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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Arrived this Morning.

Lieut.-Col. Priory M.P., accompanied by the 60 men from A. and B. batteries to complete the complement of Battery "C," arrived from the East by the Yosemite, early this morning.

Wanted at Port Townsend.

Chief Delaney, of the Port Townsnd police force, was in town, yesterday, looking after a couple of men who are "wanted" there. Sergeant Walker yesterday arrested one of them, Edward McDonald, who is alleged to have stolen a watch and top coat; and the local police are on the track of No. 2.

Successful Financially.

The receipts of the recent agricultural exhibition are very gratifying to all concerned, and proclaim the success of the show in language which "means business." The entries, etc., on Tuesday, brought in a good sum and about $5,000 was taken in at the gate on the four following days, an average of over one thousand dollars a day.

The Late G. A. Holloway.

News has been received of the death, at Seattle, on Monday, of George Arthur Holloway, third son of Mr. Robt. Holloway of this city. He was only seventeen years of age, and left Victoria about a year and a half ago, previous to which he had been in the employ of Mr. David Spencer. He died of typhoid fever, from which he had also suffered about a year since.

Two Interesting Events.

The members of Dauntless lodge, C. O. O. F., M. U., with a large number of visiting brethren, met at Esquimalt last night, and appointed a committee to make arrangements for a grand ball to be given shortly. It was also decided to have a church parade in Victoria, next Sunday, all the lodges assembling at the Trades and Labor hall, and proceeding thence to divine service.

Young Peoples' Literary Association.

On Monday night the Young Peoples' Literary Association, of the First Presbyterian church, held their first meeting of the winter series. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. C. Douglas; 1st Vice-President, Miss Tyson; 2nd Vice-President, J. Cochrane; Secretary, J. T. Lake; Treasurer, Miss Robertson; Editor of the Irresponsible, J. M. Douglas; Assistant Editor, Miss McCandless. Meetings will be continued weekly throughout the winter season.

Outgoing Passengers.

Steamship City of Puebla, bound for San Francisco, sailed from the Outer wharf at her usual time, yesterday morning, with the following passengers: R. P. Rithet, Mr. Dunsmuir and wife, R. A. Walker and wife, C. G. Henslan, F. L. Knight, M. Lomas, Mrs. H. DeFremery, Mrs. E. A. Hardesty, Mrs. A. J. Bunster, W. F. Wheeler, W. S. Donald, Capt. Wm. Petitt, Miss L. Scott, Mrs. Bagnall, Miss Eberts, Mrs. T. Deasy, E. H. Fletcher and wife, Mrs. M. Moore, E. Gardiner, R. D. Carter and wife and J. Wanamaker.

A Peaceful Exhibition.

On Monday night Officers Hunter and MacNeil paid a visit to Esquimalt "from information received," and attended a little exhibition with the gloves in the smoking room of the Ship Inn. Several bouts were fought with big gloves, and everything was conducted in a most scientific manner. It was rumored early in the evening that a prize fight was to have been the order of the occasion, but, if there was any such intention, the presence of the officers effectually quelled it, and, as a result, the large audience present, which consisted mostly of sailors, was treated to several genuine trials of skill.

Valuable Contributions.

Mr. Morton, paymaster of H. M. S. Pheasant, during his stay in Behring's Sea, collected and has presented to the Provincial Museum, the following valuable collection of Alaskan birds: Sterna Paradisea, Arctic Tern; Lunda Arhata, Tufted Puffin; Fratercula Corniculata, Horned Puffin; Umator Lummre, Red-throated Loon; Lonica Arre, Thick-billed Guillemot; Simorhyncus Pygmœus, Whiskered Auklet; Simorhyncus Pusillus, Least Auklet; 2 Tringa Couesi, Aleutian Sandpipers; Calcarius lapponicus, Lapland Long Spur; Melospiza Cincera, Aleutian Song Sparrow. The museum has also been enriched, during the last week, by the donation of two fine specimens of wapiti, one from Mr. King, of this city; the other from Mr. Frank McQuillan, of Alberni.

[The Other Side of the Story.

The following is contained in a dispatch from Washington, D.C., under date of yesterday: "The statement contained in the published dispatch from Ottawa, stating that the British sealer Otto had been seized by the United States ship Mohican, on account of irregularity in her papers, is without foundation. Reports received at the Navy Department from Commander Cotton, commanding the Mohican, show that the Otto was seized, August 31, for violation of the *Modus Vivendi*; that she was taken in Behring Sea, 20 miles northwest of Unimak Pass, with a full sealing outfit and 48 seals on board. Five days before the seizure was made Commander Cotton received an official letter from Commander Turner, the British naval officer at Ounalaska, stating that he considered the Otto a just and lawful capture for any vessel of war of either nation. A question arose in reference to her papers. The Otto was delivered, two days after her capture, to the commander and officers of Her Majesty's ship Pheasant, at Ounalaska.

A Hard Tussle.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago a man named John Mullen, from the bark Callao, was sentenced to imprisonment for 12 weeks for refusing duty. A day or two ago, however, the captain thought that that he might as well have the culprit back again, as he intended to sail yesterday, and applied for permission to have him taken aboard. Leave was granted, and to Officer Hunter was deputed the work of getting the gentleman to his old quarters. Contrary to general expectations, John proved anything but a gentle lamb, and Officer Hunter describes the proceedings as slightly more warm than enjoyable. Mullen is a heavily built longshoreman, and since the beginning of his confinement has acted in a manner that has ensured him the cordial hatred of every official he has come in contact with. Yesterday, when he was led out of his cell, he tried to choke the attendants and was pitched on his head, which served rather to stimulate his fighting powers than otherwise. After innumerable struggles he was at length got aboard a small boat, and the work of pulling him out to the ship began. The boat rolled like a very good imitation of a United States survey vessel, and the voyage was concluded with Hunter's body on the longshoreman's head, this being found the only way of lessening his violence. At length he was safely aboard the ship, which left yesterday afternoon for London. Mullen has been immortalized by the Provincial police as the "Wild Man of Borneo."

Mrs. William Atkins.

Yesterday Mrs. Atkins, of Belmont, a lady who was greatly esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends, succumbed to pneumonia, and will be buried on Friday, at 12-30 p.m.

Clerks Will Organize.

Believing that Union is strength, the dry goods, grocers' and others clerks of Victoria will hold a meeting in the Trades and Labor hall to-morrow evening, for the purpose of forming an association or Union of their own.

The Hasler in Port.

The neat little 400-ton steamer Hasler, Lt. Delhanty, U.S.N., commanding, arrived in port from the Straits yesterday, and will remain for a day or so. She was built in Philadelphia in 1871, and is now engaged in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, her work at present being along the ocean coast, below Cape Flattery.

Sealing Matters.

The schooner Juanita is the only one of the Victoria sealing fleet not yet back in harbor. She left here on the 1st of July, and, as she was fitted with an extra supply of provisions, was notified by her owners that she would not be expected back before the end of October. She has not been sighted since she left, and evidently intends to make a long cruise of it before she returns.

Big Game.

John McLellan returned to town, last evening, with two large panthers in the back of his buggy, which he shot at Rocky Point yesterday morning. The panthers measured about seven feet from tip to tip, and were bought in less than five minutes after Mr. McLellan came into town. The male, which will be stuffed and placed in Salmon's cigar store, killed five sheep on Monday night. It is one of the fattest panthers ever shot in the province.

The Comus Club.

The first meeting of the members of the Comus Club, for the present season, was held in the Philharmonic Hall, last night, and was attended by about fifty couples. Excellent music was provided and a most enjoyable evening's dancing was indulged in. The usual supper formed a portion of the proceedings. The club enters upon a new season very strong in membership and every other way, and, no doubt, the various social meetings held under its auspices will be in the future, as they have been in the past, thoroughly successful, and provocative of a great deal of enjoyment.

A Doubtful Bargain.

A disappointed Indian appealed to the police yesterday for redress under the following circumstances. On the previous night he attended an auction sale of jewelry, and among other articles put up to tempt the credulous was a "solid 18 k. gold, stem-winding watch, warranted for five years, money to be refunded if the watch did not keep time." The auctioneer was more eloquently impressive than the knights of the hammer usually are, and in good strong English described the merits of the time-piece—hall-marked, jewelled in five holes, dust and water proof, and guaranteed for five years. It was set up at $25, "just to start the bidding," and as there was no advance, the garrulous vendor reversed the ordinary process of business, and reduced the scale, until the article was brought down to $3, and at this figure he declared his willingness to part with it, "just for the sake of advertising the goods." This was tempting. "Going! Going!! Gone!" and at $3 the Siwash was made the possessor of the watch. He carried it away triumphantly, showed it round to his friends, and handled it so freely that the gold—the 18 k. part of it at least—began to disappear. Next the works stopped, and then came remorse. He wanted to know from the police if he could not compel the auctioneer to refund the $3, and was advised to consult a lawyer. This he undertook to do.

VICTORIA VISITED.

An Eastern Writer Comes to the Coast and Gives His Impressions of Travel.

Professor Whitman was here, several weeks ago, in the interests of the "Boston Home Journal," securing material for an article on the subject of the Province of British Columbia and the city of Victoria. In a recent issue of that paper appear four columns of a descriptive article. Cadboro Bay is described as the Brighton of Victoria, which latter is spoken of as having "lost the silent and sleepy air which it and its people wore some years ago." The Nanaimo coal district is referred to as embracing an area of some 200 square miles, and Comox of 300 square miles, the quantity of coal workable in the latter district being computed at 16,000,000 tons per square mile." The Victoria seal and salmon interests are dwelt upon with some minuteness. Beacon Hill Park, with its groves of oak, is mentioned as likely to inspire the stranger with respect for the public spirit and taste of Victorians, who, under the auspices of the Board of Trade, are taking steps for the formation of a public company to erect a grand hostelry worthy of Victoria's wealth and fame.

As to climate, Victoria and Vancouver compare favorably with any part of the Pacific coast, the winters in the former not being so wet as on the mainland, while "it is not unusual to see the flowers blooming 'mid the snow."

The following reference is made to harbor improvement: "The new wharf extension, beside what is now called the Outer wharf, at the entrance to the harbor, being built for R. P. Rithet & Co., agents of the lines of steamers to ports on Puget Sound and other places, will give a total length of 1,150 feet by 100 broad, enclosing a space of more than four acres, and will cost in the neighborhood of $12,500. Thus, with over 3,000 feet of wharf, thirty feet depth of water and five or six acres of warehouses at hand, Victoria has faith in her future." The writer has not lost sight of one important prerequisite, in the provisions for which the province is peculiarly fortunate: "In the matter of schools, Victorians have well provided for the education of their children."

CAPT. MCDOUGALL HEARD FROM.

To The Editor:—Referring to the denials of the lieutenants of Her Majesty's ship Nymphe, of having used objectionable remarks to me, I have to inform you, and the public through you, that it was Lieutenant R. P. Adams, of H.M.S. Nymphe, who made the remark to me, "that England was not going to war for you bloody Canadians," and that Lieut. Adams has tendered me an apology, before witnesses, for the above remark, which apology I have accepted.

Yours very truly,
C. McDougall,
Master British Schr. E. B. Marvin.
Victoria, B. C., Oct. 5th, 1891.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Was Murder Attempted, or Is Peter Techere's Story the Truth?

Two Widely Differing Versions of a Quarrel Between Two San Juan Islanders.

Some days ago Alexander Trembly, wife and family, put up at the Pacific Telegrrph Hotel, Store street, and remained there until Monday evening, when they took their departure under peculiar circumstances.

Trembly, it appears, had been farming on a small scale on St. Juan Island, on Friday harbor, and a week ago was visited by a desperate fellow who, he alleges, attempted to murder him, his wife and two children. Trembly's account of the murder scene is tragic to a degree. He alleges that for some days prior to the memorable night, he had been from home but returned unexpectedly. The family had retired to rest, when the door of the shack was burst open and a man entered, axe in hand. Trembly and the murderous visitor entered into a hand-to-hand contest, with the result in favor of the former. The would-be assassin then produced a dagger, and in endeavoring to wrest this from him Trembly's right hand was badly cut. (He shows the wound in corroboration of his story.) But the house-breaker fled, without accomplishing his deed. Why he should, single-handed, attempt the murder of a whole family is not satisfactorily explained, but Trembly seems to think that the object was plunder. However, he is not a man of even reputed wealth, so this theory is scarcely the correct one. The occurrence appears to have terrified Mrs. Trembly and children, and, to soothe their agitation and fears, Trembly brought them to Victoria, a week ago, and put up, as already stated, at the Pacific Telegraph. Previous to leaving his island home, however, he reported the circumstances of the mysterious attack to the Sheriff of Friday Harbor, and left the whole matter in that gentleman's hands. He did not report to the police here, but narrated the case to a couple of the patrons of the hotel.

On Monday morning a stranger, with a bundle of blankets, giving his name as Techere, took apartments at the Pacific Telegraph, and during the afternoon entered the dining room. One of Trembly's children happened to see the guest, and at once he became greatly terrified, screaming and shouting "There's the man! There's the man!" Whether the child's alarm or a guilty conscience scared Techere is not very definite, but he disappeared. This phase of the case gained publicity, and Sergeant Walker interviewed Trembly on the point, getting the above version of what certainly looks a very peculiar case. Trembly left the hotel, the same evening, paid his bill yesterday morning, but is still in the city.

Yesterday afternoon, Sergt. Langley, of the Provincial Police, arrested Techere and brought him before the Attorney-General. The story as above set forth, having been repeated, Hon. Mr. Davie decided that he had no jurisdiction, the island of St. Juan being in United States territory, and the prisoner was accordingly set at liberty.

Later in the evening, Techere was accosted by Officer McDonald at the Pacific Telegraph, just as the former had finished a hearty dinner. The officer informed the astonished Frenchman that he "wanted" him. Techere protested, but in vain, and was marched off to the lock-up. Here he was brought face to face with Mrs. Trembly, who identified him as her assailant.

Last night the prisoner was seen by a Colonist reporter, and his account of the occurrence puts a different complexion on the whole affair. He says that Trembly has been borrowing money from him for years past, and at present owes him about $500; that he has paid Trembly's grocer's and baker's bill on several occasions, and that, on the strength of his name, Trembly contracted several accounts which he has not paid. On the night of the alleged attempted murder, Techere says he went to the house, according to arrangement, expecting so be refunded some of the money. Instead of giving him cash, Trembly gave him abuse, and consigning him to those hot quarters, where there is "weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth," proceeded to throw him out. Techere objected, and in the scuffle which ensued between creditor and debtor, the latter injured his hand. So far from running away, as Trembly alleged, Techere says that he left the house; and next day, learning that Trembly had left for Victoria, he pursued him, hoping to recover at least some of the debt. Arriving at Victoria, he traced his man to the Pacific Telegraph, and put up at that house himself. Instead of his clearing out of the hotel when he found Trembly there, Trembly and his family left immediately when they found that he was on their track, and told the story of attempted murder so as to frustrate his object.

This is as the case now stands; but the objectionable part of it is that it cannot be decided in this province. If Techere's story be correct, it is held to be an injustice to keep him in custody. If Trembly's charge be well-founded, there should, it is said, be no time lost in handing the prisoner over to the American authorities.

Peter Techere, or Peter Cleary, as he is called in this country, answers the description of a man for whom a warrant has been out for the past five years, for cattle maiming near Vancouver. The old warrant will probably be hunted up.

Wholesale Robbery.

John Cleary, a respectable-looking fellow, was in the dock at the city police court, yesterday morning, charged with having stolen carpenters' tools, valued at $23. The tools were identified by Dougall and Adam Patterson, Louis Gaby and Frank Lafondade as their property, but the case was postponed pending further enquiries. The prisoner's abode at No. 4 Maynard's cabins, Pandora street, was visited by Officer Redgrave, and here a large variety of presumably stolen property was discovered, including two clocks, a shot gun, files, chisels, clothing, carpenters' tools, etc. Some of the tools have been identified, and the gun is also claimed. Among the effects were found some pawn tickets, and a call at Aaronson's store showed that a Winchester rifle had been put in there by the prisoner, who gave his name as Cleary. The rifle was identified as the property of Peter Nelson, Swan Lake, from whose premises it was stolen some time ago. There was also found a brass tag bearing the inscription "J. C. Brady, Tremont, Washington Territory." Quite a number of keys were found on the premises, the wards of which had evidently been manipulated so as to do service on other locks than those for which they had been designed. Among the other suspicious belongings of the cabin were two baggage checks stamped "Puget Sound & Alaska Sa. Co., 590." The size and make of the files would be almost sufficient to warrant the arrest of their possessor. Brady or Cleary or whoever he is is defended by Mr. J. P. Walls, and will be brought up again in court this morning.

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Postponed Until December.

The annual meetings of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and the Union Colliery Co., which were to have been held, yesterday, have been postponed until Wednesday, December 23rd.

Representing Bradstreets.

Mr. R. E. Farley, representing the Bradstreets Mercantile Agency, has arrived from Toronto, and contemplates the establishment of a branch of the agency in this city.

Provincial Land Surveyors.

The examination of applicants for the certificates of provincial land surveyors was commenced yesterday, and it is expected will be concluded before the end of the week. A number of gentlemen are writing.

At St. Saviour's.

There will be a harvest festival held in St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, next Sunday morning and evening; and the little church is now being beautifully decorated for the occasion, with flowers and wreaths of various kinds.

Sent Up For Trial.

John Cleary, who is thought to be the principal in several petty burglaries, was, yesterday, committed for trial at the fall assizes. No further evidence was received, and the case stands as it was described yesterday.

Inbound Passengers.

The ss. Umatilla left San Francisco, yesterday morning, with the following passengers for Victoria on board: Mrs. J. Hume and daughter, P. J. Davies and wife, Mrs. Hutchenson, G. Taylor, T. Taylor, G. A. Green, Minnie Owens, T. J. Jackson, Alph J. Smith, T. Mason, Miss McArthur and J. S. Bowker and wife.

The Race is Off.

The Montana, Oregon and Washington horses taking part in the recent races of the V. J. C., not excepting Clancey's Rosie C., were sent home in charge of their trainers by the Olympian, yesterday. The match race between Rosie C. and Belle Watts, which was to have been decided on the track, to-day, has been called off.

The Batavia Sails.

The Upton line steamship, Batavia, Capt. Hill commanding, sailed from the outer wharf, last night, for all Japanese and Chinese ports. She had a full cargo of flour and lumber from Portland, and a large number of steerage pacsengers, including 22 Chinese from this port. The greater portion of the cargo for the return voyage is already under charter.

Two Marriages.

Craigflower District was the scene of two interesting events, yesterday afternoon, viz., the marriage, at the residence of the bride's father, of Miss Lottie, daughter of Mr. I. Scafe, to Mr. George Wood, of Happy Valley; and, later in the evening, at the residence of the bride's father, the marriage of Miss Alice Louisa, daughter of Mr. John Parker, to Mr. Joseph P. Stewart. The Rev. D. MacRae officiated on both occasions.

Due Next Week.

The steamship Empress of India will be fully due from Asiatic ports, on Monday, and an effort will be made to have the new outer wharf ready to dock her upon her arrival. She brings on this trip over one million pounds of overland freight, and 50 tons of mixed cargo and 100 Chinese for this port. Her freight is, for the most part, made up of new season teas and silks. The India sailed from Yokohama on Thursday, October 1st.

The Sheriff in Charge.

Yesterday morning, the repairs to the lumber schooner, Fanny Dutard, injured in the collision with the steamer Zambesi, of the Upton line, were completed, and the sheriff took possession of the schooner, for the bill of $11,000 for salvage, put in by the Zambesi. Later in the day, bonds to cover the alleged debt were deposited by the syndicate owning the Dutard, and she was released. It is understood she is now under charter to load another lumber cargo for the South.

Furs for London Market

The Hudson's Bay Co., yesterday, shipped to London, by the C.P.R., the largest and most valuable collection of land furs that has been sent out of British Columbia this season, and which is destined to reach the metropolis in plenty of time for the January sale. The assortment of furs embraces all the popular varieties,—including $25,000 worth of beaver, $10,000 worth of bear, and a splendid lot of mink and marten,—and every skin is of first class quality. The entire shipment is valued at over $50,000.

No Harm Done.

J. N. Knapp was before the city Police Magistrate, yesterday, upon the complaint of J. W. Todd, who charged him with using threatening language, and asked that he be bound over to keep the peace. The information set forth that the complainant had had some dispute with defendant, and the latter had subsequently said, "I'd give $50 to get even with him before I leave the city." The magistrate did not think this implied that serious harm was meant, and dismissed the information.

A Serious Accident.

The many friends of Mr. H. C. Beeton were grieved, yesterday morning, to learn of a serious accident having happened to that gentleman. He was taking his usual early morning ride on the Burnside road, when, with no apparent cause, the horse shied, throwing the rider heavily to the ground. Here the unfortunate gentleman was discovered some time later, and willing hands immediately despatched him home. It was several hours before he recovered consciousness. The patient is being attended by Dr. Hanington, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the severe shock to one of his years will have no worse effect than that of confining him to his room for a few days.

James Bay Rowing Club.

The senior four-oared crew have been victorious in every race they have competed this year, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster. These races were rowed in lapstreak boats. The crew would have gone to Portland for the races there, had they possessed a shell. Both clubs in Vancouver have very fine four-oared racing shells, purchased in the east, and costing between $600 and $700 laid down. There can be no question that the James Bay crew is the first in the province, if not on the Northwest coast. This would have been determined had they possessed a shell and visited Portland. The young men of the clubshould receive every encouragement from Victorians, and, as they are anxious to secure a racing shell, it has been suggested that a subscription be opened for that purpose. Everyone should aid the scheme, and a small amount each, from a large number, would soon raise all necessary funds. Subscriptions to the "racing shell fund" may be sent to E. Mallandaine, jr., secretary of the club. Encourage the young men in their laudable desire.

Foresters to Banquet.

A grand banquet, in honor of the district officers and delegates of the A. O. F., will be held at the New York hotel on the evening of the 15th inst.; the tickets being sold at $2 each. Many are being disposed of.

Still in Jail.

Techere, the San Juan islander whom the Tremblys accuse of attempting to murder them, is still in the city lockup. Mr. F. G. Walker has taken up the case against him, and wired to the authorities at Friday Harbor for instructions as to how he is to proceed in the matter.

A Charge of Forgery.

J. C. Bennett, the Port Angeles real estate man, was placed under arrest, last evening, by Officer Redgrave, of the City police, upon a warrant issued by Mr. Robert Ward, J. P., charging him with forging the name of Mr. Bailey, of the Half-Way House. Mr. A. Phillip Peacock is acting as solicitor for Mr. Bennett, and states that his client will be able to prove that Mr. Bailey himself wrote the signature which it is alleged has been forged.

Looking After the Machinery.

Mr. Charles Ramos, who is the most prominent worker in the Slough Creek Mining Co., recently formed in the State of Washington to develop valuable properties in Cariboo, is in Victoria for the purpose of, if possible, securing the admission of the mining machinery, which is of Illinois manufacture, duty free. The plant, which includes well-boring apparatus—hydraulic and jetty process—has reached Calgary, and will be hurried forward to the mine as soon as possible.

The Catapult Must Go.

Upper Fort street is at this season of the year a great resort for robins, attracted by the quantity of mountain ash berries. The bad boy with the catapult is found where the robins are, and for weeks past the whistling of bullets, slugs, stones and buckshot has made life in the neighborhood decidedly uncomfortable. A number of windows have been wrecked, including several of heavy plate glass, and, unable to bear his persecution quietly any longer, Mr. J. P. Elford, yesterday, had one of the offending youngsters brought before the police magistrate. The boy was charged with malicious injury to property, pleaded not guilty, and was dismissed with a caution and a fatherly lecture from the bench. Some of the catapults confiscated by the police are quite powerful enough to kill a human being, if the missile from it strikes the head.

The Saanich Fair.

The annual exhibition of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society will be held to-day and to-morrow on the Agricultural Grounds at that place. For some days past exhibits have been pouring in, and everything now points to a highly successful gathering. Everything that comes out of the ground will find a place at the show, and there is no doubt but that the exhibition of 1891 will be far ahead of any other ever held. To-morrow horse racing will enliven the affair, and a grand ball in the evening will wind up the proceedings. Every farmer in the Saanich district will compete, and it is to be hoped that Victorians will patronize the show liberally. Every arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of visitors, and the fine drive, combined with the well known hospitality of our Saanich neighbors, will no doubt attract a very large number of visitors.

Tom Cleary in Trouble.

Thomas Cleary, the ex-prize fighter, occupied a cell at the city lock-up, last night, and a charge of obtaining money under false pretences was entered against him. The arrest was made by Sergeants Levin and Walker upon a warrant issued by Police Magistrate Belyea, the facts as narrated in the information being briefly, that Tom attended the auction sale of cheap watches being conducted by Samuel Hoffman, bid in one for $8, paid for it with a Confederate States $20 bill, took the change and went away. Cleary gives an entirely different version of the affair. He says that, before the sale, Hoffman asked him to help things along, by bidding when he gave the wink. Cleary agreed, got the wink, and made his bid. The watch was knocked down to him, and, to carry out appearances, as he thought he was required to, he handed in the Confederate bill, thinking the combination would be understood. He admits receiving the $12 and the watch, but took both into a neighboring saloon, and left them in charge of the proprietor, from whom Hoffman, yesterday, received them. An effort was made, last night, to quash the information, but unsuccessfully.

ST. LUKE'S, CEDAR HILL.

Successful Harvest Home—The Parish Now Clear of Debt.

This year, St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, has succeeded in having the most elaborate decorations at the Harvest Home of any church in the diocese. This was testified to, Tuesday, by a crowded congregation, although the service was held early in the afternoon, when farmers would be supposed to take advantage of the fine weather.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese assisted in the service and the Archdeacon cheered all with a bright and eloquent sermon. The singing, under the able direction of Mr. Moxon, coupled with Mr. Godson's ability at the new organ, made the music of a decidedly superior class. The anthem was beautifully rendered. The offertory, with the proceeds accruing from the sale of work, has cancelled all expenses contracted by the purchase of the church and school organs. There is a special desire to have the service continued, on Sunday, at morning and evening services.

Much has been done in this district during the past year. Besides the increase of worshippers, there have been improvements carried out, to the extent of $1,000, on the glebe lands. A similar sum has been expended on other improvements; the Synod assessments have been punctually paid, and the old claim of Rev. G. W. Taylor has been satisfactorily arranged. The rector begins his second year with a clear sheet, and now directs his attention to providing $2,500 towards a proper residence for himself and his family. The people of Victoria will surely assist, and a clergyman, who has the spiritual charge of a district so large, is worthy of a suitable rectory. Cedar Hill is to be congratulated, and the Bishop's warm commendation will be indorsed by liberal subscriptions to build Rev. Mr. Browne a residence worthy of the parish and people.

Victory at Vivian.

"IN our family faithful work has been done by Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry as a sure and quick cure for diarrhœa, dysentery and all summer complaints. I can recommend it to all as a family friend, always true and faithful."—Mrs. W. Bishop, Vivian, Ont.

THE CITY IN DEBT.

The Auditor's Estimate of the Sum Required to Tide Over the Year.

The Council Favor Direct Taxation, While the Mayor Advocates a Loan.

At last night's meeting of the City Council the full board were present, with Mayor Grant in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read, but objected to by the Mayor, on the ground that the rates as set down in the money by-law were incorrect. He explained the legal difference between real estate and improvements.

Ald. Richards, before the minutes were adopted, said he had a by-law on the subject of taxation for the past seven months. Two weeks ago the question of this by-law was adjourned for a week, but there was no meeting last week. He did not think that the rate fixed, three-quarters of one per cent., should be placed on improvements. The land should bear a greater proportion of the taxation.

The Mayor said he would like to have seen a sum of money borrowed and taxation kept down, but he was opposed by the Council, by whom the by-law was unanimously passed.

The minutes were accordingly amended so as to place the tax 1½ per cent. on real estate, one-sixth off if paid within the specified time, and ¾ of one per cent. on improvements, with like rebatement under similar circumstances.

Ald. Coughlan—The by-law has been corrected since last meeting.

The minutes, as amended, were verified.

A letter was read from A. De Cosmos, protesting against the Council granting any privilege whatever, and especially in connection with the Fire Department, to a company said to be organized under a by-law called the "District Telegraph By-law." He was credibly informed that the city had no power to pass such a by-law.

Ald. Munn—He states there that the Council had no legal power to pass the by-law. That is an important matter and should be referred to our legal advisers.

This suggestion prevailed, although many members of the Board seemed to think that the communication ought to be simply filed.

A communication was received from D. C. Patterson—asking that certain new streets be taken over by the city. They were the required width.

The letter was referred to the Street committee.

A letter was read from the City Clerk of Vancouver, stating that his Council had adopted the suggestion of the Victoria Council with reference to a British Columbia exhibit at the World's exposition in Chicago.

Referred to the committee having the matter in charge.

H. E. Croasdaile wrote, drawing attention to the dilapidated condition of the fence at the east side of the old cemetery. The fence was down, and cattle were permitted to pass through the cemetery and over the graves.

Referred to the Cemetery committee.

A letter was read from Messrs. Walker, Pemberton & Dumbleton, re an arbitration case, the particulars of which no member of the Council appeared to be aware of. It was accordingly referred to the legal advisers of the Council.

Mr. Drewry, of the Toronto Globe, appealed to the Council for monetary assistance, to enable him to write up and illustrate the city of Victoria.

On motion of Ald. Renouf, the matter was referred to the Printing and Advertising committee.

STREET LEVELS.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Teague, with reference to levels of pathway opposite certain new buildings at corner of Douglas and Fort streets.

Referred to Street committee and city engineer.

A communication was received from Mr. P. J. Leech, city surveyor, explaining that, by permission of the Mayor, he gave Messrs. Dalby and Wilson permission to raise the grade of the footpath before the new buildings, at the corner of Johnson and Government streets. This was an alteration of the Grading By-law.

Mr. Leech explained that the alteration of the by-law in this particular was advantageous, rather than otherwise.

The Mayor—Mr. DeCosmos did not put down the sidewalk at his building according to grades—rather there was a special grade adopted to suit him. For his convenience it was done, and, now that another party is to be convenienced, Mr. De Cosmos "squeals," to put it in plain Western parlance.

Ald. Renouf—Refer it to the Street committee.

Ald. Coughlan suggested that more attention should be paid to the subject of grading. There were several faulty grades between Broad and Douglas Street. If these matters were not attended to, considerable trouble and expense to the city would ensue.

The Mayor said that he had been fighting this question for years. It was most important that proper grades should be established. As at present, houses appeared to be run up haphazard, with little respect to the proper grades.

Referred to Street committee.

A CIVIL ENGINEER'S BILL.

Mr. P. Leech, City Surveyor, wrote in reference to the account of Mr. T. Gore, for $438.25, for surveying the cemetery. He explained that Mr. Gore did the work satisfactorily, preparing six copies of the survey and plans, one for the office and one each for the various religious denominations.

Ald. McKillican said that what the Council objected to was that the work should have been sent out of the city office to be done. They had large offices, maintained in princely style, and the work should have been done there.

Ald. Smith said he thought the charge, considering the amount of work done, reasonable. Not alone were there good maps and plans supplied, but there was also an index.

Ald. McKillican moved that the account be paid, but that Mr. Leech be instructed to give no more work out of the office without instructions from the Council.

Ald. Renouf moved that the matter be referred to the Cemetery committee.

Ald. Robertson—What is the good of that? Deal with it now.

A long discussion ensued as to how the matter would be best dealt with.

Ald. Holland held that Ald. McKillican's motion was practically a vote of censure upon Mr. Leech.

Ald. Renouf concurred, and called upon Ald. McKillican to put his motion in writing.

Ald. McKillican complied, and subsequently consented to so amend his motion as to allow extra work to be done by outside assistance, the consent of committee or Council having been secured. In this form it was adopted.

THE MONTH'S ACCOUNTS.

Accounts for the month of September, amounting to $4,361.47, were handed in and referred to Finance committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

City Auditor Raymur handed in a statement showing the receipts and expenditure for the nine months ending 30th September, 1891, and an estimate of the amount required for the next three months. The expenditure to the 30th September last was $239,535.62.

ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Estimated Expenditure.

Note at Bank	$ 200,000 00	
Overdraft this date	28,475 73	
General interest	4,000 00	
Coupon interest	12,000 00	
Accrued interest on Sewerage and M'tk's bonds	16,000 00	
Sinking funds	21,625 00	
Permanent salaries	20,000 00	
Other expenditure	25,000 00	
School tax	3,450 00	
Board of School Trustees	6,000 00	
Eberts & Taylor (salary)	2,500 00	
		$ 337,050 73

Estimated Receipts.

Real estate	$ 190,000 00	
All other sources	25,000 00	
Govt. of B.C. revenue tax	6,000 00	
Govt. of B. C. roads in new city limits	4,000 00	
Sale of gravel pits	20,000 00	
		$ 245,000 00
Estimated shortage, Dec. 31, '91		$ 92,050 73

(E. E.) Jas. L. Raymur,
Victoria, B. C., Oct. 7, 1891. Auditor.

RECEIPTS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1891.

Water Rents	$36,513 51
Fire Insurance Tax	5,450 00
Pound Fees	423 50
Survey Expenses	235 00
Real Estate Tax	2,740 63
Licenses, Trade	12,914 08
" Liquor	14,835 00
Road Tax	3,053 00
Drivers' License	61 00
Dog Tax	532 80
House Moving	30 00
Police Court	5,735 50
Cemetery	1,423 75
Deposits	6,770 00
Regist'd. Vehicles	140 00
Sundry Small Items	20 00
	$97,842 77

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Auditor.

City Hall,
Victoria, B. C., 6th Oct., 1891.

EXPENDITURE TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1891.

Water Works	$45,773 85
Fire Department	11,692 00
Streets and bridges	56,131 36
Police	18,225 35
Pound	756 45
Charges	11,405 24
Survey expenses	2,490 00
Board of Health	6,882 52
Street lighting	5,873 25
Legal expenses	350 00
Commission	81 57
Donations	930 90
Park	4,743 67
General interest	5,325 43
Cemetery	962 00
Deposits returned	5,760 00
Library	1,109 90
Old Peoples' Home	824 00
Board of School Trustees	438 67
Horse and cart	381 00
Furniture	964 14
Fire plant	1,804 00
Miscellaneous	7,206 98
Outstanding accounts	338 69
Arbitration	1,176 90
Compensation for damage	275 00
Cemetery loan	353 68
School tax	3,450 00
Govt. of B. C.	3,416 66
City Hall	93 60
Rock crusher	257 75
Extension city limits	4,485 63
Colquitz water case	3,087 20
Clock	4,521 22
Agricultural Association	105 00
Steam drills	23 25
Sprinkler	181 25
Secret services	250 00
Coupons redeemed	26,947 50
Total	$239,535 62

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City Hall, Victoria, B. C., Auditor.
6th October, 1891.

THE DEAR DEPARTED.

Ald. Renouf read an extract from the Northwestern Review, in reference to the disgraceful state of the old cemetery. He added that he had heard several complaints on the subject.

Ald. McKillican admitted that the old cemetery was in a bad way, but the Cemetery committee had no funds on hand to improve it.

THE REASON WHY.

Ald. Holland moved that the applications for the position of water works commissioner, vice Mr. Summerfield, be now considered.

Ald. Richards seconded the motion.

Ald. Renouf—I move that it be left on the table.

Ald. Robertson—I would like to know why it is that this is left on the table from meeting to meeting. There must be some reason for it.

The Mayor—You may ask the question, but it need not be answered. A member need not assign his reasons for moving a resolution.

Ald. Robertson—Well, I believe the reason is that they want to keep on the old commissioner here. He is about the place still and they want to keep him here.

Ald. Renouf—I don't mind explaining my reasons. I don't want any more engineers about here until we know what they are and what are their qualifications. I would like to have an opportunity of looking over these applications.

It was decided to hold over the applications.

The Street committee handed in their report, which was of a miscellaneous character, and created a lot of discussion. The chief objection was to a rental of $20 per month charged by Mr. Haggerty, contractor for stone, as rental for four lots utilized for storage. The Council was equally divided on the point, and the report fell through.

A subsequent attempt was made to renew the debate.

Ald. Smith contended that the charge made by Haggerty was just, and would have to be paid.

Some of the members censured the Street committee for having made a very soft bargain.

Ald. Smith said that his colleagues and himself had worked hard and conscientiously. If they were to be att