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From THE DAILY COLONIST, Oct. 4.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Well Pleased.

A large number of Nanaimo visitors to the Tournament and Exhibition went back home, yesterday afternoon. They all take back golden opinions of the hospitality of our citizens, and the excellence of the various entertainments provided.

Valuable Jewellery Unclaimed.

At the office of the National Electric Tramway Company, at Rock Bay, lies a valuable gold bracelet, which was found in one of the cars, on the exhibition line, during the week. The owner can regain possession of the article by describing the property.

The Death Sentence.

Nemiah, the notorious Chilcotin outlaw, who has killed half a dozen or more people, was sentenced by Judge Walkem at Ashcroft, on Wednesday, to be hanged 29th October. He was brought to New Westminster yesterday, and will be kept in the provincial gaol till date of execution.

Sealskins.

The sealskins of the schooner Kate are now salted and rolled and ready for shipment. It is probable that they will go east via San Francisco to New York. The skins of the Penelope were taken ashore yesterday. Like the generality of those brought down this season they are large and of good quality.

Not the N. E. T. Wire.

The management of the N. E. T. & L. Co. emphatically deny the statement that the small fire in the telephone office, Friday night, was caused by one of their wires crossing a telephone line. This was not the case, nor was there any sign of anything of the kind happening, as far as regarded the Tramway Company's line.

Out of Dock.

All the intricate labor that has been employed in repairing the damage done to H.M.S. Warspite is now approaching completion, and painters will soon be at work on the vessel. She will leave dock on or about the 16th of the present month, when it is probable that she will make a short cruise from harbor before the winter.

For the Exhibition.

The steamer Isabel arrived in port one day earlier than usual this week, coming in on Friday last with a number of Exhibition excursionists, among them J. McPhee, J. B. Holmes, J. B. Creech, Government Agent at Comox, and Mr. John Hawkins and Miss Graham of Denman's Island, the two latter of whom return as man and wife.

Great Volume of Traffic.

Since last Monday, ten cars per day have been running to the Driving Park and Oak Bay. Each of these cars travelled, per day, 114 miles, so that, during the week, a space of ground has been covered by them equal to the distance between Victoria and New York and back again. Over 50,000 persons have been carried in the past week.

Inspection of War Vessels.

H. M. S. Nymphe will be inspected by Admiral Hotham, to-day, and since Friday morning, cleaning up operations have been perpetual, in order to have things spick and span for the occasion. Considering the rough weather she experienced, and the long trip to Behring Sea, without chance of an overhaul, her condition on return was excellent. H. M. S. Pheasant will also be inspected, to-day.

A Royal Reception.

On their arrival home, at noon on Friday, the Nanaimo firemen, who have been so successful during the recent tournament, received a right royal reception. They were met at the depot by some 1,500 of their fellow citizens and marched through the town, accompanied by the town band, being entertained at a banquet in the evening. They won $1,150 in prizes against $1,250, the winnings of all the other competitors.

Public Hospital at Port Simpson.

A meeting of Northerners was held, Friday evening, at the office of R. H. Hall, M.P.P., to take steps in regard to the proposed public hospital at Port Simpson. The following were nominated as a committee of management, with Mr. Jennings as Secretary: A. J. McLennan, W. H. Dempster, J. A. Carthew, B. Stapleton, C. W. D. Clifford, R. H. Hall, M.P.P., Revs. T. Crosby and D. Jennings, and A. E. Bolton, M. D. A building will be commenced at once at Port Simpson, and it is the intention to have a temporary branch at Port Essington, on the Skeena river, during the summer.

An Excellent Appointment.

Mr. W. J. McDowell, who has for the past several years held the position of night editor on the COLONIST, has resigned for the purpose of taking a position in the Attorney-General's office. Mr. McDowell has a friend in every member of the staff of the COLONIST, who, with the proprietors, will regret very much in parting with so pleasant a co-worker and so faithful and energetic an employe. However, as it will prove an easier position than his present one, all are pleased to know that Mr. McDowell will benefit by the change. The Government is to be congratulated on securing so efficient an official.

Salmon Shipments.

The British Bark Callao, Capt. J. James, cleared out yesterday from Customs, with 41,640 cases of salmon. R. Ward & Co. shipped 6,000 cases, brand "H", 2,000 "W," 3,250 "SC" 30 "EL" and 3,750 "R.J.G." Messrs. Finlay, Durham and Brodie shipped 5,000 of the Viceroy brand, and 6,000 branded "Rivers Inlet Cannery." R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., had on board 2,697 from the Standard Packing Co., 5,000 from the Wannuck Packing Co., 3,303 from the Lowe Inlet Packing Co., "C" brand. The Anglo B. C. Packing Co., Ltd., had 4,610, brand "British America." There were also seven packages, personal effects valued at $500. The value of the salmon shipments is $12,090.

Telephone Tangles.

As the result of the fire at the telephone office, on Friday night, telephonic communication has, of necessity, been altogether suspended, but workmen were, yesterday, engaged in setting matters aright once more. The nature of the damage done by the flames is very complicating, necessitating the separate repair of some four hundred distinct wires. For a couple of days to come those using the telephone may be expecting a ring up from the central, and to have the question put—"Who's there?" or "What's your number?" There cannot be any idea at the central in fixing the wires as to whom they communicate with, and hence the work must be a tedious one. It is at the point where the various wires combine in the office that the mischief was done. Each wire will, consequently, have to be dealt with individually, and a short length added. The inconvenience to the public is greater than any other consideration with the company, who are making every effort to have the service put in order. It is expected that by Monday evening quite a number of the connections will have been made.

Victoria's Population.

The recent census taken by direction of the City Council, will prove the population of the city to be over 22,500, instead of 16,800, as the Dominion census takers figured it out. There are, it will be demonstrated, over 20,000 whites, 2,000 Chinese, and 300 Indians. The official figures will be made known in the course of a few days.

Watching for Smugglers.

The U. S. revenue cutter Wolcott's report sent to Washington, on Friday, shows that during September she cruised 1,088 miles; her officers boarded 1,360 vessels and reported twenty-nine violations of the navigation and revenue laws. Captain Tozier has two squads of men watching the San Juan islands for three vessels with opium aboard, suspected of trying to smuggle it into the United States.

The Bride of Death.

A few days since Miss Maria Jaegers, a well known young lady of Seattle, began the preparations for her wedding, which was to have taken place on Saturday evening week; and the excitement was too much for her, and in consequence the ceremony was postponed. Every arrangement had been perfected, the young lady's home had been decorated, the marriage supper prepared and the wedding guests invited for the ceremony. However, on Wednesday the young lady succumbed to spinal menigitis. The groom is crazed with grief. He draped his store in mourning, dismissed his help, and closed the establishment, saying that he had now nothing to live for.

The Jewish New Year.

The Jewish population of the city, yesterday, commenced their New Year's celebration with all solemnity. In their kalonda the year just entered upon is the 5,652nd, and, as usual, ten days' penance is inaugurated, which will conclude with the strict observance of the day of atonement, on which occasion a solemn fast is enjoined, lasting from sundown till the rising of the moon next night. The synagogue was, yesterday, well filled, and the services most impressive.

Rev. S. Philo delivered a very effective address, taking for his subject, "Life, and what it is to live." He spoke of the present life, and asked his people to so live it as fit themselves for the better life to come. Despite any persecution to which they, as a people, might be subjected, their lives should be irreproachable, so that even their enemies would be obliged to admire their consistency and long to live as they lived. The service will be continued for the next ten days. The month is an eventful one in the Jewish year. It is a month in which there are a succession of holidays—the day of atonement, the feast of the tabernacle, which lasts for eight days, the rejoicing of the law, and other fasts, feasts and holidays. The synagogue is capable of seating, comfortably, over 400 people, and was the first place of worship in Victoria built of stone and brick. It was erected at a time (1862) when the Jewish population was considerable larger than at present. For years past the congregation had been without the services of a pastor, but the flock of late has swelled so much as to justify the elders in appointing Rev. S. Philo. There is thorough unanimity in the church—the reform and orthodox Jews uniting in common worship, and ignoring those little differences of ritual which, in other countries, create such dissensions.

THE NEW TELEGRAPH LINE.

A Great Improvement—The Impending Change Hailed With Satisfaction by Business Men.

To-morrow morning, Mr. J. Wilson, manager of the C.P.R. telegraph, leaves here in the Douglas, taking with him linemen, two telegraph operators, instruments, and all necessary articles for changing the present Government telephone line, running from Cape Beale to this city, into a telegraph line. It is his intention to make five stations. The first will be at Otter Point, the second at some point yet to be decided on, the third at San Juan, the fourth at Carmanah, and the fifth at Cape Beale. The present lighthouse keepers at Carmanah and Cape Beale will become telegraph operators, and the other points will be supplied with new men. The C.P.R. Telegraph company puts in all instruments and material at its own cost, and will operate the line for the Government, the latter paying the wages of the operators, who, however, are directly under orders from Mr. Wilson. It has been found that the government telephone is too long to be worked with any satisfaction, and it has, in reality, long since ceased to be depended on for accurate information. Affairs will in future be altogether different. The sealing fleet will be all placed on the shipping register, and each vessel will be given a number, so that information can be received here on the arrival of any vessel off Cape Beale, and her name can be known for a certainty. Then, again, all ships and steamers will be heard from immediately on coming in sight of the Cape, and, we are informed, that the company will lose no time in supplying the press with all news of this character immediately on receipt of it here. It is expected that in a week the line will be in full running order. A most interesting fact about the change is that the wire will be the most westerly telegraph on the continent of America.

Police Court Notes.

The old watch case came to an end, yesterday, at the police court, when Thomas Murray was convicted of the theft and sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Several drunks presented themselves in the dock, and all were subjected to the usual penalty. William Herd, a pot valiant gentleman, essayed to obstruct a police officer, Friday night, while the constable was attempting to arrest a drunk. A light fine was imposed.

The only case of any importance on the docket was a charge of vagrancy preferred by the police against William Waters. Mr. C. Dubois Mason appeared for the defence. Chief Sheppard, who delights in little sparring matches with counsel opposed to his arrests, claimed that the defendant was a pugilist, a saloon "chucker-out," a vagrant and a man whose whole occupation seemed to be a continual canvass among his acquaintances for cheap drinks. The Chief brought two officers into the witness box to corroborate his statements. The defence was that the man had been in temporary employment and was doing his best to get more, and that never, in his career as a pugilist, had he debased himself by fighting for anything but "points." Mr. Belyea interrupted the discussion on the art of pugilism, and remarked that it had not much to do with the charge, which was simply a mild way of implying that it had no more bearing on the case than a barrel of saltpetre. The matter was adjourned till next Tuesday, and in the meantime the defendant intends to hustle for work.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

The Lacrosse Match at Westminster—The Royal City Team Win—Three Goals to One.

The Clubs Start Even for the Championship—Another Match Necessary.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 3.—The championship lacrosse match, to-day, between Westminster and Vancouver, resulted in an easy victory for the Westminster club, by three games to one. Clark, of Victoria, made a very fair and impartial referee. The first game was won by Westminster in eleven minutes, during which the Royal City men had much the best of the play. The second game lasted an hour and five minutes, and was won by Westminster. Lewis was badly injured by Rowan and had to stop play. Rowan was ruled off. The third game occupied twenty minutes, and was noted for the most brilliant work of the day. Westminster won this also. The fifth game lasted five minutes and was won by Vancouver. This ended the match, and as the clubs now stand even in the championship series, another match will have to be played to decide the championship. It is hoped Victoria will be selected for the next battle ground, as it will be a fair field for both clubs.

THE OAR

At New Westminster, yesterday, Alex. McLean defeated Wm. Coots, of Steveston, in a three-mile canoe race, for $200.

THE RIFLE.

The following are the results of the rifle matches which took place, last week, on the mainland, between a team from H.M.S. Warspite and teams from New Westminster and Vancouver.

H.M.S. WARSPITE VS. NEW WESTMINSTER.

WARSPITE TEAM.

	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	T'l.
W. Evans	28	28	30	86
J. Scanlan	25	26	28	79
W. Dawe	25	27	22	74
R. Hine	16	25	26	67
Mr. Owens	30	25	19	74
H. Herring	24	31	26	81
J. Sutherland	30	27	28	85
E. Vaughan	29	21	23	73
Total				619

NEW WESTMINSTER TEAM.

	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	T'l.
G. Turnbull	28	31	28	87
J. Sharp	27	26	24	77
R. Wilson	23	25	22	70
S. Fletcher	27	18	24	69
E. Doring	20	22	19	61
W. Teather	16	22	17	55
A. McLean	19	27	26	72
H. Chamberlain	32	30	29	91
Total				582

Result—Warspite won by 37 points.

H. M. S. WARSPITE VS. VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER TEAM.

	200 yds	500 yds	600 yds	t'l
H. Forrest	32	30	31	93
H. Collins	29	29	30	88
J. Shearer	31	28	25	84
J. Wilson	26	25	28	79
S. Sharpnell	29	30	19	78
H. Brocklesby	20	33	24	77
H. Smalley	24	29	19	72
D. McGirr	27	27	18	72
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WARSPITE TEAM.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	t'l.
R. Hine	29	34	25	88
R. Herring	27	29	29	85
W. Evans	28	28	27	83
J. Sutherland	28	33	22	83
Mr. Owens	25	25	29	79
R. Dawe	23	26	27	76
J. Scanlan	24	31	21	76
J. Murphy	22	23	22	67
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Result: Vancouver won by 6 points.

FINE PRINTING.

"The Colonist" Secures the Medals for Lithographing and Job Printing.

All who visited the Victoria exhibition were interested in the exhibit of job printing and lithographing made by THE COLONIST. It occupied a prominent place in the art gallery. Those competent to judge stated that no better work in either department of printing could have been shown anywhere. Naturally, the medal offered for competition was secured in each case. In the commercial printing department of THE COLONIST, the aim has always been to turn out the very best of work. If a fair price could not be secured for a piece of printing, it was not desired. That class of work called "slop" is not produced in THE COLONIST establishment. It is due to this policy that to-day this printing office has secured to itself a large and continuous share of the printing work of the city, and, if the effort and desire to continue to produce nothing but good work will retain the patronage, it is sure to be retained. The staff of artists and printers in both departments, and the very best of type and machinery, render it possible to execute every class of engraved and type printing, and any one requiring such work will be given thorough satisfaction in every particular.

John L. Sullivan Stranded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The steamer Monowai, which arrived late last night, brought the latest sporting news from the Antipodean colonies. It was expected by the friends of Joe Choynski that he would arrive by the Monowai, but he did not come. Joe has been touring in the colonies, and when the steamer left he had just returned to Melbourne, after a successful engagement. His combination did a much better business than Sullivan's. His friends were arranging a benefit for him, at the Crystal Palace, for Monday, September 14th. John L. Sullivan's failure in the colonies has received considerable notice from the sporting writers. Throughout the "Honest Hands and Willing Hands" combination was a failure, and the news by the Monowai is that the company is is stranded and has had to cable to America for money. In Sydney Sullivan drew wretched houses and in Melbourne where the season was to end, he encountered a "frost." The Melbourne sports always entertain a hatred for Sydney and they showed Sullivan their opinion of him for having opened in Sydney. In Melbourne where he appeared at the Theatre Royal, the gallery gods who formed almost the entire house, tormented him so much that he lost his head, squared off to the audience and dared the youngsters to come on the stage and he would put a head on them. The papers ridiculed his play and attacked Duncan Harrison and Jack Barnett for their "audacity" in producing such trash in Australia. The show was "stranded" in Melbourne, and the company was to have returned by the Monowai, but did not have enough money to buy tickets. Sullivan will return by the Alameda.

Hibben & Co. are agents for a Cash Register that is plain, simple, effective and cheap.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Oct. 6.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Outward Bound.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz sailed from Porter's wharf at 7 o'clock last night, with a heavy cargo of general merchandise and several passengers, among whom were Dr. Bolton and wife, T. Gamble, W. Spruce and Messrs. Noel, Johnson, Holmes and Lefurgey.

Coming by Rail.

The full quantity of men to re-commission H.M.S's Champion and Pheasant are now on their way to this city by the C.P.R., and on their arrival the officers and men whose term has expired will go home by the overland and favorite way.

Protestant Orphans' Home.

The management of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home thankfully acknowledge the following donations: Milk, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. G. Harris, Mr. Jack; clothing, Mr. Hutcheson, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. H. N. Seabrook, Mrs. Dr. Milne, Mrs. Christie; apples and pears, Mrs. Warlock; and five pairs boots, Mrs. A. B. Erskine.

Mr. Braden's Exhibits.

At the recent exhibition Mr. John Braden, jr., took second prize for pile bantams, cock and hen; first for black-red bantams, cock and hen; and first for black-breasted pit game, cock and hen. The last pair were sold by Mr. Braden for $50, and will be exhibited at Tacoma at the approaching show.

Gorge Road Church.

On Wednesday evening, 14th inst., Mr. N. Shakespeare gives a lecture in the Gorge road Methodist church, on "the Passion of Our Lord." It will be illustrated by stereopticon views, and accompanied by appropriate music by the organist and choir. The proceeds will be donated to the Building Fund of the new church.

St. John's Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival at St. John's church which was repeated at both the morning and evening services on Sunday last, was, it is almost needless to say, a great success. The singing was fully up to that of the previous occasion, and the church was crowded with worshippers. The decorations consisted mostly of varieties of grain and fruit. They looked as beautiful as when first put up, and were naturally admired very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Redgrave.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Redgrave, of Donald, who have been spending their honeymoon here, left for Vancouver and New Westminster, this morning. "Harry" was for many years on the police force here, and in that position did good work and made many friends. His bride was a Miss Ada Gibson, a pretty and accomplished young lady from Hartlepool, England. The marriage took place in the Presbyterian church, Donald.

An Old Pioneer Gone.

Mr. Thomas Martin, a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and a well known Victoria pioneer, died at his residence, The Grove yesterday. He came to Victoria in 1863, and has kept The Grove for the last twenty years. Deceased was a prominent Free Mason, and was a member of numerous friendly societies. He leaves a wife and three children. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, at 2:30, from the Masonic Temple on Douglas street.

For China and Japan.

The shrill but not musical syren announced the arrival of the steamship Empress of China off the Outer wharf at 8 o'clock, Sunday evening, and her departure for Asiatic ports two hours later. The China carried 1,513 tons of freight and 272 Chinese passengers, 101 boarding her at Victoria. There were 81 passengers of the first class, included in the number being Mr. D. Douglas Dick, of this city; Mr. Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Alex. Stewart, wife and daughter, of Tacoma.

The Census.

The final returns of the late census taken by R. T. Williams & Co., are not yet made out, but it is safe to say that the figures will approximate 24,972, divided regarding nationality as follows:—

White	20,839
Colored	155
Chinese	3,588
Indians	377

There will probably be 250 duplicates taken from the number of this return; but, on the other hand; there are still 250 names to add to the list, so that the correct number will be nearly as above.

The Exhibition Building.

Now that the Fair has come to a conclusion, and the exhibits are rapidly being taken away, the exhibition building is gradually presenting a bare appearance, and the question is being asked, "What are they going to do with it?" It is believed that the Agricultural Association would welcome offers for the use of the structure for any suitable purpose, as, if money can be made out of the place between the occasions that the Society occupy it, it will aid a great deal in keeping down expenses. Now that winter is coming on, inside amusements and attractions will begin to be patronized, and there is no reason why the building, with some suitable entertainment running under its roof, should not be made to turn out a handsome speculation.

Badly Injured.

Two young painters, Mr. S. Sturdy and Mr. J. Wheener, were the victims of a bad fall, yesterday morning, while at work upon the three story windows of the new Jewell block on Douglas street. They had completed their work on the first and second stages, and lowered their swinging seat, suspended by ropes from the roof, to the third stage, when the rope broke. Wheener managed to catch the trailer, and, though his hand was burned to the bone, reached the pavement with no more serious injury. Sturdy was less fortunate. He fell heavily on the stone pavement, his head being badly cut and bruised, and his leg broken above the ankle. Dr. Ernest Hall attended the sufferer, pronouncing a compound fracture of the leg the most serious injury, and ordered his removal to the hospital.

About Football Matters.

In a few weeks, football will once more be in full swing, and things bear promise of a most successful season. Last year the game was entered on in a very lukewarm manner, but now there are large numbers of newcomers in town and rumors of new clubs fill the air. The Association game will, of course, have among its devotees the old "Thistle" team, and no less than two other clubs will enter the field with them. In the Rugby game, the Victoria Club enters the season strong both financially and as far as team strength is concerned. They will uphold the honor of Victoria again single handed. There is no doubt that the Association game is fast becoming the more popular of the two with Victorians. The championship remains here, and no doubt many clubs from the mainland will be ready to contest the supremacy of our players very soon. But it might be well, before the season gets into full swing, to impress on the minds of intending players that practice, constant and thorough, is the only thing that will bring a team into a state of proficiency.

For the First Time.

The ticking of the telegraph was heard from a new and strange place, last night, when "Otter Point" was spelt out over the wire. This is quick work, indeed, the party that left to make connection only started from Victoria yesterday. A telegraph in connection with Bonilla Point may be expected by the end of the week.

A Match Race.

Tom Gannon, the owner of Belle Watts, and Clancy, owner of Rosie C., have matched their horses for a race for $500 a side, to be run on the race track at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon. There are to be five heats, the best three out of five taking the race; heats to be a mile in length. Each owner deposited $100 last night with Frank Campbell to bind the match. The balance of the stake money is to be placed in the stakeholder's hands on Wednesday night. Either side failing to come up with the cash will forfeit the money already paid down.

Took Everything in Sight.

A party of three or four young men undertood, a few evenings ago, to systematically steal everything portable in Esquimalt. Two or three saloons were visited and liquor and a clock were taken; a Chinaman's house was broken into and his wardrobe confiscated; a dwellinghouse was entered by a back window, and preserves disappeared; and the royal dockyard was not forgotten in the raid. Nothing belonging to Her Majesty was secured, and one of the thieves was made a prisoner by the sergeant. Another of the party fell into the clutches of Provincial Police Officer James Hunter, and the other two supposed to have been in the racket are now engaged in dodging the police.

Slaughtering Sheep.

The vicinity of Cadboro Bay is a favorite resort for hunters at this season of the year, and the crack of the sportsman's gun can be heard at almost any hour of the day. This the residents would not mind so much, though they have no especial love for the gunners, if the dogs were left at home. On Saturday or Sunday night, dogs, owned by hunters it is all but certain, attacked and wounded, or worried more or less, upwards of 100 sheep, owned by the B. C. Cattle Co. Between 20 and 30 were killed outright and others had to be slaughtered, so that 54 dead sheep marked the visit of the dogs, yesterday morning. Mr. Ira Wilson also had ten sheep killed by dogs the same evening, and the residents of the Cadboro Bay neighborhood are taking vigorous measures to protect their flocks in future.

Mortality Statements.

The official statement of mortality in the principal cities of the Dominion, for the month of August, issued by the Department of Agriculture, is to hand. The ratios per 1,000 are based on the census figures of 1891, and give the following results: Quebec, 5.02; Sherbrooke, 3.75; St. John's, P. Q., 3.56; Hull, 2.92; Montreal, 2.90; Sorel, 2.84; Three Rivers, 2.75. All are in the Province of Quebec. Halifax, N. S., comes next with 2.68; St. Hyacinthe, 2.56; Guelph, Ont., 2.37; Ottawa, 2.33; Charlottetown, P. E. I., 2.19; St. John, N. B., and Peterborough, Ont., 2.16. The other capital cities of the Provinces come as follow; Victoria, 1.72; Toronto, 1.69; Winnipeg, 1.55; and Fredericton, N. B., 1.53. The total for the month for Victoria was 29 as compared with 38 for August, 1890. During August last, the principal cause of death in this city was diarrhœal affections, to which 11 persons succumbed. Out of the total of 29, there were 18 deaths under 5 years of age.

READY FOR THE BIG STEAMERS.

The Water at the Outer Wharf Now Deep Enough for the Empresses.

During the present week Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., will notify the C. P. R. Co. that their new outer wharf is ready to accommodate the Empresses at any stage of the tide, with plenty of water to spare; and will invite the company to make any surveys they see fit, so that the next steamer from China and Japan may land her freight and passengers at the dock in Victoria.

The steam dredge has been kept busy for weeks past to accomplish the above much to be desired result, and is now giving attention to the little ridge of sand found to exist off the end of the new wharf. This will have disappeared to-day, and deep water will be found from the end of the first warehouse to the head of the old wharf, on the inside, along the new wharf for about 500 feet, and with a uniform depth of 30 feet at low tide between the two piers.

The work of filling in behind the stone wall of the new wharf is being advanced as rapidly as possible, and until it is completed a temporary roadway will be provided, to enable the new dock to be made use of. The dredging will be continued to a finish, now, and there will be a depth of 30 feet to the inner end of the slip within a week's time. The new wharf will provide 1,100 feet of sheltered accommodation.

STRUCK RICH ORE.

The Quicksilver Mine on the West Coast Turns Out a Bonanza.

Superintendent Wills, of the Seachart Quicksilver mine, returned to the city, on Saturday last, to present his report to the shareholders, who met, last evening, in Dalby & Claxton's office.

The report referred to is, in the highest degree, favorable. The shaft, having been sunk 30 feet, passed through a large body of quicksilver, growing richer every foot, and at the depth mentioned struck a vein of Cinnabar with a slight slope, and running in a northerly direction, which investigation and measurements showed to be 45 feet in width and extremely rich.

The superintendent and his men returned to Victoria as they had no accommodation at the mine to enable them to put in the winter there. At last night's meeting a call was made upon the shareholders to meet current expenses, and the superintendent was permitted to take stock in the company in lieu of wages. No more development work will be done till spring, when the best of machinery will be got in, houses will be erected, and the opening up of the mine will be continued in a wholehearted way that will make success a certainty.

Ship Dashing Wave arrived at San Francisco from Tacoma, yesterday morning, with a load of lumber. Last Wednesday, the Dashing Wave had a very exciting experience. It was blowing heavy and the ship was under three lower topsails. Without warning, a tornado struck the vessel and it appeared to frighten the sailors, as though they were going to be engulfed. Two of the sails were blown away, and for a time the ship was in a very dangerous predicament.

VICTORIA'S CENSUS.

25,014, With Over One Hundred Homes to be Heard From.

A Surprise Bill Presented at the City Council Last Night.

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening, Mayor Grant presiding. The other members present were Ald. Renouf, Robertson, Holland, McKillican, Munn, Smith, Hunter and Coughlan.

A letter was read from Mr. G. Winter referring to the disgraceful state of Fort street opposite the Five Sisters' block. While driving past the premises he had his carriage windows broken, and more than half the street was taken up by building material, and when a cart was being unloaded there it was almost impassable with any degree of safety. Referred to Street committee.

SALE OF THE GRAVEL PITS.

In reference to the proposed sale of the corporation gravelpits, a communication was received from the city's legal advisers, stating that, according to by-law, the property, if disposed of, should be on a cash basis.

ALD. HOLLAND—When are they to be sold?

THE MAYOR—They are advertised for Monday next.

ALD. HOLLAND asked that a reserve price be put on the property, and submitted a scale which he thought would be effective.

There was a further communication from the city's legal advisers, in response to queries instituted by the City Treasurer, stating that the club tax and barrister's licenses were matters which had been decided in the police court, and were appealed. The appeal had not yet been heard. With reference to the Loan and Investment Society, it was advised that the Treasurer take the ordinary course to recover the taxes.

Referred to Assessment Committee and City Treasurer.

DEFECTIVE SEWAGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Thos. C. Soby, on behalf of clients, calling attention to the fact that the sewerage at the Five Sisters' block was defective, and highly injurious to the building, the foundation of which was flooded. So serious was the defect that the building was being damaged. On two occasions the cellars had to be pumped out, and for these services there were bills in from the fire brigade. The grades of the street were also wrong, and caused considerable injury. The writer expressed the hope that these matters would receive immediate attention.

The document was referred to the committees having charge of the different topics alluded to in it—the Sewage Committee, the Fire Committee and the Street Committee.

THE INDIAN RESERVE.

The following letter was read from the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Mr. A. W. Vowell.

INDIAN OFFICE, Sept. 28th, '91.

SIR—With reference to the late correspondence on the subject of the disposal of the Songhees' Reserve to the Corporation of this city, I am directed by the Hon. the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs to inform you that should it be decided to sell the tract to the Corporation of Victoria, the department could on no account assent to any portion of the purchase money paid therefor by the Corporation being used for the improvement of Victoria harbor, as suggested by that body, as all the money must be used for the benefit of the Indian owners of the reserve.

It was decided to let the letter remain on the table until next meeting, and that the clerk be requested to furnish a copy of all correspondence on the subject, as well as of the resolution authorizing him to write to the Indian Department.

HO! FOR TACOMA.

Copies of the resolutions passed by the Victoria Board of Trade with reference to the Immigration, Improvement and Investment Co. of B. C., and the invitation of the management of the Tacoma Exposition to attend on "British Columbia Day," were read and approved of.

ALD. RENOUF thought that there had already been a British Columbia Day at the exposition—that on which the Mayor went a week or two ago. Was there to be another B. C. day?

THE MAYOR said that the visit which he took to Tacoma was under different auspices. Saturday next had been set apart as British Columbia Day at the exposition, and he hoped the members of the Council would find it convenient to attend.

A letter was read from the President of the Board of Trade, expressing the hope that the Corporation would attend with that body, and as many of the citizens as could be present.

A resolution was adopted approving of the suggestion of the Board of Trade, and binding the Council to attend.

OVERTAXED.

The Assessment Commissioner wrote in reference to the assessment of Mr. R. Finlayson's property. The document was referred to the Assessment committee.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The secretary of the executive committee of the Fire Underwriters' Association wrote requesting that the Fire Department should be provided with a chemical engine.

The communication was referred to the Fire Wardens.

Mr. Aaron Lewis wrote asking permission to erect a building, with galvanized iron roof, at the rear of his premises on Yates street.

Referred to Fire Wardens.

THE CENSUS.

Mr. Hebler, (of Williams & Hebler) appeared before the Council and submitted the result of the census being taken. It showed a total of 25,014, and was made up as follows: White, 20,894; colored, 155; Chinese, 3,588; Indians, 377. There were yet 120 houses to be heard from, and by Wednesday night he hoped to have full returns.

ALD. RENOUF—Is it a fact that you went round and took the names of strangers attending the exhibition?

Mr. Hebler—It is not.

THE MAYOR—Were the school children taken at the schools?

Mr. Hebler—Yes, but merely for the purpose of checking the list.

THE MAYOR—It was said that the children were taken at the schools, and again at their homes.

Mr. Hebler—That is not so. They were taken at the school for the purpose of checking the list.

THE MAYOR—What we want, you know, is to get, as near as possible, a correct census. If the school children were taken at the schools and again at their homes, it would give a population to which we are not entitled. We do not want that.

Mr. Hebler explained that no person was counted twice. The name, the address and the number in family, were given in each case. Mr. Hebler withdrew, having made arrangements with the Council for the taking of a photograph during Wednesday evening's session.

THE MAYOR—I cannot understand how the Government census-takers could have made such a big mistake.

ALD. HOLLAND thought that if it could be proven that such serious mistakes had been made, the Council could demand from the Government a refund of the money expended on this new census taking.

ALD. RENOUF—I would bet $500 that these figures are not 300 out. They have been taken very carefully.

ALD. MCKILLICAN—These figures are about right.

THE MAYOR—I think they are doing the work very carefully.

THE NEW PUBLIC MARKET.

The Market Committee reported in favor of insuring the building in a sum of $25,000 and recommended a list of companies for the business. They also recommended that the lowest tender be accepted for the supply of gas fittings, etc.

There was a vigorous kick against the report, which was referred back on the grounds that the lighting and plumbing contract had not been advertised, and that the insurance was not fairly distributed among the companies represented in the city.

REAL ESTATE BY-LAW.

The Real Estate By-law was read a second time. The rate being fixed at 1½ per cent. with 6 per cent. off if paid before December.

The Mayor said he would rather go to the people and ask permission to borrow money than impose this tax.

ALD. SMITH—In Tacoma the other day I was enquiring on this point, and found that they are taxed there 12 mills on the dollar, and have to pay for their improvements besides.

ALD. ROBERTSON moved that the tax on improvements be ¼ of 1 per cent.

ALD MCKILLICAN moved as an amendment that the impost be ⅜ of 1 per cent.

For the amendment there voted—Ald. Renouf, Hunter, Coughlan, Munn and Smith.

Against—Ald. Robertson, Holland and McKillican.

MONEY WANTED.

A by-law