had shot an Indian in the vicinity of Creek, thirty-five miles south of od. The white man had left his and on returning found a young buck ing his whisky. He pulled his gun hot him. The Indian made his way Blood camp and is not expected to The white man is unknown.

tack of hay containing 110 tons, be- ng to the mounted police, took fire thbridge, with a strong south wind ng.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Terrible Hurricane.

LIFAX, N. S., Sept. 13.—The ner Geraldine has arrived from the , and reports a terrible hurricane e 3d inst. She spoke a Provincetown ner, the Carrie O. Miles, on Sunday. ad parted her cable and was leaking; he Nellie Woodbury, which had lost nate and five men in a dory. The dine saw at the same time seven schooners with their flags at half.

The captain of the Geraldine has going to sea twenty years and has experienced such a storm. He says ss of life will far exceed that of any ous storm.

Scott Act Repeal.

RONTO, Sept. 14.—A vote will be in the counties of Simcoe and n for the repeal of the Scott act, and erance societies are organizing for ntest.

Commercial Union Condemned.

NTREAL, Sept. 14.—The local h of the Imperial Federation league passed a resolution condemning mercial Union as injurious to the sts of Canada, and discriminating st all countries of the world which do so against Canada.

. P. and an Editor on Trial for Libel.

nesse, M. P., and M. Lessard, editor proprietor respectively of *Le Monde*, is morning arraigned in the court of n's bench for criminal libel on Mr. ier. Both pleaded not guilty and remanded for trial. Bail was ac- d.

Governor General at Bishop's College.

HERBROOKE, Que., Sept. 14.—The nor general this morning visited op's college, Lennoxville, in company Lady Lansdowne and suite. His ency was there given the honorary e of D. C. L., in the presence of a nt assemblage. He delivered an e address on the benefits of univer- education.

Destructive Bush Fires.

OSTON, Ont., Sept. 14.—Some of nd at Violet, over which bush fires recently, belonged to Sir Richard right. On Wednesday and Thurs- about one hundred and fifty men out fighting the flames and prevent- em from consuming valuable build- nd contents. The fire at Bicknall's rs swept over the country as far as n, burning wood and fences and houses. A blind man named Davy ed in the flames.

Give Them a Chance!

t is to say, your lungs. Also all your ing machinery. Very wonderful ney it is. Not only the larger air- ges, but the thousands of little tubes avities leading from them.

en these are clogged and choked matter which ought not to be there, lungs cannot half do their work. what they do, they cannot do well. l it cold, cough, croup, pneumonia, h, consumption or any of the family cost and nose and head and lung ob- ons, all are bad. All ought to be d of. There is just one sure way to d of them. That is to take Boschee's an Syrup, which any druggist will ou at 75 cents a bottle. Even if thing else has failed you, you may d on this for certain.

A Fact Worth Remembering.

Jas. Binnie, of Toronto, states is little baby when three months as so bad with summer complaint nder doctor's treatment her life was ired of. Four doses of Dr. Fowler's Strawberry cured her, she is now d hearty. tu-th-sat-dw

Reliable.

have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Strawberry, and found it a cure for er complaint. I was very sick, and red me entirely." Alexander W. , Moose Creek, Ont. tu-th-sat-dw

A Radical Change.

had got so bad with dyspepsia that lly cared whether I lived or not,' Frank A. Swain, of the Toronto office. Three bottles of Burdock Bitters cured him, and he says, "it eems a pleasure to live." tu-th-sat-dw

A Pleasing Duty.

feel it my duty to say," writes John n, of Desert, P. Q., "that Burdock Bitters cured my wife of liver com- , from which she had been a sufferer. Her distressing, painful symp- soon gave way, and I can highly mend the medicine to all suffering did. tu-th-sat-dw

Quite Correct.

have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Strawberry, and found it the best y I ever used for dysentery and all er complaints among children, and k no household should be without Mrs. A. Baker, Ingoldsby, Ont. tu-th-sat-dw

MARRIED.

JOURAND.—On the 12th instant, at St. Andrew's Church, by the Rev. D. Fraser, Ernest Alfred Wyld to Juliette Dorina Jourand.

DEATHS.

ON.—In this city, on the 11th instant, Jos- h Martin, a native of Providence, Rhode land, aged 40 years.

funeral will take place (TO-DAY), Tues- at 2 o'clock, from St. Joseph's Hospital.

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-1m-dw JOHN PUETZ, Proprietor.

MAIL CONTRACT.

LED TENDERS, addressed to the Post- aster General, will be received at Ottawa noon on Friday, 6th January, 1888, for the yance of Her Majesty's Mails on a pro- contract for four years, fortnightly and nly each way, between Cranbrook and from the 1st May next. The convey- to be made at the option of the tractor. The route pursued in the convey- of this mail to be *via* the Postoffices at Springs, Windermere, and Kootenay (Wild Creek).

ted notices containing further informa- to conditions of proposed Contract may n and blank forms of Tender may be ob- at the Postoffices of Cranbrook, Koote- Golden, Revelstoke, Kamloops and Calgary, y., and at this office.

E. H. FLETCHER, Post Office Inspector.

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From the Daily Colonist, September. 11, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Canadian Medical Association.

The Canadian Medical association, which has just closed its annual meeting at Toronto, elected Dr. Trew, of New Westminster, vice president for British Columbia, and Dr. Milne, local secretary.

Freight for San Francisco.

The Geo. W. Elder's freight for the above port consists of the following articles: 800 barrels of oil (Alaska), 500 barrels of salmon (Alaska), 250 tons C. P. R. and China, 205 tons iron from Irondale, 5,000 cases northern salmon, 100 sacks rice meal, 250 salt hides, and about 25 tons general cargo. The Elder's detention was due to the immense amount of freight offered, and it is expected that the Mexico, which is due from the south to-morrow, will return also with a large cargo.

Cricket.

Yesterday's game at Beacon Hill was between sides chosen by Messrs. P. D. Goepel, and D. Deig; the former winning by a score of 75 to 40. For the winners W. Swinnerton scored 21 (not out), Richards 18, P. D. Goepel 13; and Campbell took three wickets for 12 runs. On the losing side J. E. Martin obtained 14, J. W. Sinclair 11, A. E. Langley 10; the first named also getting three wickets for 18 runs. Remarkably fine catches were made by J. K. Worsfold and Simmerton. The band of H. M. S. Triumph played during the afternoon.

An Action for Divorce.

It is said that the wife of a well known resident of Nanaimo has begun an action for divorce from her husband. The grounds alleged are of such a startling character that, if found to be true, it will require more than a civil case to mete out the reward that would satisfy justice. The chief ground is that of adultery, in which the servant girl is a prominent figure, but there are other features in connection with this that carry with them charges of the gravest kind, and which would, if substantiated, place the transgressor where he would not have that freedom which he now enjoys. Fuller developments are shortly expected.

Coming West.

The Rev. Canon Trotter, who has been for eighteen years vicar of Alnwick in Northumberland, England, is about to leave for Canada to take up fresh work in the diocese of Qu'Appelle in the Northwest. Canon Trotter in announcing this fact to his parishoners informed them that the subject has been for some time under consideration, and that he has only decided to resign his present charge after earnest consultation with the Bishop of Newcastle, who speaking of his departure, says:

The departure of the Vicar will be a great loss to Alnwick; for never was there a more energetic pastor in any parish, or one who cared more for the advancement and well-being of those not only in his own parish but the town in general. Earnest, well-meaning, and wishful in all ways to assist his fellow creatures, and to do good, his exertions have not been barren, but have borne the ripest fruit, as may be witnessed by the institutions that have been reared. Canon Trotter's parishioners, and not a few outside of them, will regret his sudden call to fresh fields of work in a distant land.

The Canadian Mail Route.

The Toronto *Globe's* special correspondent cables as follows from London under date of the 2nd inst.: I understand that Sir Charles Tupper, at the request of the Canadian government, had an interview with Mr. Raikes, the postmaster-general, with reference to the notice recently issued regarding letters to China and Japan superscribed *via* Vancouver. It appears that in consequence of the steamships being cargo vessels, their sailings are irregular and the advertised dates are not always adhered to. Letters sent in accordance with the notice are therefore liable to delay, which would bring discredit on the all-Canadian route. The result of the interview is that the notice will be modified, and the letters will be superscribed "*via* Montreal," instead of Vancouver, so that they can be forwarded *via* San Francisco if the Canadian steamer is delayed.

Birth on the Rail.

On the Pacific express which arrived to-day, says the *Columbian*, was a Mrs. Boyle, from Missouri, who gave birth to a son on board the train near Gleichen. The train was running forty miles an hour at the time she was delivered, and there was no one on board who could render medical assistance, but that fortunately in this case could be dispensed with. The company's officials and the passengers rendered every possible assistance, all on board vieing with each other to provide every available comfort for mother and son. Mrs. Boyle is on her way to Tacoma to join her husband, who no doubt will be highly delighted to welcome the little stranger. This is the second birth that has taken place on the prairie section of the C. P. R., the first having occurred near Oak Lake, about two years ago, under very extraordinary circumstances.

Canadian Anthracite Coal.

Mr. J. L. Mudge, representing the Canadian Anthracite Coal Co., of Anthracite, N.W.T., arrived the other evening from St. Paul, and is at the Driard. Mr. Mudge has completed arrangements for the first shipment of 2,000 tons of the anthracite to San Francisco, where a test was made of its quality by the Nevada Metallurgical works. Mr. Luckhardt describes it as a "freeburning anthracite coal, averaging with Pennsylvania coal. It is a good steam coal and excellent for house or domestic purposes, containing a remarkably low percentage of ash and little sulphur." The vessel that will take the coal is now on her way to Port Moody, at which point the coal is now awaiting shipment. It will be loaded from cars by means of shutes. This means will be taken until pockets are constructed.

Ex-Ald. Bathgate, of Winnipeg, general manager of the electric and gas light company, who has tested the coal as to its steaming qualities, has placed all orders with the company, so satisfied is he with the result of the test.

Mr. Mudge states that they have a good market for their coal in San Francisco, provided it can be laid down there at a fair figure. They are in a position to ship from eighty to one hundred thousand tons to that point during the next twelve months.

Arrest of Fuller.

The following is taken from the New York *Sun* of the 30th ult.:

Charles D. Kennedy, third lieutenant of the United States steamer Bear, now cruising in the Arctic ocean, writes home to his father under date of July 10th:

"After leaving Unalaska we visited St. Michael's, and there I arrested Frank Fuller for the murder of Archbishop Seghers in November. I will turn the prisoner over to the authorities at Unalaska on the return of the Bear. The man is one of the most gentlemanly I ever met, and is, I think, undoubtedly insane on one point. He thinks that his life was in constant danger and that the archbishop was planning to have him killed.

"He awoke the archbishop, told him that one of them must die, and that as the archbishop was the better prepared he must be the one. He fired his rifle, and the bullet struck the archbishop in the forehead, passing out at the back of the head. He then brought the body to St. Michael's on a dog sled, and the body is now in possession of one of the Fathers.

"Fuller was not a priest, but simply an attendant of the archbishop, and was a very handy, as well as quite an intelligent man. He is very quiet on board, wears a rosary round his neck, and spends most of his time in reading his prayer-book.

"In an entry which Archbishop Seghers made in his diary, he said for the third time he had noticed unmistakable signs of insanity in Fuller. The archbishop was universally loved by the Indians, miners and all with whom he came in contact."

McKinnon's Case.

Vancouver *Herald*: McKinnon, the would-be pilot, appears to have raised a hornet's nest about his ears by usurping the prerogative of the licensed pilots, and in trying to defend his position he has made it much worse by denying knowledge of any action having been taken against him, as he well knew proceedings were instituted against him while in this city, and he tried to evade service by leaving surreptitiously.

Distinguished Prelates.

Archbishops Taché and Fabre arrived at New Westminster on Friday, when addresses were presented to both distinguished prelates and replied to.

Most of the gentlemen present were then presented by Mr. Justice McCreight, after which a procession was formed, and with the band leading, took its way to St. Ann's convent, where a lunch had been prepared for the archbishop, bishop and clergy.

Their graces went over to Vancouver yesterday.

The Elder's Passengers.

The following passengers left on the steamer Geo. W. Elder for San Francisco last night: W. Napier, Captain Irving, Miss Nuttall, Miss Planchon, Mrs. Nuttall, D. Briden, A. C. McMickin, C. R. Pillock, R. Nuttall, W. P. Cunningham, George Grayson, J. H. Magee, wife and child, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. W. T. Bailkett, Master Bartlett, Dr. and Mrs. Roberts, Hi. Thomson, Mrs. H. Jamieson, J. T. Griffith, A. J. McKiernan, Ben Matthews and wife, Wm. Newton, Lorenzo Hengan, Wesley Smith, A. W. Jories, Charles E. Foye, A. Alsop and wife, Allen V. Ramsey, W. J. R. Shaw, E. A. Morris, Mrs. A. J. Bechtell, nurse and children, T. G. Head, wife and children, Mrs. Alice Emplyze, R. Heath, W. J. Sullivan.

ARRIVAL OF THE BOSCOWITZ.

Return of Seized Seal Hunters—The Metlakahtlans in Alaska.

The steamer Boscowitz, Capt. Williams, arrived from Northern coast ports yesterday morning. Her passengers consisted of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lowe, Mr. McNab, fisheries agent, and Mrs. Snow. From the Rivers Inlet Canning Co. there were shipped 3,000 cases salmon, from Alert Bay Canning Co. 3,600 cases, and from Rev. Mr. Green 148 barrels and 111 half barrels salt salmon.

Four white men and fifteen Indians, who arrived at Fort Simpson from Sitka where they were taken on Capt. Warren's schooners, also arrived on the steamer. The Indians were eighteen days on the trip to Fort Simpson in their canoes and the white men sailed it in eight days in a boat.

The principal topic in the north is the emigration of the Metlakahtlans into Alaskan territory. They left with their all, being towed on several trips by the missionary steamer Glad tidings, 70 canoes on one occasion and 30 on another. They have evidently become quite Americanized, the stars and stripes being floated to the breeze every morning, a salute fired from the gun, and in the evening the band plays "Hail Columbia." Metlakahtla is virtually deserted, the Indians having torn down their houses and taken them along. About 150 altogether remain, being composed principally of the chiefs, their families and the few followers that remain to them and the Bishop. It is stated that none of the chiefs have accompanied the party. Mr. Duncan having always made it a policy never to give them any position of importance or trust in the church or community, and thus broke their power over the tribes. The queen who once reigned supreme, and who, it is said, on one occasion shot down two men on the beach for disobeying her, is now simply a klootchman at Fort Simpson with none of her former prestige remaining. The great chief, her husband, is working on the wharf at one dollar per day. The great majority of the white residents are a unit in regretting that the Metlakahtlans have departed, friends and opponents of Mr. Duncan alike. There is now some talk among the Indians around Fort Simpson taking a similar step to those of Metlakahtla. It is supposed, however, that this will subside. It is also thought that the village deserted by the Metlakahtlans will be again occupied, probably by some interior tribe.

DROWNED.

Capt. Clark, of the Schooner Black Diamond, Falls into the Harbor and is Drowned—The Coroner's Inquest.

About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon a man named Joe Lipput was standing on the Johnson street ferry landing when he saw the body of a man floating in the water, face downward. Having had a little experience in matters of this sort, he did not attempt to pull the body out, but seeing Supt. Bloomfield coming down Johnson street informed him of his discovery. The chief went down immediately, and, with the assistance of a couple of men, soon brought the corpse to shore, when it was found that the dead man was Capt. Clark, of the sealing schooner Black Diamond, which has been lying at the slip for a few days. A physician was at once summoned, but he pronounced life extinct, although the body had only been in the water but a very short time. The superintendent had the body conveyed to Mr. Storey's undertaking rooms, where it was seen during the day by a number of people who knew the deceased. It is said the captain had been under the influence of liquor for two days, and yesterday morning, although not drunk, was slightly intoxicated. About twelve o'clock, in company with Mr. Frank, one of the owners of the schooner, he went to the custom house, where he was to receive his salary. Mr. Fry was not in and Mr. Milne told Frank and the captain that they had better come back again. They left the place together but the captain took his departure in another direction. That was the last time Mr. Frank saw him alive. The latter returned to the custom house shortly before 1 o'clock, but the captain did not turn up, and Mr. Frank, who wanted to pay the money, left, and while on his way to the store, was shocked to hear of the drowning accident. It is stated by Capt. Worth, who was an intimate friend of the drowned man, that Clark was very much worried at not having heard from his wife. He said if he did not hear from her on Saturday it would be the last of him. Capt. Worth endeavored to comfort him and invited him to stay at his house.

The deceased, who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, was aged 40 years. He leaves a wife and two children who reside there. He is spoken of as having been a first-class navigator and about a year ago brought the bark Aberlemno here. How he fell into the water is not known but it is thought that he slipped in stepping from the wharf to the schooner.

Last evening at 7:30 o'clock a coroner's inquest was held, when the following gentlemen were chosen as jurymen: Wm. Jensen, foreman, Frank Worth, John Roan, Christopher Shirlock, and W. V. Brown. The evidence of Dr. F. Hall and Messrs. Morse and Frank was taken after which the inquest was continued until 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, to enable Supt. Bloomfield to procure more evidence. This postponement will delay the burial and it is just possible that a *post mortem* examination will be held.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That Sir Henry Tichborne was married at Coventry on Thursday to Miss Mary Petre.

That "My boy," said an aged tailor to his son, a young man who was about to go west to make his fortune, "I have given you a good start along the seam of life. It depends on you to keep at it with a strong and even stitch. And don't forget to fasten off your work with a knot at the end of the seam." That youth never forgot his father's admonition. He was hung in Arizona three years afterwards for stealing a horse.

ALBERNI.

The Settlers Well—A Canoe Upsets and a Little Boy is Drowned.

Mr. A. G. McCandless, with A. Gilmore & Co., returned yesterday morning from the Alberni settlement, after a very successful business trip.

He reports that the settlers are all well and happy, and seem to be content with their new homes. The only fault they have to find is that there is no way of sending money through the postoffice. What is wanted is a money order department, and it is the opinion that if such is provided considerable business will be encouraged between Victoria and the settlement. Mr. McCandless rode over from Nanaimo and found on his journey of sixty miles, that the fires have played sad havoc with the timber, and in some places the road is in a bad condition, due to the same cause.

Last Monday night a man named Armand was crossing Somas river in a canoe, with his four children, when it upset and all were precipitated into the water. The youngest child, aged about 14 months, perished. The body was recovered and last Wednesday was buried, Mr. Mollet reading the services in the absence of Rev. Mr. Dunn. The sad event has cast a shadow of sorrow over the people, who sympathize with the grief-stricken parents.

Mr. McCandless also spoke in the highest terms of the treatment he received. He says the people are hospitable and welcome strangers with open arms.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The rifle team are expected to arrive to-night from Ottawa.

About forty hunters went up the line of the Island railway yesterday.

Workmen are busy placing the Jewish synagogue in a thorough state of repair, inside and out.

The wind yesterday scattered the dust in all directions. As usual, the sprinkler was nowhere to be seen.

It is understood that it is the intention of the E. & N. R. R. Co. to put steel wheels on their coaches.

No. 2 locomotive, of the E. & N. railway, has been taken to pieces and will be put in thorough repair for the winter.

It is stated that W. Paine and Shewin, the victor in the recent Shewin and Munger race, will try conclusions shortly.

A race between H. Struve and a runner named Lewis will take place at the Victoria Driving Park on the 17th inst., for $100 a side.

The rock on the extension of the E. & N. railway will be cut through in about two weeks, when the rest of the work will be all plain sailing.

About twenty stone door-sills were brought down on the E. & N. R. R. yesterday from Kokosilah river quarry for shipment to New Westminster.

Mr. Benedict, who has so long been acting in the capacity of private secretary to H. M. Abbott, Esq., is about to accept a position under Welch, Rithet & Co.

Jacob Nagle, a German, and a tanner by trade, died at the Royal hospital yesterday. He was aged 61 years, and worked for a number of years in the Rock Bay tannery.

The steamer Princess Louise, Capt. Meyer, left for New Westminster at noon yesterday with about 3,000 cases of northern salmon for Montreal. She will return with salmon for the Titania.

The foul-smelling cobble stone drain on Broad street, near Fort, which has been allowed to send forth its fever-breeding exhalations during all the summer season, is at last being replaced with an enclosed box drain.

Passengers over the gulf yesterday had a rough passage. On the Rithet a bunch of flowers fell off the table in the ladies' cabin, and six ladies jumped from their seats to get it, and every one only succeeded in falling on the floor.

MARINE.

Steamer Mexico is due from San Francisco early to-morrow morning.

Steamer Maude came in last evening from Departure Bay with a load of coal.

Bark Calcutta has arrived at Departure Bay and will load coal for San Francisco.

Ship Carrolton, Lewis, has arrived at Nanaimo, and will load coal for San Francisco.

Bark Don Carlos will go to sea as soon as the tug Pilot arrives from Nanaimo, which will probably be this morning.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived from the Sound at 3:30 o'clock p. m. yesterday and left for San Francisco five hours later.

Bark Oban Bay will complete her cargo of coal to-morrow night. It is thought the vessel will not get away for Portland until the end of the present week.

Capt. H. F. Siewerd will leave for the maritime provinces to-morrow or Tuesday, where he will purchase a large schooner, ship a crew, and bring her himself to this port. She will be fitted out for the sealing and whaling industries, and will be the largest schooner in our sealing fleet. On her first cruise, which will be to the Arctic, the schooner will be navigated by her owner, who, by the way, is an old sea-dog, and never satisfied unless he is snuffing the salt breeze. We hope he will receive the success that his enterprising spirit deserves.

NANAIMO.

(Free Press.)

The ship America, Capt. Gibson, and the ship Wilna, Capt. Porter, left San Francisco together on the 25th ultimo, the ship Glory of the Seas, Capt. Freeman, the day before, all the vessels being bound to Departure bay for Wellington coal. It was understood to be a race for blood, and the arrival of the America yesterday, the ships Wilna and Glory of the Seas not being even in sight, Capt. Gibson is now entitled to carry the broom at the masthead as Admiral Van Tromp. Capt Gibson was sixteen days on the passage and reports strong head winds the entire trip.

Mr. M. Wolfe received a letter yesterday from his wife, who is in San Francisco, which stated that Mrs. Dunphy, wife of Capt. W. Dunphy, of the ship Occidental, had died at sea. The deceased lady several times visited this city with her husband, and was highly esteemed by a large number of friends, who will regret to learn of her untimely death.

We have several times alluded to the sinking of the new shaft by the Vancouver Coal Company on their property between the present South Field Mine and the Old Chase River Mine. Several weeks ago the shaft was sunk down and into a splendid seam of coal. Since that time drifts have been run, and quite a quantity of coal taken out. The quality of this coal is of a very superior grade, and the prospects are excellent that this coal underlies a large area of the company's property.

We are informed that it is the intention of Messrs. R. Dunsmuir & Sons, of the Wellington Collieries, to materially increase their loading facilities at Departure Bay. The loading wharves will be increased in number and generally improved. The railroad will be carried around near the residence of Mr. James Dunsmuir, so as to do away with the present incline. The proposed improvements, which will be started at once, will enable the company to ship large quantities of coal.

OUR COAST DEFENCES.

General Russell Arrives at Ottawa to Consult with the Government.

OTTAWA, Sept. 10.—General Lord Alexander Russell, commanding the British troops in Canada, will arrive here to-morrow to consult with the Dominion Government regarding the proposed changes in strengthening the coast defences of the Dominion. There are many conjectures as to the motive which has prompted the Imperial Government to this hurried line of action. To casual observers there appears no immediate danger, yet there must be something underlying, which has prompted the British Government to take extra precautionary measures as suggested.

PERSONAL.

Capt. John Irving has gone to San Francisco.

W. H. Phelps, of Mayne Island, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. and Miss Withrow returned on the Rithet from a visit to New Westminster.

Rev. Mr. Dunn, U. Nelson and J. M. Sparrow arrived yesterday on the Rithet from the Mainland.

Mr. Campbell, the popular cutter at Leask & Morrison's, left this morning for a two weeks' trip to Banff.

Judge Elliot, T. C. Sorby and F. C. Gamble were passengers by the Yosemite yesterday from the Mainland.

Hon. A. E. B. Davie will reach Victoria to-night from his holiday in the interior. It is said he returns in good health.

Mrs. Sargison, Mrs. Luker, Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Burkholder, who have been attending the temperance convention at Chilliwhack, returned on the Rithet yesterday.

THE SEALERS.

Schooners Lottie Fairfield and Adela Arrive Safely from the Behring's Sea—A Successful Season.

Early yesterday morning news was brought to the city that the Lottie Fairfield was beating up the straits. She dropped her anchor at Royal Roads about 9 o'clock, and Capt. White, her master, came ashore in a boat, when it was learned that he had secured 3,000 skins during the voyage; 400 of that number had been landed on Shumagin island which the revenue cutter seized, and in consequence the number aboard the vessel is only 2,600. Regarding the attempt on the part of one of the crew to poison the captain little is known. It is stated, though, that the man was kept in irons until the vessel arrived, when he was released. However, Captain White has fully recovered. Numerous seals were found, and one of the men is said to have made the largest single catch of the season, securing 63 on one occasion and 57 on another. No sign of the much-dreaded U. S. steamer Rush were observed and as a precaution, the Lottie Fairfield was kept well out to the westward.

The German schooner Adela, Captain Hansen, came into the harbor shortly after 10 o'clock with 1,350 skins. The Adela carries an Indian crew and is one of the smallest vessels in the fleet. Captain Hansen says he also steered clear of the cutter and never felt so glad in his life as when he found himself in port. The boat and crew lost from the schooner Vanderbilt in July, were picked up by the Adela, and the former will be handed over to the owners.

SUITS BY THE SHERIFF.

TO THE EDITOR:—Those of your readers who take an interest in matters relating to the law and the legal profession, must have been not a little surprised to read in your column of to-day the report of an *interpleader* case in the county court wherein Sheriff McMillan and another were plaintiffs and two others were defendants, involving a dispute as to the ownership of a boom of logs in which the sheriff had no interest or concern whatever except as an officer of the law, seizing the property under Her Majesty's writ. Yet we find this officious individual appearing by counsel and assuming the *role* of a partisan. Which side is he supporting, pray? or is he forcing himself between the two disputing parties.

I always understood that before a sheriff was entitled to the benefit of interpleader he had to swear that he colluded with neither side; that the relief he claimed was for his benefit and indemnity only and at his own expense. But here the case is reversed. Sheriff McMillan is the first and principal litigant, the real persons interested playing second fiddle altogether. What is it that makes it worthy the while of the sheriff to make himself a partizan? Who pays his lawyer for fighting his self-found interests?

Mr. Editor, this thing is as wrong as it can be. Complaints are constantly heard of the heavy cost of the administration of justice; and the aim of legislators is to decrease those costs. But here is an officer, permitted by the government, whilst ostensibly seeking protection which the law says must be at his own cost, increasing the burden of litigation and gathering the oyster, whilst those for whose interest he is suffered to be acting will get a bare shell! EXQUIRER.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 10, 1887.

GEN. WOLSELEY

Made Practically Secretary of State for War—Army Reorganization.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The reorganization scheme announced last night is a revolution. It practically makes Gen. Wolseley Secretary of State for War without parliamentary responsibility and leaves the present secretary with financial control of the whole war office, divided into civil and war departments. The latter has entire control of the army organization, while the former simply checks accounts. This no doubt means increased efficiency for the army, but the principle of individual responsibility strictly enforced will almost certainly lead to friction between the military and civil departments. The army will be in the hands of the great heads of the departments, against whom the Secretary of War and the Financial Secretary will have to struggle for economy.

Propagating Salmon.

Mr. Thos. Mowat, fishery inspector, states that about ten millions of fish eggs will likely be secured this year. These, if hatching is as successful as last year, will turn out about seven and a half millions of young fish, which will be placed in the various salmon streams in the spring. Last year seven and a half million eggs were laid in and about five million fish were hatched out and placed in the streams. For the past three years an increasing number of fish have been hatched. However, it will be five years before the effect of the first year's deposit will be experienced, as it takes that time for a salmon to reach maturity. After leaving the hatchery they remain eighteen months in fresh water, when they go to sea, returning again in twelve months into the rivers. When four years old they are termed "grilse," weighing then five or seven pounds, but it is only after they reach five years of age that they are caught in any quantities. The Fraser river hatchery is the largest in the Dominion, and the work is carried on after the latest scientific theories of fish propagation. There can be little fear that the wise precaution taken by the Dominion government will result in the permanent return of salmon to our streams and avoid the disastrous consequences which have overtaken the rivers to the south on the Pacific coast.

An Extraordinary Case.

Yesterday morning a Chinaman was charged in the police court with having stolen a coat the property of a young Chinese, in the employ of Mr. Edgar Marvin, sr. When the case was called, the boy did not put in an appearance, and it was learned that he had been locked up by highbinders, who were making desperate efforts to keep him out of the way and thus prevent him from appearing against the accused. Mr. Marvin was very much put out at the absence of the lad, as he is of great assistance to him, and Mr. E. Johnson, Q.C., issued a warrant for his arrest. An attempt was made to discover his place of concealment by the police, but they failed, and it was not until Mr. Marvin had gone after him, himself, that he was found. He is now in gaol and will be kept until Thursday, when he will appear against the thief. Mr. Johnson is particularly severe with highbinders, and he will no doubt endeavor to make an example in this case that will have a tendency to put a stop to their actions.

COWICHAN LAKE.

A Paradise for the Sportsman and Delight for the Tourist.

What a charm for most men have the mysteries of distant mountains, forests, lakes and rivers, and with what delight they can for a short space leave the busy mart or close the recording ledger and, with all the zest of schoolboy days, hie away from the discordant din of streets to some secluded spot where nature has no feverish anxiety nor panic to disturb her values. Nor do we need to look far to find such a resort, and to all who are seeking a suitable place for an outing, we say leave conventionalities, cares and weight of business behind with the starch of Sunday clothes and be off to Cowichan lake. There you cannot but be a happy guest of smiling nature and you will return as bright as the squirrel which chits at you from his perch, and as brown as his coat. The drive from Duncan's station to the lake, a distance of 20 miles, is by no means tedious, at least to the lover of Nature; the cool, fresh, invigorating breeze fans your face, the sunlight dances on an emerald wealth of leaf and fern, (no dust-begrimed foliage here) gay-hued butterflies float on the air, and joyous birds flutter among the branches of towering pines, giant cedars and shady maples. One can realize now to the full the words of the song:

"Oh! forest green and fair,
Oh! pine trees waving high!
How sweet your cool retreat:
How full of rest.
There, free from care and pain,
Gay as a child again,
Peace and contentment reign
Within my breast."

The Cowichan Lake Hotel is situated on a bend of the river a quarter of a mile from its exit from the lake, and here, on a recent visit, we arrived in good time to do ample justice to an ample meal and to prepare the implements of war against the morrow. Early next morning we rise bent on angling, and with all our tackle in order, board one of the trim boats, and leisurely pull up stream to the scene of the morning's sport. In one of the pools a salmon is rising keenly to his morning meal, and it needs but a strong breeze and a large "silver doctor," we feel certain, to secure this prize, but as not a breath of wind stirs we must leave him hiding secure in the blue depths of the pool. But we have reached the lake, and with every sensibility to beauty alive, gaze with rapture on the scene before us. The rising sun is tipping the majestic mountains with transcendent beauty, far up against the blue an eagle soars, on the placid bosom of the lake waterfowl are floating, and in its depths are mirrored the glory of cloud, and forest, and mountain. Verily the artist would here joy in duplicating the view on his canvas. But a gentle stirring of the leaves becomes audible and in a short time, to our delight, a breeze from the south springs up, so now to work. A motion of the rod and our flies are skimming on the wavelets and that but for an instant; there is the well known swirl on the water, and the singing reel and bending rod tell the glad tale. The fish is quiet for a moment, then makes another bolt, shakes the line, jumps in the air, rushes below and all around the boat, but at last is safe in the landing net a lovely specimen of a clean two-pound trout. In an hour and a half we caught seventeen pounds to one rod and had as good sport during our entire visit whenever there was a breeze. It is no uncommon occurrence to kill trout scaling five pounds with fly. The shooting also is magnificent. We need only add that one of our party killed two deer one morning within one-half mile of the hotel. The woods are literally alive with game, deer, bear and grouse; wherever you go fresh tracks meet the eye. At the upper end of the lake elk and wild cattle roam in undisputed possession, and one of the mountains is clad with a species of heather the sight of which recalls the sunny memories of happy days in "Britain's isle afar." For clear, bracing mountain air, for sublime scenery, for unequalled sport we commend Cowichan Lake. Every comfort will be found at the hotel and should you, like ourselves, have the pleasure of visting there we feel sure you will return delighted beyond measure, renewed in health, and with a determination to return on the first opportunity.

MAYNE ISLAND.

(Special Correspondence of THE COLONIST.)

The tower for the fog bell at Plumpers Pass lighthouse has been completed and the bell placed in position.

In pursuance of a petition signed by a number of residents here, asking that an investigation be held concerning certain charges made against the management of the Plumpers Pass post office, Mr. Fletcher, the P. O. inspector arrived on Wednesday, the 7th inst., and took the evidence, Mr. Mills appearing for the petitioners. No action has yet been taken pending instructions from Ottawa.

The *Standard's* Mayne Island correspondent, this time calling himself "Old Pioneer," lashes himself into a great rage at being accused of being untruthful regarding the quantity of game here this season, and pens an effusion to that paper of the 6th inst, abounding in such elegant rhetorical expressions as: "Mushroom nimrod;" "incipient sportaman;" "*magnanimous* hunter," etc., while he quietly slinks out of his former statements by saying that there is not as much game here to-day as there was 16 or 17 years ago. "I am not aware that any one has made any statements to the contrary; it was simply maintained that the amount of game to be found here *to-day* could be called anything but scarce. Because one or two pieces of elk horn have been found lying upon some beach, "Old Pioneer" takes it upon himself to inform us that all the islands abounded with elk a few years ago. All of his statements are founded upon just such fallacious reasoning, and when cornered by facts he uses the only weapon of defence that ignorance always has at ready command, *viz:* abuse. "Old Pioneer" claims to know every cliff and ravine where game may be found. That statement may be true, aye, perhaps too true, for the peace of mind of the farmers who are constantly losing sheep—either shot or stolen by some miscreant—who, being so well acquainted with the nature of the ground, is well able to carry on his iniquity without being detected. As for being a pot-hunter, "Old Pioneer" states that he has not "drawn a bead" on any game since last winter. If he would write over his own name, perhaps a very different story would be told.

No Exploration this Year.

Although the department of marine and fisheries had made arrangements with Carne & Munsie to send out their schooner Pathfinder on another exploring expedition, the lateness of the season has decided Mr. T. Mowat, fisheries inspector, to recommend to the department that the matter be not pushed this year, but that a larger appropriation be granted and an early start made next season. It will be remembered that the exploring party last year went out at so late a time in the fall that the rough weather encountered rendered it impossible to successfully pursue an investigation, and though considerable valuable information was gleaned, yet not sufficient to warrant men to embark in the business of fishing. This year, with so small a sum and at such an advanced stage of the season, it is thought that little would be added to the knowledge already acquired. But during the coming session of parliament it is trusted that a sum ranging between $10,000 and $15,000 will be allotted for the work, and a small steamer engaged for three months. By starting in June and remaining out until the latter part of August, it would render it possible to thoroughly investigate the numerous fishing banks on the east and west coasts of Vancouver and Queen Charlotte islands, and demonstrate thoroughly their adaptability for fishing industries. If this is done, there would then be abundant information at hand to prove to those desiring to engage in fishing on a large scale that there was reasonable prospect that their investments would turn out profitably.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Hon. Mr. Cornwall Appointed Dominion Commissioner to Enquire Into Naas Indian Grievances.

Hon. Mr. Thompson Delighted With British Columbia—Improvements to New Westminster Penitentiary—Prof. Saunders on His Way to the Coast—The Fisheries' Department "Officially" Tickled — Canada's Public Debt.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Sept. 10.—At a cabinet meeting to-day ex-Gov. Cornwall was appointed Dominion commissioner to accompany the provincial commissioner to the Naas river district to enquire into the Indian grievances.

The net public debt of the Dominion on the 31st of August was $228,494,460.

Hon. Messrs. Thompson and McLellan have returned. Mr. Thompson says any one visiting British Columbia cannot fail to be struck with its resources and scenery. He speaks in high terms of the cordial reception given him, and says certain improvements will be made in the penitentiary at New Westminster.

Prof. Saunders, director of the experimental farm, left direct for British Columbia to-night to select a site for the branch farm.

Officials of the fisheries' department are greatly tickled over the Alfred Adams affair.

Much satisfaction is expressed here at the granting of an Imperial subsidy to the Canadian Pacific steamers.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Upset and Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—While the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Yaquina was at F