Intimate Connection of the Post With the Telegraph-The First Cable Project.

Rarly Ordinances for Western Union Concessions-The Overland Line to Asia.

The post and telegraph offices are so in timately connected that some day the latter may supersede the former, therefore a rough outline of the evolution of the latter in British Columbia may be of interest.

Although in 1860 electric telegraphs were common in Europe-eubmarine cables existing between and connecting divers nations. even as far as Constantinople, Balaklava, India and other places, resulting from the Crimean war in 1853, the Indian mutiny, effect of this on British Columbia; the India and other places, resulting from the assumed telegraph communication overland existed between Russia and Sebastopol, still British Columbia had not any, and none existed between Europe and America. There was a great desire to connect these: the desire ripened into a necessity and, thanks to the energy and enterprise of Cyrus Field and Mr. Gisborne, he means was found of meeting the necessity. The human body seems to have been evolved in like manner; the first intelligent nervous filaments, having a desire and necessity for some addition, in process of time arrived at its production. Therefore the muscular, osseous and other systems are merely the creation, the slaves, of the nervous system, for its use, nourishment and protection. The nervous system, therefore, is man, and whatever its necessities may be, these it will provide for.

In 1858 the nervous filaments were approaching British Columbia, for in August of that year the first trans-Atlantic telegraph cable was laid between Valencia, Ireland, and Newfoundland, a cable having been laid across the Gulf of St. Lawrence a couple of years previously. The laying of the Atlantic cable was an international affair-America and England sending ships to assist, such as the U.S. Niagara and H.M.S. Agamemnon. Each carried one-half the cable, which they spliced in mid-ocean and then each went in opposite directions paying it out.

The first message transmitted is said to have been from Her Majesty, "Europe and America are united by telegraph. Glory to God in the highest, peace and good will to-wards men." Then followed a message from the Queen to President Buchanan of the United States, much longer but not extraordinary. The cable then became dumb and spoke no more—the three thousand five hundred miles of cable lay in a trance on its ocean bed.

The news of the laying of the cable did not reach San Francisco until a month after the event, and celebrations took place followed by sadness; but it gave an impetus to the desire—the necessity—of having an overland telegraph to the East.

By many it was considered doubtful whe any other than the first message of four or five lines went over the cable, and it was generally believed it spoke tardily and intermittently for two or three hours. Anyhow, this first cable having taken some years to prepare, cost a large sum of money, the whole of which was lost, and people, not unnaturally, for some time fought shy of in vesting in another. Yet in 1865 another essful attempt was made. In 1860 the lamentable civil war commenced. Tele graphy was urged on everywhere by war. The Fraser River gold excitement occurred in 1858. The Panama railroad, which it is said sacrificed a life for every pile driven,

was completed in 1855. It may be here observed that in 1866 the Mainland colony, Seymour being Governor, adopted the decimal currency. Previous to this she had the \pounds , s. d. There is no mention of postage stamps in the postal act of 1864, but there is in that of 1867. Now then, we came to the time of the telegraph in British Columbia. The following acts or ordinances of the Mainland government

speak for themselves : In 1864 an ordinance or charter to construct a telegraph line, connecting British Columbia, i.e., New Westminster, with the telegraph lines of the United States emanated from the Mainland, Seymour being Governor, in favor of the California State Telegraph Company, for twenty five years The construction was to be commenced withthe California company should have the exclusive right of sending and receiving messages within British Columbia (i.e. the Mainland) for twenty years, but provision was also made for allowing other companies on conditions. The prices to be paid in any station in Washington Territory were not to exceed four shillings and two pence (i.e., one dollar) for each ten words; messages to be higher rates than the lowest uniform rate on such lines; messages between New Westminster and San Francisco shall never be charged more than one pound and sixpence i.e., five dollars) for every ten words. In 1865 an ordinance was passed resoinding the exclusive rights granted to the company, as it was contrary to the policy of the British government to grant exclusive telegraphic privileges. The same year, however, an ordinance was passed at New Westminster to encourage the construction of a line connecting British Columbia with the telegraph lines of Russia, the United States and for other purposes. This went on to state that Percy Macdonough Collins, an American citizen, had obtained from the governments of Russia and the United States the right to make and main-tain a line of electric telegraph through their respective territories; and whereas H.M. government desired cordially to co operate with the United States and Russia, in the establishment and maintenance of such continuous line of international telegraph, it was enacted, that Collins and his associates be granted a charter for thirty three years from the lst day of January,

three years from the 185 usy of the usual conditions of forfeiture.

In the same year (1865) an ordinance was passed legalizing the transfer by Collins of his interests to the Western Union Telegraph Extension Company. In 1866 the Collins overland line people requested that it be incorporated by statute under the more appropriate name of the Western Union appropriate name of the Western Union appropriate name of the Western Union Company. and this was accord.

Or Quinate As to Goldstream, if the corporavava it, the law will give it them if necessary for the public good; but in all matters the uncertainty and expense of law suits should be, if possible, avoided. Procrastination is often costly.

Victoria, March 30.

Flumb. Extended the Gooderham was elected president.

with the telegraph system of the United States, Canada and Vancouver Island, for in 1886 a cable going by way of Lopez island united her to them. The apparent object of the Collins line was to connect America with Europe, either by joining the Russian, existing or contemplated, telegraph system or by the Orient, or both. If he failure of the transatlantic cable encouraged them to abbein couraged them to obtain a necessity. Every-thing looked favorable. The greatest activity prevailed. Explorations were made and the wires carried to near the headwaters of the Skeena river, through a very

rough and heavily timbered country, giving hard work to a large number of em under the direction of Lamb and Butler. Almost suddenly this gigantic work stopped and the wires were left on the poles to with in a very recent period, occasioning some times considerable inconvenience.

Now why did this expensive work stop Why, simply because in 1866 a transatlantic cabe had been successfully laid down between Ireland at d. Newfoundland by that enowned but unfortunately ruinous steamer the Great Eastern. This steamer also picked up the sleeping cable of 1858, cured it, and, lo and behold, it spoke again and may yet be speaking! In 1869 the French laid successfully at his fully a cable, and now there are prob ably half a dezen more in operation.

Thus in 1886 the year of its political union, British Columbia, in the twinkling of an eye, physically and intellec ually became a part of the electric nervous system of the whole earth, man its director, sharing in its discoveries, inventions, aspirations, hopes, fears, joys, sor rows, and indeed everything pertaining 1857, and the China war—at which time it is human race at large; the world in general! The telegraph is a nervous organism and when the brain and nervous energy of man puts it in motion, it becomes a living thing
—speaking as directed—morally and intellectually (and by imparting motion, physically) -almost a human being with like virtues and faults; it is living, for life is only a condition. The telegraph is the brain of the

> What puts mans nervous system in motion? What is the inherent vital property in a seed that makes it, under suitable conditions, grow and produce abundantly after its kind? If man knew this he would possibly know all—but the awful power is, at all events for the time, not lemonstrable.

Here, then, we have aninstance of the nerva necessity. It may be that whenever a necessity exists for something the human race Now a cable to Australia is projected,— if necessary it will come. Such nervous, sympathetic and business unions will make had not given up hope. From this Imperial federation practicable—aye, and produce it in time, like our confederation acilitated and hastened by easy communication and maybe caused it.

In connection with electricity it may be by about three lengths. said that between 1850 and 1860 wayfarers at night carried a lantern. In 1861 the at high carried a lantern. In 1861 the Victoria Gas Company came into existence to light the city and in 1892 the course in 1877 resulting in a dead heat. The first to light the city, and in 1883 the corpora- contest between the two universities was at tion substituted for gas electric lights The telephone made its appearance in 1883 also, last the race has been rowed on the course and the tramcars later on. It is not too from Putney to Mortlake, except on three much to believe that the telephone will be occasions, in 1846, 1856, and 1863, when the improved so as to enable people to talk at long distances, for man is only beginning to long distances, for man is only beginning to understand how to make use of the forces

consumed in sending a message to England and receiving an answer. A few months ago a message was sent by telegraph to Man-chester in England and an answer received in nineteen seconds, the distance travelled being 13,000 miles! Electricity knows neither time nor distance. They do not exist. In the early years it took five months to reach Europe by ship, now only fifteen days,—the time occupied by the steamer Great Western in her remarkable passage across the Atlantic in 1838 Postage has been reduced from fifty to five cents, and the cost of a telegraphic word to Europe from one dollar or more to thirty cents. The Atlantic has become a mere ferry—a trip to England a pleasure jaunt. Yet there are people who say imperial federation is im-practicable. Bah! as soon as man's ner-yous system feels the necessity it will provide the means, and possibly the commercial union of the colonies will be the preliminary step. Looking over the progress during the

past forty years, is there any one who can possibly believe that British Columbia can stand still or retrograde? The world and its beings must go on to their predestined end. There is no standing still. Not an atom dies, although always changing.

This much tedious writing has been evoked by a letter asking for information

about the early postal history of Britis Columbia by some one interested in "philatelics." The meaning of this term let any one discover, and "when found make a note of."

J. S. HELMCKEN.

THE WATER PROBLEM.

To THE EDITOR :- Agreeing in the main with your criticisms in re "water works," a couple or more of unconsidered items should in five and completed within fifteen months.

In the event of failure the act to be null and void, but if completed, then in this case, falling on the water shed are made from an average of a number of years. This is deceiving, for there are wet and dry seasons, more or less rainfall. During a dry season the scarcity and bad quality of the water in Victoria has been and is notorious. Again, the quantity of water required is always not played by May 10 owing to considered in relation to population. It will be scored against competitors. seems never to enter any one's head that Class. Name.
manufactories requiring a large quantity of 1—T. Piper..... sent over the States shall not be charged water may, it is hoped, arise and that without this they will not come into existence.

Next, "pressure." It is well known that the "pressure" from Elk lake is very small, a condition so often complained of by the ire department. Were the pressure greater the expense of the fire department would be diminished, and what is more, the danger of an extensive spreading conflagration less imminent. It would be conquered at its commencement. How much may a fire cost

As to the quality of the water, although it may be improved, still it never will be palatable, for Elk lake is stagnant. Possibly the corporation means to pump oxygen into it or make a running brook with a pebbly bottom from the fifter beds.

It being generally agreed that when the population increases or manufactories are ablished, say within five years, Elk lake will not supply sufficient water, is it wise, then, to spend a couple of hundred thousand

before the end of five years, be a failure? Would it not be wiser to seek a better and more prolific source of water supply now than to wait until it is actually forced on the city by necessity and the thousand

dollars now on water works that will, at or

Grand Trunk detective, was to-day sen-tenced to twelve months in the penitentiary for perjury in connection with Maggie Con-

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etails of the Great Rowing Race Which Cambridge Gamely But Vainly Contested.

Results of the Golf Tournament-La crosse in the East-Notes in General

LONDON, March 30 -Oxford is again the London, March 30 — Oxford is again the winner of the great intercollegiate race.

The usual crowds througed the banks of the Trinidad and Grenada, picked up and the banks of the Trinidad and Grenada, picked up and the banks of the Trinidad and Grenada, picked up and the banks of the Trinidad and Grenada, picked up and the banks of the Trinidad and Grenada, picked up and the banks of the Trinidad and Grenada, picked up and the banks of the Bank rowed over the usual championship course, from Putney to Mortlake, four and a half delphia for Havana, coal laden. miles. The crews, from bow to stroke, and their weights in pounds this morning, were :

Oxford. Cambridge Total.....1482 Total...

The weather was cold and raw with equalls of drizzling rain. As the pistol fired, both crews got well away, but Oxford im mediately led. For the first minute Oxford rowed thirty-eight strokes and Cam-bridge thirty six. Oxford drew ahead rapidly favored by the shelter afforded by the Surrey shore, which they had selected after winning the toss. Cambridge re-peatedly spurted, but could not gain against ous system of man providing means to obtain Oxford's long, sweeping stroke. At Thorney croft's the rough water bothered both crew and Cambridge had a shade the better of it. requires it will in some way obtain it. Oxford being barely a length ahead at this point. This was more than two-thirds of the distance, but the Cambridge partisans however, Cambridge saeadily fell behind, and at Barnes' bridge Oxford was three lengths ahead. From there to the ship Oxtord maintained that lead, winning easily

Oxford has won 29 and Cambridge 2 Naughton, who was a member of the Cambridge crew of 1852, will preside at the Now, to conclude. In 1850 one year was banquet which will be given to the crews at the Cafe Royal this evening.

> THE TOURNAMENT OF THE V. G. C. The first annual spring meeting of the Victoria Golf Club was continued yesterday at the Oak Bay links, four capital events being satisfactorily disposed of in the presence of a numerous company of playing and sence of a numerous company of playing and non-playing visitors. The Tacoma Golf Club was well represented by its six playing delegates, and the attendance of these gentlemen is especially appreciated by local golfers, who hope to repay the visit before many months. During the afternoon and immediately on the conclusion of the several events the prizes were handed to the research will be held at the Company, Limited, will be held at the Company, Limited, will be held at the Company; office Quesnelle, BC. on THURSDAY, THE 25th DAY OF APRIL, 1895, at 2 o'clock pm., for the purpose of dealing with a proposition received from an English Syndicate, particulars of which will then be placed before the meeting.
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> W. A. JOHNSTON, Secretary. and the meeting came to a close. The re-

LADIES' OPEN HANDICAP. There were fourteen entries in this event,

and some very pretty and creditable play was witnessed.
OPEN EVENT.
1. W. E Oliver 87
2. {C. C. Worsford } 98
3. {D M. Irvine Capt. F. Templar}9
In this there were fourteen entries and close contests. Messrs. Worsfold and Combe will decide conclusions during the present

CLUB HANDICAP-A. CLASS CLUB HANDICAP-B. CLASS.

CHESS.

THE SCORE TO DATE. The following is the score in the tournsment up to yesterday evening. All games not played by May 10 owing to absence

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	1-T. Piper	33	
1	1—J. R. Hunner	22	
1	2-W. Marchant	26	
1	2-B. Williams	16	
	2-Dr, Hands	15	
	2-C. Schwengers	15	
	3-F. C. Berrige	14	
1	3-A. Gonn seon	154	
	3—P. T. Johnston	17	
	4—B. J. Perry	29	
	4—R. H. Johnston	29 12	
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1	4—B. Schwengers		
	4—Capt. Clarke.	10	
	4—Scowcroft	7	
١	5—E. C. Bour	6	
1	5—Phillips	5	
1	D-Ayton	164	
1	5—Scanlan	8	
1	5—K. Wolff	13	
١	D- H Lawrie	5	
١	5-B, Gow ard	104	
١	5-T. Lawrie	9	:
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THE WHEEL.

OVER THE COUNTRY ROADS. The first country road run of the season of the Victoria Wheelmen's club was taken yesterday, Capt. E. W. Bradley and Lleut. Herbert Kent taking less than a dozen riders, inclusive of the California visitors, over bout ten miles of country road. wheeling out of town is still a trifle sticky, but the roads promise to be in good shape before many weeks, and yesterday's run on

HERE AND THERE.

GENERAL GOSSIP OF CURRENT EVENTS. There is a revival of baseball in Van couver. At a meeting of the club on Friday night, W. A. Craig was appointed a day night, W. A. Craig was appointed a delegate to attend the meeting at Nanaime for the purpose of arranging a series of matches between the clubs representing the different cities, and deciding upon a schedule. On the Oak Bay grounds yesterday afternoon members of the Union and Victoria gun clubs had their first practice of the season. There were no scores recorded but the shooting was good, as high as 22 birds out of the possible 25 being broken. For next Saturday a match has been arranged between the two clubs, each of which will be represented by six good shots.

Preparations for the football match to be

played here Saturday between the Junior Rangers and the Junior Wanderers were talked over at a meeting of the latter in the B. C. Dye Works last evening. A general meeting of the Wanderers' club was also held in the same place last evening, but no special business of public importance was

Thames to witness this the fifty-second row- brought to port Captain Sawyer and four of ing contest between the Universities of the crew of the schooner Anita, which had cambridge and Oxford. The race was been abandoned in a sinking condition.

Two of the Anita's crew had been lost overboard. The Anita was bound from Phila-

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THE "OLY

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