

(FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 15.)

NEARING TWO THOUSAND.

The Subscriptions Received for the National Indian Fund Total \$1,387.80.

Collections continue to increase for the benefit of suffering humanity in distant India, the subscriptions received yesterday being more numerous than any previous day's collections. The separate amounts subscribed on the different lists during the day were as follows:

BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Previously acknowledged	\$500.00
E. G. Baker	10.00
E. G. Prior	10.00
G. T. Matthews	10.00
Thomas Kitchen	10.00
James M. Brown	10.00
Dr. Drysdale	10.00
W. R. Dennis	10.00
Union Brewing Co., Ltd.	25.00
W. M. Langton	10.00
George Williams	10.00
A. R. Johnston & Co.	10.00
A. Haslam	10.00
A. Manson	10.00
James Young	10.00
Hemans & Wansley	10.00
James Hirst	10.00
C. C. McKenzie	10.00
Dr. McKennie	10.00
Mayor Davidson	10.00
Mauser & Co.	10.00
James McGregor	10.00
A. E. Horne	10.00
Reg. Marshall	10.00
Geo. Fawson	10.00
H. E. Peck	10.00
W. K. Leighton	10.00
H. A. Simpson	10.00
Geo. Berwick	10.00
J. S. Stannard	10.00
G. Knutson	10.00
S. Drake	10.00
Rev. R. A. Rosanquet	10.00
P. Finlay & Co.	10.00
Thas. C. Stevenson	10.00
Collected by Mrs. G. Norris and Mrs. M. C. Middle	50.00
Ward	50.00
Collected by Mrs. Stannard and Mrs. E. H. Bates in the police court	25.00
Collected by Mrs. Cocking in the South Ward	17.30
Total	\$868.00

BANK OF MONTREAL.

Previously acknowledged	\$202.70
Lieut. H. W. Gordon, R.M.A.	5.00
Total	\$207.70

TIMES OFFICE.

Previously acknowledged	\$38.00
Colours of the Times	74.75
Citizens of Clinton	23.00
Total	\$97.75

CITY HALL.

Previously acknowledged	\$80.85
Province Office	5.00
Grand total	\$1,387.80

SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT.

A committee meeting of the Victoria Golf Club on Wednesday evening it was decided to hold the third annual spring meet on the 16th, 17th and 18th of April (Easter). The members of the Victoria Golf Club, Tacoma, Seattle and San Francisco clubs will be invited to take part, and as there are three days in which the various events can be contested, a large number of entries is expected for the various events. It was decided that the entries must all be in the hands of the secretary by Monday, the 12th April, and that the events for the meet should be as follows:

GENTLEMEN.

Championship of British Columbia (open)—Match play.
Open handicap.
Club handicap, A and B classes.
Mixed four-nominal cup (14 holes).
Dressing competition.

LADIES.

Open event and championship.
Open handicap.
Club handicap.
Tacoma Ladies' event, 12 holes, for the "Cassidy Cup."
Further particulars will be in due course be announced.

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The result of the fifth monthly medal handicap is as follows:

GROSS HANDICAP.

Score.	Cap.	Score.
Mrs. W. Langley	67	57
Mrs. Burton	69	57
Mrs. Harvey	74	59
Mrs. Martin	77	61
Mrs. Foster	77	61
Mrs. Marquis	81	63
Mrs. W. Ward	74	64
Mrs. Purvis	74	64
Mrs. S. Pemberton	82	64
Miss Foley	82	64
Mrs. Rawson	81	71

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Mrs. W. Langley and Mrs. Burton will play off the tie on a day mutually arranged. The tie play, B class monthly medal competition stated to have been arranged to have been played on Saturday next, has been re-arranged for Saturday the 21st inst.

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Very acceptable to the good number present was the programme rendered at last evening's concert in St. James' hall last evening. Miss L. Hartnagle's pretty solo, "Gold Land," was the opening number of the programme. Mr. Howard Russell sang "The Best of All," and Miss Elizabeth J. Walker played the "Er-King" on the piano, both performers doing full justice to their tasks. "Mr. Williams' robust voice was first heard in Bonhays' "Red Seal," and secondly in an Oxford boating song, which he gave as an encore. Messrs. Nash, Middleton and Russell contributed a much enjoyed instrumental trio, and then were given more vocal songs, one by Miss M. R. Sharp, who sang "Madrigal," another by Mr. Geoffrey Booth, whose selection was "Shippers of St. Ives," and the third by Mrs. Willoughby Anderson, all of whom were very warmly received. A quartette by Messrs. Grog, Booth, Phillips and Russell concluded the evening's entertainment.

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The bark Alexandria, from San Francisco, arrived into the Royal Roads yesterday morning and will probably receive instructions from her local agents, Robert Ward & Co., within the next day or two to land cargo. Her skipper, Captain Barfield, is well known to the majority of the pioneers of this city, having in 1871 been a frequent visitor, and at that time, it is said, was captain of the Lady Lampton.

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The adjourned meeting of the Victoria branch of the R.P.C.A. is to be held at the city hall next Wednesday.

THE CITY.

THERE was a fire at the residence of Miss Gray, corner of Moss and Gore streets, yesterday afternoon. The blaze was caused by a candle held by a child igniting the wall, which was covered with paper. The fire department extinguished the blaze; damage, \$40.

The sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty will be celebrated by the English residents of the Golden Gate. Already \$7,000 has been collected, and it is probable that this sum will be considerably augmented. The celebration will be conducted on an elaborate scale.

In default of the payment of \$10 fine and \$20 costs, John Boyle, who threw a tumble through a mirror in the Palace saloon, was yesterday "sent up" for two months. Bob, a Spanish Indian, for being intoxicated while driving a team through the streets, was assessed \$5. He paid his fine.

LOCAL Greeks believe there will be war between Turkey and Greece over Crete. They have signified their willingness to go back and fight for the mother country, and are equally ready to join their countrymen in arms against the Moslems.

This death took place yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Ruth Hayes, aged 55, a native of Staffordshire, Eng., who for some time past has been living at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Burt, Vancouver street. Sunday has been set as the day of the funeral, which will take place from the residence at 2 o'clock, and later from the Reformed Episcopal church.

As a result of the procession in Chinatown on Wednesday afternoon, three celestial beings appeared in the police court yesterday morning to answer a charge of setting off fireworks. The police warned them to stop, but the mythical beings insisted upon having their full quota of fireworks discharged, and the celestial beings in consequence paid \$2.50 and costs each for the charges. Since the accident to the boy And, the discharge of fireworks on the streets has been absolutely prohibited.

Many numerous friends in Victoria of Mr. Charles Drinkwater, the general secretary of the C.P.R., will be glad to hear that his serious condition has been apprehended from the assault last committed upon him by a footpad on Sherbrook street, Montreal. Col. Prior has a telegram from him yesterday saying that he was badly cut and bruised but not seriously injured. Mr. Drinkwater for many years was private secretary to the late Sir John A. Macdonald, and is one of the best known and most popular men in Canada.

MAYOR REDFERN has received a letter, the following of which is a copy, from Mr. And, mother of the young boy who met his death during the Chinese celebration: "Mr. And and myself desire to express to you our gratitude and appreciation for the kind and sympathetic feelings expressed by you in your letter of the 5th inst., in which you conveyed to us the letter and purse from the president of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, and the president of the association and endeavored to express to him how we felt for the kind and generous feeling which prompted them in this action, and which will ever be remembered by us with feelings of the deepest gratitude."

Not in the least disappointed were any of the large gathering which last night filled the old hall, Spring Ridge, with the programme of the concert at the concert in aid of St. Barnabas church. All were pleased—doubly so, because the artists who performed were all well known and all delighted the all hearers. The programme was as follows: Piano, Mr. McKill; song, Mr. J. G. Sawyer; Richardson; song, Mrs. Archer Martin; violin obligato, Herr Friemuth; song, Mr. J. McKill; song, Mr. H. Ives; song and chorus, Tommy Akins, solo by W. W. Wines; refreshments; chorused solo, J. J. Rauch; song, Mr. J. Filling; recitation, Miss Powell; light quartette, Messrs. Selby, Robertson and Thomas; song, Mr. H. Ives; song, Mrs. Archer Martin.

The names of Nell McCollum and Robert Clark appear on the register of the Oriental hotel. Messrs. McCollum and Clark are well known residents of Grand Forks, B.C., and are in Victoria for the purpose of inquiring into the proposed incorporation of that mining camp. Mr. McCollum said they would not necessarily oppose incorporation, but they wished to make full inquiries into the matter. They wanted Grand Forks to get fair play. They also seek to incorporate the mine, and for that reason they are inquiring into the matter.

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STILL IN DEBATE.

No Vote Has Yet Been Reached in the Legislature on the Reply.

The Member for Northwest Kootenay Gives His Opinion of Mr. Corbin.

The debate on the reply to the speech was resumed in the provincial legislature yesterday by Mr. McGregor, of Nanaimo, who dwelt particularly on the much discussed mortgage tax, which he considered double taxation. Then turning to railroads he asked the government to reconsider that there were other restrictions which required (he said) as well as did Kootenay (he said), and mentioned as an instance the projected railway between Alberni and Nanaimo.

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