Eastern Canada Mail.

(Per Northern Pacific Railway.)

PRINCETON, June 17.—Alexander, a seven-year-old son of Chief Constable Smith, was accidently shot this afternoon. He was charging a revolver when he had obtained possession of it, when by some mischance it exploded, the ball entering the groin and taking an upward course. Dr. Beauham is in attendance and he has probed the wound several times but as yet failed to locate the ball. He reports it a very bad case.

VANCOUVER, June 18.—Montreal wharfingers for grain have been reduced from 7½c to 3¾c per ton.

There will be no contest in East Kootenay, Mr. Robert Ferguson having been declared by acclamation to succeed the late Mr. McCraney in the Local House.

KAMLOOPS, June 19.—A disastrous fire occurred at St. George's, Beanco, the night before yesterday, causing a loss of several thousands of dollars. The fire broke out in the saw mill of Mr. Louis Jourdreau, which was completely destroyed, as well as the spool factory of Messrs. Wright & Torrop, the house and barn of Mr. B. Haggan, and several houses occupied by the operatives.

About seven this morning a fire broke out in the riding school at the citadel, burning it to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown. An official enquiry is to be held.

MONTREAL, June 19.—Mr. Joshua Fenwick, postmaster of the House of Commons, was tried here to-day at the instance of a charge of misappropriating funds belonging to the heirs of the late Mr. A. Campbell, who committed suicide, and in whose will the accused was appointed trustee. After some evidence was adduced the court adjourned for the jury, when the prisoner was acquitted.

BELLEVILLE, June 19.—John Guillet was thrown from a wagon whilst driving, and received fatal spinal injuries.

HALIFAX, June 19.—The Nova Scotia Methodist conference, in session at Lunenberg, resolved that it would support any political party that will prove disloyal to the temperance cause.

OTTAWA, June 19.—A clerk named Leduchie, from New Brunswick, in the house of Commons post-office, was drowned here to day.

MONTREAL, June 19—The action of Marie against Mayor Beaugrand to declare void his election has been dismissed.

Consul General Stearns of the U. S. is now completed his four terms here, and being about to return home, was tendered a banquet at the Windsor Hotel last evening, the mayor presiding. Fully 200 were present.

KINGSTON, June 19.—In order to meet current expenses the rate of taxation will require to be levied from 16 to 17½ mills.

Bishop Cleary, replying to an assertion made in an anonymous letter, that the Irish bishops condemned the use of drink denies the correctness of the statement, pointing out that drunkenness, not the moderate use of liquor, is denounced.

HAMILTON, June 19.—Counterfeit bank bills are being largely circulated in Dundas.

Joseph Rymal, ex M. P., is seriously ill with erysipelas in the face.

The Scott Act was carried in Middlesex by 2,076. In Lincoln it was reduced by 1,700 majority, and defeated in Perth by two hundred.

TORONTO, June 20.—The following nominations for the Local Legislature occurred yesterday: East Simcoe—H. A. Thompson Conservative; Charles Drury, Reform. Lennox—G. W. Hawley, Reform; T. G. Blackstock, Conservative. East Kent—Robert Ferguson, Reform, elected by acclamation.

E. B. Osler, Q. C., in company with the deputy minister of justice, leaves Toronto for Regina on Tuesday, taking the boat at Owen Sound on Thursday, to attend the Riel trial.

TORONTO, June 19.—The Toronto conference of the Methodist Church concluded its session at midnight. The court of appeal has reversed the decision of the commission in deposing Rev. T. S. Keough from the ministry for immorality, and suspended him from all ministerial functions for one year. The question of his final relation to the conference to be left in abeyance till the year's suspension has expired. A long discussion occured on the following clauses of the report of the conference on temperance: "The practice of treating at convivial gatherings is demoralizing in its tendencies upon young and old alike, and we deem it the duty of our church and people to discountenance it in all its forms." It was finally amended by substituting "would be well if the practices were abolished. They also deprecated the use of tobacco and also its sale. Brampton was fixed for the meeting of next year's conference. Dr. Sutherland's offering to the conference of Methodist Indians during the rebellion, particularly those at Battle River, said there was no ground whatever either to retract or modify the statement which had been formulated that not one of their Methodist Indians had yet been implicated in any troubles connected with the rising, and considering the source from which the statement emenated it was not entitled to confidence.

Canadian Mail Subsidy.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 22.—In the commons to-day the contract made by the postmaster general with the Allan steamship company for the conveyance of mails was received. The company's contract is for five years for $126,000 per year, or £500 sterling for each round trip. Blake contended that better arrangements could have been made. The limit of time in this contract for each passage was fifteen or fourteen days, while from New York to Liverpool passage was made in six or seven days. There were other Canadian lines with steamers of greater speed, and, in fairness to them, tenders should have been asked for. Unless fast steamers were put on, passenger traffic would be diverted from the St. Lawrence altogether. Sir John Macdonald said the subsidy was necessary for the maintenance of the Allan line. The government would see to it that the company improved their steamers. McMullen said that when in England he found that he could ship freight to Toronto via New York cheaper than by the Allan line. The contract was finally adopted.

Attempted Reconciliation.

"My dear," said a wife to her husband, "I know that I am dreadful cross with you at times, that I am not as patient as I should be, and I think the same may be said of you." "Yes, certainly," he frankly acknowledge, "I am almost as bad as you are." "What's that?" "I—I say that I am just as much to blame as you are." "I think," went on the lady, "that we ought to cultivate a little mutual toleration of each other's faults," and she bent over him and fondly kissed him. "You are not looking well to-night, dear," she said, stroking her hair. "No," she replied, "my feet pain me dreadfully." "That's because you wear shoes two sizes too small for you." Then the trouble began once more.

Weekly Colonist.

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NOTICE.

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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

The attention of subscribers is directed to the announcement in another column. The weekly edition of this paper is now permanently enlarged to Eight Pages or Sixty-four of solid reading matter. While [illegible] rates are reduced, that the subscription for one year [illegible] the following scale:

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, July 1.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Chandler, Mr. Irish Moody, Mrs. Eckstein and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Grant and Miss L. Stafford were passengers by the G. W. Elder.

Judge Swan came over on the Olympian yesterday.

Hon. A. E. B. Davie returned yesterday from Billoost, where he has been visiting his constituents.

Mr. F. S. Barnard and wife, Miss Innes, Mr. Gavin Burns and Capt. A. W. Jones returned yesterday from a holiday spent at Burrard Inlet.

The following arrivals were registered at the Driard yesterday: Rev. Godfrey Littledale and Mr. Geo. C. Herbert, of England; Mrs. T. A. Fox, San Francisco; M. F. D. Murell; Michigan; Mr. Hy. Edmonds, New Westminster; Messrs. F. M. Brooks, D. N. Goldbey and A. Wickersham, of Portland, N. Y.; Bettey, San Francisco; Mr. M. L. Campbell, Cape Breton, N. S.; F. W. Hart, Goal Harbor; Mr. J. M. Bentgon and Mr. Geo. Kersley, of Portland, are staying at the Occidental.

Mr. A. W. Sypolt, the contractor for the Point Ellice bridge, arrived yesterday from San Francisco and is staying at the Oriental.

Messrs. D. H. Geddes, Alex. Stewart and N. McCuish arrived from Port Arthur yesterday and are staying at the American.

Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Scott and W. Tuchet, of San Francisco; Mr. J. L. Quackenbush, Portland; Mr. T. Kaine, Hamilton, Ont., are staying at the Oriental.

Amongst the arrivals from Nanaimo yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bryden and Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunsmuir, who have come to town to attend the wedding of Mr. H. Croft and Miss Dunsmuir this evening.

Mr. Jas. Cunningham, M. P. P., and wife arrived by the Olympian yesterday from the Sound.

Mr. J. L. Quackenbush, of Portland, Or., arrived yesterday, and will paint the new Masonic hall with a fire and water proof paint. It is the intention of Mr. Quackenbush to establish a manufactory here for the quality of paint.

Mr. W. P. Archibald, manager of the telegraph office, leaves for a flying trip to New Westminster this morning.

Mr. Troy, one of San Francisco's most successful auctioneers is in the city. He is familiarly known as the "Old War Horse." He was here three years ago and is at present here as Prof. Schaffer's business manager.

Mr. Geo. Riley, business manager of the Bell, Larkin & Patterson contract, is at the Oriental.

Mr. J. A. Halliday, principal of the boys' school, leaves by the Bithet this morning for the Island of Comox.

M. G. D. Band leaves for New Westminster this morning.

Mr. D. M. Eberts leaves this morning for the interior on important professional business.

Mistaken Identity.

Officer Moresby yesterday arrived on the Yosemite with a young lady, arrested on a telegram from the chief of police here. A pair of bracelets, rings and silk dolman were stolen from Seeley's, on Government street, and a woman suspected of the theft had left for New Westminster Monday morning. The young lady answering the description sent was arrested on arrival by Officer Moresby, who brought her to Victoria, though she claimed to be innocent and had never been in the hotel. Her trunk was examined here, and she was found to be the wrong individual, as Seeley, the complainant, could not identify her. She was accordingly liberated, and returns today on her journey.

Marine.

Ship bark W. H. Besse, Capt. Gibbs, has been chartered to load salmon at Astoria for New York.

The Alden Besse's colors were flying yesterday afternoon in honor of the arrival of her owner, Capt. Ainsworth.

Steamship G. W. Elder, with 499 tons of freight, 100 passengers and the mails arrived and sailed for the Sound in the afternoon.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—Cleared—British steamer Barnard Castle, Nanaimo; bark Sierra Nevada, Port Townsend.

COLWOOD SCHOOL.—The examination of this school was held on Friday last, and was most successful. The teacher, Mr. J. A. McLeod, gave prizes to deserving pupils. Alice Jones was awarded the prize for general proficiency, presented by Mrs. A. H. Peatt. The rolls of honor were presented to: For proficiency, Alice Jones; for punctuality and regularity, J. H. Cessford; for deportment, Albert E. West.

MISS LINTRA DYINTY supported by a good company will make her debut to a Victoria audience this evening; but her fame as an accomplished and pleasing actress is already well established here; those of this city who have already seen her in "A Mountain Pink," will be glad of the opportunity of a second indulgence, and those who have not should embrace the opportunity of attending her representation as a rare treat awaits them.

ISTRACT.—Messrs. J. Judge and J. F. Peel, formerly of Port Arthur, Ont., have taken a sub-contract from Messrs. Bell & Patterson for ten miles of railroad construction commencing three miles south of Cowichan.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.—James Begley, an old employee of the Newcastle mines, near Seattle, was crushed beneath a piece of roof which fell on him while he was in the colliery on Sunday.

TO AN ASYLUM.—John McCullough, the tragedian, has been committed to an insane asylum. There is little hope of his recovery.

MODESTY VS. LEWDNESS.

Royal City Young Ladies Summon Young Men

Who Dared to Bathe in their Presence.

An Exciting Time Among Bench and Counsel.

(By our Special Reporter.)

On the arrival of the Yosemite at New Westminster Monday afternoon, it was seen that quite a flutter of excitement prevailed among its citizens. Something evidently of great moment was astir. One of ten leading officials eagerly welcomed a well known lawyer of Victoria and hastened to place him in a well appointed wagon and hurriedly drove him towards the penitentiary. Others collected together and seemed to be in close conference, but the peals of laughter that came every once in a while from the groups proved the subject matter of their conference very mirth-raising. On enquiry we found that the cause of all this excitement and mirth was the prospect of a case that was to be tried at the court house that evening. It appeared that certain lads, whose fathers hold high official positions in New Westminster, had been summoned by certain ladies of high repute and respectability for having indecently exposed themselves by going to bathe near where the said ladies had been holding a picnic.

The court room was crowded to its utmost capacity at 7 p. m. the court was overcrowded. The bench was composed of the following J. P.'s: W. D. Ferris, P. McTiernan, J. Pittendrigh and G. Webster, assisted by J. H. Todd. The prosecution had employed all the legal talent to be had in the town, and the defence had to wire to Victoria for a lawyer to defend them. Norman Bole led off the evening's programme with a wonderful effective speech in which in a mock heroic strain he detailed the awful shock his clients had sustained in seeing these lads undress for bathing. Mrs. Herring was the first witness and she stated that being on the bridge on the evening in question which crosses the river Brunette she saw two or more lads prepare to undress and one actually did so undress and was being pushed into the water by an elder boy when she left the bridge. Two other ladies supported this evidence and a gentleman named DeBeck stated he laid the information to stop such awful scenes in future. An elderly lady then gave evidence that she crossed the bridge twice that evening and saw nothing wrong.

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Mr. Davie protested against such an evident absurdity, but Norman Bole prevented him from being heard by the bench and was again, amid a perfect babel of tongues, requested to lie down, and the father of one of the boys was told by the bench to behave himself or he would be put out.

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Chemainus School—Midsummer Examination.

The midsummer examination of Chemainus school was held on Friday, June 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Boutall, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fuller, Miss Lilley, Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Miller and others were present. The more advanced pupils had previously undergone a written examination and their papers were carefully examined by those present. After an oral examination in the various subjects, most of the pupils gave recitations, and the rolls of honor were then awarded as follows:

Deportment, John Windsor.

Punctuality and regularity, George D. Lilley.

Proficiency, Ellen Thomas.

A handsome writing desk was presented with each roll of honor. The visitors present had not forgotten to provide refreshments for the pupils, and a pleasant picnic was held on the play-ground, a fine grass field. The pupils of this school have been very regular in attendance, and have, as a consequence, made great progress during the past year.

On the Bell, Larkin & Patterson contract, the grade is now ready between the Nanaimo and Chemainus rivers, a distance of 25 miles, with ties prepared and ready for rails. It was expected that the Barnard Castle with 1500 tons of steel rails would be at Oyster Bay where the rails would be at Oyster Bay where to-day. The locomotive will arrive in another week, and track-laying between the two rivers will be at once commenced. The Nanaimo and Chemainus river bridges will be of the Howe truss pattern and will be erected in a short time.

About 900 men, white and Chinese, are engaged on the contract, which is rapidly progressing toward completion.

BATOCHE.—We have received from the Grip Printing and Publishing Company, of Toronto, a copy of their new plate "The Capture of Batoche," lithographed in five colors, size 30x36 inches. This is a graphic sketch of the now famous charge and is a very creditable piece of work, in our opinion equal to anything of the sort we have ever seen. Evidently no pains have been spared in its production and it deserves to have a large sale, as well from its merits artistically as from being a memento of this great fight. It has been compiled from the most reliable sources, and, in the opinion of eyewitnesses and participators in the battle, is a correct delineation of the action. It is retailed at 30 cents and can be had from all newsdealers or from the publishers.

GINNED UP.—A man who is occasionally in police company drank too much five-cent liquor yesterday and tried to annihilate several Chinaman. One, named Gin, laid a complaint, and he was arrested on a charge of vagrancy.

LOW TIDE.—The Olympian had to remain at the outer wharf yesterday until 1 o'clock, on account of the low tide. She brought over 60 tons of freight.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENE IN COURT.

A Woman Brought up for Contempt

And Put Under Heavy Bonds.

Mr. Justice Walkem, at Kamloops on the 19th inst. heard a case of an extraordinary character, it being nothing more nor less than that of a woman who was charged with contempt of court. The Sentinel says:—

Mrs. Jane Palmer was brought up on a notice that had been served upon her to appear to answer a contempt of court which she had committed by writing an abusive and threatening letter to the judge in connection with legal proceedings evidently of great moment was astir. One of ten leading officials eagerly welcomed a well known lawyer of Victoria and hastened to place him in a well appointed wagon and hurriedly drove him towards the penitentiary. Others collected together and seemed to be in close conference, but the peals of laughter that came every once in a while from the groups proved the subject matter of their conference very mirth-raising. On enquiry we found that the cause of all this excitement and mirth was the prospect of a case that was to be tried at the court house that evening. It appeared that certain lads, whose fathers hold high official positions in New Westminster, had been summoned by certain ladies of high repute and respectability for having indecently exposed themselves by going to bathe near where the said ladies had been holding a picnic.

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What Some People Say.

That recent experiments have demonstrated that the heating value of coal is diminished from 15 to 35 per cent. if it is used while wet. Weighing the driver is also said greatly to diminish the value of coal.

That it would take Victor Hugo's own pen adequately to describe his funeral and the scenes attending it. His imagination would have fairly revelled in such a subject and the mingled lights and shadows it afforded.

That Right Hon. W. E. Forster is coming to Canada and will pass over the C. P. R. road to Victoria.

That McDermott, the Irish informer, has gone to Australia, where Peter Carey and Farrell, also informers, are prospering.

That the Amelia will leave for Nanaimo and way ports at 10 o'clock to-night.

That the R. P. Rithet had a very large number of passengers on board yesterday from Nanaimo and the busy scenes on the wharf after her arrival put one in mind of the days of the early gold rush.

The East Coast Route.

The arrangements between the C. P. N. Co. and the People's Navigation Co. were completed last night, the arrangement being signed. The present trip of the R. P. Rithet will be the last of the C. P. N. Co.'s steamers on the east coast, they withdrawing all opposition. The consideration, we learn, is 25 per cent of the gross receipts. Fares will likely be advanced to $2.50 to Nanaimo for passengers and the same amount per ton for freight.

Customs Returns.

The following are the customs collections at the port of Victoria for the month ending 30th June, 1885:

Duties	$73,135 17
Miscellaneous	437 99
	$73 573 16
Collections June, 1885,	69,486 90
Increase	$ 4,086 26
Increase to June 30th, 1885 over 1884	61,990 00

FROM EDMONTON.—Mr. James Kane, well known in Victoria and on the mainland, has arrived at Kamloops from Edmonton. He speaks of having passed a number of favorable locations for settlements, soil and timber looking desirable. He thinks that at no distant day all along the Thompson river for some 70 miles settlers will locate.

From the Daily Colonist July 3.

FROM BIG BEND.

Rich Strike of Gold Quartz on McCullough Creek.

The Moberly Galena Claim Re-Discovered.

(Correspondence of The Colonist.)

FARWELL, June 25th.

Yesterday Messrs. Bell and Barrett brought to town a considerable quantity of gold quartz from the head of McCullough creek—well known to old Big Benders—which flows southerly into Gold creek, which latter flows westerly into the Columbia about 50 miles above this place. The quartz is said by old miners to be the best they ever saw. Any one with the naked eye can see the gold sticking in the rotten ore and can pick it out. If there is any quantity of it, this is a very important discovery.

The Moberly argentiferous galena claim on the north fork of the Ille-ille-wat river has been re-discovered and recorded. Mr. Claudet's assay of this in 1865 gave 84 oz to the English ton.

The men from Gold creek on arriving at head of the Little Dalles, five miles from here, were delighted to find the trail which the chief commissioner ordered to be made. They speak of trying to take mules back to Gold creek along the east bank of the Columbia river, instead of crossing the river in which the water is high and runs strongly, and hope the government will help in outting out some kind of a wagon road.

Mr. Edgar Marvin yesterday received a telegram which confirms the above report of the gold quartz discovery on McCullough creek.

Personal.

Mr. Thos. E. Lauder, Lauder's Landing; Jas. N. Campbell, Lillooet; John McDonald, New Westminster, are at the Occidental.

Mrs. G. Oppenheimer and two daughters left by the Olympian yesterday for a couple of weeks' visit to Seattle.

Capt. R. S. Green returned from the Sound yesterday.

Mr. Charles Michael, of the firm of Noonan & Michael, New York city, arrived in this city yesterday after an absence of 18 years. Mr. Michael left here in 1867 in the cable ship Nightingale for New York city, where he has since resided. Eighteen years ago Mr. Michael, then a boy, was a valued employee of *The Colonist*.

Mr. E. D. Sparrow, editor and owner of the Reveille, Cloverdale, Sonoma Co., California, is in the city.

Sir Leonard Tilley will sail for Ottawa on the 7th July. His health has much improved.

Mr. Sam. Adler returned yesterday from an extended trip in the interior.

Capt. W. Delaney arrived yesterday from a prospecting tour in the north.

The following arrivals were yesterday registered at the Driard: Mr. G. Wellen, New York; and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Portland.

Mrs. and Miss Broderick, and Mrs. Patterson, arrived yesterday from Nanaimo.

The Mountain Pink Co. stayed at the Driard and Colonist.

Mr. A. Koch, Haywards; Mr. J. R. James, Dalles; and Mr. T. J. Trap, New Westminster; are staying at the Oriental.

Mr. C. D. Rand arrived yesterday from New Westminster and intends resuming business as soon as he can perfect arrangements.

Messrs. W. S. Tompkins and F. H. Kearney, of New Brunswick, and Mr. R. Bishop, of Amherstburgh, Ont., are staying at the Occidental.

Messrs. A. Murray, jr., and D. E. McDonald, of Cornwall, Ont.; Messrs. H. R. McDougall and J. H. McLean, of San Francisco; Mr. H. S. Clothier, Eagle Pass, are late arrivals from Yale, and yesterday visited at the Arlington.

Miss Hattie Wadley, the little daughter of Mr. Wadley, the Tacoma banker, who has been ill with fever, is now convalescent.

Supplementary Estimates.

The supplementary estimates have reached the house of commons. Amongst the items are the following: To pay salary of additional railway mail clerk in British Columbia, $480; New Westminster penitentiary, $5,000; Victoria Dominion building—Increased safe accommodation for assistant receiver-general's office, $3,000; Victoria immigrant building, $8,000; Vancouver quarantine station and outbuildings—To complete, $1,100; New Westminster postoffice, custom house, etc., $258.58.

New Westminster District.

The hay crop in Chilliwhack is heavy.

The Guardian charges that Mr. Homer's recent telegram was garbled by *The Colonist* and Times. Following, it is claimed, is the correct version:

OTTAWA, June 26.—Van Horne has stated to me verbally they will commence to survey the New Westminster branch within five weeks. So soon as they finish laying rails on the main line, will move a force down to work upon the branch.—J. A. R. HOMER.

The convictions of Levi and McIvor, for selling liquor to Indians, have been quashed by Mr. Justice McCreight.

Silver Discovery.

Coun. W. A. Robertson and Mr. Shields returned from Cowichan lake last evening, bringing with them what appear to be specimens of silver ore, taken from a ledge near the lake. The specimens will be assayed. Two men were left to sink on the ledge.

DOMINION DAY.

Lovely Weather and General Enjoyment.

Wednesday was generally observed as a public holiday. Bunting was displayed on all the public buildings and on a large number of private buildings and residences, while the steamers and vessels in the harbor were out in many colors. After the refreshing rain of the previous day, cloudy weather early in the morning, the day broke warm and pleasant, and royal weather was given for the holding of the various picnics, which mainly comprised the pleasures of the day. The main attraction, of course, was the

FIREMEN'S PICNIC,

in their new grounds, on the Esquimalt road. To this the people gathered in large numbers, and in the middle of the afternoon about a thousand were present. The site is a very pretty one, and every arrangement had been perfected, so that the event turned out an exceedingly pleasurable one. A large pavilion was erected for lovers of the dance, and excellent music provided by Prof. Haynes' band. Refreshments of all kinds were dispensed at the booths.

At three o'clock the sports of the day commenced, and the various prizes keenly contested for, making a most interesting sight. The judges for these were Messrs. J. Sears, A. Aaronson and T. Deasy. The following are the prize winners:

Three-legged race—1st prize, $5; 2d, $2.50; four entries; E. Irving and E. Carlow, 1st; Reid and Rose, 2d.

Sack race—1st prize, $5; 2d, $2.50; five entries; W. Reid, 1st; E. Carlow, 2d.

Hurdle race—1st prize, $5; 2d, $2.50; four entries; E. Irving, 1st; J. V. Millington, 2d.

Exercises on horizontal bar—1st prize, $5; 2d, $2 50; three entries; E. Edman, V. A. C., 1st; J. China, 2d.

Foot race, girls under 15 years—1st prize, $2; 2d, $1; Miss Victoria Shaw, 1st; Miss Kate Eagle, 2d; Miss Emma Wilson, 3d.

One mile race—1st prize, $7 50; 2d, $3; eight entries; J. Scott, V. A. C., 1st; A. Naas, 2d.

Firemen's race—1st prize, $4; 2d, $2; Henry McDowell, Tiger company, 1st; G. Creed, U. H & L. company, 2nd.

Boys' race, under 15 years—1st prize, $2; 2nd, $1; J. Vidler, 1st; L. Balls, 2d; L. Price, 3rd.

Three mile race—1st prize, $12; 2d, $5; six entries; J. Switzer, V. A. club, 1st; J. Nass, 2d. Time, 19 minutes and 15 seconds.

Pipe race—1st prize, $5; 2d, $2.50; E. Irving, 1st; E. Redgrave, 2d.

One hundred yards race—1st prize, medal; 2nd, $3; J. Scott, V. A. C, 1st; J. Allwood, 2d. Time, 10 two-fifths seconds.

Tug of war—Prize, 100 tombola tickets, U. H. & L. company against Tiger and Deluge. After an exciting pull was won by the U. H. & L. company.

Sailor's hornpipe—1st prize, $5; 2d, $2.50; four entries. F. Milner, H. M. S. Constance, 1st; Capt. Hicks, 2d.

Half mile race for blue jackets—J. Allwood, 1st; C. Potter, 2d.

A very ticklish question for man to decide is, who owns the prettiest baby, as it is an accepted fact that all mothers consider their own boby "just too lovely for anything." However a decision had to be arrived at, and the one of whom Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbett, of Seattle, are joint owners was awarded the prize.

The tombola prizes were then drawn, the following being the winning numbers: 1262, silver flower stand; 19, silver liquor stand; 1691, writing desk; 1569, album; 2302, enameled tea and coffee pot; 959, pair silver bracelets; 430, 131, 1432, 1001, 151, 916, 1567, 1284, 1038, 168, 1195, 1645, 1089, 1864.

The prizes having been settled, the pavilion was devoted to dancing until the small hours. During the evening, a large number of rockets and other fire-works were set off, adding to the interest of the scene.

The members of Victoria fire department are entitled to credit and congratulation for the highly successful manner in which their picnic was conducted. The following were the committees in charge of arrangements:

Reception committee—President Lohse, chief engineer Phillips, asst. engineer Mosley and the board of delegates.

Game committee—T. J. Deasy, foreman U. H. & L. Co; A. A. Aaronson, foreman Tiger Co.; and Joseph Sears, foreman Deluge Co.

Floor committee—Messrs. L. Marks, F. Allatt and J. Doughty.

Decoration committee—Messrs. Bush, Harrison and Davies.

THE METHODIST PICNIC.

The annual excursion and picnic to Pedder Bay attracted a large number of people, the Amelia on both trips having a large crowd on board. The first boat started at eight and the second at eleven, and several hundreds of people in the afternoon were on the pretty grounds of the point. It is a most charming place to spend an outing, and the pleasure-seekers scattered themselves among the trees to lunch, and walked through the nicey shaded paths or along the beach, while a few climbed to the high rocks and obtained a fine view of the straits. The children—and adults for that matter—enjoyed and swung, and the general amusements of a picnic were indulged in. The last boat arrived at Victoria at nine p.m., and all were unanimous that a happy day of recreation had been passed.

FARMERS' BASKET PICNIC.

Bright, cool and bracing weather, the dust on the roads well laid by the rain, tempted many denizens of the town to drive to Saanich where, in the charming retreat known as McMillan's grove, a dancing pavilion had been erected and the farmers and their wives had spread generous tables for the regalement of their guests. The attendance from all parts of the district was large. Some drove 15 miles to meet their friends, and one farmer with his family came from Long lake, a distance of 21 miles, to partake of the cheer that had been so generously provided. The grove was in excellent condition for the various picnic parties that were scattered through the various sylvan nooks and the welkin rang with the shouts of the happy merrymakers. Nothing can exceed the hospitality of the Saanich people. Having experienced it again and again, the Colonist representative bears cheerful testimony that it is dispensed with unstinted hand. During the afternoon dancing on the platform and athletic games were indulged in by the visitors and the sun had dipped behind the western hills before the last sounds of revelry and mirth had died away and the grove was left to its wonted stillness and repose. Following is a list of the prize-winners:

Standing high jump—1st W. Spotts, 4 feet 4 inches; 2nd T. Alexander, 4 feet 4 inches.

Running high jump—1st James Greig, 4 ft. 8 in.; 2nd W. Spotts, 4 ft. 6 in.

Running long jump—1st James Greig 15 ft. 5 in.; 2nd W. Spotts, 14 ft. 7 in.

Hop, step and leap—1st W. Spotts, 38 ft. 11 in.; 2nd J. Greig, 37 ft. 4 in.

Standing long jump—1st W. Spotts, 9 ft. 6 in.; 2nd John Davis, 9 ft. 5 in.

Foot race, 75 yards—1st W. Spotts, 2d E. J. Monk.

Boys' race, 75 yards—1st H. W. Heal; 2nd W. Wane.

PRESBYTERIAN PICNIC.

The children of the Pandora street Presbyterian church assembled at the Sunday school in the morning and marched to Beacon Hill where a very pleasant picnic was held. The teachers and friends looked after the comfort and pleasure of the pupils, and games of various kinds were indulged in until evening, when a return to the city was made.

BAPTIST PICNIC.

The teachers, scholars and friends of the Baptist Sunday school met at the church in the morning and went to Cordova Bay in two large busses. A most satisfactory day was passed in a pretty part of the shore. A return to town was made in the evening, all satisfied with the day's pleasure.

CRICKET MATCH.

Sides were chosen at Beacon Hill by H. J. Martin and H. J. Campbell, the former winning by two runs, Arthurs and Goepel, A. W. Jones and Wootten batting in good style for their respective sides. Campbell had 4 wickets for 11 runs, J. E. Martin 3 for 27; the bowlers on the winning side dividing the wickets as follows: Arthurs, 3 for 15 runs; H. J. Martin, 2 for 24; Hy. Jones, 2 for 1. The score stood 45 to 47.

BASE BALL.

A scratch game of base ball was played between the Amities and a picked nine, one of the Amity nine pitching for the latter. The game was an interesting one and resulted very much in favor of the Amities.

IN SILKEN BONDS.

A Happy Event at Fairview.

Fairview, the handsome residence of Robert Dunsmuir, Esq., M. P. P., and president of the Island Railway Company, was filled on Wednesday evening by a gay and happy throng of guests who had assembled to take part in the festivities incident to the nuptials of Mr. Henry Croft, J. P., of Chemainus, and Mary Joan, third daughter of the esteemed and popular host. The wedding was solemnized at 8 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Stephen in the presence of a few of the oldest and nearest friends of the family and bridegroom. The parlors were beautifully decorated with

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in honor of the event. Across the eastern bay window, wrought with choice flowers, was the monogram "C," and "D." The couple stood beneath a floral bell while the knot was being tied, and at the conclusion of the ceremony they received the warm congratulations of all present. The young and lovely bride wore a white satin petticoat with white brocaded velvet train richly embroidered with fine lace and seed pearls of rare beauty. The bridesmaids were Miss Emily Dunsmuir, in pink tulle and lace, Miss Jessie Dunsmuir, in white tulle and lace, and Misses Effie and Maud in scarlet silk and white lace. Mrs. Dunsmuir wore an elegant black silk dress. The best man was Mr. N. P. Snowden, who was assisted by Mr. J. Croft.

THE GUESTS.

The following lady and gentlemen guests witnessed the ceremony: Hon. Jos. Trutch, Mrs. Trutch and Miss Davie, Hon. Wm. and Mrs. Smithe, Hon. John and Mrs. Robson, Hon. Attorney-General and Mrs. Davie, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ward, and Miss Ward, Mr. and Mrs. W. Angus, Dr. Ash, Mr. Elkington, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. Bryden, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey and Miss Harvey, Miss Anthony, San Francisco.

RECEPTION.

At nine o'clock the reception began and the rooms were speedily crowded with richly attired ladies and their escorts. The presence of so large a concourse testified to the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmuir as well as to that of the happy bride and bridegroom. Prominent in the throng were gentlemen distinguished in law, politics, literature, manufactures and commerce; members of the judiciary, and of the consular body; officers of H. M. Navy. Every interest, in fact, was represented. At the wedding supper the health of the bride was pro