CAPITAL NOTES.

Lord Aberdeen Visits Toronto—Chignecto Ship Railway—Further Supplementary Estimates Possible.

Local Riflemen Agitated Over the Temporary Closing of the Rideau Range.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 26.—The Governor-General left for Toronto yesterday, where he went to fulfil a round of engagements next week.

It was reported last night that the government will not grant the request of the Chignecto marine railway for an extension of time.

Local riflemen are greatly agitated over the closing of the Rideau range. They fear the Dominion matches will go to Toronto. A deputation has visited the militia department, and made suggestions whereby the range could be made secure.

The Cabinet was in session all yesterday afternoon. It is said that possibly there may be some supplementaries for the coming fiscal year.

The government is being strongly urged to make provision to drill the field artillery this year.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, May 26—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Foster, leader of the government in the House of Commons and minister of finance, has accepted the invitation to deliver the oration at the unveiling of the Macdonald memorial statue on June 6. Sir L. Tilley has also accepted an invitation to be present, if his health will permit.

A complete statement of the G.T.R. Co.'s affairs has been forwarded to London for the guidance of the new board, and it is generally expected a thorough re-organization of the system will take place, though not for several months yet.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin, in a letter to J. P. Tardivel, of La Verite, states that if justice be not rendered to the Catholic minority an appeal will be made to the Queen herself.

In the police court yesterday Arthur Wheeler and Bert Bacchus pleaded guilty to a charge of theft and were sentenced to two months each. They had duplicate keys, and with a dozen companions began systematically robbing the furniture store of John W. Peck & Co., at night. They have given up the names of their accomplices, together with those of several dealers and others who purchased the goods.

The Quebec government has obtained a loan of $150,000 at a little under 4 per cent. The loan is only temporary and was negotiated through Hanson Bros., of this city.

HYAMS MURDER TRIAL.

TORONTO, May 24.—(Special)—The jury in the Hyams murder trial came into court at 9 o'clock without arriving at a decision. Judge Street remarked that the jury had already deliberated several hours and if no verdict could be obtained in that time it was hardly likely they would. He then discharged the jury. The result is that Hyams will be tried at the fall assizes. The careworn look of the prisoner vanished somewhat when the case was thus reserved. Three ballots were taken by the jury. The first one gave five for acquittal and seven for conviction. The second gave nine for acquittal and three for conviction. The third gave ten for acquittal and two for conviction. Dallas Hyams being taken into the prisoner's ante-room showed signs of great excitement. He began to disrobe, and looked as if the trial had proved too great a mental shock.

RACECOURSE OUTRAGE.

TORONTO, May 24.—(Special)—Over twelve thousand people were on the grounds when the bugles sounded for the first race. The race for the Toronto cup was the fastest and best of the meeting. Copyright led to within fifty yards of the wire, when Saragossa, hard whipped, reached him and won by three-quarters of a length. While the steeplechase was in progress, Dunlop, the rider of Sagonara, struck Noel, who had the mount on Pat Oakley, several times with his whip. He was arrested by detective Reburn when he dismounted, and added to his first offence by assaulting the detective, who was badly bruised about the head and shoulders.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, May 24—(Special)—Fireman McPhalen, of Fort William, who was running on an eastbound freight which left the city on Wednesday, was held up and robbed by tramps on Thursday morning at Savanne station. He had left his engine for a few minutes to enjoy a smoke, when tramps presented revolvers and compelled him to hand over $47.

It is said that a prominent young grain speculator of Winnipeg has lost $10,000 by the recent rise in wheat. He was on the short side.

HOW CANADIANS CELEBRATE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 25.—The Courier says editorially this morning: "Our friends in Canada know how to make the most of their holidays. They throng the trains running into Buffalo. They go to our circuses and eat our peanuts. They visit their children that have cast in their lot with us, and they fill their lungs with the air of freedom. Queen Victoria does not appear to be very hard on them. They enjoy life in a quiet, orderly way. They know a thing or two about curling and lacrosse, and in yachting and canoeing there is nobody can beat them. Toronto is a pleasant town to have near us. She has a fair every year, the like of which would be a good thing here. Her sons and Buffalo frequently engage in a friendly rivalry in athletic games. Now and then the Canadians come over with their big pipes and do a little Scotch dancing for us. It is a pleasure to see them here on their holidays."

TO BE FIELD MARSHAL.

LONDON, May 23.—Sir F. S. Roberts, G.C.B., G.C.I.E., formerly commander-in-chief of the British forces in India, has been promoted to be field marshal in succession to the late Sir Patrick Grant, governor of Chelsea hospital, who died on March 28.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

South American Rheumatic Cure, for Rheumatism and Neuralgia, radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. The first dose greatly benefits. Sold in Victoria by Dean & Cryderman.

CAPES OF MANY KINDS.

While Sleeves Remain Large the Popular Outdoor Wraps Will Be Capes.

Already are in evidence jaunty little capes reaching just below the elbow and utterly wanting in all the elements of comfort on a cold day, but quite the thing to wear as soon as the winter wraps become burdensome. The prospect is that anything which can be designated by the name cape will be worn. They may be short or long, double or single, but they will never leave us while the sleeves keep their present dimensions. They are too convenient, too easily made, to be soon discarded.

Velvet seems to be the popular material for dressy capes, and they are all furnished with the godet plaits around the edge. To correspond with the flaring skirts, lace, chiffon and jet are the most fashionable trimmings. The full neck ruche takes the place of the high flaring collars of the earlier season.

SPRING CAPE OF VELVET AND CHIFFON.

The tendency is toward single capes rather than double ones, and these are made very pretty with frills of lace and spangled yoke collars. One recently made for spring wear and illustrated in the New York Sun is a single cape of black velvet fitted on to a yoke which reaches to the shoulders and fits smoothly. Below this falls a frill of black accordion plaited chiffon a little more than a quarter of a yard in depth, which is also carried down either side of the front and caught back at intervals like a jabot. Over the velvet yoke is another one of beads and spangles, and around the neck is a full ruche of chiffon. Another style, which is at least novel, makes the ruche the predominating feature and the cape simply a necessary attachment.

Spring jackets are to be much shorter than those which are now worn, and golf capes of serge, with their bright plaid linings, will be as popular and useful as ever.

How to Test Black Silks.

The drawbacks to black silk goods have always been a matter of notoriety. To name only the most important of these, black silks are liable (1) to become greasy after a very short period of wear; (2) to cut at the folds; (3) to crease in a manner impossible to get rid of by any subsequent treatment. These remarks apply even to the highest qualities of black silk goods. In the case of the lower goods it is not an infrequent thing to find them go absolutely rotten after a comparatively short period of wear.

It is a mistake to estimate the value of a piece of silk by its weight, and yet what method of judging is more commonly employed by the public, and even, though to a more limited extent, by the trade? For the general public there is only one certain and complete test to find out if a piece of black silk is overweighted by foreign substances or not, and it is one which is much less widely known than it should be, says an English draper who suggests this method: Take a sample of the silk and burn it. If it burns readily, to a crisp, brittle ash, gray black in color, then the public may be assured that the article is pure and dyed with a vegetable dye. If, on the other hand, the sample burns with difficulty or smolders slowly, leaving a soft and dusty ash, red or reddish brown in color, the public may be certain that the goods are overweighted with chemicals and foreign substances, and accordingly will not stand fair wear and will lose their appearance at a very early period.

Things Women Ought to Know.

A dish of hot oatmeal mixed with chopped dates or figs is at present the form of fruit and cereal meeting with approval from food specialists.

For slight cuts and abrasions of the skin try glycerin and water into which a few drops of carbolic acid have been poured.

The following is going the rounds of the household journals: A sponge or a rag saturated with cayenne pepper solution and stuffed into a rat hole will drive the pests away.

Sheets folded across, bringing the wide and narrow hems together, then folded again, then ironed across both sides are finished quickly and look as well as if more time were spent on them.

A delicious mock venison may be served up at the economical dinner party if a loin of mutton be soaked for two or three days in a tumblerful of port or tarragon wine. Then season with salt, baste with wine while it is roasting and serve with sweet sauce and currant jelly.

A pudding or loaf of brown bread should never be moved while it is steaming. The jar makes it "fall." By the same token the oven door should be closed very gently if it has to be opened while cake is baking, and the oven should never be opened until a loaf of cake has been in it at least 20 minutes; otherwise the rush of cooler air into the oven will cool it off at such a critical time that the cake will either not rise at all or will rise and then "slump."

Try keeping charcoal on hand to top off the fire for all meat broiling. A few small pieces set here and there will absorb the odors if renewed frequently.

BRITISH POLITICS.

The Elections Will Be Deferred Until the London Season Is Over.

Weakness of the Government Which Has Neither Policy Nor Plan of Operation.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The Tribune's London special cable, which is this week signed "I. N. F.," Mr. Smalley having sailed last Wednesday for New York to assume his new position as American correspondent to the London Times, says, under date London, May 25: Public interest in party politics is languid and apathetic. There is an unwritten law that, whatever may be the necessities of the ministers or the temptations of the opposition, there must be no interference with the London season. A general election would break up a season that is unusually brilliant and prosperous. The political leaders are unwilling to assume the responsibility for a dissolution of parliament. The ministers are too wary to ride for a fall before a critical and resentful public. The Unionists are in no haste to bring about prematurely the overthrow of a government which lacks both prestige and the votes for enacting reform measures. Everyone is confident that the elections will be deferred at least until the shopkeepers have reaped their annual harvest and the season has ended. Only an unforeseen accident can precipitate a political crisis. That this might happen seemed possible early in the week, when the government's majority fell to nine and even five, with four Unionists' seats vacant in the house. It seemed probable, rather than possible, when Dr. Macgregor shook the dust of parliament from his feet and entertained the house with a bit of melodrama bordering on burlesque. Then came an interval of silly unfounded rumors of Lord Rosebery's impending resignation from sheer despair. The bubble was pricked when the Prime Minister returned to town in greatly improved health, and when the government majorities were shown by the Liberal whips the Unionists were disinclined to press their advantage. They had much to gain by keeping a discredited government in office and holding it up to public contempt.

On Thursday came Sir William Harcourt's promised explanation of the order of business and the arrangements of the Whitsuntide recess. He had not followed the contradictory advice showered upon him from all quarters, but had consulted his colleagues and decided upon a plain, straightforward course respecting the Welsh disestablishment bill and the financial vote. He displayed marked dexterity in connection with the Crofters bill and in giving a strong pledge to push the measure through the house. Dr. Macgregor's colleagues looked sullen and resentful, but did not openly rebel. The government's position is better at the end of the week than it was at the beginning, in spite of the Unionist victory at Warwick and leamington, where Mr. Alfred Lyttleton, the veteran cricketer, has bowled over his Liberal oppenent. Sir William Harcourt is showing himself to be a worthy successor of the old parliamentary hand. He succeeds in extracting his party from its embarrassments by sheer skill as a tactician and has very little help from his associates. His leadership is a fine bit of parliamentary work, but the Liberal party is practically without a definite policy or plan of operation. It has a score of measures on paper, which are not out of committee and are blocking one another. It has not a majority requisite for enforcing the closure and its promises are as fiat currency, virtually irredeemable. Two votes have been gained by the opposition this week as the result of the change of the speakership, and Dr. McGregor's abandoned seat may be captured speedily. The margin is already so narrow that the government is not safe against accidents any week, yet there are experienced Liberal politicians who do not hesitate to say that the odds are in favor of a general election in February rather than in September.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, May 26.—The birthday of Queen Victoria, the anniversary of which occurred on Friday, was officially celebrated in this city yesterday. At the Horse Guards during the morning many thousands of people witnessed the brilliant spectacle of trooping the colors. The Grenadier Guards, Scots Fusilier Guards and Coldstream Guards took part in the ceremonies. There was great excitement along Pall Mall as the Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge and Nazarulla Khan, second son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, rode through that thoroughfare on their way to the Horse Guards' parade. The Afghan prince was clad in a scarlet uniform trimmed with gold lace. The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, and the Duke and Duchess of York were also among those who were present at the trooping of colors.

The birthday honors announced yesterday are generally favorably received by the newspapers, especially the knighting of Sir Henry Irving. Among the others honored are Lewis Morris, the poet, and Howard Russell, the war correspondent. In this connection the Times says: "Lord Rosebery has taken an entirely new departure. No recognition of any kind has ever been given to an actor in England, and for such recognition Mr. Irving pleaded earnestly and was fitly chosen as the first recipient." Governor Schultz, of Manitoba, and Howard Russell, the war correspondent, are among those who have had the honor of C.M.G. conferred upon them.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, May 24.—A London poet has written the following additional verse to the National Anthem, which was sung at some of the celebrations in various parts of the United Kingdom:

When at some future day,
Albert this isle shall sway,
God grant us that he may
Rule like our Queen.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

WILL HAVE THEIR DUES.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Advices from the Argentine Republic state that the government will collect the difference between gold and paper money on the port dues of the last four years. This will make an important item, as the paper money is at a large discount, so that the full gold value covering four years will be a considerable sum.

CABLE LETTER.

Elections in Great Britain in July—Government Business Hopelessly Wrecked.

Revolt of the Prospective Peers—Oscar Wilde's Sentence—Vesuvius Again Active.

LONDON, May 26.—It is freely predicted that there will be a general election in Great Britain during the coming month of July. On all sides it is admitted that the Rosebery government is in a bad way, and the very atmosphere of the House of Commons emphasises the sense of the coming disaster to the Liberal party. The government is undeniably disheartened by the electoral prospect and the mutinous condition of their followers inside and outside of parliament. The opponents of the government, on the other hand, are most enthusiastic over the political prospect and confident of the result of the appeal to the country. Lord Salisbury has this week warned his followers to be ready for the fight, which may come at any moment, while Mr. Balfour last night contemptuously remarked that common humanity suggested that the government ought to be put out of their pain as soon as possible.

The government business is hopelessly blocked and in an irretrievable tangle. The process of disintegration has set in among the ministerial rank and file. The greatest difficulty is experienced in getting members to attend the house regularly, and the confidence and aggressiveness of the opposition are shown significantly by the refusal of their whips to arrange pairs. All these things are sure signs of a crisis. It is stated that the Unionist leaders have decided to postpone a decisive trial of the strength of the government until after Whitsuntide. If this be so the ministry will accept the challenge half-heartedly. The rank and file of the Liberal party are sick of the situation and desire the dissolution of parliament.

"The revolt of the prospective peers," as the crusade of the Hon. Geo. E. Curzon, M. P., eldest son of Lord Scarsdale, is called, came to naught, as generally expected, though the question raised by the Earl of Selborne as to whether peers could or could not sit in the House of Commons after succeeding to the House of Lords or be elected members of the House of Commons, occupied the attention of the latter body for days.

A camphor famine is threatened as the result of the war between Japan and China. The price of camphor has rapidly advanced and Japan is placing the most severe restrictions upon its export. Much camphor in this country is held by a syndicate. Should the warm summer bring cholera and dysentery, the demand for camphor will be very great, and its scarcity will not only interfere with many medical compounds, but will hinder the manufacture of smokeless gunpowder, in which camphor largely enters as an ingredient.

It appears that the application of the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Louis Hammersley, of New York, who wished to be presented to the Queen on her marriage to Lord William Beresford, was returned to her through the Lord Chamberlain's office, where such applications are filed, with an endorsement in the handwriting of Queen Victoria, that Her Majesty could only receive her as Lady William Beresford, and she could not retain her previous higher title, as she often does. Consequently she will in future only have her place in precedence at court as Lady William Beresford, and will not have the right to sit on the bench reserved for duchesses at state balls and other functions.

The jury yesterday found Oscar Wilde guilty on all the counts of the indictment, including the charge with reference to persons unknown who were also pronounced to be guilty. After a short interval the judge osiled Wilde and Taylor to the bar and each was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at hard labor. While the jury was out, at the request of a representative of the Associated Press, Wilde's counsel procured the following signed statement from Wilde, who was waiting with the prisoners in the room below the dock: "The charges alleged against me are entirely untrue. Youths of every form always attracted me, because youth has naturally that temperament to which an artist has to try to attain. All works of art are works produced in the moment of youth and I have seen all serial grades. I love the society of the rich and well born, on account of their luxury, culture and the grace of their lives, but anyone, ploughboy or street arab, has an interest for me. Mere humanity is so wonderful. I do not ask of the young what they do. I do not care who they are, their ignorance has its mode of wisdom, their lack of culture leaves them open to fresh and vivid impressions. (Signed) Oscar Wilde." The above statement was written throughout in Wilde's own writing.

The punishment which Oscar Wilde is sentenced to undergo is the sevest known to the law. It practically means a continuous period of solitary confinement for the two years term of his sentence. Regular "jail birds" always prefer five years of penal servitude to two years imprisonment, owing to the easier conditions of the former. Wilde will not be permitted to see any visitor for three months, but by exceptionally good conduct he can secure a slight reduction of his sentence. Lord Alfred Douglass said that if Wilde were convicted he would take a house near the prison until his release, but it is now clear that if Lord Alfred returns to England he will be arrested on the same charge Wilde is.

The Ailsa and Britannia started at 9.43 yesterday morning with the yachts of other classes in the Channel race from South End to Harwich—a distance of about ten miles. The breeze was light, but although the Ailsa was leading the twenties and forties, she soon gave up the race and returned to her anchorage. Later it became known that she had carried away her bobstay.

At the cabinet council to-day the finance minister announced that Spain was willing to join an international bi-metallic conference.

A dispatch from Naples to the Daily News says that the activity of Vesuvius, which coincided in 1894 withe the earthquakes in Japan, Turkey and Calabria, is again noticeable. Thick columns of smoke, fire and lava are issuing from the mouth of the crater, making a splendid spectacle at night. A new cone is forming on the summit, which is already 70 feet high. The seismic influences are very active.

Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, talks freely in the lobby of the house of his desire for a dissolution and of his wish for a general election to take place at the earliest possible time. It is an open secret that he is confident of retirement with Lord Rosebery when the present parliament is ended, and wants to expedite the moment. He tries to persuade his colleagues that the best interests of the party will be served by holding on. To this course most of the ministerialists are opposed, relying on the consensus of opinion of the political agents throughout the country that the longer the general election is delayed the better the prospects for an aggravated defeat of the Liberals. The reports of the Unionist agents show, it is said, that should parliament be dissolved now and a general election be held the party might secure a weak working majority. Should a dissolution be postponed for six months they would be likely to secure such a strong position that they would be able to keep the Liberals out of power for the next seven years. Both sides are convinced that dissolution is near and have begun their electoral campaign. The agents have been instructed to get ready their canvass books, while the candidates will take the stump during the Whitsuntide recess.

The definite programme of the Unionists, as declared by Joseph Chamberlain at the demonstration at St. James hall, comprises old age pensions for artisans and the house purchase scheme, improved dwellings for workingmen, aid to agriculture, a reduction of the burdens on land and the creation of peasant proprietors. The programme has obviously been constructed to allure the labor constituencies, especially that part of it which promises agricultural and social legislation. "You will have to decide," said Lord Salisbury, speaking at Bradford, "whether the social problem will be longer of solution; whether England will sanction any more the system of log rolling; whether a confederacy consisting of Irish, Welsh and Scotch contingents, each fighting for themselves, shall keep in power the party which is now sustained entirely by the action of squabbling mercenaries." The latest calculation is that the elections will take place in the third week of July.

Lady Mary Hamilton, the young daughter of the late Duke of Hamilton, will be the richest heiress in England and probably in the world. She is only about ten years of age, and has inherited the bulk of the late Duke's estates, including the Isle of Arran, which alone is worth $5,000,000. The whole of the Duke of Hamilton's property was at his own disposal and the rentals already amount to $1,000,000 per year. The Duke's death was due to "banting," as the process of reducing a person's avoirdupois is termed. He had succeeded in lightening himself by about sixty pounds, but the process was too much for his vitality and he succumbed in spite of the efforts to save his life which were made by those who had the supervising of the banting treatment. The present Duke of Hamilton, a distant relative of the late Duke, inherits Hamilton Place and has barely enough to support the title.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH ROUTES.

LONDON, May 24.—The Premier, Lord Rosebery, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Marquis of Ripon, received a deputation from the Associated Chambers of Commerce to-day. The deputation urged reasons in favor of inter-imperial postal telegraph routes. Sir Andrew Kaye Rollit, M.P., president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, who was spokesman for the deputation, explained the object of its visit and said it was most desirable that the government give adequate help and encouragment to the proposed steamship and cable lines via Canada to Australia. He concluded with urging that Great Britain should contribute her share of the £7,000 yearly to these schemes. Lord Rosebery in reply informed the deputation that he had no decision of the government to announce. The government, he added, had sent the Earl of Jersey to Ottawa in order to attend the intercolonial conference, and since it had received his report had not been idle. Continuing, the Premier said: "We appointed an interdepartmental committee to consider the concrete representations of the conference. That is not a method of shelving the question. The committee is actually and practically sitting; in fact it met on Wednesday last, but the government has not yet reached any conclusion which I can report." Lord Rosebery also said that he did not agree with one speaker who had expressed regret that the initiative in the matter came from the colonies. The Premier thought that a most peaceful sign; in fact he was of the opinion that all such proposals came more healthily and with greater prospects of success from the colonies to the mother country than in the more dictatorial and patronizing fashion in which they are supposed to come from the mother country. In conclusion, Lord Rosebery assured the deputation that the government was considering the matter attentively, practically and in a concrete fashion, and expressed the hope that it would be able before long to announce that it had come to a satisfactory conclusion.

HOME RULE DEFEAT.

LONDON, May 23.—An election took place in the district of Warwick and Leamington to-day, to fill the vacancy made in the House of Commons by the retirement of Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel, ex-speaker, and his elevation to the peerage. The result to-day shows the following vote: Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, Unionist, 2,816; Jas. Duckworth, Gladstonian, 2,236; Right Hon. Arthur Peel had been returned at the previous election without opposition. When asked at that time to express himself on the question of Home Rule, he asked to be excused from doing so, as the prospects of debates on the subject over which he should be called upon to preside as speaker made it desirable that he should maintain an impartial attitude. His political sympathies, however, were counted on the side of the Unionists, and by the leaders a compromise was arranged by nominating Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, Recorder of Oxford, who is a Liberal Unionist. Mr. James Duckworth, the defeated candidate, is a Radical and made his campaign on the Home Rule platform.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Nanaimo's Queen's Birthday—Clemency Asked in the Case of Murderer Kaine.

Gun Club Competition—Improvements at Union—Entertainment at Fort Simpson.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 26—A petition is being circulated praying for executive clemency in the case of Pat Kaine found guilty of murdering Fi Man on September 15. The petition is being circulated by Kain's brother, who says that Pat was considered by his parents to be demented.

At the gun club competition for 1,000 cartridges presented by the Dominion Cartridge Company, Geo. Carey won the first prize, hitting 12 birds.

Yesterday morning "Simmey" Nicholls, a white man, got the full penalty for a common assault, at the Police court. He insulted a klootchman, and her husband ordered him away, when he knocked the husband down.

The council are being petitioned to make June 3 a public holiday. The Knights of Pythias celebrate that day.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 26—Despite the handicap of two days almost continuous rain the celebration here passed off very well. In the hose reel contests Nanaimo won the wet test and coupling competition; Victoria the dry test. A long list of aquatic and field sports well carried out, made up the remainder of the day's exercises. The day opened with the races in the Caledonian grounds. The entries were full and the contests close. Mason won the quarter and mile races. The bicycle races were excellent, Deeming winning the bulk of them. In the lacrosse match Vancouver won from Nanaimo by a score of 2 to 1, after a hot game and a considerable amount of slugging. A dance closed the day's proceedings.

UNION.

(From the Weekly News.)

Grant & Mounce have made a good road to a point in the woods between the town and the big meadow where they have located their portable steam saw mill. About a dozen men are at work, and nearly half as many yoke of oxen.

Improvements at Union are to be quite extensive. The new wharf is for the accommodation of the steamer, and will be just north of the present wharf, but much lower, so that the cars will not, as now, go down an inclined plane. It will be nearly level, the gulf end lower than the platform on to which freight is now landed from the Joan, leaving the car wheels at high tide partly submerged. The railway from the wharf will extend quite a distance before connecting with the main line, so as to leave the present tracks from that point to the large wharf, free for the use of coal cars.

MIDWAY.

(From the Advance.)

Postill Bros. are sending out to the Northwest eleven carloads of cattle, principally young stock. The number of cattle, 1,000 head or more, taken out of the Okanagan by the Douglas Lake Cattle Company will not only prove greatly beneficial to the overstocked ranges but will also affect to advantage the understocked purse of the rancher.

Jack Coryell is surveying the grade for the new ditch to bring water from Boundary creek along the land north of the townsite.

A peep at the hotbeds of the Mission tobacco culturists discloses the fact that the plants are well underway, and ready to set out in the field about the 1st of June. The prospects for a good crop are favorable.

Frank Richter has one acre of artichokes on his ranch for his hogs.

The irrigation ditch on the bench lands above Mission creek is nearly completed and will bring over 1,000 acres under cultivation.

A large number of young pear trees in the Mission valley are badly affected with the leaf disease known as the red blister mite.

FORT SIMPSON.

FORT SIMPSON, May 20.—At Fort Simpson recently a very successful entertainment was given in aid of the church building fund. The programme was as follows: Song, "The Scout," Mr. H. E. Good; lawsuit, Bardell v. Pickwick, dramatis personæ: Mr. Justice Stairleigh, Mr. Jno. Flewin; Sergeant Buzfuz, Mr. C. W. D. Clifford; Sergeant Skimpin, Mr. A. W. Gibbs; Sergeant Snubbin, Mr. H. E. Good; Mrs. Cluppins, Miss M. O'Neill; Mrs. Bardell, Miss I. Alexander; Mr. Winkle, Rev. Fred. L. Stephenson; Sam Weller, Master W. O'Neill; Mr. Pickwick, Mr. D. A. Robertson; Crier of Court, Capt. Bonser. Song, "Whose little girl are you?" Miss Dondaward; song, "Whip-poor-will," Miss S. Alexander; song, "River of Years," Miss M. O'Neill; School for Scandal, dramatis personæ, Lady Teazle, Miss C. M. Hall; Sir Peter Teazle, Rev. F. L. Stephenson; song, "When the Flowing Tide Comes In," Miss F. Dondaward; song, R. H. Hall; song, "The Boys of the Old Brigade," Rev. F. L. Stephenson. "God Save the Queen." The Breach of Promise case roused great applause, Sergeant Buzfuz and Sam Weller being specially good, as too was the aggravating way in which Lady Teazle treated her crusty old Sir Peter.

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