## MMERCIAL UNION.

**ys Willing to Promote Such Intercourse.**

K, May 25.—In an interview arles Tupper concerning the commercial reciprocity be- nited States and Canada, he very much in the interest of States and Canada," he began, should be the freest commerrse between the two coun- da is ready and always has to promote that commercial o the fullest possible extent. se, we are quite aware that n adopt the United States tween us and England, it te impossible. A complete n is simply impracticable. It ff so hostile to the mother should deeply deplore, and ent Canadian would deeply interruption to the commer- existing between Canada untry, but I cannot for- a policy of non-inter- adopted it would lead elopment of those chan- unication which we have our hat the commerce of Canada is building up New York—I of through traffic—and is Boston and Portland, would rough exclusively Canadian Canadian ports and would treal, Quebec, St. Andrews d Halifax with ease. never expect to see the non a non-intercourse policy is

will approach the question spirit and with the deter- ake some allowance for the others, I feel no doubt that no apprehension of the re- rd to imperial federation for d seen no definite scheme could express his opinion. ung country, which needs of its revenue for the devel- own resources, to sink six rtifications and armaments ught, be a most inequitable

## THE C. P. R,

**a Considerable Portion of the Oriental Trade.**

It has for years been the freights from China, Japan t generally to reach the At- by the overland routes by rt, the usual customs du- charges being collected here ds are put aboard the trains east. The Canadian Pacific however, it seems, in the in over a considerable share Collector Hager received a ctions from the treasury de- ashington yesterday which, sions shall have gone into certainly affect this change. that Oriental consignors ship their consignments to ties, so far as transcontin- lines are concerned, by way n Pacific, may do so and es- at this port by taking ad- onded steamer line system g provided. The Pacific hip company will receive directly from among the ocean steamers and carry t Moody, where the goods rred to the cars of the Can- d free of all duties, the San Francisco col- ncerned. Collector Hager from the secretary of the nk bond in the sum of h it is proposed will be e Pacific Coast Steamship se vessels, it will be seen, hat as the ferries between ic steamships and the Can- road. The company will, pon as the bond is properly ted, be authorized to carry over its line to the sound. time will then have an equal competition with other over- r a share in the rice, tea, merchandise trade. The paid in the first of the East- ses whose district the goods ll, Perkins & Co. asked per- d their line of steamers last r Hager says that the comes fully operative, may thful adjustment in freight ot but be a beneficial move- of the general commercial e world. The system, he rse in a measure a blow to Pacific railroad and the ka and Santa Fe and other as it tends to withdraw a of trade in freight carry routes.

## SHERY QUESTION.

y 31.—In the senate last Power moved that in the house, it is the duty of of Canada to see that in nt for the admission of shermen to the territorial ts, which may be entered the governments of Great e United States, special be made that the fisher- ter country, when within anada, shall be subject to egulations by which the men are for the time gov- bott, leader of the govern- that the Dominion govern- ng this matter before the ities to see that the rights maintained. The motion y adopted.

## ECTIVE TREATY.

co, May 30.—Mail from ved here to-day contains mong other news: g *Mail* of April 29 says: ntertained concerning the may be taken to further ther prohibit the admis- into the United States. It e exercised a marked in- senger traffic to Califor- he last two months there ere in the Pacific Mail & Oriental steamers, only 845 Chinese pas- lifornia, while during the re have departed for San steamers of these com- han 5095 Chinese passen- ing a very small percent- ward passengers are the ertificates, and a certain ese large numbers of de] be natives returning to New Year's visit to ingdom. At the same can be little doubt cautious and far- fearing that the treaty ated by Colonel Denby, materially curtail the fa- gration into the United aking time by the fore- g forward to get in before d. Those only who are e the states are now tak- meward. The Chinese understood to have ex- st perfect indifference ation into the states is ued."

## USTIC M. P.

conservative M. P. for ceived a letter from Dub- g upon all free Canadians Brien's visit a triumphant he colonel returned with ation: "I trust Mr. be mobbed in Canada, so to be hanged along with nd municipal council of

## OTICE.

ARE HEREBY WARNED be responsible for any debts me from this date without JOSEPH POLLARD. Burgoyne Bay.

## BIRTHS.

g School, on the 25th inst., V. C. J, Brenton, M. A., of a

# Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1887.

*From the Daily Colonist, May 28, 1887.*

## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

**Correction.**

In the list of names published from Miss Walker's and Mrs. Barss' subscription book the name "S. Speon" should read S. Schoem.

**Address to His Honor.**

The Pioneer Society will wait on His Honor Lieut.-Governor Nelson, in a body, on the evening of the 7th of June for the purpose of presenting a congratulatory address.

**Coal Prospecting.**

Mr. Samuel Robins, superintendent of the Vancouver Coal company, has made arrangements with the settlers on Gabriola Island, and also with the government, to prospect that island for coal.

**Repair the Bridge.**

Complaint is made that some of the planks in the Finlayson bridge are very much worn and dangerous to travel. Last evening a gentleman barely escaped an accident, as his horse stepped through one of the broken planks.

**The Late Accident.**

Mr. W. C. Ward was resting easily yesterday and, although he suffers severe pain from the broken limb, is in other respects doing quite well. Mr. Evans' condition was much improved at last accounts, and it is now thought he will recover.

**Outgoing Passengers.**

Passengers per steamship City of Chester for San Francisco: H. S. Harland, Mrs. McWaldron, W. S. Weddle, Mrs. Marvimann and children, Mrs. Joseph Dwyer, H. Harwood, A. Adal, six Chinamen for Hong Kong and twenty in the steerage.

**Another Denial.**

Mayor Maclean, of Vancouver, writes as follows to the *News*: In reference to the telegram signed by J. W. McFarland, in regard to myself, published in your paper this morning, (27th), I deny every word of it; never made use of any such language, and I do not know Thos. Earle.

**Sheep Killed.**

Cedar Hill district has lately been visited by some wild beast, either a bear or panther, which made sad havoc among Mr. H. King's sheep, killing four or five. Tracks were seen leading to and from the fold and every endeavor has been made to discover the marauder, but so far without success.

**Sham Fight.**

About 500 marines and seamen from H. M. S. Fleet at Esquimalt will participate in another sham battle at Macaulay's point to-morrow morning. We understand that these battles will be held twice a week. The manœuvers are very interesting, and should the weather prove fine a large number will undoubtedly attend.

**Panther Killed.**

Last Friday evening three members of the Port Townsend sporting club discovered a panther in the suburbs of that city, which had killed a sheep the same day. Messrs. Hill, Davis and Sweeney, with a pack of hounds started in pursuit and succeeded in killing the beast about one mile from town.

**A Sad Accident.**

On Thursday afternoon, in Nanaimo, the two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Jonathan Blundell was missing, and a search in the neighborhood resulted in finding the unfortunate child in the well at Mr. Woodbank's residence. Medical aid was summoned, but too late. This is a double affliction to Mrs. Blundell, as her husband was one of the unfortunate miners who lost his life in the recent mining disaster.

**Head Cut Open.**

Vancouver *News*: A Chinaman was brought in from the grade last night with his head cut up in a shocking manner. Dr. Beckingsale examined the wounds and plastered up the skin wherever it was broken. It appears the Chinaman had a dispute with somebody and from quarelling blows followed. His opponent took a monkey wrench and hammered him over the head with it until the angry pair were separated. The police will bring the offending parties to justice.

**At Beacon Hill.**

The grand music of the flagship's band and the delightful weather of yesterday attracted a large crowd to Beacon Hill, the fair sex predominating. The programme performed by the band was a well-selected one and reflects great credit on their leader, Prof. Agius. The "Jubilee waltz" sounded finely. The only thing that marred the pleasure of the afternoon was the fast driving. Care should be taken to prevent a recurrence of this most dangerous practice.

**Police Court.**

Andrew Alston and Morgan Hughes, on remand, charged with committing an aggravated assault on M. C. Nangle, were again called upon to answer the charge. Hughes was present, but Alston, who had gone to a logging camp, did not show up. Nangle appeared, but said he was only having a friendly bout with the men. Remanded until to-morrow.

Mary, a Cowichan Indian woman, on remand, charged with having liquor in her possession, was fined $25, or two months' imprisonment.

D. Clements appeared in answer to a charge of stealing a bridle and horse collar. He was remanded until to-morrow.

**Trade With Portland.**

The C. P. N. Co. have arranged for the placing of the steamer Sardonyx on the Portland-Victoria-Vancouver route. There is considerable trade between this point and Portland, which heretofore has come by rail and water route, and it is fully expected that the enterprise of the C. P. N. Co. in running a regular steamer will meet with large recognition, and especially as there will be but one handling of the goods, and probably a lower freight rate will be offered. The Sardonyx is a first-class freight carrier, and has good passenger accommodation and is well adapted for the route. The P. C. S. Co.'s Alaska steamers have heretofore been unable to carry freight, owing to the fact that the Alaska trade occupied all their accommodation. There is every promise that the move will be successful, and as Portland is reaching out for trade, the new route will no doubt be welcomed and utilized by its merchants.

**A Curious Case.**

A man named Henry Harden, says the Vancouver *News*, who has been staying in a hotel on False creek, awakened up on Thursday morning fully convinced that his head had turned round during the night. So convinced was he of this strange hallucination that he refused to get out of bed, saying it was no use doing so as he wouldn't be able to walk. As the case seemed serious and the man evidently believed such to be the case, the police were sent for and Sergt. McLaren soon appeared and requested the man to get up and go with him. He refused at first to do so, but finally did get up and commenced dressing. While this operation was going on the sergeant was astounded to see Harden putting on all his clothes wrong side foremost, and for a moment was staggered as to the best course to pursue. He reasoned with the man but to no effect, as he insisted that his head was turned the wrong way and that his clothes must be turned to suit the change. When fully dressed he presented a rather strange sight and the sergeant was rather timid as to the advisability of appearing on the street with him. At this stage the man refused to attempt to walk as he said he couldn't go forward with his head looking behind him. He was finally persuaded to go.

**The Fraser Rising.**

The Fraser river is rising rapidly and is fairly booming. The boats were out Friday but caught nothing, owing to the high water driving the salmon out of the river.

**A Novel Night.**

Yesterday afternoon large schools of herring passed up the straits, followed by armies of porpoises. Parties who witnessed the novel sight state that there must have been millions of the latter leaping and frisking in the water. The straits were literally full of life.

**Stealing Flowers.**

A correspondent writes to us stating that he is greatly annoyed by unknown parties, stealthily picking flowers from his garden. The complaint comes from Fort street, and is on behalf of several worthy residents. A sharp lookout will be kept for them in future to detect the guilty parties.

**R. C. M. and R. Co.**

The government yesterday received from Mr. Champion, the mining engineer appointed to report upon mining properties belonging to applicants under the act to encourage quartz mines, his report upon the Bonanza ledge of the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company. It is understood to be in the highest sense favorable.

**Landmarks Removed.**

The fire department turned out last evening for the purpose of tearing down the old wooden buildings corner Rae and Douglas streets. They went at the work with a will, but found it a harder task than at first anticipated, as the buildings were of redwood and well put together. They were among some of the first erected in the city and the redwood was found as sound as ever.

**Serious Accident.**

While two young men were driving in a dog cart at Beacon Hill yesterday the horse became startled and threw them out. One escaped unhurt, but the other sustained a severe cut over the left eye, which Dr. Deardon, joined with several stitches. He will have only one available eye to-day.

**The Professor**

A gentleman, prominent in musical circles here, received a letter from Prof. Sorgé on Friday, from San Francisco. In this epistle the professor informs his friend that he is once more back to life, and is breathing the pure air of freedom. Continuing, the urbane and wily teacher of music, says: "I don't know how I ever remained in such a beastly place as Victoria." Yes, dear professor, it is indeed a wonder to some people how you ever managed to keep so long from being found out. Come back and settle your accounts and you will be entirely forgotten.

**Needed Improvement.**

At the time of the reconstruction of Janion's wharf, the entrance to the harbor from the ravine, which is the property of the Dominion government, was allowed to remain open and has continued so ever since. This is constantly proving a source of annoyance to shippers and masters of vessels, and all others having business along the wharves. Something should be done. The construction of a staging with guide rope would be sufficient to remedy the inconvenience, and it is trusted that the proper authorities will take the matter in hand.

**Action For Criminal Libel.**

On Thursday, May 19th, the *Times* newspaper printed an article entitled "Drastic Judicial Utterances," which was remarkable for the venomous character of its language in attacking Hon. Mr. Robson and the deputy attorney-general. It was remarked in this newspaper at the time that in the interests of the administration of justice the government could not afford to let it pass. Yesterday a prosecution for criminal libel was entered against the managers of the paper, and it is understood the case will have a hearing on Tuesday before his lordship the chief justice.

**Blue Ribbon Club.**

The large gathering at Temperance hall last evening shows the earnest efforts put forth by temperance advocates. President S. Gray occupied his usual position and made an appropriate opening speech. The audience sang "Ring the Bells of Heaven." The Blue Ribbon band, under the direction of Signor Antonio Agius, played a fine selection. Mr. Tucker, of H. M. S. Triumph, recited "Willie's Death-bed," a very pathetic piece which was delivered in a splendid manner. The president, Mr. S. Gray, sang "Three Acres and a Cow," this piece is set to the music of "Auld Lang Syan," the audience joined in the chorus in a very appreciative manner. Mr. Sutton gave a phrenological lecture which was listened to with marked attention. The president announced that the picnic held on May 24th was successful. The Blue Ribbon band played several selections during the evening. Miss Hendricks performed the accompaniments in a pleasing manner. "God Save the Queen" was sang by the audience and the meeting closed.

**Over the Garden Wall.**

The New York *Star* referring to the Knight's performance at the Fourteenth Street Theatre in that city says: "Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knight opened last night at the Fourteenth Street Theatre in their musical comedy, "Over the Garden Wall," in which they made a hit here last season. Mr. Knight as J. Julius Snitz, the wayward and mellow husband and father who was always out with the boys, was received with shrieks of laughter, and his happy and realistic interpretation of the role of a hale fellow well met was loudly applauded. Mrs. Knight won the admiration of the gentlemen in the front seats by her grace in the shadow dance, and the St. Felix Sisters were, as usual, very warmly received. Mr. Edwin Foy's imitation of Irving bids fair to rival Adonis-Dixey and Nat Goodwin."

The company appear at The Victoria to-morrow night, which will be their only performance in this city. They have been playing to fine business on the Sound, and our exchanges have only praise for them. They will, undoubtedly, be greeted by a large audience this evening. The play is brimful of rollicking fun, and all who want a good laugh ought not to fail to secure seats.

**Criekes.**

The Law and Banks yesterday opened well against the city eleven; Hett, Wylde, Handcock, Drake and Harvey all scoring respectably. Nevertheless victory, with six wickets to spare, fell to the other side, for whom Sinclair made a good 39 and Lieut. Hutchison a very lucky, though hard-hit, 54. The latter was missed at 3, and several times afterwards, and the game was fairly thrown away by the execrable fielding of the "Law and Profits." Exception, however, must be made in favor of Wylde, whose excellent long-stopping allowed no byes, and one or two others. Goffin's two wickets cost but 9 runs, and he made a good left-handed catch at point. Campbell had 2 wickets for 32; Pooley, Handcock and Fennelly meeting with no success. Sinclair proved fatal to 8 batsmen at a cost of 33. The band of H. M. S. Triumph played during the game. Following is the score:

LAW AND BANKS.

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| W. J. Campbell, b. Sinclair | 0 |
| E. A. Wylde, b. Sinclair | 12 |
| H. Hett, b. Sinclair | 12 |
| C. E. Pooley, b. Breary | 3 |
| R. H. Handcock, b. Sinclair | 1 |
| —Goffin, b. Sinclair | 0 |
| J. Fennelly, b. Sinclair | 4 |
| W. T. Harvey, b. Hutchison | 16 |
| B. T. Drake, b. Sinclair | 15 |
| G. E. Perkes, not out | 1 |
| H. Rhodes, b. Sinclair | 1 |
| Extras | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

VICTORIA.

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|---|---|
| J. W. Sinclair, b. Goffin | 39 |
| J. K. Wolfrold, b. Campbell | 2 |
| R. D. Jeffers, R.N., c. Goffin, b. Campbell | 3 |
| Lt. Hutchison, R.N., not out | 54 |
| P. D. Chapel, b. Goffin | 1 |
| Extras | 1 |
| Total for four wickets | 100 |

[illegible] wag has scratched up a substitute for "chestnuts." Says it's church bells. Why? Because it has often been rung before. Write!

**Mile. Rhea Concerts.**

A letter from J. P. Howe yesterday says that he has secured Mlle. Rhea to play several nights in Victoria. This lady is by far the greatest *artiste* that has visited the Northwest and should her engagement prove a success, it will decide Langtry and the Booth-Barrett companies coming. Mr. Howe's success with Abbott last winter has been the means of his bringing Rhea here, and it is hoped that his enterprise will be recognized by Victorians in a suitable manner. The Toronto *Globe* says: There was a large, fashionable, and highly-delighted audience at the Grand Opera House last night, and it is safe to say that with all her successes in Toronto, Rhea never achieved a more brilliant one than she did in "The Widow." The comedy is one of the highest class in every respect. The vein of satire which runs through it is sufficiently apparent without being at all obtrusive. The humor is of that sparkling and delicate sort that appeals at once to the intelligence and the sense of humor, giving sufficient exercise to the one to render all the more piquant the enjoyment which it yields the other. It is pure high comedy, with none of the broad and farcical element which too often mars even the best of our modern comedies. As Louise, *La Comtesse de Poiters*, the widow, Mlle. Rhea appeared to the very ideal of the part, looking, acting, and dressing it to perfection. It appears to be, of all the characters in which Rhea has ever appeared here, the one best calculated to bring out that charming *finesse* and consummate skill which invariably mark her acting. The play was admirably cast. Altogether "The Widow" was a brilliant success.

The dresses of the ladies, and those of Mlle. Rhea in particular, were decidedly the finest ever seen on the Toronto stage. Rhea's last act costume, the famous Queen of Holland dress, might very appropriately be called a dream of beauty.—*Toronto Globe.*

**In The Senate.**

On Senator Schultz's motion that a select committee composed of the Honorable Messieurs be appointed for the purpose of collecting information regarding the existing natural food products of the Northwest Territories, and the best means of conserving and increasing them; and that the said committee have leave to send for persons, papers and records, Senator Macdonald said: "I was very much struck indeed by one portion of the report read by the hon. gentleman, which refers to the increase in the number of the treaty Indians for some time after the first payment under the treaty. It seems to me that the increase reported could not have been a genuine increase; that there was some sort of deception practiced, by the Indians going from one treaty to another to receive money. I should like to know very much if the hon. gentleman has come to any conclusion as to the reality of that increase. It has not been conceded that Indians increase so rapidly as is set forth in the report, yet there is a marvellous increase of 10,000 in one of those treaties in one year. I have listened with much pleasure to the hon. gentleman's enumeration of the natural food supplies of the Northwest Territories, and I am glad to hear for this reason: That I consider the present system of feeding the Indians to be demoralizing. It takes away their self dependence, and educates them to be paupers on the hands of the government. It is safe to say that if the Northwest were to-day as it was a few years ago in the hands of the Hudson's Bay Company the buffalo would be just as scarce as they are to-day; that the scarcity is more to be attributed to the people in the United States, who, when the buffalo go down to the border, kill them off there, than to our own settlers. The argument used for feeding the Indians in the Northwest is that our people have killed off their natural food, the buffalo. I do not believe for one moment that such is the fact. I hope that this committee will be able to advise the government that the natural food supplies of the country, coupled with agriculture, can be so utilized as to make the Indians self-supporting instead of being as they are to-day entirely dependent upon the government."

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Bushby and two children left San Francisco on Friday for this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Rithet and Miss McKenzie will arrive on the Geo. W. Elder.

Mr. H. L. Langelier, of Messrs. Jas. O'Brien & Co., of Montreal, is in the city.

Mr. Mack Howes, of Winnipeg, is in the city on business in connection with railway matters.

Mr. Colin Munro and family have left Winnipeg for San Diego and will embark on the P. C. steamship.

We are happy to be able to announce that the Premier was able to sit up yesterday, and is now in a fair way to speedy recovery.

Mrs. C. D. Kennedy, *nee* Miss G. Wright and her mother, Mrs. T. Wright, are on the steamship Geo. W. Elder which is due to-morrow.

T. Briggs, manager of the Frontenac Loan and Investment Society, arrived from Kingston last evening. He will probably remain here for several days.

D. Wilson, B. A., of New Westminster, returned to the City of Churches this morning, after enjoying his Saturday holiday among his many friends in this city.

Col. Lewis, of London, accompanied by A. W. Porte, representing the McCormack confectionary company, and J. S. Shewan, of Montreal, are on their way to this city.

Col. James Ryan, New York, A. Allen, St. Paul, and H. C. Davis, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, arrived on the Sound steamer yesterday and left for Vancouver this morning.

P. C. Dunlevy, of Soda Creek, and J. Dunlevy, of Pittsburg, Penn., left on the Yosemite this morning *en route* for Barkerville, where the latter will inform himself of the mining character of the region.

## MARINE.

(Specially compiled for THE COLONIST.)

An English ship was towed up to the Inlet on Friday night.

Ship Blue Jacket was towed up the straits Friday night bound for the sound.

Bark Craigminnie from Port Townsend for London passed Dungeness on May 22nd.

Steamship City of Chester sailed for San Francisco yesterday at one o'clock p. m.

Ship Sintrim was chartered last week in San Francisco to load a return cargo of coal from Departure Bay.

Tug Holyoke arrived from Port Townsend yesterday afternoon to tow the ship Enos Soule to Port Blakely.

British ship Refreshire, now at Astoria, is chartered to load lumber thence to Valparaiso direct at £1, 10s. per thousand feet.

The steam tug General McPherson, of San Francisco, has been transfered to San Diego waters for general jobbing purposes.

Ship St. Charles, 1,662 tons, arrived in Royal Roads yesterday morning, 21 days from San Francisco. She will proceed to Nanaimo to load coal.

The schooner Sailor Boy was sold last week in San Francisco to the Harmon lumber company, terms private, and she will be placed in the Grey harbor trade.

Ship Blue Jacket, now in command of E. C. Stokes, formerly first officer of ship Two Brothers, arrived in Seattle on Friday to load return cargo of lumber for San Francisco.

Simpson Bros., of Astoria, are building at Hodgum the largest four-masted vessel ever built on this coast. The keel will measure 194 feet. Her carrying capacity will be 1,092,000 feet of lumber.

The following vessels are loading at Tacoma: Ship Ships Ericsson and Melrose for San Pedro; barks L. Hagen and Ephraim for Australia; John Tabor, Elmer Tamlane, Silver and Blende, for Valparaiso; barkentine Wrestler and schooner Pearlson for San Pedro; ship Edward O'Brien and bark Lizzie Williams are loading coal for San Francisco.

## FROM THE CAPITAL.

**The House of Commons Takes a Week's Holiday.**

**Mr. Baker Holds the Fort—Victoria Harbor—Frisco Mail Subsidy—Tariff Changes—The Pacific Steamship Lines—The Senate at Work.**

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, May 21.—For two days the capital has been deserted. Not do I mean to say that the inhabitants have departed, they are still here pursuing their daily vocations, but the politicians, they who make Ottawa what it is in the eyes of the world, the place where everything is to be gained, and nothing to be lost, unless, perchance one happens to fall into the clutches of a Capitolian boarding house keeper—have for the nonce fled to the four winds of heaven. The nonce in question happens to be one week. Bro. Shakespeare kicked vigorously against the adjournment, fond visions of his home in distant Victoria rising in his mind's eye. But the opposition availed nothing. Thursday was a statutory holiday—Ascension day—and a *dies non* out of regard for the scruples of the Roman Catholics, Friday would have been a working day, Saturday the usual holiday, the occasion whereon the back-bench member devotes several hours to mailing parliamentary literature to his constituents, to-morrow is the day of rest, Monday, working day; Tuesday, the Queen's Birthday and another statutory holiday—two working days in a week. Effectual measures were taken to snuff out Mr. Shakespeare's opposition; more than half the members of the house signed a requisition to the governor asking for a holiday and they got it. The exodus has been a thorough one, not more than half a dozen members remaining in town. Even Mr. Shakespeare has gone, report hath it to the benighted wilderness around Toronto, there to instruct the people on the benefits (?) which flow from Chinese immigration or some other kindred question of interest to British Columbians. Of the six members from the Pacific province Mr. Baker is the only one holding the fort. Trumpet it not from Beacon Hill, whisper it not in the streets of Victoria, but Baker is keeping up his end of the pole well. When no other importunate members are around, now is the time to urge Victoria's claims to that harbor appropriation, and Mr. Baker is doing it well. On the return of the immortal William—I mean Noah, the two will join forces, and they will be surprised, Victoria citizens will be surprised, and THE COLONIST man will be surprised if a good round sum does not appear to the credit of Victoria when the supplementary estimates come down.

THE FRISCO MAIL SUBSIDY.

While I am speaking on a matter of interest to Victoria let me refer briefly to another. The intelligence which I wired you anent the dropping of the subsidy for steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco, turns out as was anticipated. The government had no intention whatever of cancelling the existing arrangement, that is, so far as the continuation of the service is concerned, but the postmaster-general says it is in contemplation to make such changes in subsidies as will secure an efficient line of steamers, but at less cost than at present. What the proposed changes are will be developed when the estimates are under consideration.

TARIFF CHANGES.

Quite a number of alterations have been made in the new tariff as originally brought down, and doubtless your collector of customs has approised you of them. There was a lot of good-humored discussion on concurrence, but the opposition did not offer any serious objection. One or two liberals, who apparently had not heard of Mr. Blake's Malvern speech, talked free trade, but it was plainly evident that the great bulk of the reform party has fallen away from what was once a great plank in their platform. Mr. Baker did good service the other day when he called attention to the inconvenience and hardship which might likely arise under the new tariff. He said he had received a telegram the other day from the president of the board of trade of Victoria stating that the revised customs tariff will seriously affect the shipments of iron pipe contracted for in connection with the water and gas works in Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo and the new city of Vancouver. He therefore urged on the government that all shipments in transit be excepted from the operation of the new tariff. Other members also urged this view with the result that yesterday an order in council was passed providing that all goods actually contracted for and ordered and sold prior to May 12th, to be delivered duty paid on arrival in Canada and not actually so delivered prior to that date may be entered at the old rate of duty on the production of satisfactory evidence, until June 13th. Importers who desire to avail themselves of this relief will have to produce written contracts and undisputed evidence that the goods were contracted for and ordered before the date specified.

AN IMPORTANT OUTLOOK.

Doubtless, the telegraph has apprised your people, as it has apprised us to-day, of the debate in the imperial parliament last evening on the new Canadian tariff and the influence it is likely to have on the proposed imperial subsidy to the Canadian Pacific steamship line. Reading through the lines it would seem that the imperial government may be influenced not to grant the subsidies on account of the increase in our iron duties, against which considerable feeling has been evoked in England. Should this be the case it will be a matter for sincere regret. Come what may the Canadian government cannot retrace its steps. It is felt here, however, that the imperial interests involved in the maintenance of an expeditious route to the east will outweigh the disappointment of British ironmasters, and that in the end the imperial authorities will see this and grant the subsidy.

THE SENATE.

Now that the senate has got a worthy leader more attention is being paid to the deliberations of that venerable body. This week they even sat when the commons was holidaying. They have discussed several questions in a perfunctory sort of way, and even did a little skirmishing round the subject of Chinese immigration. There was nothing very remarkable in the speeches except, perhaps, the following remarkable declaration of Senator Kaulbach, who, I believe, visited British Columbia last summer: "I take a deep interest in the immigration of Chinese, as I believe that they are a very essential element in building up the province of British Columbia. Since I saw them out there I have come to the conclusion that they are of great value to the country." Probably the next time Mr. Kaulbach visits British Columbia some one will disabuse his mind on this question.

WORK FOR THE COMMONS.

Several important questions are yet to be discussed by the commons. Motions are on the paper for the abolition of the franchise act, the abolition of the senate, and the adoption of manhood suffrage. Added to these are the disallowance question, the bills redistributing the public departments, the amendments to the Scott act, the appearance of Returning Officer Dunn before the bar of the house and other matters of greater or less importance. It is thought, however, that prorogation will take place before the day set apart on which to celebrate the Queen's jubilee, June 21st.

A local divine relates with much gusto the unwonted honors paid him at a recently attended funeral service. On his arrival the widower, chief mourner, arose and addressed the assembly as follows: "My friends, I have the pleasure of introducing to you the Rev. Dr.—. We'd better sing something. Suppose we try the Doxology?"

In making the violets God used the color with which he tinted the sky. The lowliest moral and spiritual graces are as beautiful in his eyes as the loftiest.

Cheerful looks make every dish a feast.

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Cardinal Gibbons sails for New York from Dublin to-day.

The duty on fresh fish imported into the United States has been removed.

The contest between the tradesmen and contractors in Chicago is about settled.

Seventy-five bodies have already been taken from the ruins of the Opera Comique in Paris.

Trouble is anticipated from the Indians near Fort Bidwell, Nevada, caused by a squaw being killed.

Archbishop Williams, of Boston, and many Americans, visited the Papal consistory in Rome yesterday.

The interior department at Washington has approved the right-of-way for the St. Paul, Minnesota & Manitoba railroad.

Lillie Field was horribly murdered Friday near Fergus Falls, Minn. The body was found in a hog-pen disembowled.

At a meeting of business men in Chicago Friday, it was decided to organize a syndicate of five fire insurance companies.

The valuable trotting stallion J. W. South was poisoned on Friday in Denver to keep him out of a race. The animal was valued at $10,000.

Lillian Russell, the actress, says her magnificent diamonds which have attracted so much attention are all paste and cost about $30 in Paris.

A cyclone visited Calcutta on the 27th inst. causing great destruction. The local steamer with 750 persons on board was caught by it and is missing.

Next Thursday has been fixed for the argument of counsel in the fisheries seizure cases, in Halifax, of David J. Adams and Ella M. Dougherty.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Haverhill, Mass., eloped with Charles Blake and proceeded to Concord, Conn., where they were arrested and each fined $25.

The jury in the Ciquarali murder case in New York returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. Mrs. Ciquarali will be sentenced next Friday.

Maps and plans of a new railroad between New York and Boston have been filed. The estimated cost is $22,946,597, or an average of $126,489 per mile.

The Swiss government spirit monopoly bill has become law.

Paddy Ryan and Kilrain have arranged for a prize fight for $1,000 a side.

Greece has sent a circular on the Cretan question to all her agents abroad.

Major Ben Perley-Poore died at the Ebbett House in Washington on Saturday.

A considerable reduction in freight rates between Chicago and the East has been made.

Two convicts were killed by guards at the convict camp near Cincinnati on Saturday.

Marple, the murderer of D. J. Corker, of Yamhill county, Oregon, has been sentenced to be hanged.

It is believed in Europe that Turkish opposition to Russia's Bulgarian views will result seriously for Turkey.

The socialists have taken advantage of the strikes in Belgium to make incendiary demonstrations at various places.

The long lock-out of the clothing cutters by the Philadelphia Clothing Exchange has been adjusted satisfactorily.

The boiler of the Natchez Cotton Factory at Natchez, Tenn., exploded Saturday and many employes were killed and injured.

A report from Vegeton, Mexico, says the Topolobampo settlers induced to immigrate from the United States by fraudulent misrepresentations are suffering terribly.

The Spanish government will consent in July next to declare a reduction of differential flag duties on trade between the Americans and the West Indians.

John E. Stiles, convicted of placing a cartridge on the Sutter street cable road, San Francisco, was sentenced on Saturday to two years and four months in the state prison.

The medical men of San Francisco visited Chinatown on Saturday and found considerable diseased pork, and efforts will be made to have the meat used there examined hereafter.

## MAINLAND NEWS.

(News-Advertiser.)

The stationery stores department of the C. P. R. were removed from Port Moody to this city yesterday, which completes the evacuation of the once promising village.

When the steamship Willamette was being brought in to the wharf on the night of its arrival, Capt. Blackburn, her commander, discovered among the crowd on the wharf his brother whom he had not seen for fourteen years.

A piece of one of the toredo eaten piles which were brought down from Port Moody, was on exhibition last night in the window of the B. C. bookstore labelled "The last of Port Moody."

The forest fires which have been raging on the north shore of the inlet for the past ten days have been effectively quenched by the rains of yesterday and the day before. During the time it was in progress it swept over several thousand acres and for a few days menaced the safety of the Mission.

A man was brought over from Moodyville on Friday night with his hand very badly torn from bringing it into collision with a cross-cut saw. Dr. Beckingsale, who dressed the wound reports it to be serious but not dangerous.

(Inland Sentinel.)

The man Spencer, who fatally shot Foster last week, is still at large and likely to be. There has been much complaint expressed over the manner in which the search for this murderer has been conducted and we believe the complaints are not without cause. The facts regarding the steps taken for the arrest of the murderer as far as we can learn, are as follows: Two white men were ordered to go as far as Priest valley, and two Indians and a half-breed were ordered to Nicola. Of course, the only day constable of Kamloops had to attend to other business which must have been of more importance than the arrest of a murderer. Is this state of fairs to last forever?

## A CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

On Wednesday evening some persons connected with the Salvation army were mobbed and stoned in St. Catharines. The assault was more brutal and cowardly than that on Mr. O'Brien in Toronto; but we have seen no explosions of indignation in the press respecting it. In Toronto, a man who had insulted the people and invited violence was mobbed. In St. Catharines some people who believed they were worshoping God were mobbed. In Toronto a man who had committed no breach of the law, and who was entitled to legal protection, was brutally assaulted and slightly injured. In St Catherines a poor woman who had harmed nobody was brutally assaulted and knocked senseless. In the former case the press of the country was made to ring with denunciation of the crime. In the latter case a bare paragraph in the news columns of the papers suffices. The woman is poor and helpless and friendless. The papers which are so eager to fly to the defense of Mr. O'Brien see no party advantage in championing the cause of the woman who has no votes at her back. They have no sympathy to waste upon the persecuted creature who cannot do "the party" any good. Why should they fill space and waste eloquence upon her? It is not their ox which is gored this time.—*Hamilton Times.*

A good anecdote is related of Dr. Rice which enforces its own lesson. When he was at the head of the Theological Seminary in Prince Edward, one of the out-parishes of Virginia sent him for a minister. They, as usual in such cases, wanted a scholar, a gentleman, an orator, a pastor, a fine writer—in short, a perfect minister. They "had formerly given $350 per annum, but now, if they could get such a man as they wanted they could raise it to $400." The doctor answered by telling them to send to Heaven for Dr. Dwight. "He was the only such man he ever knew; and, as he had been a good while on spiritual food, he might possibly live on $400."

The silent man may be overlooked now, but he will get a hearing by-and-by.

## LATEST FROM ALASKA.

**News from the Yukon—Arrival of Miners, Including Leslie, Charged with Poisoning His Partners—Report of Trouble with Stick Indians—Departure of the Dominion Survey Party for the Interior—Etc., Etc.**

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

JUNEAU, Alaska, May 24.—The grand jury has indicted a large number of white men, both at Sitka and Juneau, for cohabitation with Russian and Indian women.

A party of three men, O'Neil Lamont and Charilus Doughty from Salmon river, and Leslie, from Stewart river, arrived from the Yukon country on the 22nd inst. Leslie is the man who was accused of trying to poison his two companions on Stewart river some time ago, and facts go to show that he was ordered by the miners to leave the country. Leslie overtook Lamont and Doughty on Salmon just as they were ready to start, in a half famished condition, he having been ten days making the distance from Stewart to Salmon: Leslie brought out a few letters from Stewart, one for W. P. Brady, of Juneau, purported to be from T. Kerrigan. It contained no news, but was written to exonorate Leslie from all blame in the poisoning case, and stated that "the beans had not been poisoned, but that Leslie had mistook salts for salt in seasoning them." The letter is believed by all here to be a forgery, written by Leslie himself, and the fact that the signature is misspelled strongly substantiates this belief. Leslie reported an outbreak between the miners and Stick Indians at the mouth of Stewart river, and that one white man and six Indians had been killed. The people here doubt the story. The feeling here is strong against Leslie, and it is thought that he has had a hand in several mysterious disappearances of miners on the Yukon. But nothing can be cleared up until the miners return in the fall. Leslie will probably leave on this boat for ports below.

A letter from F. Miller, on Lewis river, to John Olds, of Juneau, dated April 28, states: The winter has been very cold and no work done since Christmas. I have a bar that prospects from fifteen to twenty cents per pan. The reports from Forty-Mile and Sixty-mile creeks are very flattering for good camps.

About fifty new buildings are now in course of erection in Juneau, and at least as many more contemplated.

Several large sales are now pending on mining property on Douglas island.

The weather is warm and pleasant and snow disappearing fast.

The Dominion surveyors started from Chilkoot on the 23d for the interior.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

JUNEAU, May 24, 1887.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Olds, of the Franklin Hotel, the writer is enabled to send you the very latest from the Yukon country. The following letter was received by him yesterday, and was written by Fred. Miller (commonly known as "Buckskin" Miller to many in Victoria and throughout British Columbia), then prospecting on Lewis river, and bearing date of April 28th. The winter weather, Miller says, was very cold, almost too severe to hunt, and game very scarce. They managed to kill some rabbits. In speaking of mining, he continues: "We have done nothing since Christmas, when the river closed, the ice backed up to high water, so when the water went down it left the ice four or five feet thick. We found a bar; it prospected from fifteen to twenty cents to the pan, but the bar lies too low. We are now waiting for the river to break up to go to the Franklin mines. Franklin river is located 140 miles below Stewart's river; it empties into the Yukon on the northwest side of the Yukon, in Alaska. I cannot tell you anything about the prospects, only that Franklin brought in coarse gold. He was very excited and took in Steel with him, followed by forty miners. It is said there is trouble between the Indians and whites, but nothing definite is known. The river will not