bryant said today: "I do not think that the disease will become epidemic." This, he says, is almost assured from the fact that no suspicious cases have occurred since yesterday. "There seems to be but little danger," said he, "so far, and the public need not be alarmed. Every precaution has been taken by the Board of Health to combat and crush the disease wherever it may appear." Dr. Edson, of the bureau of contagious diseases, was also of the opinion that there will be no cholera epidemic here. The chamber of commerce, up to 3 o'clock this afternoon, reported that Treasurer Pierrepont Morgan had succeeded in securing $92,230 in subscriptions to the quarantine emergency fund. The board of health reports one case of Asiatic cholera in this city, but will not state where.

Dr. Jenkins, being asked when he expected to transfer passengers from the infected ships, said the transfer depended somewhat upon the arrival of the Cepheus, which had been ordered from Fire Island to quarantine, but had not reported. It was learned that the cabin passengers on the Rugia, after hearing of the experiences of the Normannia's passengers, had got up a petition asking permission to remain where they are until they can be cleared from quarantine. The iron steamship Pegasus with the 69th regiment and naval reserve aboard, arrived here this morning after a hard night's battle with a heavy sea and south-east gale, failing to reach Fire Island. They were dismissed at the armory.

The steamship companies, especially the Hamburg-American Packet Co., are paying a heavy penalty for their carelessness with steerage passengers. The North German Lloyd steamship Spree, left this port yesterday for Bremen with only ten first cabin and 25 second cabin passengers. She carried no steerage passengers, and the Hamburg-American liner Columbia will sail for Southampton, to-day, without a single passenger and without a single ounce of freight. The last of the immigrants who had been booked for passage to this country before President Harrison's proclamation was issued will sail from foreign ports, to-day. Hereafter no more steerage passengers will be taken on steamships in Europe, bound for this port.

QUEBEC, Sept. 14.—The passengers on the steamship Wandrahm, which arrived in quarantine on Saturday last, were landed on Grosse Isle on Monday morning, immediately after the departure of the steamship Labrador's emigrants for Quebec. They were detained on the island for 24 hours and were fumigated, as well as their baggage, and the steamer was disinfected while the passengers were on the island. They reembarked yesterday to allow the emigrants of the steamer Mongolian to land. The Wandrahm, having been thoroughly disinfected according to the Dominion laws, will leave quarantine to-morrow morning, but will not be allowed to proceed to her destination, for as soon as she reaches this port she comes under the law of the Provincial Board of Health, and will undoubtedly undergo inspection by Dr. Beaudry, who will report thereon, and then the Provincial Board of Health will decide what they will do under the circumstances. Orders have been given to all steamboats and tugs not to go to Grosse Isle without a special permit of the Provincial Board of Health.

HAMBURG, Sept. 14.—There have been 669 fresh cases of cholera in this city today, or 41 fewer than yesterday, and about 100 fewer than the daily average for the previous two weeks. The deaths have numbered 203, or 24 fewer than yesterday. The interments have numbered 313. In the cholera hospitals and barracks 3,191 patients are under treatment. The mortality is mostly among half-starved women and children from the poorest quarters of the city. Among the families of the small tradesmen the mortality is almost general. It is believed that, in the better parts of the city proper, the infection has been practically stamped out. About a hundred fugitives returned to the city last night and to-day, and many more are expected before the end of the week. The announcement of the newspapers that the central part of the city is almost free from the disease, has encouraged many persons who had not left their doors for two weeks, to come out, and Dr. Hopping reports that considerable business was done. The loss to trade and commerce since the beginning of the plague is estimated at 400,000,000 marks. Many small houses have been reduced to insolvency, and when business is generally resumed, will undoubtedly declare their inability to continue. The larger houses, however, have been saved by the accommodations of the banks and will encounter no difficulties in opening again. Dr. Koch and Dr. Pittenkoffer arrived from Berlin this morning and attended a meeting of the city council to give advice as regards the purifying of the city. In Altona the cholera has declined until no apprehension is felt by the Health Board. In consequence of the appearance of cholera in Stettin, a sanitary committee was appointed to examine the water of the Oder. The river was found to be thoroughly contaminated, and several commissioners say they cannot understand how the city has escaped with so few cases while using the water. It is believed that the infection was brought by Hamburg steamers in the water ballast, which was discharged by them before loading at Stettin.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The Hamburg steamer Portia has arrived at Gravesend, and it is said that a case of cholera has landed from the vessel. When the Portia left Cuxhaven, the seaport of Hamburg, all on board were supposed to be in a healthy condition. The Portia has been fumigated and placed in quarantine. The schooner Elizabeth, which has arrived at Gravesend from Hamburg, is suspected of having cholera on board, and has been put in quarantine.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—There have been 60 fresh cases of cholera in this city to-day and 43 deaths.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 14.—Dispatches from physicians who have visited Voronezh, Kasan, Samara and Saratoff, state that in each city there are between 300 and 600 fresh cases, and between 100 and 200 deaths daily. In the Caucasus the daily number of fresh cases is 1,550, of deaths 750.

YATES' CABLE.

Russo-Jewish Settlement on the River Platte—The Channel Tunnel Scheme—Diamond Queens.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—Colonel Goldsmid, who has been acting as Baron Hirsch's chief agent in the River Platte district, where some settlements of Russian Jews have been made, will not be back until February or March. He has had great difficulties to contend against, chief among which, perhaps, is the rooted jealousy and dislike of the half castes and natives of the district to the new emigrants.

Premier Gladstone is already pledged to the Watkins channel tunnel scheme, and it is not unlikely that the railway king will take the opportunity of pushing the scheme during the premier's short visit to Snowdon, but I understand Sir Edward Reid has every intention of bringing in his tubular railway bill at the next session and of pushing it to a second reading.

Among the passengers who landed at Plymouth on Friday was Mrs. Newman, wife of the greatest of the Johannesberg millionaires, who means to settle in London and will prove a formidable rival of Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. McEwen and other noted foreigners. Mrs. Newman's diamonds will quite eclipse Mrs. Mackay's pearls and Mrs. Bonynge's crown jewels.

The steamship Dunottar has beaten her record on the homeward journey from Cape Town to Madeira, which she accomplished in 12 days without a single cessation of steaming.

IMPERIAL OFFICERS

At Victoria in Connection With the Proposed Fortifications at Esquimalt.

General Sir John Ross, the officer commanding Her Majesty's forces in British North America, arrived last evening from Halifax, on an important mission connected with the proposed fortifications here. He is accompanied by a party consisting of Miss Ross, Major and Mrs. Waldron and Col. Hill, and they are at the Dallas.

The General has been a good friend to the militia at Halifax, and he and the Imperial officers there were especially kind to the Canadian artillerymen on the occasion of the garrison artillery tournament recently held there under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association. The great object of having it at Halifax was that our gunners should have the opportunity of examining the latest improved ordnance in the Imperial forts there, and which General Sir John Ross and officers had kindly placed at the disposal of the Artillery Association.

VICTORIA TO BE HONORED

With a Series of Concerts by the Band of the French Flagship—A Consular Agency.

On board the French flagship Dubourdieu yesterday afternoon, Mayor Beaven and Messieurs A. Coutellier, L. Redon, C. A. Lombard and P. Watelet spent an hour or two very pleasantly with Admiral Parrayon, whose courtesy and kindness they will long remember.

During the visit Mayor Beaven voiced a wish which has often been expressed by the music loving citizens since the arrival of the Dubourdieu, asking the Admiral if his magnificent band might be allowed to favor Victorians with a concert during the stay in harbor.

"How often do you want then?" enquired the Admiral pleasantly.

"Why, once was all that we dared to hope for," responded His Worship, somewhat astonished.

"Once! Why you may have them play for you two—three—four times—when you wish," was the gracious reply. "If your people like music surely they should have it."

It was subsequently arranged that the band will play at Beacon Hill at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, again at the same hour on Tuesday, and again the Saturday following. They will come around by the steam launch and land at Jones' boat house, driving thence to the park.

Those who have heard the Dubourdieu's band, under the leadership of M. Hubert, pronounce it the finest musical organization for its numbers that has ever been heard here. During the visit of Mayor Beaven and his party, yesterday, four special numbers were given in addition to the programme rendered during dinner, which is appended:

Le Relligreux.....Leroux
Guillaume Tell.....Rossini
La Dame du Lac.....Donizetti
Depeche Telegraphique.....Strobl
Saint Jean.....V. Masse

On Sunday next the comedy performance which was to have been given last Sunday, had it not been for the illness of the "prima donna," will be put on with special scenic and musical effects, no doubt greatly to the pleasure of many visitors from the city, who fully appreciate the courtesy shown them on board.

One very probable result of the present visit of Admiral Parrayon will be the establishment in Victoria of a French consular agency, which has long been needed, and which is now felt to be absolutely necessary by the Government of the Republic.

CANADIAN BUSINESS.

British Board of Trade Returns Relating to Commerce With the Dominion.

MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—The Star's special cable from London says: The Board of Trade returns show that the exports to Canada increased 10 per cent. in August, and decreased 2 per cent. in the past eight months, compared with last year. There has been a heavy decline in horses, railroad iron and tin plates, and an increase in wearing apparel. In woollens there has been a marked growth. The imports from Canada increased 34 per cent. during the month and 23 per cent. during the eight months. Wheat increased in the three months, £110,000; cheese, £300,000; lumber, £720,000.

Mr. Trow's Funeral.

STRATFORD, Sept. 14.—The funeral of the late James Trow, ex-M.P., took place yesterday. Many members of Parliament were in attendance. The procession was the largest ever seen here.

THE CANAL TOLLS QUESTION

Discussed by the Minister of Justice in a Forcible and Able Speech at Petrolia.

Canada Has Done all She Honorably Can to Preserve Good Feeling With the States.

At the political picnic held in Petrolia, on the 6th inst., Sir John Thompson made an able and interesting speech. Among other matters, he discussed the Canal Tolls question. This is what he said on that important subject:

The Government had been often accused of adopting an attitude hostile to the United States. This accusation had come to them from that country recently by a measure called retaliation. The statement had come that they had acted unfairly and contrary to the treaty obligations with that country with regard to our canals. He had to say that the Government of Canada had always been in favor of making any arrangement with that country which would increase our trade, provided this could be got on fair terms, terms which any British people could honorably accept, and terms which would not compromise the future independence of our country. (Loud cheers.) Our friends across the line were over-shooting the mark when they stated that Canada had acted dishonorably or unfairly towards them in our policy with regard to the canals. He appealed to every man and woman in the audience when he stated that the enormous sums which Canada had expended upon her canals had been expended as much for the benefit, and had resulted as much for the benefit, of the people of the western states as for the people of Canada. Every foot which Canada had deepened her canals or widened them, and every additional lock or canal which Canada had built, helped the western farmer of the United States to reach his markets and enhanced the value of his products. (Hear, hear.) They had had these canals upon the same terms as our own people, bearing not one dollar of the burden which it had cost to build them, and because Canada had given a bonus as an advantage to our lake marine and shipping to cause them to seek our own ports it had been declared contrary to the observation of treaty. Canada had done nothing of the kind. They had violated no treaty obligations and had made no promises that involved a single right possessed by Canadians. (Applause.) What they had done with regard to the canals was strictly within their rights. He hoped then that the measure adopted by the Administration of the United States at a time of temporary irritation would be the means of leading that country to believe that Canada is not disposed to meet them in the same mood. The Government of Canada had offered all that the dignity and honor of this country would allow in the way of reconciliation. The Government had said that while the rebate system was not a violation of any treaty, they were willing to discontinue it after the present year, not because of any wrong involved, but simply for the sake of peace and good neighborhood. They were willing to avoid all points of friction, knows how many there were; they were willing to avoid quarrels as far as the minds of the Government and of the country would allow, and, when the United States asked them to do more, they had simply to say no. (Applause.) The Government of Canada had never adopted the measure established by their own people with the view of injuring the commerce of the United States, and the Government of Canada would never break faith with their own people, or with the people of any nation on the face of the earth for that matter. He believed that the spirit of the Canadian people would sustain the Government in this quarrel, not only upon the merits of the quarrel itself, but upon the spirit of independence of the Canadian people, a spirit which he was proud to know was growing stronger and stronger every day from one end of the country to the other. (Applause.) He had told them now the policy of the Canadian Government towards the United States. They had been counselled time and time again to return retaliation by retaliation. They had been told that upon the Welland Canal they could retaliate with severity upon United States commerce. Other places had been pointed out where equal harm to that commerce could be done, but the Government of Canada declined to bear themselves thus in any international quarrel, for in view of the great country which they possessed, in view of their great destiny, the Government of Canada believed that the people of this country could afford to bear themselves with patience now, and refrain from injuring in the slightest degree the commerce of their neighbors. (Applause.) That policy, he was sure, would be approved by the present gathering.

A WONDER OF THE WORLD.

Mr. Buck, of Everett, Secures a Valuable Specimen on the Top of Muir Glacier.

PORT TOWNSEND, Sept. 14,—(Special.)—The steamer City of Topeka, which arrived down from Alaskan ports early Tuesday morning, brought a mammoth skeleton that was the centre of attraction to a large number of sightseers at the Pacific wharf, yesterday. The skeleton is that of a Rhamphoreates, or whale-lizard, the second one known to be in existence. The other, a much smaller specimen, was found, some years ago, near Oxford, England, and is one of the most valuable specimens now on exhibition at the British Museum. Mr. J. L. Buck, of Everett, claims the honor of having brought this valuable relic to light, although it was discovered over four years ago by a prospector named Frank Willoughby. The spot where the skeleton was found by Buck, who went north for that purpose, was nearly a mile from its original location. The skeleton was finally located by Buck and his assistants on top of the celebrated Muir Glacier, six miles inland and 500 feet above the sea level, securely imbedded in a large cake of ice, requiring the services of the entire party for two days to dislodge it. At some time during its existence the skeleton was badly shattered, presumably by a fall or by being crushed, and as a consequence was somewhat damaged when taken out.

The Rhamphoreates, or whale-lizard, has been extinct for over five centuaies, and is described in natural history as the "King of the land and the sea," this cognomen being undoubtedly based on the fact that it was equally at home in the water, on land or in the air. In the first instance the rate of speed obtained was something terrific, the momentum being produced with the legs, while the enormous wings served to keep the body out of the water, the operation bordering on the impossible feat of "walking on the water."

The great size of the whale-lizard can be judged from the fact that a single bone weighed 794 pounds, while the entire skeleton, tipped the scales at 2,400 pounds. The bones will be put together by Mr. Buck at his home in Everett, and, after being exhibited, will be sent to the Smithsonian Institute for exhibition at the World's Fair. The specimen is valued at $30,000.

THE LICENSING BOARD.

A Number of Transfers Granted—New Applications Considered and Taken Under Advisement.

The Licensing Board met yesterday for the consideration of a number of applications for transfers and new licenses. The following list was disposed of:

Transfer of license held by Wm. Wolfe, for premises known as the Monarch saloon on Government street, to Geo. J. McCraley; granted.

Transfer of license held by J. Walsh, for the premises known as the White Horse saloon, corner Humboldt and McClure streets, to James Rollins; granted.

Transfer of license held by Elizabeth Martin in the name of Thomas Martin, deceased, for the premises known as Grove Cottage, Esquimalt Road, to Thos. Melrose; granted.

Jonathan Merrifield applied for a transfer of the license held by him for premises known as the Pacific Telegraph Hotel, lot 451, Store street, to lots 467 and 468, Telegraph hotel; a temporary permission of transfer granted by the Mayor, September 8, 1892.

The temporary permission was ratified, and extended to the next sitting of the Licensing Court, in December.

Transfer of license held by G. Shea and James McLeod for the premises, lot 196, south side of Yates street, to Wm. Shewan and Robt. Menaugh; postponed.

Carlo Bossi asked for a new license for the Osborne House, corner Pandora avenue and Blanchard street, lot 149; deferred.

Wm. K. Tullock asked for a hotel license for the Wilson Hotel, lot 421, block 2, Yates street; deferred.

Simeon Duck applied for a hotel license for the Duck Building, Broad street, lots 159 A and 160 A, block 2; deferred.

M. Young and Louis Young asked for a hotel license for the New England Hotel, lot 182, Government street; deferred.

The Court then adjourned until to-day, at 3 p.m., when the deferred cases will be disposed of.

TORONTO TOPICS.

A Lady Refused Admission to Study for the Bar—To Succeed Sir Daniel Wilson.

The Reception to Hon. Edward Blake to Take Place Friday.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

TORONTO, Sept. 14.—Herbert J. Maughan, Toronto agent of the Phœnix Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, shot himself this morning. He died in a short time. The shooting is believed to have been purely accidental. The deceased was to have been married shortly.

Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, has accepted an invitation to be present at the reception to Hon. Edward Blake here on Friday.

The benchers of the law society of Ontario have refused to grant the petition of Miss Clara Brelt Martin for admission to the society as a student at law.

A largely attended meeting was held at St. James Square Presbyterian church, last evening, to take leave of the pastor, Rev. S. H. Kellogg, who is to proceed to India to take part in the work of translating the Scriptures into the native tongue. Sir Oliver Mowat presided, and addresses were delivered by representative divines of all the leading Protestant churches. A purse of $1,300 was handed Dr. Kellogg from the congregation and from the Christian Society, which also undertakes to support a native assistant.

At a meeting of the Ontario Cabinet, Prof. Jas. Lowden, professor of Physics, was appointed president of Toronto University, in place of Sir Daniel Wilson, deceased.

MORE SEIZURES.

Schooners Seized for Hunting Sea Otter—This Season's Catch.

KODIAK, Alaska, Aug. 22.—Consternation is caused here among the natives by the seizure of the schooners Lettie, Jennie and Kodiak by the revenue cutter Mohican for sea otter hunting. The entire population of Kodiak make their living by hunting sea otter, and the question arises what are these people going to do if the Government prohibits the killing of these animals. At this settlement above seventeen schooners and 500 persons are employed in this trade, knowing no other occupation, and entirely devoid of other means of subsistence. The action of the commander of the Mohican in this case will fall entirely on the native hunters, for not only did they lose their spring catch, but they have been afraid to hunt since.

The sea otter hunters are now beginning to come in with their summer catch, which so far appears to be light, as follows: Nellie Martin, 7; Lydia, 29; Olga, 8; Norwest, 4; Alexandria, 3.

August 19, the Alaska Commercial Company's schooner Kodiak arrived here, twenty-one days from San Francisco.

The steamer Thistle called in here on August 22, on her way from the salmon cannery at Kussiloff, in Cook's Inlet, to San Francisco. She reports the run as being light, the whole catch making 20,640 cases. The same day, the mail steamer Elsie arrived from Unalaska, bringing the news that the revenue cutter Rush had seized the American whaling bark Lydia and a small British schooner, in Unalaska harbor, for trying to transfer seal skins at night. The Lydia was sent to Sitka and the schooner to Victoria.

Revolution in Dahomey.

PARIS, Sept. 13.—Dispatches from the French forces in Dahomey state that they are advancing into the interior and meeting with little opposition. Dispatches also state that a revolution has also broken out at Abomey, the capital, and that King Behanzin has returned from the field to restore order.

Verdict of Manslaughter.

BRAMPTON, Ont., Sept. 14.—The jury trying James B. Lundy, for the murder of his wife, last April, by shooting, at the Assizes, returned a verdict of manslaughter. He was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Appointed to the Alaska Boundary Commission—Contracts for the Soulanges Canal.

The Canadian Fisheries Protection Fleet in a High State of Efficiency.

Business of the International Railway Improved—The Arnoldi Boodle Trials.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 14.—W. F. King, chief astronomer of the Interior department, not Mr. Walbran, has been appointed Alaska boundary commissioner. The commission is also authorized to define the boundaries of Passamaquoddy Bay.

A. Stewart is the successful tenderer for sections 1 and 2 of the Soulanges canal, at the price of $900,000. He is required to make a deposit of $45,000.

Capt. Gordon, who has just visited the fisheries protection fleet, says it is well officered and manned, the vessels being in a high state of efficiency.

Mr. Schreiber says the traffic of the Intercolonial is brisker.

A contract has just been let for a new warehouse at St. John to accommodate the increasing West India trade.

The Arnoldi boodle case will be proceeded with at the Assizes, commencing tomorrow.

A report comes from Quebec to-night, that a case of cholera had been discovered on board a Beaver line steamer at Grosse Isle. Deputy Minister of Agriculture Lowe told the COLONIST representative that he thought the report all moonshine. He had received no intimation from Dr. Montizambert, who would have communicated with the department had there been such a case.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

Newspaper Editor Dead.

HALIFAX, Sept. 14.—Charles Annand, publisher of the Halifax Morning Chronicle, died suddenly in London, England. He had just recovered from an attack of pneumonia and was preparing to leave for home when he was stricken down. He had been in London selling a gold mine.

Missionary Drowned.

HALIFAX, Sept. 14.—Captain R. McDonald, of Pictou Island, was drowned yesterday. Mr. McDonald was mate of the celebrated missionary ship Dayspring, which sailed from Halifax for many years to the South Seas, ministering to the heathen islands there.

Railway Mail Clerks.

HALIFAX, Sept. 14.—The Railway Mail Clerks' Association of Canada, are holding their annual meeting here. Last evening the visitors were entertained at dinner by the Nova Scotia division. The convention closed to-night.

Northern Exploration.

ST. JOHNS, N.F., Sept. 14.—The Kite, with Lieut. Perry's party aboard, left here at 2:30 yesterday afternoon for New York or Philadelphia. As yet no definite plans have been made by the party as to their future movements. Lieut. Perry says he would not have any objection to making another Arctic trip. It has leaked out here that Lieut. Perry went twenty miles farther north than any previous explorer, and said there was open water beyond the Northern point of Greenland. An expedition is already on foot for next year.

Northwest Rebellion Losses.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 14.—The Exchequer Court opened here to-day before Judge Burbidge. A rebellion claims case occupied the time of the court to-day. A half-breed named Champagne sued for $17,968, which includes the loss sustained by him, the troops having looted his property.

Land Commissioner Resigned.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 14.—F. P. Brydges has resigned the land commissionership of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway.

Killed by a Team.

KINGSTON, Sept. 13.—John Cullen, farmer, a few days ago returned from the fields with a load of grain, and was about to remove the wagon rack when the horses made off at a mad gallop. Mr. Cullen was thrown violently to the ground, a bolt entering his body near the spinal column, several ribs and a quantity of flesh being torn from the unfortunate man. He died the following day, leaving a wife and one grown up daughter.

Coming West.

OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—Mr. Moylan, Dominion inspector of penitentiaries, has left for British Columbia to inspect the penitentiary there.

The Premiership.

OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—It is thought that Sir John Abbott has virtually abdicated the premiership. His rooms at the Victoria chambers have been given up and his personal effects have been sent to Montreal.

Hotel Burned.

RIDGETOWN, Sept. 13.—The Grand Central hotel was burned early this morning. At one time the town narrowly escaped, rain having saved it; loss, $18,000; insurance, $10,000. The inmates escaped.

A Wife Murderer Indicted.

AMHERSTBURG, Sept. 13.—The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder against Anderson Veney, who cut his wife's throat with a knife.

Newfoundland Shipping Disasters.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Sept. 13.—The storms of last week caused great damage to shipping, and the death of upwards of 150 persons at Cape St. Mary's. On Friday the schooner King was wrecked and all on board, including Captain William Emberley, Mate William Westcott and four seamen, were drowned. At Gaskeoe, St. Mary's, Martin Tobin and his nephews, Patrick and Michael Tobin, and Edward Haines were swept into the sea by a huge sea and all were drowned. At Portugal cove four fishermen were drowned and much property destroyed. At Trepassey, while endeavoring to save her fishing boats, the schooner Jennie Foote was swamped and her crew of ten men were drowned.

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THEY MUST MOVE.

Objectionable Tenants on View Street to be Cleared Out of Their Present Homes.

United Action of Different Parties Interested Will Result in a Change Being Made.

From time to time during the past few months complaints have been made to the police, and to the city council as well, about a number of disreputable houses on View street, between Douglas and Quadra, which houses were claimed to be an intolerable nuisance. At almost every meeting of the city council the question has been discussed, with generally the same result—the complaints are referred to the police committee, and that ends them for the time being.

But a new method of abating the nuisance is now to be tried. The complainants say they will push the matter to the extremity and they have already taken steps which will probably be productive of some results. The police have been instructed that they must "clear the houses out," and if they only carry out the instructions they have received there is every reason to believe they will succeed in their object.

The plan proposed is somewhat as follows: The inmates of the houses referred to will be seen, and told that they must leave the street within 30 days. At the end of that time, the police are to institute a regular system of semi-weekly raids, when all the *demi-mondes* and their male visitors will be taken in charge and brought up in due course before the police magistrate. Besides this, the street will be regularly patrolled by special constables, who will have orders to arrest every person seen going into the resorts on a charge of frequenting a house of ill-fame.

The first raid in accordance with the above programme was made last night, very much to the surprise of some of the keepers and inmates, as well as to the intense astonishment of several individuals who were made prisoners in the houses. The young men, when searched at the police station, could only show up the total sum of 65c. One of them had ten cents, another had a four bit piece and an American nickel, while the others hadn't a "bean."

The fallen women gathered into the fold were Minnie Butler, keeper of 47 View street, and Nettie Russell, an inmate. Ruby Willard, keeper of 47½ View street, was gathered in with Lulu Taylor and Jennie Wilson, inmates. Jennie Davis, of 45 View street, was also visited and taken in charge, along with Carrie Hastings, an inmate. Mattie Davis, keeper of 43 View street, fared the same way, and as the jail was full, further visits were deferred until to-night.

Needless to say there is considerable agitation and excitement among the women, who say if they are driven out of View street, they don't know where to go. One of those who was taken to the police station last evening declares that when she moved from Kane into View street, only a month ago, she was assured by the police she would not be molested except for the semi-annual raid, which the women say they look upon as a visit from the city officials to collect their *taxes*.

It is worthy of note that the present raid is the first one for some time in which the prisoners have been locked up in the police station for the night. They are asking themselves, "What does it mean?"

A Sailors' Bethel.

There is a movement on foot at present for the establishment of a sailors' home in Victoria, similar to those which in other ports prove such a boon to seafaring men. Rev. Mr. Lipscombe has taken the matter in hand and has canvassed the local merchants with the best results. He has everywhere met with the warmest reception, and from the promises he has received there can be no doubt that within the next couple of weeks a good reading room will be established, with a boarding house in connection. The promoters of the scheme do not look for any profit—all they want is to make the institution pay its running expenses. The sailors will have a good reading room, and at a merely nominal charge will be able to secure meals and rooms. The merchants of the city are taking very warmly to the scheme, and a public meeting will be held next week to finally settle matters. Sailors' Bethels are to be found in every port, and that Victoria should be so long without one is a matter of surprise to those who have to deal with marine matters.

"And the Band Played."

Chinatown was unusually gay and festive yesterday. All day the air was filled with the dulcet music of the tom-tom, the bingbizz, the skreekle and other instruments for which the Mongolians are famous. The well known Chinese national anthem beginning !!!!!†††!!**!!!! was played from time to time at several places on Fisgard street. An inquiry directed to an almond-eyed gentleman with a top knot brought out the information that the cause of the racket was the celebration of some Chinese Masonic gala day. A visit to the headquarters of the institution on Fisgard street showed that a banquet was being prepared for the evening. The band played the Mongolian version of "Annie Rooney" for the benefit of two newspaper men and Sergt. Walker, who constituted the visiting committee. The tables were spread with pickled eels' ears, shark fins and the thousand and one strange things which tickle the celestial palate. The night was spent in feasting and speech making, "alle same Melican man."

Ladies are saying O'Keil & Morris' Jams are excellent.