From THE DAILY COLONIST, August 2.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Salmon Run.

According to latest advices salmon are running in Beecher bay in immense numbers. This is regarded as positive proof that the run in the Fraser is assured, which will be most encouraging to canners.

The Sunbury Murder Case.

At the Assize court at Westminster, yesterday, the two Indians charged with the murder of Henry T. Sunbury at Vancouver, last March, were found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced by Mr. Justice McCreight to five years in the penitentiary.

Speedy Trial Wanted.

Yesterday, before Mr. Justice Drake, application was made for a speedy trial on behalf of Clayton, who was committed on a charge of obtaining money by falsely representing himself to be the agent of certain San Francisco journals. The application was granted and the trial fixed for to-day.

The Rithet Dredge.

Work on the new dredge, which is being built in Turpel's yard for Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., is progressing satisfactorily, eight caulkers being at work on her hull. She will, when completed, be the largest on the Pacific coast. Her machinery is expected in a few days from the East.

Drifting Out to Sea.

The other morning as the Premier was going down the Sound, Capt. O'Brien spied a raft of timber with four men on it drifting out to sea. The raft was below Allen's Island and almost opposite Deception Pass, and a strong current was running at the time. When the raft was picked up the men were in an exhausted condition. The Premier took the raft in tow and landed it at Anacortes. Capt. O'Brien is confident that had he not seen them they would soon have drifted out of the line of boats and would probably have gone out to the ocean.

"What's Stirring?"

Yesterday a COLONIST representative went into the assay office and inquired: "What's stirring?" An individual who was watching the dissolution of certain chemicals, which process he was aiding by mixing them up, replied, as he twirled his moustache, "That's stirring." He added that he had no information to communicate. Surely, as a public official, he ought to give some information of what is being done, even if it be not in order to explain the details of the analysis on which he was engaged.

Kodakers Jubilant.

There was a great stir in town yesterday; there was a buzz of buzziness. Heretofore pale faces were lit up with an unwonted glow; feet that used to drag wearily along are now buoyant and brisk; what is the cause of it? people asked eagerly. Then a grumbling cynic muttered that a huge cargo of film had arrived, and that these smirkers were Kodakers who were jubilant at the restoration of their fiendish clicking machines. We can't go along the street now, or say a word, but some Kodaker will photograph us and what we say.

Out of Civilization.

Mr. Warburton Pike, of Saturna Island, who left here on the 7th of June, last year, on a hunt for musk ox in the Arctic regions, has again been heard from. Capt. A. W. Jones yesterday received a letter mailed three months ago at Fort Resolution, in which Mr. Pike announces that he has shipped a lot of skins and furs to Victoria by the Hudson's Bay Co., and is off for the sea, on his way home, by way of Great Fish lake. He will cross the mountains, and hopes to reach the coast before winter sets in. Among the trophies now on their way down to be mounted are four musk ox, three barren ground cariboo, and a buffalo.

Customs Returns.

The following are the customs' returns at the port of Victoria for the month ending 31st July, 1890:

Duties	$ 66,388.36
Steamboat Insp.	9.05
Chinese Imm. Rev.	425.50
Sick M. Fund	22.00
Animal Inspection	58.18
Total	$ 66,901.12
July, 1889	59,249.65
Increase	$ 7,651.47
Imports (free)	45,428.00
" (dutiable)	218,636.00
Total	$264,064.00
Exports: (products of Canada)	$ 51,084.00
(not " " ")	4,814.00

Rev. J. E. Starr.

Mr. Jessop, Dominion immigration agent, has just received a letter from Rev. J. E. Starr, who, with his family, has arrived in Toronto and begun pastoral work in Elm street Methodist church. The rev. gentleman reports himself as being in good health and spirits. His reception was a most cordial one, which, with the attendance on his ministrations, has greatly encouraged him. He playfully congratulated Mr. Jessop on the pair of boots of which that gentleman had been made the recipient, but it would almost appear, to judge from the amount of trotting about which has to be done on account of church work, as if another new pair would be in order before long. In his letter Mr. Starr made special inquiries as to old friends, and manifested great anxiety as to the progress which the Pandora avenue church was making.

In Self-Defence.

On Wednesday evening one of the reportorial staff of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer arrived over for the purpose of making enquiries at headquarters in regard to the Behring's Sea question. He called upon Capt. J. G. Cox, yesterday, but that gentleman, usually so accommodating to the press, refused to be interviewed, and in doing so represented his fellows in the sealing industry. Their reason was that other American reporters who have preceded the P. I. man have so misrepresented the statements given to them here as to place the Victoria sealers in an altogether false position. The sealers therefore have resolved to talk to no newspaper men unless they come accredited by, not only the paper whose card they present, but some other responsible party. This step is taken, it is alleged, in self-defence; but it is rather hard on the Seattle boy, who did not come prepared for the difficulties he found confronting him.

Affairs at Wellington.

Some unscrupulous individuals have, for reasons best known to themselves, undertaken to intensify the difficulties at present existing between the proprietors of the Wellington collieries and the miners formerly in their employ. The fact is that on Monday evening a card was posted at the Northfield mine calling a meeting at the Somerset House, Wellington, on the following morning (Tuesday.) Large numbers of the Northfield miners and their friends at Nanaimo started for the place appointed, which is the rendezvous of the members of the Miners and Mine Laborer's Association; but before they got there learned that the whole thing was a hoax and that they had been grossly imposed upon. Whoever is at the bottom of this business is deserving of the severest censure, since in these days of strained relations, it unfortunately requires very little to make matters even worse than they already are. Both parties in the controversy strongly condemn those, whoever they may be, that are responsible for the outrageous proceeding.

Of Interest.

It will be interesting to those who are erecting residences to know that several days ago there arrived in the city a consignment of mantles, overmantles and grates, and that they are now on exhibition at McLennan & McFeely's, 70 Yates street.

Incorporated.

A company known as the New Westminster Electric Street Tramway Co., of which Dr. G. L. Milne and Mr. John Coughlan, of this city, are the principal promoters, was incorporated under the Joint Stock Companies Act yesterday.

They Have a Clue.

The parties in pursuit of the Cariboo stage robbers claim to have a definite clue to their identity and to know that they are still in concealment not far from the scene of the robbery. The clue obtained, while it is of course jealously guarded, fixes the crime upon more than one person.

The Esquimalt Fortifications.

An Ottawa dispatch says a well founded report has reached the Militia department of the construction of the proposed defences in British Columbia, the survey for which was made two years ago. They will be undertaken by the British government this fall. The Dominion government will bear one-third the cost.

Belyea & Gregory.

Mr. A. L. Belyea, barrister and solicitor, who has for some time past occupied offices on Bastion Square, removed yesterday to more commodious quarters in the White House building, Government street. He has admitted into partnership Mr. P. B. Gregory, B.C.L., and the firm will hereafter be known as Belyea & Gregory, barristers and solicitors.

Sons of England Pic-Nic.

The Sons of England at Westminster have unanimously decided to go to Plumper's Pass on the 12th of August. The members of Vancouver and Victoria lodges are expected to meet the excursionists from this city at Plumper's Pass. There will be an extensive programme of sports and amusements, and it is anticipated that the turn out from each of these cities will be large.—News-Advertiser.

Committed for Trial.

The LeClair case filed the Police court room, yesterday morning with an interested audience beyond the railing—of which the "lawyer from another realm" was not one. He occupied a seat at the reporters' table and took extended shorthand notes of the brief and unimportant evidence recorded. The first witness called was the bartender of the Russ House, who deposed to serving the prisoner and two companions with drinks on Sunday morning. Prisoner then had not enough money to pay for the drinks.

On being asked if he recognized either of LeClair's companions, the witness nodded toward the American lawyer, and replied: "The judge was one."

"What is his name?" enquired the court.

"I don't know. Everybody calls him 'the judge.' He's an American lawyer."

"Quite correct," remarked that individual.

"What is your name?" continued His Honor, turning to the proud representative of the American bar.

"My name," came the reply in most impressive tones, "is Widekind; George D. Widekind. Taken backwards—'kind to the widows.' (To the reporters—put that down; it's a good joke.) Here's my card," as with great display he tendered a pasteboard bearing the magic inscription:

GEO. D. WIDEKIND.
731 Fifth Street,
San Diego, Cal.

His Honor didn't seem very much impressed with the card or its owner; and the taking of evidence continued. The proprietor of the Vancouver House testified that anyone could leave his hotel by the back door during the night without being observed, and the evidence for the prosecution being all in, the prisoner was committed for trial.

UNDER DETENTION.

The Sloop "Harriet" Applies for Enrolment and is Detained by Collector Milne.

An unfamiliar sloop of five tons burden, 30 feet over all and 8 feet beam, made its appearance at the Customs House wharf yesterday morning, and the master and crew, a gentleman named Oliver, made application to Collector Milne for the enrolment of the craft. He had no clearance papers, and stated that he was from Boundary Bay, and had just bought the sloop in British waters from a Canadian resident and British subject, named Hazelton. A bill of sale was produced in support of this statement, but no truth was forthcoming in regard to the further statement that the boat was of British build. She was said to have been built in 1884, and belonged to New Westminster. Collector Clute of that city was telegraphed to, and wired in reply that no boat answering the Harriet's description was known in the Royal City.

Pending further enquiry into the ownership of the boat, her business and her right to enrolment here, she has been detained by the Customs authorities. Nothing contraband was found on board, and if Oliver's story is straight, his application will be granted.

THEY LEAVE VICTORIA TO-DAY.

The Raymond-Whitcomb Party go on to Alaska To-night—To be Followed by Another Shortly.

The Raymond-Whitcomb party, which has been stopping in the city for the past couple of days, represents a considerable amount of American intellect, as well as money. S. P. Allen is a well-known lawyer of Boston. There is one party known as the Mrs. Coleman party, who occupy one car among themselves. It is composed of Mrs. S. Dawson and her daughter, Rev. J. P. Lundy, D.D., wife and daughter, J. Dundas and wife, Miss Droyton, Miss Hallower, William Hayes, barrister of London, England; William Linton Landreth, of Philadelphia; W. E. Smith, E. D. Williams and J. Rodman Paul. There are also Chief Engineer Alex. Anderson, U. S. navy; Rev. J. J. Joyce Moore, of Philadelphia; H. B. Page, artist, Boston; H. A. Pevear, president of the Honston Electric Light company; ex-Provost of the University of Pennsylvania; Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., of Flatbush, N.Y.; Professor William Wells, of Union College, Schenectady (who is writing a series of letters descriptive of the trip over the Canadian Pacific for the New York Mail and Express, and also for the Christian Advocate); General J. J. Wistar, of Philadelphia, who is chief of the coal interests of the Pennsylvania railroad; Hon. Judge Wright and Mrs. Wright, of Boston, and a host of other very prominent people from Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and New York.

Another party will arrive in less than a fortnight. This is in reality an overflow of the present one owing to the scarcity of room on the steamer. It has been a very successful trip over the Canadian Pacific which was new to the greater portion of the party. They had a solid Canadian Pacific train from Boston, the first solid train to come from Boston to Vancouver.

Mr. Holden, who conducted the party, is an old newspaper man, with whom it is perfectly refreshing to have a chat. He was for ten years city editor of the Boston Herald and for over 16 years on the editorial staffs of the Boston Journal and the various papers in the east. He was also in correspondence with the musical papers of that section of the country. Since 1881 Mr. Holden has been general manager for Raymond & Whitcomb, most of whose long tours he has planned and conducted in that time.

Mr. Holden thinks the time is coming when the west coast here (British Columbia and Alaska) will be one of the greatest sections for tourist travel, exploration and adventure that there is in the world. British Columbia is a vast field for this purpose; it is not developed yet. Mr. Holden speaks in very glowing terms of Victoria and the advantages and attractions she offers for tourist travel. He said, to bring this about, there must be nothing left undone. A good sized hotel is wanted, and a system of sewerage is no less needed.

The party will board the Queen on her arrival today and will continue their journey to the North, more than well pleased with the glimpse they have had of the "gem city of the Pacific coast."

SHOOTING PHEASANTS.

Fifty Dollars a Brace Imposed on an Out of Season Sportsman.

Yesterday morning there was a session of the Provincial court, Messrs. Dalby and Crossdaile, J.'s P., presiding, when John William Perry, of the Gorge Road, was accused of being unlawfully in possession of a brace of pheasants. Officer Berrow testified to finding the birds on the accused, who admitted having shot them because they were destroying his crops. He was fined $25 for each bird and $2.50 costs. Perry received his sentence in a rather unconcerned manner, adding that he could not pay the fine. He was reminded that he had previously been convicted of a similar offence, and ought to have counted the costs before shooting the birds. Perry's wife, who was present, said the officer "hadna' telt the truth for a' that he tak the Bible in his haun." She said she had only $34 by her, but if the court would give her time she would get the money. The defendant was her husband and she must do her best. She went out to get the funds, declaring that she had raised seven birds in her house this season, but she "wud hae nae mair o' them."

GOOD TEMPLARISM.

Victoria West Lodge I.O.G.T., No. 29—Election of Officers.

The members of this lodge met as usual on Wednesday evening, and, after ordinary business had been transacted, elected the following officers: W.C.T., Bro. W. S. Stainer; P.C.T., Bro. A. Semple; W.V.T., Sister J. Campbell; superintendent of juvenile templars, Sister J. Semple; financial secretary, Bro. W. Campbell; treasurer, Sister A. Campbell; secretary, Bro. Stone; marshal, Bro. Findley; guard, Sister Gibson; sentinel, Bro. Tyson. The lodge proceedings having been closed in the usual form, an interesting literary and musical programme brought the evening's exercises to a conclusion. The lodge, though but recently established, is in a very flourishing condition.

BERESFORD CRICKET CLUB.

The Governor-General and the Lieut.-Governor Become Patrons of this Popular Organization.

The members of the Beresford Cricket Club have every reason to congratulate themselves on the distinguished honor that has been conferred upon them in the fact of His Excellency the Governor-General and his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor having consented to respectively become president and vice-president of their highly appreciated association. The following correspondence speaks for itself:

VICTORIA, B. C., July 9th, 1890.

To His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

At a recent committee meeting of the newly organized Beresford Cricket Club, of this city, it was proposed that application be made to your Excellency to grant the Club the distinguished honor of your Excellency's gracious patronage.

Knowing the deep interest your Excellency takes in all matters pertaining to the Province of British Columbia—the most westernly one in Her Majesty's Dominion of Canada—I feel confident, with all deference, that your Excellency will favorably consider our request.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most humble and obedient servant,
(signed) HARRY E. FIELD,
Hon. Secretary

His Excellency replied as follows:—

NEW RICHMOND, July 22nd, 1890

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, in which you are good enough to ask him to become Patron of the Beresford Cricket Club which has been lately organized in Victoria.

His Excellency instructs me in reply to say that he has much pleasure in acceding to your request.

I am sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) EDWARD STANLEY,
Actg. Mil. Secy.

The following official list is one of which the Club have every reason to be proud:

Patron—His Excellency The Governor General.

Vice Patron—His Honour, The Lieut. Governor.

President—His Worship The Mayor.

Vice Presidents—Hon. J. H. Turner, M. P. P., Dr. Milne, M. P. P. and W. S. Gore.

Chief Engineer Steele, of the Government dredger, left this morning for Cowichan to survey the Chemainus saw mill company's steamer Daisy now lying at that place.

The bazaar lately held in London, in which her Royal Highness Princess Louise took so lively an interest, in aid of the diocese of British Columbia, resulted in a loss of some $700. It is expected, however, a sale that is yet to take place will make the loss somewhat lighter.

Mr. Robbins, who resides on the Cedar Hill road, near the Jewish cemetery, brought to the city yesterday some fine samples of gooseberries—red and yellow—grown in his garden. The fruit is large, well formed and free from mildew.

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Going Up.

Onions have recently gone up ¾ of a cent per pound, and it is said that nearly all the California fruit and vegetable products are on the move upward owing to the Eastern demand already noted.

The "Elder" Accident.

It is stated that owing to certain statements which have been made there will be a searching inquiry into the circumstances attending the recent accident to the steamship "G. W. Elder," which involved, in addition to the loss of time entailed, an expenditure of something like $8,000.

Three Months' Retirement.

The man Clayton was brought before the court yesterday under the summary trials act. It will be remembered that Clayton obtained subscriptions and advertising in the name of certain California papers, not having authority to do so. Mr. Justice Drake sentenced him to three months' hard labor.

The Months' Mortality.

There were 19 deaths in Victoria during the month of July as follows: Brain fever, 2; consumption, 2; cancer of liver, 2; general debility, 2; paralysis, 2; drowning dropsy, bronchitis, internal injury, cholera morbus, alcoholism, concussion of brain and convulsions, one each.

Real Estate.

Real estate is not very active just now, and people are looking around for other investments. Among those most in favor and regarded as the safest is a Jubilee Range, as it has a record for excellence that cannot be beat. We believe mcleaman and mcfeely, 70 Yates street, have the sole agency.

Coal Shipments.

During the month of July the coal shipments from the collieries were as follows:

	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Co.	27,845
Wellington	296
East Wellington	2,572
Union Mine, Comox	13,660
Total	44,363

Exploring Unknown Country.

A party of land hunters left on Monday for the coal undiscovered country beyond the Pitt Mountain Range. They will go a long distance back and discover the head waters of the river which supplies Pitt Lake. The party that left Port Haney several weeks ago returned yesterday. They penetrated twenty miles inland from the head of Pitt Lake and found some excellent farming and timber lands.—Columbian.

Pandora Avenue Church.

The appearance which the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church is beginning to present indicates that the structure will be of no mean proportions and that substantial material—roughly dressed stone—of which it is built, gives it a very substantial and attractive look. The work is being rushed with all speed, the desire being to occupy it as soon as possible, the more so as it may be that the old building will be wanted for other purposes.

Another New Church.

The plans and specifications have been prepared by Mr. Hooper of the new Mission church and school on Fisguard street, which a Methodist Missionary society of Toronto proposes to erect. The dimensions of the edifice will be about 40 by 64 feet. The edifice will be two storeys high with spire, and iron roof. The auditorium downstairs will seat 350 people, and on the same flat will be vestibules and three rooms for the janitor. Upstairs will be three rooms—one large apartment for the purposes of the school, Bible class and public reading room. The entire building is in every way well appointed, and will have the latest improvements in ventilation and lighting.

Fishing on the Fraser.

Mr. J. H. Todd, who has just returned from the Fraser River canneries, says that so far the salmon run has been poor, the canneries not having canned one third of the usual quantity. Moreover, since two-thirds of the season have passed, the prospects are very slim for anything like the output that was anticipated. Indeed, although preparations had been made for not more than one half of the ordinary quantity of goods, the chances are that about half the tins which had been purchased and manufactured will be held over. The first receipts of the season's Horseshoe brand have been received by the Rithet and are being distributed to the local trade. Mr. Todd endorses all that has been said as to the bountiful crops. Most of the hay was put in in good condition, although some was spoiled by the early rains. What has been gathered may have been a little riper than the farmers would have desired. Ordinary trade is healthy.

Police Statistics.

The list of criminals at the judicial bar of the police court during the past month is not very startling from a numerical point of view. There were 57, of which 29 were "drunks." Twenty-nine drunks at $5 a head amounts to $145, but a number of these drunks cost the city a month's board and residence, which would amount to considerably more than five dollars a head. Under these conditions it is easily seen that this class is financially a loss to the corporation. Other offences are summarized as follows:—Supplying liquor to Indians, 6; naval deserters, 6; disturbers of the peace, 2; fighters, 2; of unsound mind, 2; stealing, 2; breaking windows, 2; carrying concealed weapons, 1; assault, 1, vagrancy, 1; placing obstructions on the street car track, 1; insulting language, 1; attempted indecent assault, 1. A noticeable feature in this list which (to the credit of Victoria) differs from other cities, is the absence of "protections," or homeless, destitute persons seeking shelter for the night. There was but one of this class in last month's list for Victoria. Not a little has been said and written about Victoria's prosperity, the comfort of her working people, and the absence of any real poor within her limits, but this little fact in the police court returns speaks more than columns of facts on the subject. Even in the one case returned, the man was really not destitute; he was a stranger, advanced in years and sufficiently under the influence of liquor to fall into the hands of sharpers.

Vancouver Gas Company.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Vancouver Gas company was held in the office of Rand Bros., Vancouver, on Thursday, when all the stock was represented. The annual report for the year ending April 30th, 1890, was read and adopted. It showed that the last had been a very successful year, the number of meters having been increased by 60 per cent. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared on the stock. The company are now engaged putting in a new gas holder which will be completed about September 1st, and will be about double the capacity of the works. The vast increase in the quantity of gas used is, no doubt, partially due to the lowering of the price from $3 to $2.50 per thousand. The Board of Directors composed of Dr. Milne, president; C. D. Rand, secretary-treasurer, and A. A. Green were re-elected. The company were well satisfied with the business of the past year and looked forward to a still further increase in the business.—Vancouver World.

Victoria Public Library.

The total number of books lent during the month af July was, to ladies, 1,042; to gentlemen, 1,089—total 2,131. Of these 1,453 were novels. The daily average issue was 108; the highest number in one day having been 175. The cards issued during the month were 36 to ladies; 39 to gentlemen—total, 75.

Official Visit.

It has been learned by the cannerymen that an official visit to Westminster will be made this fall by the Hon. C. H. Tupper, minister of fisheries, when he will be interviewed by those in the fishing industry of the Fraser on points of vital interest concerning the fisheries. The hon. minister regrets exceedingly the fact that he is unable to come at present, for he is detained by the Behring Sea question and other important business connected with his department.—Truth.

A Beautiful Home.

Senator McInnes of Westminster, who is soon to become a resident of Victoria, was in town yesterday completing arrangements with Mr. John Teague, architect, for the plans for his new mansion on Victoria Arm. The senator has purchased 3½ acres of land, and the residence which he will erect thereon will be one of the finest in the city or neighborhood. Its estimated cost is about $25,000.

An Unfortunate Launch.

Pilot Urquhart's new boat the "Claymore" came to grief Thursday in the launching. Through some clumsiness or miscalculation she fell off the ways going into the water and smashed the rudder, stern post and some other parts, all of which will have to be renewed. This is exceedingly regrettable because she was as prettily finished aft as one could wish to see. She now lies on the beach, her stern a wreck. It will have to be renewed almost in toto.

The Behring's Sea Question.

THE COLONIST's reference to the case of the schooner White and the new sealing difficulty which may arise out of the provisions of the U. S. law that bonds must be given for the return to the port of clearance of arms taken by sealers in Alaskan waters, has attracted no small amount of attention. In consequence the American interpretation of those provisions has been sought after, the impression having arisen that there will be found an excuse for continued interference with British Columbia sealers, even should the "Mare clausum" contention have to be abandoned. The American law prohibits the taking up and agreed to, the officers remaining as elected a week or two since. Very encouraging progress has been made so far, and things look as though the coming winter will witness the existence of a first class debating society in Victoria.

The Mischief's Mission.

The Sound papers each having given a different version of the meaning of the Mischief's recent trip north, Capt. Cox and one or two other prominent sealing men were interviewed yesterday by a COLONIST newsgatherer. The plain was asked if he had carried any orders to the sealers, or any new information in regard to the attitude of the British government. He replied: "I took them no orders; they received instructions from the owners to go into Behring's Sea and stay there until the end of the season, and after shipping their skins down by us, they left for the Sea. The latest information procurable, particularly the official correspondence published in the papers, was given to the captains, the majority of whom did not think that the seizure policy would be carried out this year. That's what all thought on the other years that the schooners went north, however. We had no information in addition to that previously made public."

Victoria Trades Assembly.

The time of the Victoria Trades Assembly last night was taken up with the discussion of matters of importance to workingmen. Several flattering things were said about the clergymen who so promptly responded to the circular recently issued by the Assembly. Votes of thanks were tendered to the clergymen who had already spoken favorably on the subject. In this connection it might be stated that an official communication was presented to the Assembly from Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, stating that he would be pleased to discuss the subject at the morning service in the Reformed Episcopal church next Sunday. The delegates were instructed to notify as many as possible of this fact.

The assembly expressed a hearty endorsation of the scheme to build a city market. It is believed that the establishment of such an institution would obviate the necessity that now exists of purchasing vegetables from Chinamen.

The committee appointed to investigate the Chinese question asked for further time, but promised revelations of a sensational nature, which, they say, will surprise many people who now tolerate the existence of the Celestials in Victoria.

What are Profits or Dividends in Life Insurance and Whence do these Arise?

Profits in life insurance is an incorrect term except such profits as may be paid to stockholders where the company is a stock company. Dividends in life assurance are really the excess premiums returned to the policy holder; and are properly derived from the savings effected in the manner previously referred to, viz:

The amount saved because of fewer deaths occurring in any year or series of years than the mortality table calls for.

Also the amount saved by economical management out of the "loading."

This last may seem a meagre source from which to derive dividends, but on a large business it is a very considerable item.

In addition to these savings there should be the excess amount earned from interest over and above that calculated for as the legal reserve. Beyond these three legitimate sources, there are "profits" arising from lapses and surrenders. As to the first of these, viz: Lapses—large sums used to accrue from those who having insured their lives retired from the company, without obtaining anything beyond the insurance protection during the time they were insured. Nearly all contracts of life insurance are to-day nonforfeiting after two or three years by their terms or by law, or both, and as the initial expense of new business is very heavy, the surplusage from lapses cannot be very great.

As to the second, viz: Surrenders—We have a very different condition, because here the insured has acquired certain reserved rights and he may sell them for cash or paid up insurance, and is either event he leaves some portion of the monies which stood at the credit of his policy for those who persist in their payments until the end of the term agreed upon. Companies with a large amount of lapses may well be looked upon with a degree of caution amounting to suspicion, and even surrenders, when excessive, are a cause for questioning the desirability of insuring therein. It is a poor recommendation for you to join a company that many who have preceded you are retiring them.

From the East.

It is said that several persons in Eastern Canada, who have been much impressed with what they have heard of the position, beauties and prospects of this province, contemplate getting up a special excursion from Montreal and Toronto before the close of the season. It would appear that, like the Israelitish spies, the visitors have borne back with them a favorable report of this goodly land that not even the distances nor the interposition of the mountains, rugged and high, have been sufficient to dampen their desire to know more about us.

Inland Revenue.

Owing to the fact that a separate division has been created for the Mainland since the last return was made, the record for July for Victoria shows a considerable decrease. It is as follows:

Spirits	$1,267 92
Malt	1,210 14
Tobacco	1,521 60
Cigars	767 25
Licenses	1,255 00
Petroleum inspection	65 00
Total	$6,087 51

The Ladies' Home Journal.

Mrs. Lyman Abbott, wife of the successor to Henry Ward Beecher as pastor of Plymouth church, is to become one of the editors of "The Ladies' Home Journal, in September 1st next. An English edition of the Ladies' Home Journal is to be brought out in London on a scale never before attempted by an American magazine, and Mr. Cyrus H. K. Curtis, proprietor of the Journal, and Mr. Edward W. Bok, the editor, sailed for Europe last week to perfect arrangements.

She's all Right.

Mr. Oliver the owner of the sloop Harriet now under detention by the Customs authorities, is taking all necessary steps to show the validity of his claim to have the sloop enrolled as British. He wired to the collector at New Westminster again yesterday morning, and a reply was received to the effect that Hazelton had built a sloop answering the description of the Harriet, at New Westminster in 1884. As Oliver is an Irishman, he will probably be registered as he desires under the name of one of his partners.

Victoria Elocution Class.

This class met last evening as usual, and after a very interesting session held a meeting for the purpose of organization. Now that the requisite number of members is on the list, this is necessary. A code of rules and regulations were taken up and agreed to, the officers remaining as elected a week or two since. Very encouraging progress has been made so far, and things look as though the coming winter will witness the existence of a first class debating society in Victoria.

The Feal o' the Pibroch.

Mr. Robert McKenzie Munro, champion national dancer and Scottish piper of Australia, has arrived in town with the intention of giving one or more entertainments under the auspices of the Scottish societies. He is staying with Mr. McDonald, of the Windsor, where he will, no doubt, be waited upon by some of his "brither Scots." He was born in Rossshire and has been one of the most successful competitors in dancing and pipe music. He took 37 first prizes in the United States within seven days, while in four years he carried off no less than 375 trophies.

Another Yacht for Victoria.

A. A. Davidson, of Davidson Bros., Victoria, has just had a yacht built for him by Watts & Trott, of Vancouver, which is a beautiful craft. The vessel was launched Wednesday, and the rigging is now being put in place. She is 22 feet long by 7 feet 8 inch beam, and will carry about 100 yards of canvas. All her fittings are of excellent quality, while her tasteful colors and model make her a very pretty craft indeed. Mr. Davidson will be over in a day or two to inspect his purchase, and she will likely be taken down to the Capital this week. The yacht will be known as the Nymph.—Vancouver World.

Knights of Pythias.

At the regular meeting of Far West Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., last evening, Capt. Behnsen gave an interesting report of his reception at Milwaukee during the session of the Supreme Lodge. The order was on that occasion reported to be in a flourishing condition, having increased in membership 60,000 since December last. There have been several important changes in the laws and workings of the order, which were fully explained. In the grand parade of Sir Knights 18,000 men were in line. It took them an hour and a half to pass a stated point, marching 24 abreast. It was one of the grandest sights ever witnessed.

An Invitation for Victoria.

Officer E. B. Irving, who last year was captain of the Victoria hose team, has received a letter from J. M. Barry, chief of police of Astoria, and captain of the hose team of that place, inviting the Victorians to participate in a tournament taking place at Spokane Falls on September 10th, extending over the three succeeding days. The letter states that there will probably be 20 or 30 other teams present, and that some handsome prizes will be competed for. Mr. Barry expresses the pleasure it would give the authorities to see Victoria represented. Mr. Irving will withhold any reply to this communication till the return of Chief Deasy from San Francisco; but the general impression is that apart from the honor of winning any prizes, it would be a good advertisement for Victoria that she should be represented.

Scotland Yet.

Mr. R. McKenzie Munro, the champion national dancer and Scottish piper of Australia, has completed arrangements to give a concert at The Victoria next Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Scottish societies of Victoria. From a host of complimentary notices Mr. Munro has received, the following from an Australian paper, is selected: "We have seen the Highland Fling danced many a time and off, but none so well as by Mr. Munro. His balance was perfect, I wish mine (at the bank) were half as good. The "Sheantreans," most gracefully danced by Mr. Munro, was indeed the poetry of motion, and he gained the suffrages of the audience by the facile way in which he played a waltz, "Villikins and his Dinah," and "Caller Herrin," on an instrument not originally designed for such airs."

A grass fire on Moss street gave the firemen a little exercise last evening.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Big Run of Salmon in the Fraser.

The steamer Rithet yesterday afternoon brought news that the salmon were running in immense numbers in the Fraser, and that the canneries were in full operation, some having more fish on hand than they could handle.

English Mails—Quickest Time.

Letters and newspapers of the 17th July were delivered here on the 1st August—that is on the 14th day from all parts of England via the Canadian Pacific Railway.

This means from England to Victoria a daily speed of about 430 miles per day, and it is the quickest time on record.

Counterfeit Coin.

A Johnson street storekeeper gave Officer Houghton a counterfeit American silver dollar yesterday. It had been passed as a good one, and the shopman gave it up so as to put the police on the look-out for some other bad coins which might be put in circulation.

A Horticultural Gem.

Mr. Carmichael's garden, like many others in Victoria, is a gem, containing many horticultural treasures. One of these he plucked yesterday in the shape of a bunch of lillies that would grace Eden itself. There were no less than twenty-six flowers on the one stem, each flower a model of purity, perfection and richness.

The Cars Arrive.

Yesterday morning's steamer bound for San Francisco, the Walla Walla, brought from Tacoma the long delayed cars for the Park line, for the National Electric Tramway Co. They are of St. Louis Car company manufacture, thirty feet in length, painted in light and dark yellow, and furnished in the neatest and most comfortable fashion. The new cars bear the inscription "Government and Michigan streets."

Naval Matters.

Admiral Hotham devoted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to an inspection of the fleet, the result appearing to be entirely satisfactory to all concerned. The ships were all as prim and neat as possible, everything shone and everyone beamed. The officers were attired in their best and brightest uniforms, the men looked spick and span, the guns gleamed and every bit of metal was polished to many degrees beyond shining pitch. The Admiral complimented the officers and men as he went through the different ships. Each evening he dined with the commander of one of the ships, Friday evening witnessing a cosy dinner party given to him by Captain Hulton on shore. An number of ladies and gentlemen met him and a remarkably pleasant time was spent.

Admiral Hotham and Flag Lieutenant Abdy paid His Worship the Mayor a visit on Thursday.

The Amphion will proceed to the Mediterranean station as soon as the Melpomene arrives to relieve her.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

To THE EDITOR:—In this evening's Times "A Resident Merchant" states that "commercial travellers are prepared to pay license to sell goods in Victoria."

Let me assure "A R. M." he never made a greater mistake. The C. T.'s represent big wholesale houses and factories in Canada are not prepared to pay any license in Victoria, or any other city in Canada.

With men coming here to sell a suit of clothes or a dozen collars to the consumer, we, as C. T.'s, have nothing to do. They are not recognized as C. T.'s, nor can they join any of our Commercial Travellers' associations in Canada.

If the merchants of Victoria will only look at this in the proper light, they will urge the City Council to do away with any tax or license on the genuine commercial traveller, no matter where he comes from—Montreal, Toronto, New York or San Francisco.

Victoria travellers go every week to Vancouver, Nanaimo, New Westminster and other places. Vancouver, last week, has started to enforce a city by-law, calling on EVERY traveller to pay $10 per week. This would mean $520 per annum for some wholesale houses in Victoria.

Then, if Vancouver is right, why should not every town and village in British Columbia do the same thing? The result would be to paralyze all business intercourse in British Columbia.

In conclusion, I would remind "A R. M." that he only owns a very small portion of the British empire, and that at present it is subject to the laws thereof relating to trade and commerce, and also to the commercial laws of one of the finest portions of the empire, viz., Canada.

CANADIAN TRAVELLER.

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AT HARRISON SPRINGS.

A Visit to the Hot Springs—Was He the Cariboo Stage Robber?

Mr. F. C. Roberts of the U. S. Consulate in Victoria, has returned from spending his vacation at Harrison Hot Springs, about some 75 miles from Vancouver. These are reached by the C.P.R. train to Agassiz, 64 miles being traveled there by stage over a terribly rough road. The season has been poor this year; but was expected to improve with the opening of August. The place is surrounded by mountains, some of them towering to a height of 5,000 feet. Harrison Lake, which is close by, is some 42 miles long, and its water, which comes down from the mountains, is icy cold, while that of the hot springs, which are about a quarter of a mile distant from the lake, over a rough trail, reaches a temperature of 109 to 117 degrees, and is of the ordinary mineral flavor and odor. It is readily drunk by the visitors, some of whom soak up as many as 20 glasses per diem. At the time of Mr. Roberts visit there were about 30 visitors at the hotel, almost all being Americans. Fishing has not been at all good, owing to the presence on the lake of numbers of hair seals.

During the visit of Mr. Roberts there were only two really fine days, dullness, dampness and rain being the characteristics of the rest of the time. The prevailing temperature is lower than that of Victoria.

On the train by which the informant of the COLONIST went out, there was a gambler who "braced" almost all his fellow passengers for a game and managed to cheat one of them out of fifty dollars. His description and movements led the sheriff to have suspicion that he was the identical robber of the Cariboo stage. He had with him a black bag supposed to be filled with gold but before the officer could lay hands on him he had "vamoosed."

Trouble at Melita.

MRS. W. H. Brown of Melita, Man., states that two of her children and two others belonging to a neighbor were cured of the worst form of summer complaint by one bottle of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, nature's specific for all summer complaints.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Seventy Thousand Protestant Irishmen Prepared to Resist Home Rule by Force of Arms.

Promotions in the British Army Retained in the Hands of the Aristocracy.

Turkish Atrocities in Armenia Attracting Attention—Lady Dunmore Will Maintain Her Rights.

OFFORD TO HOME RULE.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—No less a person than the Very Reverend Dr. Smyley, dean of Derry, is authority for the statement that not less than 70,000 Protestant Irishmen are organized in lodges and military companies and prepared to resist by force of arms the establishment of home rule. Rumored about home rule follow the resignation of Mr. Gladstone to power, when it is said they may return. "The Protestants of Ireland," said the rev. gentleman, "are resolved to have Ireland remain under the rule of the British Parliament. In the event of a change being made in the so-called home rule, we would look to mercy and ask for none. The Protestants are prepared to fight in their own cause and will never, under any circumstances, submit to the rule of a Roman Catholic parliament in Dublin. If the north came over to Ireland with a solemn pledge that the country should remain under British rule, a change in the way of separation would be a violation of that pledge, which would justify us in defending ourselves by every means at our command." The reverend gentleman said he had no doubt that abundant men and means would be forthcoming from Great Britain, in the event of a struggle, to aid the Irish Protestants in upholding their institutions and privileges. He added that the Derry would be found as brave and loyal as